

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday, February 20, 2019 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 6:04 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	Present
	7 th Ward Sylvia Torres	Absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Mosby — no announcements.

Alderman Perez announced that her next ward meeting would be held on February 25th at 7:00 p.m. at Garfield Elementary.

Alderman Rodgers announced that her next ward meeting would be held on February 21st at 6:00 p.m. at the Chicago Heights Park District.

Alderman Deabel announced that his next ward meeting would be held on Monday, February 25th at 7:00 p.m. at Roosevelt School. The next neighborhood watch would be held on Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Alderman Amadio announced that his next ward meeting would be held on February 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the Greenbrier School gym.

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

Alderman Torres — absent

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF – KAREN ZERANTE

Chief of Staff Zerante thanked the Public Works Department for their great response and hard work during the challenging cold weather of the past month.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER

None

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2019

Alderman Amadio moved, and Alderman Perez Seconded, a motion to approve the minutes.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Torres

Motion to approve carried.

2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF FIRST RUN OF FEBRUARY 2019.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: Deabel

Abstain: none

Absent: Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Alderman Deabel had a question on the Montana and Welch, LLC payment on page twenty-three of the bills to which Corporation Counsel Somer responded.

3. ORDINANCE 2019- 3 AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH AN OVERWEIGHT TRUCK PERMITTING FEE

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer stated that the ordinance required that a permit be obtained before over-weight trucks could pass through the City. The permitting fees would generate substantial new revenue for the City. The city council asked questions and discussed the matter.

4. RESOLUTION # 2019- 4 : APPROVING A POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PITNEY-BOWES, INC. FOR THE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Chief of Staff Zerante stated that the new equipment would replace the outdated postage machine that was no longer compatible with any postage meter, and was not supported by any maintenance. There were questions and discussion on the matter before the vote.

5. RESOLUTION #2019 - 12 : AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH A NOTICE SEEKING BIDS FOR THE CITY'S 2019 CDBG ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. (PROJECT# 1806-005).

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Mayor Gonzalez remarked that the estimated cost of the Euclid and Hickory Street project was \$ 689,000. Cook County awarded the City \$ 300,000 for the project, and the remaining cost of the project would be budgeted for in the City's 2019/2020 Capital Project Fund. No questions.

6. RESOLUTION #2019 - 13 : AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH A NOTICE SEEKING BIDS FOR THE CITY'S 2019 CAPITAL FUND ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Mayor Gonzalez remarked that this two-year project was in the Serena Hills area. The North end was already completed, and the South end between Sherry and Kathleen, and Normandy and Tahoe, would be completed this year. Engineer estimate for this half of the project was \$ 1.6 million dollars. No questions.

7. RESOLUTION #2019 - 14 ; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH A NOTICE SEEKING BIDS FOR THE CITY'S 2019 SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (VICINITY OF HICKORY & EUCLID AVENUE).

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Mayor Gonzalez remarked that this project, like other sewer improvement projects, would precede the road improvement project planned for the area. Cost of the project would be budgeted for in the 2019/2020 Water and Sewer Funds. Engineer estimate for this project was \$ 164,625.00. No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:30 p. m. Alderman Mosby moved, and Alderman Perez seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Torres

Motion to adjourn carried by acclamation.

Lori Wilcox, City Clerk