

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at 1601 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, IL.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL BY DEPUTY CLERK RACHEL VEGA**

Mayor:	David Gonzalez	Absent
Council:	1 <sup>st</sup> Ward Renee Smith	Present
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward Sonia Perez	Present
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward Wanda Rodgers	Present
	4 <sup>th</sup> Ward Christopher Baikauskas	Absent
	5 <sup>th</sup> Ward George Brassea	Present
	6 <sup>th</sup> Ward Vincent Zaranti	Absent
	7 <sup>th</sup> Ward Kelli Merrick	Present

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Smith announced that she would host her next ward meeting on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. at Barack Obama School.

Alderman Perez announced a 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Back to School event on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Jirtle Park.

Alderman Rodgers announced Back to School events on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 - 1:00 p.m. at the Chicago Heights Recreation Center and on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Kings Park.

Alderman Baikauskas - absent.

Alderman Brassea announced that he would host his next ward meeting on Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. at 222 Vollmer Road, Suite LC.

Alderman Zaranti - absent.

Alderman Merrick - no ward meeting announcement.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Charles Dieringer, a resident of the City, addressed the council about the status of the new V. A. home for veterans.

Patty O'Neil, a resident of the City, addressed the council regarding concerns about activities at 459 Gail.

Carol Zucker, a resident of the City, addressed the council on the same concerns as Patty O'Neil.

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

COS Zerante reported to the city council on the following topics:

Alderman Rodgers' Christmas in July event, the National Night Out bike event, Cook County Forest Preserve's clean-up of Woodrow Wilson Woods, the status of the new V. A. home, the City's on-going road paving projects, the fire hydrant flow testing and painting project, and the 2022 50/50 Sidewalk Program that would come before the council next council meeting.

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

None

### **1. MINUTES: MEETING OF JULY 20, 2022 AND JULY 23, 2022**

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

**Ayes:** Smith, Perez, Rodgers, Brassea, Merrick

**Nays:** none

**Abstain:** none

**Absent:** Baikauskas, Zaranti

**Motion to approve carried.**

### **2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF SECOND RUN OF JULY 2022.**

Alderman Perez moved, and Alderman Brassea seconded, a motion to approve the bills.  
(**\$831,171**)

**Ayes:** Smith, Perez, Rodgers, Brassea, Merrick

**Nays:** none

**Abstain:** none

**Absent:** Baikauskas, Zaranti

**Motion to approve carried.**

**3. ORDINANCE #2022 - 19 : APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF THE CUB FOOD TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT.**

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

**Ayes:** Smith, Perez, Rodgers, Brassea, Merrick

**Nays:** none

**Abstain:** none

**Absent:** Baikauskas, Zaranti

**Motion to approve carried.**

Corporation Counsel Somer commented that the Cub Food TIF District was a great tool in the business development of Route 30. The ordinance would extend the term by twelve years to December 31, 2036. Brief question on the matter.

**4. ORDINANCE #2022 - 20 : AMENDING CHAPTER 30, SECTION 255 & 256 OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS CODE OF ORDINANCES REGULATING SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION.**

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

**Ayes:** Smith, Perez, Rodgers, Brassea, Merrick

**Nays:** none

**Abstain:** none

**Absent:** Baikauskas, Zaranti

**Motion to approve carried.**

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that the amendment would further regulate the presence of persons required to register as convicted sex offenders or required to register under the Murder and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act in areas where children were expected to be present. Some discussion by the city council.

**5. RESOLUTION #2022 - 73 : APPROVING THE SALE OF THE CITY OWNED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 423 W. 15<sup>TH</sup> STREET PURSUANT TO THE CITY'S APAP PROGRAM.**

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

**Ayes:** Smith, Perez, Rodgers, Brassea, Merrick

**Nays:** none

**Abstain:** none

**Absent:** Baikauskas, Zaranti

**Motion to approve carried.**

Corporation Counsel Somer remarked that this was another APAP Program success story. The vacant, abandoned property would be rehabilitated by the new buyer.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**At 6:35 p.m. Alderman Smith moved, and Alderman Merrick seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.**

**Ayes: Smith, Perez, Rodgers, Brassea, Merrick**

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: Baikauskas, Zaranti**

**Motion to adjourn carried.**

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**Lori Wilcox, City Clerk**