

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at 1601 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, IL.

***To be conducted remotely by telephone conference pursuant to Governor Pritzker's Covid-19 Executive Order #8 dated March 9, 2020 and extension thereof set forth in Executive order 2020-39. Meeting to be broadcast at City Hall with opportunity made available for public attendance and/or participation subject to social distancing regulations. Attendees must be attired in mask and gloves and may not be experiencing any symptoms of the COVID virus, i.e., fever, cough, sore throat, or uncommon fatigue.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gonzalez called the regular meeting of the Chicago Heights City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK LORI WILCOX

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 – no announcements

Alderman Perez – no announcements

Alderman Rodgers – no announcements

Alderman Baikauskas – no announcements

Alderman Brassea – no announcements

Alderman Zaranti – no announcements

Alderman Merrick – no announcements

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Corporation Counsel was in the council chambers and stated that there was one attendee, but no public participation.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF STAFF – KAREN ZERANTE

COS Zerante updated the council on the LED Street Light Installation project, stating that the installation on ornamental poles was still in progress, and that the development of the sensor network was nearing completion.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER

None

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2021

Alderman Zaranti moved, and Alderman Perez 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 FEBRUARY 2021.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

3. RESOLUTION #2021 - 23 : APPROVING THE CITY'S 2021 CDBG CAPITAL IMPROVMENTS GRANT APPLICATION.

Alderman Merrick moved, and Alderman Rodgers 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 the 2022 project was for street resurfacing on Lowe, Wallace, and Center Streets bounded by 14th to as far as 17th Street. Engineer estimate of project was \$ 1,306,134. No discussion.

4. RESOLUTION #2021 - 24 : APPROVING A CITY 2021 "INVEST IN COOK" GRANT APPLICATION.

Alderman Zaranti moved, and Alderman Merrick 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 reported that the grant application was for the funding of a street reconstruction project in the area along Main and Butler Streets. Engineer estimate of project was \$ 2,641,136. No discussion.

5. RESOLUTION #2021 - 25 : APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN CIVIL LITIGATION (case # 20 WC 32118) AS PRESENTED FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION AND BY MEMORANDUM OF THIS DATE.

Alderman Perez moved, and Alderman Zaranti 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.

Corporation Counsel Somer stated that having communicated with all the aldermen, there was no request for an executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:17 pm. Alderman Merrick moved, and Alderman Rodgers 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