

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday, September 5, 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

Mayor:	David Gonzalez	Present
Council:	1st Ward Walter Mosby	Present
	2nd Ward Sonia Perez	Absent
	3rd Ward Wanda Rodgers	Present
	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-no announcements.
Alderman Perez-absent.
Alderman Rodgers-no announcements.
Alderman Deabel-absent.
Alderman Amadio-no announcements.

Alderman Zaranti announced his next ward meeting would be held in coordination with Park District Commissioner Straczek on Thursday, September 27th at 7 p.m. at Commissioners Park.

Alderman Torres-no announcements.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF – KAREN ZERANTE

Chief of Staff Zerante urged everyone to join in the festivities of the City's Festival of Sister Cities, which was taking place the coming weekend. Details of scheduled activities could be found on the City's website.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER
No report

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF August 15, 2018

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF SECOND RUN OF August 2018.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

3. RESOLUTION #2018 - 73 : APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CIVIL CITY OF HAMMOND FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN ADDITIONAL LAKE MICHIGAN WATER SUPPLY FOR RESALE TO NEW MUNICIPAL WHOLESALE CUSTOMERS.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

Mayor Gonzalez spoke of the benefits of the agreement that would permit the City to sell water to other communities at a rate independent of the Chicago water rate, and at a more favorable rate. Mayor Gonzalez introduced Hammond Mayor Tom McDermott, who was present along with his team who had worked diligently on the contract. Mayor McDermott also made comments on the benefits of the agreement. There was an official signing of the agreement by the parties, after which a five-minute recess was taken.

4. RESOLUTION #2018 - 74 : AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CERTAIN STATE ROADS FOR THE ST. PAUL CHURCH ANNUAL MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

Mayor Gonzalez noted that the resolution was approved each year in connection with the church's annual Mexican Independence Day Parade on Chicago Road. No discussion.

5. RESOLUTION #2018 - 75 : APPROVING THE SALE OF THE CITY OWNED SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY AT 1550 ABERDEEN STREET.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer stated that the City had acquired title to the abandoned property, which would be rehabbed by the purchaser and returned to the tax rolls. No discussion.

6. RESOLUTION #2018 - 76 : ADOPTING SECTION 5 OF THE IDOT "LOCAL ROADS & STREETS MANUAL" AS THE CITY'S QUALIFIED BASED SELECTION (QBS) POLICY.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

Chief of Staff Karen Zerante explained that the resolution was related to the federally funded project at Butler and Main Streets. Compliance and funding for the project required that the City adopt the policies and procedures of IDOT's Bureau of Local Roads. No discussion.

7. RESOLUTION #2018 - 77 : APPROVING AN OPTION AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPOSED PURCHASE OF CITY OWNED SURPLUS LAND AT 600 EAST SAUK TRAIL.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that the council had been provided with all the details that could be discussed publically. Due to confidentiality clauses in the agreement, if further discussion was needed, a council member could call him or discussion could be had in closed session. No discussion.

8. ORDINANCE #2018 - 21 : AMENDING ORDINANCE #2018-14 ANNEXING 2710 & 2900 STATE STREET INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer stated that the amendment to the ordinance was necessary in order to include the Plan Commission letter of approval, the plat of annexation, and the publication notice as part of that original ordinance. No other changes to the ordinance were made. No discussion.

9. ORDINANCE #2018 - 22 : RESCINDING ORDINANCES 2018-16; 2018-17 & 2018-18 PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ON JULY 5, 2018.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that the City's consultant re-reviewed the ordinances that were adopted on July 5, 2018, and that there was a concern that some time lines for notice provisions might not have been timely. The ordinances would be rescinded and re-adopted in the next three agenda items. The time line in the new ordinances was reset to ensure that the notices were done on a timely basis. No discussion.

10. ORDINANCE #2018 - 23 : APPROVING THE PROPOSED CITY OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS EASTERN INDUSTRIAL REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT PURSUANT TO THE TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION FINANCING ACT.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

See remarks by Corporation Counsel Somer in Agenda Item # 9.

11. ORDINANCE #2018 - 24 : DESIGNATING THE PROPOSED CITY OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS EASTERN INDUSTRIAL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA PURSUANT TO THE TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION FINANCING ACT.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

See remarks by Corporation Counsel Somer in Agenda Item # 9.

12. ORDINANCE #2018 - 25 : ADOPTING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FOR THE CITY OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS EASTERN INDUSTRIAL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA & DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION FINANCING ACT.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

See remarks by Corporation Counsel Some in Agenda Item # 9.

COMMUNICATION

Mayor Gonzalez reported that St. James Hospital was scheduled to close on Friday, September 7th. Chief of Staff Zerante added that a postcard would go out to residents with alternative urgent care and hospital locations as soon as the hospital officially closed. She stated that the new 24/7 urgent care center on 15th Street would open as of the official closing of the hospital. Discussion on the matter followed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:42 p.m. Alderman Rodgers moved, and Alderman Mosby seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Deabel

Motion to adjourn carried.

Lori Wilcox, City Clerk