

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO - 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
April 6, 2020

The City Council meeting of April 6, 2020, was held part remotely and partly in person due to the coronavirus pandemic.

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Ruben Pineda (in person) called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Alderman Chassee led all in the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Invocation.** There was no invocation.
4. **Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum.**

Roll call found the following Aldermen present remotely: Aldermen Lori J. Chassee, James E. Beifuss, Jr., Heather Brown, Jayme Sheahan, Alton Hallett, Michael D. Ferguson, Sandy Dimas, Melissa Birch-Ferguson, Rebecca Stout, Christopher Swiatek, John E. Jakabcsin, and Noreen Ligino-Kubinski. Alderman Matthew Garling was present in person. Alderman Jeanne Short was absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

Also in attendance in person were City Administrator Michael Guttman, City Clerk Nancy M. Smith (arrived at 7:03 pm), Chief of Police Mike Uplegger, and Public Works Director Rob Flatter.

Attending remotely: City Attorney Patrick K. Bond and Dan Reich from 7 Layer Solutions

5. **Public Participation.** City Administrator Guttman read a comment from Edgar Pal, West Chicago, who stated that he has experienced difficulty with the pay machines at the Metra commuter lot. He recommended that the City consider ways for commuters to pay via mobile app. This will also reduce touching the machines during the coronavirus pandemic. Mr. Pal has sent emails to Aldermen Dimas and Birch-Ferguson with more details. The Mayor said this will be referred to City staff.

6. **City Council Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2020.** Alderman Swiatek made a motion, seconded by Alderman Garling, to approve the minutes of March 2, 2020, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Garling, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

City Council Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2020. Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to approve the minutes of March 16, 2020, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Garling, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to approve after-the-fact March 16, 2020, (\$1,163,456.84), and April 6, 2020 (\$479,600.42). Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Garling, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

8. **Consent Agenda.**

* **Development Committee.** Alderman Stout read and explained the following items:

A. **Ordinance 29-O-0003** - An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago - Appendix A, Article VII of the Zoning Code Relating to Design Standards and Review

B. **Resolution 20-R-0015** - A Resolution Approving the Final Development Plan for Greco DeRosa Investment Group, 2595 Enterprise Circle - DuPage Business Center

Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Garling, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

* **Infrastructure Committee.** Alderman Beifuss read and explained the following items:

C. **Approve** - The Purchase of One 2020 Ford F550 4WD Truck Chassis from Equipment, Inc. (for an amount not to exceed \$144,615.00)

D. **Approve** - The Purchase and Delivery of Unleaded Gasoline and Diesel Fuel from Gas Depot (for an amount not to exceed \$221,100.00)

E. Resolution 20-R-0011 - A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Acres Group for Professional Services Related to the 2020 Parkway Tree Planting Program (for an amount not to exceed \$41,112.00)

F. Resolution 20-R-0012 - A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Althoff Industries, Inc., for Professional Services Related to the Replacement of the HVAC Control System at the City's Water Treatment Plant (for an amount not to exceed \$23,818.00)

Alderman Beifuss made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jakabcsin, to approve the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Garling, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

*** Items Not Sent to Committee:** Mayor Pineda read and explained the following item:

G. Resolution 20-R-0016 - A Resolution Consenting to the Continued Declaration of a Local Disaster Emergency in the City of West Chicago Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Alderman Birch-Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to approve the above item. During discussion, Alderman Garling said he would like to see an end date because he is concerned about messaging to the people that it is eternal. The Mayor explained that a certain date cannot be given because it is unknown how long the pandemic will last. City Attorney Bond said this resolution can be rescinded at any time.

Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Garling, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

9. Reports by Committee: None

10. Unfinished Business: None

11. New Business: Alderman Brown raised the issue of placing Neighborhood Watch signs on the City's property outside of the right-of-way. The Mayor said if the Chairman agrees, then this will be sent to Public Affairs.

12. Correspondence and Announcements

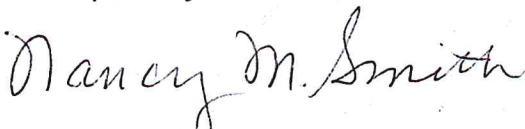
Upcoming Meetings

April 7, 2020
April 13, 2020

Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled)
Development Committee

13. Mayor's Comments: The Mayor said he put out a video today about staying at home. He said the people cannot be lax, and the sooner we do that, the sooner we get through this. If you see people gathering, call 911. He said he could not emphasize enough about staying at home and saving lives. Information is provided daily by the Federal and State governments. There is information on the City's web site. The Mayor praised the first responders. He is proud of them as well as City staff who come to work everyday and go home and risk the safety of their families. The Mayor wished for everyone to stay healthy.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk