

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Monday, September 18 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	Present
	2nd Ward Sonia Perez	Present
	3rd Ward Wanda Rodgers	Present
	4th Ward Joshua Deabel	Present
	5th Ward Richard Amadio	Absent
	6th Ward Vincent Zaranti	Present
	7th Ward Sylvia Torres	Absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Mosby announced that his next ward meeting would be held on October 5 at 6:00 p.m. at Barack Obama School of Leadership and Stem.

Alderman Perez announced that her next ward meeting would be held on Monday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Garfield Elementary. She asked that a police department representative attend.

Alderman Rodgers announced that her next quarterly ward meeting would be held on Tuesday, October 10 at 6:00 p.m. at the Chicago Heights Park District.

Alderman Deabel announced that his next ward meeting would be held on Monday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Roosevelt Elementary. He said that the next neighborhood watch meeting would be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at St Paul Lutheran.

Alderman Amadio was absent.

Alderman Zaranti announced that his next ward meeting would be held in coordination with Park District Commissioner Straczek on September 28 at 7:00 p.m. at Commissioners Park.

Alderman Torres was absent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER (Post IDOT MFT audit report)

Treasurer Dee provided a letter from the Illinois Dept. of Transportation to the council indicating that IDOT had completed an audit of the City's MFT program for the period January, 2008 to April 30, 2017. A few issues remained and if necessary, they would come before the council at the next meeting or two. There were brief questions and answers at the conclusion of the report.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF – Karen Zerante

COS Karen Zerante reported on the success of the recent 6th Annual Sister Cities Festival. She also gave updates on ongoing projects in the City: West Side Storm Water Study, IDOT, American Road Maintenance, 50/50 Sidewalk, CDBG and Becky's Warriors 5k walk/run. There were several questions from the council to which COS Zerante responded to.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER

None

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF AUGUST 21, 2017

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: Deabel

Absent: Amadio, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF SECOND RUN OF AUGUST AND FIRST RUN OF SEPTEMBER 2017.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Amadio, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

3. RESOLUTION # 2017 - 65 : APPROVING AN ACCESS AGREEMENT WITH 15 E. INDEPENDENCE INVESTMENT, LLC FOR INGRESS/EGRESS ON OAK STREET.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Amadio, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel T. J. Somer explained that the temporary agreement would provide the owners of the new dialysis center with access and use of what was once Oak Street until the street could be re-dedicated as a street in the near future. Brief discussion on the matter took place.

4. RESOLUTION #2017 - 66 : APPROVING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE POLICE BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE PATROL OFFICERS.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Amadio, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

COS Zerante reported that wages were increased by 2.5%, and that the four year contract was retroactive to 2015. All other provisions of the agreement remained status quo.

5. RESOLUTION #2017 - 67 : APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF FIVE NEW STREET DEPARTMENT VEHICLES THROUGH THE SUBURBAN PURCHASING COOPERATIVE.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Zaranti

Nays: Deabel

Abstain: none

Absent: Amadio, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

COS Karen Zerante gave the council information on the matter. Corporation Counsel Somer stated that the vehicle purchases on the agenda were through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative, thereby no bid notices were required. Treasurer Dee stated that three bids for financing had been obtained thus far, and he would report back on that at the next meeting. Aaron Del Valle also addressed the council on the matter.

6. RESOLUTION #2017 - 68 : APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TWO NEW CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT VEHICLES.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Amadio, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

COS Karen Zerante addressed the council on the matter. She noted that the purchase had been included in the budget in capital expenditures. Brief discussion on the matter took place.

7. MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS, PERSONNEL MATTERS, PENDING LITIGATION, USE OF CITY OWNED LAND, OR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING MATTERS. *IF NECESSARY.*

Corporation Counsel Somer reported that he had polled the aldermen, and they felt they had information satisfactory enough to take action on the following agenda item without going into executive session.

8. RESOLUTION #2017 - 69 : APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN CIVIL LITIGATION AS PRESENTED FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THIS DATE.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Amadio, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:37 p.m. Alderman Rodgers moved, and Alderman Mosby seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Amadio, Torres

Motion to adjourn carried.

Lori Wilcox, City Clerk