

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at 1601 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, IL.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Gonzalez called the regular meeting of the Chicago Heights City Council to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor:	David Gonzalez	Present
Council:	1 st Ward Walter Mosby	Present
	2 nd Ward Sonia Perez	Absent
	3 rd Ward Wanda Rodgers	Present
	4 th Ward Joshua Deabel	Present
	5 th Ward Richard Amadio	Present
	6 th Ward Vincent Zaranti	Present
	7 th Ward Sylvia Torres	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Mosby—no report.

Alderman Perez was absent.

Alderman Rodgers—no report.

Alderman Deabel announced his next ward meeting would be held on Monday, August 27th at 7:00 p.m. at Roosevelt Elementary. The next neighborhood watch meeting would be held on Wednesday, August 15th at 7:00 p.m. St. Paul Lutheran Church. The annual 4th Ward Bike Night Out would be held on Tuesday, August 7th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Alderman Amadio—no report.

Alderman Zaranti announced his next ward meeting would be held in coordination with Park District Commissioner Straczek on Thursday, August 30 at 7 p.m. at Commissioners Park.

Alderman Torres announced her next ward meeting would be held on Thursday, August 23rd at 6 p.m. at the Chicago Heights Library.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF – Karen Zerante

COS Zerante announced the seventh annual Sister City Festival, which began with the carnival on August 8th and other festival activities on August 9 and August 10th. She invited all to attend and/or volunteer for the event. The council asked questions regarding the new, water billing statement to which COS Zerante responded.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER

None

MINUTES: MEETING OF JULY 25, 2018

Alderman Zaranti moved, and Alderman Mosby seconded, a motion to approve the minutes, as amended to show that Alderman Torres was present at the meeting.

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez

Motion to approve carried.

1. BILLS: APPROVAL OF FIRST RUN OF JULY 2018.

Alderman Amadio moved, and Alderman Rodgers seconded, a motion to approve the bills.

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez

Motion to approve carried.

2. **RESOLUTION # 2018 - 60 : APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN ADVISORY PROPOSITION TO DETERMINE WHETHER, IN THE EVENT THE STATE OF ILLINOIS LEGALIZES THE USE OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA, THAT THE CITY OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS, COOK COUNTY, IL SHOULD APPROPRIATE REVENUES FROM THE SALE OF LEGALIZED RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA TO INCREASE FUNDING TO CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, TO BE VOTED UPON BY THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 6TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018.**

Alderman Amadio moved, and Alderman Rodgers seconded, a motion to approve the resolution.

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that the resolution would permit a question via the referendum process at the upcoming November General Election, in order to get citizen input on whether the City should use the opportunity, if the State legalized marijuana use, to tax and generate some additional revenues for Bloom School District 206 and for School District 170. The referendum would be non-binding. There was discussion on the matter before the vote.

3. **RESOLUTION #2018 - 61 : APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN ADVISORY PROPOSITION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE CITY OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS, COOK COUNTY, IL SHOULD CONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CITY OWNED SOLAR POWERED ENERGY GENERATION FACILITY TO SELL ELECTRICAL POWER TO REGIONAL ENERGY USERS, TO BE VOTED UPON BY THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 6TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018.**

Alderman Rodgers moved, and Alderman Mosby seconded, a motion to approve the resolution.

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel explained that the resolution proposed a referendum question at the upcoming November General Election, in order to get citizen input on whether there was

support for a City owned solar power energy facility, which would generate some additional revenues for the City. The referendum would be non-binding. There was discussion on the matter before the vote.

4. RESOLUTION #2018 - 62 : APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN ADVISORY PROPOSITION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE CITY OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS, COOK COUNTY, IL SHOULD CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OPTIONAL HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING PROGRAM WHEREIN RECYCLING TOTES WOULD BE PROVIDED TO PARTICIPATING CITY HOUSEHOLDS AT A COST TO THE PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLD TO BE NEGOTIATED BY THE CITY AS PART OF ITS GARBAGE COLLECTION AGREEMENT, SAID QUESTION TO BE VOTED UPON BY THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 6TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018.

Alderman Rodgers moved, and Alderman Mosby seconded, a motion to approve the resolution.

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Some explained that the resolution proposed another referendum question at the November General Election to determine whether the community would support an optional recycling program, where the City would contract for the fixed price that residents would pay via the City's garbage collection agreement. Citizens would be able to opt in to obtain a tote and make the payment themselves. The referendum was non-binding. There was discussion on the matter before the vote.

5. RESOLUTION #2018 - 63 : DIRECTING THE COOK COUNTY CLERK TO IMPLEMENT ORDINANCE # 2014-18.

Alderman Amadio moved, and Alderman Zaranti seconded, a motion to approve the resolution.

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel listed the various legal challenges related to the re-districted ward boundaries pursuant to the mandates of the consent decree. The court rulings left no further action except to instruct the County Clerk to implement the new ward boundaries as approved by the city council on June 20, 2014. The new ward maps were found to be constitutional and appropriate. He noted that the agenda incorrectly stated that the ordinance to be implemented

was Ordinance # 2018-14 when it should state Ordinance # 2014-18. The resolution would be brought back for ratification at the next council meeting to avoid any misunderstanding. There was lengthy discussion on the matter before the vote.

6. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO NEWLY PROMOTED CHICAGO HEIGHTS POLICE LT. ALFREDO SALINAS AND SERGEANTS LEO GARZA AND JOSHUA VITTORI.

Mayor Gonzalez stated that the agenda item was tabled until the next council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:45 p.m. Alderman Amadio moved, and Alderman Zaranti seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez

Motion to adjourn carried by acclamation.

Lori Wilcox, City Clerk