

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 6:00 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 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY DEPUTY CLERK RACHEL VEGA

Mayor:	David Gonzalez	Present
Council:	1st Ward Renee Smith	Present
	2nd Ward Sonia Perez	Present
	3rd Ward Wanda Rodgers	Present
	4th Ward Christopher Baikauskas	Present
	5th Ward George Brassea	Present
	6th Ward Vincent Zaranti	Present
	7th Ward Kelli Merrick	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Smith announced that she would host her next ward meeting on Saturday, January 14th at 11:00 a.m. at Barack Obama School.

Alderman Perez announced that she would host her next ward meeting on January 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at Garfield School.

Alderman Rodgers – no announcements.

Alderman Baikauskas announced that he would host a joint ward meeting with Park Commissioner Michele Baikauskas on Monday, January 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at Roosevelt School.

Alderman Brassea announced that he would host his next ward meeting on Wednesday, January 25th at 222 Vollmer Rd, Suite LC.

Alderman Zaranti announced that he would host a joint ward meeting with Park Commissioner Curtis Straczek on January 30th at 7:00 p.m. at Commissioners Park.

Alderman Merrick – no announcements.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

REPORT OF CHIEF OF STAFF – KAREN ZERANTE

COS Zerante reported that there would be an upcoming project to update Code Red, the City's emergency notification platform, saying that more information would follow. COS Zerante also reported that there was a mandate for the City to conduct a survey of homeowner service water lines. Information on the survey was included on the water bill. Residents could access links to the survey on the City's website, Facebook, or could call the Water department for assistance.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER

None

MINUTES: MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2022.

Alderman Smith moved, and Alderman Rodgers seconded, a motion to approve the minutes.

Ayes: Smith, Perez, Rodgers, Baikauskas, Brassea, Zaranti, Merrick

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

1. BILLS: APPROVAL OF SECOND RUN OF DECEMBER 2022.

Alderman Zaranti moved, and Alderman Perez seconded, a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$509,171.15.

Ayes: Smith, Perez, Rodgers, Baikauskas, Brassea, Zaranti, Merrick

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

2. RESOLUTION #2023 – 1 : APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND LEASE WITH "CITY HELPS, CDC" FOR THE CITY OWNED SURPLUS COMMERCIAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 171 W. 10TH STREET, CHICAGO HEIGHTS.

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

Ayes: Smith, Perez, Rodgers, Baikauskas, Brassea, Zaranti, Merrick

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

Jack Hynes, Economic Development Director, explained that City Helps, a sub-agency of Cornerstone Church, desired to open a social service center to conduct after school programs for youth.

3. RESOLUTION #2023 – 2 : APPROVING AN OPTION AGREEMENT FOR THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO LEASE THE CITY OWNED SURPLUS VACANT LAND LOCATED AT 579 EAST 217TH STREET FOR DEVELOPMENT AS A SOLAR FARM.

Alderman Perez moved, and Alderman Rodgers seconded, a motion to approve the resolution. After discussion and before the vote, Alderman Perez amended her motion so that it included approval to negotiate the proposal.

Ayes: Smith, Perez, Rodgers, Baikauskas, Brassea, Zaranti, Merrick
Nays: none
Abstain: none
Absent: none
Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer recounted that Ameresco had done a presentation at a previous council meeting to lease the property for a lump sum of \$ 600,000. There was discussion on the matter before the vote.

4. RESOLUTION #2023 - 3 : APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF GLENWOOD GOVERNING THE TEMPORARY DETENTION OF GLENWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT PRISONERS.

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

Ayes: Smith, Perez, Rodgers, Baikauskas, Brassea, Zaranti, Merrick
Nays: none
Abstain: none
Absent: none
Motion to approve carried.

COS Zerante stated that Police Chief El-Amin, after having done an analysis of the agreement, gave his recommendation of the agreement. COS Zerante stated the agreement was on an overflow basis, and noted that the City had agreements with other municipalities to provide this service. There was discussion on the matter before the vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:23 p.m. Alderman Rodgers moved, and Alderman Smith seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Smith, Perez, Rodgers, Baikauskas, Brassea, Zaranti, Merrick

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

Lori Wilcox, City Clerk