

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at 1601 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, IL.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tem Vincent Zaranti, in the absence of the Mayor and as most senior alderman, called the regular meeting of the Chicago Heights City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK RACHEL VEGA

Mayor:	David Gonzalez	Absent
Council:	1st Ward Renee Smith	Present
	2nd Ward Sonia Perez	Present
	3rd Ward Wanda Rodgers	Absent
	4th Ward Christopher Baikauskas	Absent
	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, July 8th at 11:00 a.m. at Barack Obama School.

Alderman Perez – no ward meeting announcement.

Alderman Rodgers – absent.

Alderman Baikauskas – absent.

Alderman Brassea announced that he would host his next ward meeting on July 26th at 6:00 p. m. at the Police Training Center in Olympia Plaza.

Alderman Zaranti announced that he would host his next ward meeting along with Commissioner Curtis Straczek on Monday, July 31st at 7:00 p.m. at Commissioners Park.

Alderman Merrick – no ward meeting announcement.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Roxanna Scott, a resident of the City, voiced concerns about persons congregating on her street and causing problems.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF STAFF – KAREN ZERANTE

None

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL: POSTING OF ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024.

Corporation Counsel Somer noted that the law required the estimated budget for FY 2023/2024 be made available for public inspection at least 10 days prior to the public hearing, which would occur before the next regular council meeting on July 19, 2023.

Cynthia Smith, Assistant Finance Director, reported on the tentative budget. She stated that the projection of revenues was complete, but that projection of expenditures was still being worked on with department heads. The tentative budget was available on the City's website and in the Treasurer's Office. Final budget would be adopted at the July 19th council meeting.

MINUTES: MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2023

Alderman Smith moved, and Alderman Merrick seconded, a motion to approve the minutes.

Ayes: Smith, Perez, Zaranti, Merrick

Nays: none

Abstain: Brassea

Absent: Rodgers, Baikauskas

Motion to approve carried.

BILLS: APPROVAL OF SECOND RUN OF JUNE 2023

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

Ayes: Smith, Perez, Brassea, Zaranti, Merrick

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Rodgers, Baikauskas

Motion to approve carried.

- 1. RESOLUTION #2023 - 76 : APPROVING A COOK COUNTY CLASS 6B TAX CLASSIFICATION RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR THE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY AT 470 EAST JOE ORR ROAD. (FED EX).**

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

Ayes: Smith, Perez, Brassea, Zaranti, Merrick

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Rodgers, Baikauskas

Motion to approve carried.

Jack Hynes, Director of Economic Development, addressed the council on the renewal tax incentive for Fed Ex.

2. RESOLUTION #2023 - 77 : APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 FORD TRANSIT VAN FOR THE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Alderman Merrick moved, and Alderman Smith seconded, a motion to approve the resolution.

Ayes: Smith, Perez, Brassea, Zaranti, Merrick

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Rodgers, Baikauskas

Motion to approve carried.

COS Zerante requested permission for the purchase of the van at a cost of \$106,187. The van would be used for prisoner transit.

3. RESOLUTION #2023 - 78 : APPROVING AN AGREEMENT TO INDUCE THE SALE AND REDEVELOPMENT OF CITY OWNED SURPLUS REAL ESTATE PURSUANT TO THE CITY'S APAP PROGRAM.

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

Ayes: Smith, Perez, Brassea, Zaranti, Merrick

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Rodgers, Baikauskas

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer stated that permission was sought to move forward with the closing sale of the APAP property located at 57 E. 13th Street.

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION TO DISCUSS IMMINENT OR PROBABLE LITIGATION, PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11); (IF NECESSARY).

4. RESOLUTION #2023 – 79 : APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN PROBABLE CIVIL LITIGATION AS PRESENTED FOR EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION AND BY MEMORANDUM FOR THIS DATE.

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

Ayes: Smith, Perez, Brassea, Zaranti, Merrick

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Rodgers, Baikauskas

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel reported that he communicated with all the aldermen and found no one requesting an executive session before taking action on the agenda item.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:23 p.m. Alderman Smith moved, and Alderman Zaranti seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Smith, Perez, Brassea, Zaranti, Merrick

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Rodgers, Baikauskas

Motion to adjourn carried.

Rachel Vega, City Clerk