

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday, January 16 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 6:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Mosby - no report.

Alderman Perez announced that her next ward meeting would be held on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Garfield School.

Alderman Rodgers announced that her next meeting ward would be held on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Chicago Heights Park District.

Alderman Deabel announced that his next ward meeting ward would be held on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Roosevelt School.

Alderman Amadio announced that his next ward meeting ward would be held on February 20<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Commissioners Park.

Alderman Torres - no announcements.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Nadine Garofalo, a resident of the City, informed the council about parkway tree damage to her house.

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

Karen Zerante announced the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Event on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Chicago Heights Public Library.

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

None

**1. MINUTES: MEETING OF JANUARY 2, 2019**

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

**2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF FIRST RUN OF JANUARY 2019.**

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

**3. RESOLUTION #2019 - 4 : APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF THE CITY'S 2019 EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY AND PREMIUM.**

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

COS Zerante introduced Paul Mesirow, Broker of Record and Benefit Advisor from Alliance Mesirow, who presented a summary on the renewal of the self-insured health plan. He reported that negotiations with the insurer had resulted in a \$40,000 annual savings from the current plan year, without any changes to the PPO and HSA plan coverages. Brief discussion on the matter took place before the vote.

4. **RESOLUTION #2019 - 5 : A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ISSUE REVENUE BONDS OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000,000 TO FINANCE ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING LAND, BUILDINGS, IMPROVEMENTS, FURNISHINGS, EQUIPMENT AND RELATED PROPERTY, CONSTRUCTING IMPROVEMENTS THERETO AND ACQUIRING FURNISHINGS, EQUIPMENT AND RELATED PROPERTY TO BE INSTALLED THEREIN FOR OLYMPIC-CHICAGO HEIGHTS II LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, OR ITS DESIGNEE; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND SAID COMPANY; AND RELATED MATTERS.**

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel T. J. Somer reported that the partnership proposed to purchase the apartment complex with a \$ 28 million dollar HUD loan and another \$ 22 million dollar tax-exempt bond issue. The company asked the City to be the technical issuer of the bonds for a tax-exempt status, which would make the bonds more likely to sell in the market. There would be no financial responsibility or liability on the part of the City. The council discussed the matter before the vote.

5. **RESOLUTION #2019 - 6 : APPROVING THE SALE OF THE CITY OWNED VACANT SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 121 W. MAIN STREET.**

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel reported that Ojeda Properties, LLC proposed a purchase price of \$ 83,000 for the property, which the City had acquired through a deed in lieu foreclosure agreement. Sale of the property would return it to the tax rolls, and possibly provide a senior living facility as well. The council had questions on the matter before the vote.

**6. RESOLUTION #2019 - 7 : MANDATING COMPLIANCE WITH IDOT PERMIT REGULATIONS FOR ALL IDOT PROJECTS.**

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

**Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres**

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: none**

**Motion to approve carried**

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that under the resolution, the City promised that whenever it undertook a project on an IDOT roadway, it would obtain the proper IDOT permits. Also, the City promised to indemnify IDOT for any damage that the City caused to the IDOT roadway as a result of the project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:37 p.m. Alderman Rodgers moved, and Alderman Perez seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres**

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: none**

**Motion to adjourn carried.**

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Lori Wilcox, City Clerk