

**Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday, August 15, 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 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Mosby had no announcements.

Alderman Perez announced her next ward meeting would be held on Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Garfield School. The alderman also announced that she would host the second annual Labor Day Picnic on September 2<sup>nd</sup> at Guy Petrarca Park.

Alderman Rodgers was absent.

Alderman Deabel announced his next ward meeting would be held on Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Roosevelt Elementary. The alderman announced the next neighborhood watch meeting would be held on Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Alderman Amadio had no announcements.

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

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

Mayor Gonzalez announced the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Bloom High School football field to be held on Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m., and invited all to attend.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF – KAREN ZERANTE**

COS Zerante reminded everyone that the City's Sister Cities event was upcoming on September 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, with the carnival starting on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Details were posted on the Calendar of Events on the City's website. She stated that the 50/50 Sidewalk program was underway, and that street resurfacing projects continued in the City.

**REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER**

No report

**1. MINUTES: MEETING OF August 1, 2018**

Alderman Torres moved, and Alderman Mosby seconded, a motion to approve the minutes.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Rodgers

Motion to approve carried.

**2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF FIRST RUN OF August, 2018.**

Alderman Zaranti moved, and Alderman Perez seconded, a motion to approve the bills.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Rodgers

Motion to approve carried.

**3. RESOLUTION # 2018 - 64 : APPROVING AN AMENDED APPLICATION FOR A COOK COUNTY CLASS 8 TAX CLASSIFICATION FOR THE EXPANSION AND NEW CONSTRUCTION ON THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY AT 535 ASHLAND AVENUE. (Applicant: Zarlengo Brothers, LLC).**

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

**Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres**  
**Nays: none**  
**Abstain: none**  
**Absent: Rodgers**  
**Motion to approve carried.**

Jack Hynes, Director of Economic Development, reported that the amendment would allow for the construction of another building, along with the planned parking space.

4. **RESOLUTION #2018 - 65 : APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A COOK COUNTY CLASS 8 TAX CLASSIFICATION FOR THE REHABILITATION AND REOCCUPANCY OF THE INDUSTRIAL FACILITY AT 290 E. JOE ORR ROAD. (former Valspar Paint Factory; Applicant: Reladyne, LLC).**

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

**Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres**  
**Nays: none**  
**Abstain: none**  
**Absent: Rodgers**  
**Motion to approve carried.**

Jack Hynes, Director of Economic Development, explained that the incentive would support the oil and lubricant company's plans to consolidate four of its business locations and relocate to the City, resulting in fifteen new job openings here. Brief discussion took place.

5. **RESOLUTION #2018 - 66 : APPROVING A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH COOK COUNTY GOVERNING THE AWARD OF CDBG DISASTER RECOVERY GRANT FUNDS TO ALLEVIATE STORM WATER AND FLOODING ISSUES.**

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

**Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres**  
**Nays: none**  
**Abstain: none**  
**Absent: Rodgers**  
**Motion to approve carried.**

Mayor Gonzalez recalled that the City recently received a \$ 2.8 million dollar grant from Cook County towards a \$ 6.2 million dollar flood control project on the City's West Side. After various meetings, the county had awarded an additional \$ 2.2 million dollars towards the project. The balance of the project would be budgeted for over a two-year period, and completed within the same period.

6. RESOLUTION #2018 - 67 : APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH “AMERESCO” FOR AN “OPTION” TO LEASE CITY OWNED VACANT LAND” LOCATED AT 549 EAST 217<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND 2877 EAST END AVENUE, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL

Alderman Perez moved, and Alderman Torres seconded, a motion to approve the resolution.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Rodgers

Motion to approve carried.

Jack Hynes, Economic Director, explained that under the agreement the company would research the two sites for potential development of solar energy projects. There was some discussion on the matter.

7. RESOLUTION #2018 - 68 : APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH K&S TIRE RECYCLING, INC., FOR AN “OPTION” TO PURCHASE THE CITY OWNED VACANT INDUSTRIAL LAND AT 304 NORTH STATE STREET.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Rodgers

Motion to approve carried.

Jack Hynes, Economic Development Director, explained that the company desired to acquire the land across from where it was located in order to expand its current recycling operations. Brief discussion on the matter took place.

8. RESOLUTION #2018 - 69 : RATIFYING THE ADOPTION OF CITY OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS ORDINANCE 2018-63 AND DIRECTING THE COOK COUNTY CLERK TO IMPLEMENT CITY OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS ORDINANCE # 2014-18.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Rodgers

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that the resolution was approved at the August 1, 2018 council meeting, but the agenda for that meeting contained a typographical error related to the resolution. To set the record straight and avoid any discrepancy, the resolution was placed on the agenda again with the correct information for ratification by the city council.

**9. RESOLUTION #2018 - 70 : APPROVING THE CLOSURE OF CERTAIN STATE ROADS FOR THE 2018 SISTER CITIES FESTIVAL.**

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Rodgers

Motion to approve carried.

COS Karen Zerante commented that road closure would be continuous until the time the festival closed on Sunday evening.

**10. RESOLUTION #2018 - 71 : APPROVING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF BUTLER AND MAIN STREETS BETWEEN EAST END AVENUE AND 22<sup>ND</sup> STREET TO A "MINOR COLLECTOR" CATEGORY.**

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Rodgers

Motion to approve carried.

COS Zerante stated that the reclassification of the section of road for the Butler/Main Project would qualify the project for federal funding. Brief comments on the matter were made by the council.

**11. RESOLUTION #2018 - 72 : APPROVING A RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR A COOK COUNTY CLASS 8 TAX CLASSIFICATION FOR THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX AT 1657 CHICAGO ROAD. (applicant: Cabral Properties, LLC d/b/a Heights Fresh Market).**

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Rodgers

Motion to approve carried.

Jack Hynes, Director of Economic Development, stated that the business was seeking the renewal of the Class 8 tax incentive status, which would apply for an additional ten years.

**12. ORDINANCE #2018 - 20 : AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 18 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES REGULATING THE COMPENSATION OF CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS.**

Alderman Mosby moved, and Alderman Perez seconded, a motion to approve the ordinance.

**Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres**

**Nays: none**

**Present: Deabel**

**Absent: Rodgers**

**Motion to approve carried.**

Corporation Counsel Somer noted that the ordinance would set the salaries for all of the City's elected officials for the next term, which would commence in June, 2019. The annual salaries would remain the same as they were previously, with the exception of the Mayor's salary, which was reduced from \$ 40,000 to \$ 1,000 per year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:48 p.m. Alderman Mosby moved, and Alderman Torres seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres**

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: Rodgers**

**Motion to adjourn carried.**

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Lori Wilcox, City Clerk