

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at 1601 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, IL.

By Zoom conference call with public attendance and 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:	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, March 12th at 11:00 a.m. at Barack Obama School.

Alderman Perez announced that she would host her next ward meeting on Monday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m. at Garfield School.

Alderman Rodgers announced that the tentative date for her next quarterly ward meeting was March 30th. The alderman would confirm the time and location with COS Zerante.

Alderman Baikauskas announced that he would host a joint ward meeting with Park Commissioner Michele Baikauskas on Monday, March 28th at 6:00 p.m. at Roosevelt School.

Alderman Brassea - no ward meeting announcement.

Alderman Zaranti announced that he would host a joint ward meeting with Park Commissioner Curtis Straczek on March 31st at 7:00 p.m. at Commissioners Park.

Alderman Merrick - no ward meeting announcement.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Gary Miller, Code Enforcement Director, was present in the council chambers and reported that there was no resident present wishing to speak to the council.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF STAFF – KAREN ZERANTE

COS Zerante reported the City would be engaged in a number of improvement projects in the coming season and that related construction updates would be shared via the City website and mobile app. COS Zerante updated the council on the status of the new Franciscan urgent care center and the VA project.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER

Absent

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2022.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

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

Alderman Perez moved, and Alderman Merrick seconded, a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$ 1,604,968.90.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

3. ORDINANCE #2022 - 6: APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 950 WEST 195TH STREET IN UNINCORPORATED COOK COUNTY INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

Mayor Gonzalez stated that the residents applied for annexation to the City. A Public Hearing was held and the Plan Commission recommended the approval of the annexation. Residents would be responsible for the costs of water and sewer hook-up to City systems.

4. ORDINANCE #2022 - 7 : RESERVING THE CITY'S VOLUME CAP IN CONJUNCTION WITH PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND ISSUES AND RELATED MATTERS.

Alderman Baikauskas moved, and Alderman Merrick seconded, a motion to approve the ordinance.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

Mayor Gonzalez reported that the City's volume cap allocation in 2022 was \$ 3,188,900. The allocation would be applied either to the issuance of private activity bonds to allow investors to finance private projects in the City, or would be transferred to another home rule community for its use.

5. RESOLUTION #2022 - 19 : REJECTING ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE CITY'S 2022 SEWER CLEANING AND INSPECTION PROJECT.

Alderman Baikauskas moved, and Alderman Smith 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 HBK Engineering estimated project cost at \$ 75,725 and the sole bid received was \$ 174,100. HBK engineer recommended rejecting the bid based on the cost, and rebidding the project. There was some discussion on the matter.

6. RESOLUTION #2022 - 20 : APPROVING A BID AWARD FOR AN ADDITIONAL PUMP AT THE CITY'S LANSING WATER PUMPING STATION.

Alderman Perez moved, and Alderman Brassea 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.

Mayor Gonzalez said that Christopher Burke Engineering recommended awarding the bid to low bidder Genco Industries for bid amount of \$ 392,400. Mayor Gonzalez commented that the City was required to install the new pump per its (water sale) agreement with the Village of Homewood.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:30 p.m. Alderman Baikauskas 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 adjourn carried.

Lori Wilcox, City Clerk