

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at 1601 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, IL.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Gonzalez called the regular meeting of the Chicago Heights City Council to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

*Alderman Mosby entered the council chambers at 6:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Mosby— no report.

Alderman Perez— Absent.

Alderman Rodgers announced that her next ward meeting would be held on February 21st 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 February 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the Greenbrier School gym.

Alderman Zaranti announced that his next ward meeting would be held in coordination with Park District Commissioner Straczek on January 31st at 7:00 p.m. at Commissioners Park.

Alderman Torres – no announcements.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF – Karen Zerante

None

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. Somer

None

REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER— Jim Dee

None

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2018

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: Torres

Absent: Perez, Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF SECOND RUN OF DECEMBER 2018.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

3. ORDINANCE #2019 - 1 : AMENDING CHAPTER 30, SECTION 142 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "LICENSING—GENERALLY".

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that the City's raffle ordinance would be amended so that the current prize limit would not apply to any accredited grammar, middle or high school within the City, in an effort to assist in the fundraising efforts for education.

4. RESOLUTION #2019 - 1 : APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH GABRIEL HOPE ENTERPRISE, LLC FOR THE "OPTION" TO PURCHASE THE CITY OWNED COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE AT 190 W. JOE ORR ROAD. (Former ACE Hardware).

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

Jack Hynes, Economic Development Director, explained that the ninety day agreement would allow the company to research its options to open a banquet hall at the facility. Angela Ikpeama of Gabriel Hope Enterprise addressed the council on the matter.

5. RESOLUTION #2019 - 2 : APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF COOK AND CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES GOVERNING PARTICIPATION IN A BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT COALITION.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

Jack Hynes, Economic Development Director, explained that the assessment grant made funds available for obtaining phase one and phase two environmental reports on industrial properties within the City.

6. RESOLUTION #2019 - 3 : APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF COOK AND CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A USEPA BROWNFIELDS REVOLVING LOAN FUND GRANT.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

Jack Hynes, Economic Development Director, explained that the revolving loan fund grant offered funds at a low interest rate, and were to be used for the clean-up of City owned industrial properties.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:21 p.m. Alderman Rodgers moved, and Alderman Torres seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Deabel

Motion to approve carried.

Lori Wilcox, City Clerk