

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

By Zoom conference call with public participation at Chicago Heights Municipal Building, 1601 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, IL.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gonzalez called the regular meeting of the Chicago Heights City Council to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY DEPUTY CLERK RACHEL VEGA

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Smith announced that she would hold her next ward meeting on Saturday, February 12th at 11:00 a.m. at Barack Obama School.

Alderman Perez – no ward meeting announcement

Alderman Rodgers – no ward meeting announcement

Alderman Baikauskas announced that he would hold his next ward meeting in partnership with Park Commissioner Michele Baikauskas on Monday, February 28th at 6:00 p.m. at Roosevelt School.

Alderman Brassea announced that he would hold his next ward meeting on Wednesday, February 9th at 6:00 p.m. at Greenbriar School.

Alderman Zaranti announced that he would hold his next ward meeting along with Park Commissioner Curtis Straczek on February 24th at 7:00 p.m. at Commissioners Park. Alderman Zaranti apologized for the cancellation of the January meeting.

Alderman Merrick – no ward meeting announcement.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Police Chief Rogers was in the council chambers and reported that there was no one there for public participation.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF – Karen Zerante

COS Zerante reported that the City, in partnership with IDPH, would host another vaccination clinic at City Hall on February 12th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Information would be posted on the City's website.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL – T.J. SOMER

none

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2022.

Alderman Smith moved, and Alderman Brassea 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.

2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF SECOND RUN OF JANUARY 2022.

Alderman Rodgers moved, and Alderman Merrick seconded, a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$ 830,676.33.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

3. RESOLUTION #2022 - 13 : APPROVING A RENEWAL OF THE CITY'S EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY AND PREMIUM.

Alderman Zaranti moved, and Alderman Baikauskas 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 introduced Vice-President Paul Mesirow (Alliant/Mesirow Financial), benefits advisor on the City's employee Blue Cross Blue Shield self-insured health program. Mr. Mesirow provided the council with a renewal analysis, and explained the various factors and costs. He noted a one-time only Wellness Credit brought the Total Annual Fixed Cost down to \$ 616,831. Mr. Mesirow recommended that the City renew the B+BS policy, which was effective March 1, 2022. There were questions on the matter before the vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:25 p.m. Alderman Zaranti moved, and Alderman Baikauskas 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