

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Monday, August 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at 1601 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, IL.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gonzalez called the regular meeting of the Chicago Heights City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Mosby was absent from the meeting.

Alderman Perez announced that her next ward meeting would be held on Monday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Garfield School.

Alderman Rodgers was absent from the meeting.

Alderman Deabel was absent from the meeting.

Alderman Amadio had no announcements.

Alderman Zaranti announced that his next ward meeting would be held in coordination with Park District Commissioner Straczek on Thursday, August 31 at 7:00 p.m. at Commissioners Park.

Alderman Torres had no announcements.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF – Karen Zerante

COS Zerante informed the council about an emergency storm water repair at 24th and Halsted Streets. Engineers were working on a permanent solution, which would be brought before the council at the next council meeting. COS Zerante also reported on the American Road Maintenance sealant process project, the Sister Cities Festival, a Back to School Give-A-Way event with the Chicago Heights Park District, the City's participation at the Bloom Township Senior picnic, and this year's CDBG Street Resurfacing Project, which had begun and was moving forward on schedule.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER

Corporation Counsel reported that the demolition of 1412 Emerald had taken place that day, and soon to be demolished also were 1616 Butler and 1526 Wallace. Also, CDBG funds for \$ 120,000 had been awarded for the demolition of the Firestone building at 14th and Halsted Streets and 1621 shields.

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF AUGUST 7, 2017

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

Ayes: Perez, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF FIRST RUN OF AUGUST 2017.

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

Ayes: Perez, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

3. RESOLUTION # 2017 - 60 : APPROVING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE ILLINOIS FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LABOR COUNCIL. (on behalf the Police Department Detention Aides)

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

Ayes: Perez, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

COS Zerante summarized the three major issues related to the contract that parties were able to come to agreement on, and recommended ratification of the agreement.

4. RESOLUTION #2017 - 61 : APPROVING A BID AWARD FOR THE CITY'S 2017 50/50 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM.

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

Ayes: Perez, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

City Engineer Courtney Anderson reported that the low bid was \$ 36,801 by Davis Concrete. She stated that Davis had been low bidder the year before, and had been a pleasure to work with.

5. RESOLUTION #2017 - 62 : APPROVING A PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE CITY'S USEPA COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT FOR SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOWS AND STORM WATER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT (submitted by Christopher Burke Engineering).

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

Ayes: Perez, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

Tena Marquie explained that the matter was a continuance of the agreement between the City and the EPA Agency. The engineering services agreement for \$ 38,000 would include the preparation of reports to the EPA on what action the City had taken and planned to take regarding the remediation of both sanitary sewers and storm sewers.

6. RESOLUTION #2017 - 63 : APPROVING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CERTAIN STATE ROADWAYS FOR THE SISTER CITIES FESTIVAL.

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

Ayes: Perez, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

Jessica Mancina, Director of the Mayor's Office of Special Events, gave the council a recap of what street closures would be made in connection with the festival.

7. MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION, PERSONNEL ISSUES, COLLECTIVE BARGAINING MATTERS AND USE OR SALE OF CITY OWNED LAND. (IF NECESSARY).

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that a poll of the city council indicated that the council had received sufficient, satisfactory information so that it would not be necessary to go into executive session in order to proceed on action for Agenda Item #8.

8. RESOLUTION #2017 - 64 : APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN CIVIL LITIGATION AS PRESENTED FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THIS DATE.

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

Ayes: Perez, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:35 p.m. Alderman Perez moved, and Alderman Zaranti seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Perez, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel

Motion to adjourn carried by acclamation.

Lori Wilcox, City Clerk