

Minutes of the Special City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday, July 3, 2019 at 9:00 a.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 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Smith announced that she was finalizing her first meeting date.

Alderman Perez announced that her next ward meeting would be held on Monday, July 22 at 7:00 p.m. with the location to be announced.

Alderman Rodgers – no announcements.

Alderman Baikauskas announced that his next ward meeting would be held on Monday, July 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Roosevelt School.

Alderman Brassea announced that his next meeting would be held on July 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Assembly Church, 274 W. Glengate Avenue.

Alderman Zaranti announced that his next ward meeting would be held in coordination with Park District Commissioner Straczek on July 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Commissioners Park.

Alderman Merrick announced that her next ward meeting would be held on Thursday, July 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Chicago Heights Park District. Future meetings were planned for the second Thursday of the month.

COS Karen Zerante updated the council on the evening's fireworks display. She said that the field and weather conditions were good and preparations for the show were going forward.

Mayor Gonzalez announced that Courtney Anderson, City Engineer, was leaving her position with the City. He thanked her for all her hard work on behalf of the City.

COS Karen Zerante introduced Andrew Smith Jr., the City's new engineer. She reviewed his extensive experience, and said that he was out in the field the past two weeks getting a grasp on the current Serena Hills project.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

REPORT OF CHIEF OF STAFF – KAREN ZERANTE

COS Zerante offered her assistance to the new council members at any time during the transition period.

REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER (Posting of 2019-2020 estimated budget)

Treasurer Jim Dee announced that the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget was available for review in the Treasurer's Office starting Friday (July 5, 2019). He said a public hearing on the budget would be held prior to the July 17th city council meeting.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER

None

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF JUNE 19, 2019

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

Ayes: Smith, Perez, Rodgers, Baikauskas, Brassea, Zaranti, Merrick

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF SECOND RUN OF JUNE, 2019.

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

Ayes: Smith, Perez, Rodgers, Baikauskas, Brassea, Zaranti, Merrick

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

Mayor Gonzalez made note that the payment to Calumet City Plumbing for \$ 30,005.60 for a main break was removed from the list of bills. The contracting company causing the main break agreed to pay for the damage it caused.

3. RESOLUTION #2019 - 49 : APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH F & L HOLDINGS, LLC TO INDUCE THE SALE AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY OWNED SURPLUS INDUSTRIAL LAND AT 389 E. 14TH STREET AND 1200 STATE STREET.

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

Ayes: Smith, Perez, Rodgers, Baikauskas, Brassea, Zaranti, Merrick

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

Jack Hynes, Economic Director, updated the council on the developer's plans for the property located on the northwest corner of Lincoln Highway and State Street (old Amsco building and adjacent lands). Mr. Bob Fox, the developer, also addressed the council on the matter. There was a brief question before the vote.

Mayor Gonzalez made comments on the City's priority to address flooding issues, and asked COS Zerante to provide a status of the Cook County grant awarded to the City for remediation of flooding on the City's Westside. COS Zerante reported that final engineering specifications were expected this summer, after which an actual plan and construction schedule would be developed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:45 a.m. Alderman Rodgers moved, and Alderman Bressea seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Smith, Perez, Rodgers, Baikauskas, Brassea, Zaranti, Merrick

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to adjourn carried.

Lori Wilcox, City Clerk