

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday, September 19, 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:	1 st Ward Walter Mosby	Present
	2 nd Ward Sonia Perez	Present
	3 rd Ward Wanda Rodgers	Present
	4 th Ward Joshua Deabel	Present
	5 th Ward Richard Amadio	Present
	6 th Ward Vincent Zaranti	Absent
	7 th Ward Sylvia Torres	Absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Mosby announced his next ward meeting to be on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Barack Obama School.

Alderman Perez announced her next ward meeting to be on Monday, September 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Garfield School.

Alderman Rodgers announced her next quarterly ward meeting to be on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Lincoln School.

Alderman Deabel announced his next ward meeting to be on Monday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Roosevelt School. His next neighborhood watch meeting would be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at St Paul Lutheran Church.

Alderman Amadio announced his next ward meeting to be on October 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Greenbrier School in the gym.

Alderman Zaranti- Absent

Alderman Torres- Absent

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Suzanne Boyle, a resident of the City, addressed the city council on various issues.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF-KAREN ZERANTE

Absent

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER

No report

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Amadio

Nays: none

Abstain: Deabel

Absent: Zaranti, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF FIRST RUN OF SEPTEMBER 2018.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Zaranti, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

3. RESOLUTION #2018 - 78 : APPROVING AN OPTION AGREEMENT FOR THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO PURCHASE OF CITY OWNED SURPLUS LAND LOCATED AT 1200 & 1204 STATE STREET AND 389 E. LINCOLN HIGHWAY. (Former AMSCO Steel foundry).

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Zaranti, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Jack Hynes, Economic Development Director, explained the terms and benefits of the agreement if it were approved. Corporation Counsel Somer and Mayor Gonzalez also commented on matter. Discussion took place.

4. RESOLUTION #2018 - 79 : APPROVING A BID AWARD FOR GRADE CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNION PACIFIC R.R. QUIET ZONE.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Zaranti, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Mayor Gonzalez explained that the project involved the closing of two railroad crossings at 17th and 23rd Streets, and the improvement of three railroad crossings at 12th, 16th, and Main Streets. Low bidder D Construction was awarded the bid for \$ 316,448.39, of which \$ 285,000 would be reimbursed to the City by way of grant funding. Discussion on the matter took place.

5. RESOLUTION #2018 - 80 : APPROVING A BID AWARD FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THREE ABANDONED AND BLIGHTED COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES AT 2001, 2005 AND 2017 WESTERN AVENUE.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Zaranti, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer stated that the cost of the \$ 88,000 project would be paid for out of the Cub Food TIF fund.

6. RESOLUTION #2018 - 81 : APPROVING A PROPOSAL FROM AMERICAN ROAD MAINTENANCE FOR THE CRACK REPAIR AND SEALING OF CERTAIN ROADWAYS.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio,

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Zaranti, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

City Engineer Courtney Anderson reported that the crack-filling would be done on various streets that were resurfaced in 2014; cost would not exceed \$ 200,000. Sealing of these same streets would be addressed in the spring. Brief discussion on the matter followed.

7. RESOLUTION #2018 - 82 : APPROVING A RENEWAL CONTRACT FOR CHICAGO HEIGHTS POLICE CHIEF THOMAS ROGERS.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Zaranti, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

8. RESOLUTION #2018 - 83 : APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN CIVIL LITIGATION AS PRESENTED FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THIS DATE.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio,

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Zaranti, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:40 p.m. Alderman Rodgers moved, and Alderman Perez seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Zaranti, Torres

Motion to adjourn carried.

Lori Wilcox, City Clerk