

**Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday, May 15, 2019 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 6:09 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

<b>Mayor:</b>	<b>David Gonzalez</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Council:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Ward Walter Mosby</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Sonia Perez</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Wanda Rodgers</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Ward Joshua Deabel</b>	<b>Absent</b>
	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Ward Richard Amadio</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Ward Vincent Zaranti</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Ward Sylvia Torres</b>	<b>Present</b>

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Mosby – no announcements

Alderman Perez announced that her next ward meeting would be held on Monday, June 24 at Garfield Elementary.

Alderman Rodgers announced that her next ward meeting would be held on Thursday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Chicago Heights Park District.

Alderman Deabel – absent

Alderman Amadio announced that his next ward meeting would be held on Wednesday May 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Greenbrier Elementary gym.

Alderman Zaranti announced that his next ward meeting would be held on Thursday, May 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Commissioners Park. Alderman Zaranti would not be in attendance, but Park District Commissioner Straczek would be there to coordinate the meeting.

Alderman Torres – no announcements

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**REPORT OF CHIEF OF STAFF – KAREN ZERANTE**

Chief of Staff Karen Zerante announced that the annual City-Wide Clean-Up Day would take place on Saturday, May 18 with volunteers gathering at the Crossroads Events Center. Teams would go out throughout the City and items could be brought to the center for disposal or recycling. COS Zerante announced that the Memorial Day Morning of Remembrance would be held on Monday, May 27 at 10:30 a.m. at the Veterans Mound.

**REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER**

None

**1. MINUTES: MEETING OF May 1, 2019.**

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: Torres

Absent: Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

**2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF FIRST RUN OF MAY 2019.**

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

**3. ORDINANCE #2019 - 7: AMENDING CHAPTER 43 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES REGULATING WATER RATES.**

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

Mayor Gonzalez explained that under the new ordinance, the special rate for users of over 100,000,000 gallons of water per year would be stricken from the current ordinance. A special rate for these types of users would be considered at a later date when all water rates were revisited.

4. RESOLUTION #2019 - 38 : APPROVING AN ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH "STNL - CHICAGO HEIGHTS, LLC", TO INDUCE THE REHABILITATION AND REOCCUPANCY OF THE INDUSTRIAL FACILITY AT 290 EAST JOE ORR ROAD.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

Jack Hynes, Director of Economic Development, explained that the owner of the property, STNL-Chicago Heights, planned to invest \$ 3.5 million dollars in property improvements. Upon completion of the improvements, Reladyne, Inc., the long-term tenant of the property, would be providing job opportunities for residents of the City. The council asked questions to which Jack Hynes responded.

5. RESOLUTION #2019 - 39 : APPROVING A "SECOND AMENDMENT" TO THE CITY'S GARBAGE COLLECTION AGREEMENT WITH ALLIED WASTE TRANSPORTATION, INC. d/b/a REPUBLIC DISPOSAL.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Deabel

Motion to approve carried

Mayor Gonzalez reported that under the contract extension, there would be no increase in the garbage fee to residents to April 30, 2020. Garbage fee rates from May 1 2020 and for the next ten years would be restricted to the CPI (Consumer Price Index) only. A change in the recycling program would make totes available to residents at no cost. In addition, Republic committed to the investment of \$ 8 million dollars to build a waste transfer station at State Street and Lincoln Highway in the City. The council discussed the matter before proceeding to the vote.

6. RESOLUTION #2019 - 40 : APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A COOK COUNTY CLASS 8 TAX CLASSIFICATION FOR ALLIED WASTE TRANSPORTATION, INC., FOR THE NEW CONSTRUCTION OF A MUNICIPAL WASTE TRANSFER STATION AT 1055 STATE STREET.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Deabel

Motion to approve carried

Jack Hynes, Director of Economic Development, addressed the council on the matter, which was discussed in the previous agenda item. Brief discussion on the matter took place.

7. RESOLUTION #2019 - 41 : APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH MELROSE PYROTECHNICS FOR PRESENTATION OF THE INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON JULY 3, 2019.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Deabel

Motion to approve carried

Jessica Mancina, Mayor's Office of Special Events, stated that the City used this company last year, and it had delivered an amazing show.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 6:40 p.m. Alderman Zaranti moved, and Alderman Mosby seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Deabel

Motion to adjourn carried.

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Lori Wilcox, City Clerk