

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.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 6:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY DEPUTY CLERK RACHEL VEGA

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Smith announced that she would host her next ward meeting on June 11th at 11:00 a.m. at Barack Obama School. The alderman announced she would host the Melody from Heaven event on June 5th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Sesto Park.

Alderman Perez announced that she would host her next ward meeting on May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at Garfield School.

Alderman Rodgers announced she would host her next ward meeting with Bishop Franklin, Christ for Everyone Ministries, on Saturday, May 21st, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Alderman Baikauskas announced that he would host a joint ward meeting with Park Commissioner Michele Baikauskas on Monday, May 23th at 6:00 p.m. at Roosevelt School. He announced the 4th Ward Garage Sale event on June 4th and the Band in the Park event on June 24th at 5:30 p.m. at Landeen Park.

Alderman Brassea announced that he would host his next ward meeting on May 25th at 6:00 p.m. at 222 Vollmer, Suite LC. He announced the 5th Ward Garage Sale event on June 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Alderman Zaranti announced that he would host his next joint ward meeting with Park Commissioner Curtis Straczek on May 26th at 7:00 p.m. at Commissioners Park.

Alderman Merrick had no ward meeting announcement.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Charles Dieringer, a resident of the City, addressed the council on a variety of topics that included: cleanup of Thorn Creek Tributary B, Cert, the Emergency Response Team program, trees, the proposed veterans home, and Kiwanis organization's 100th anniversary.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF STAFF – KAREN ZERANTE

COS Zerante reported on a number of topics: consolidation of calendars on the City website, the the City-wide Clean-up event, the Streambed and Culvert project, and sidewalk and road projects for this year and next.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER

None

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF MAY 4, 2022.

Alderman Perez moved, and Alderman Merrick 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 FIRST RUN OF MAY 2022.

Alderman Zaranti moved, and Alderman Baikauskas seconded, a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$1, 975,354.42

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

- 3. ORDINANCE #2022 - 14 : AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS (OLYMPIC VILLAGE APARTMENTS PROJECT), SERIES 2022, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$34,229,185 AND CONFIRMING THE SALE THEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOAN AGREEMENT, A TRUST INDENTURE, A REGULATORY AGREEMENT AND DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS, A PURCHASE CONTRACT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE DISTRIBUTION OF A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT; AND RELATED MATTERS.**

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

Discussion was held in the Public Hearing that preceded the regular council meeting.

4. RESOLUTION #2022 - 54 : APPROVING A RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR A COOK COUNTY CLASS 8 TAX CLASSIFICATION FOR THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY AT 515 W. 14TH STREET. (APPLICANT: 515 W. LINCOLN HIGHWAY SELF STORAGE, LLC).

Alderman Smith 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 Development Director, informed the council that the applicant operated its business, Extra Space Storage, at the location for ten years, expanded its facility recently, and generated \$35,000 additional revenues for City.

5. RESOLUTION #2022 - 55 : APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A COOK COUNTY CLASS 8 TAX CLASSIFICATION FOR THE PROPERTY AT 1801 EUCLID AVENUE. (APPLICANT: 66 TRUCK REPAIR, LLC).

Alderman Perez moved, and Alderman Merrick 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 Development Director, reported that two affiliated businesses, Orchard Electric and Roaming Network, would lease the site. There was discussion on the matter, and it was noted that there would not be any truck repair at the site or any heavy truck traffic related to the business activity.

6. RESOLUTION #2022 - 56 : APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR MEDIA CONSULTING SERVICE WITH "CITY SOCIAL MARKETING SERVICES, LLC".

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.

COS Zerante stated the one-year agreement would provide comprehensive services in the areas of communications and media. Monthly cost was \$5,000 per month.

7. RESOLUTION #2022 - 57 : APPROVING A BID AWARD FOR THE CITY'S 2022 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (D'Amico Drive & Scott Avenue area).

Alderman Baikauskas moved, and Alderman Zaranti seconded, a motion to table the resolution.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

COS Zerante stated it was the recommendation of the City engineer to award the bid to low bidder Iroquois Paving for the bid amount of \$3,290,171.86. No discussion.

8. RESOLUTION #2022 - 58 : APPROVING A BID AWARD FOR THE CITY'S 2022 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (Euclid Avenue & Hill area).

Alderman Perez moved, and Alderman Smith 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.

COS Zerante stated it was the recommendation of the City engineer to award the bid to low bidder Iroquois Paving for the bid amount of \$6,813,014.15.

9. RESOLUTION #2022 - 59 : APPROVING A LEASE RENEWAL WITH THE UNION STREET ART GALLERY, NFP, FOR THE CITY OWNED SURPLUS PROPERTY AT 1527 OTTO BOULEVARD.

Alderman Rodgers 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.

Corporation Counsel Somer noted that the ten-year lease agreement contained an Option to Terminate clause, 90 days, in the event the City desired an out of the agreement.

10. RESOLUTION #2022 - 60 : ADOPTING THE 19TH DAY OF JUNE AS AN ANNUAL MUNICIPAL HOLIDAY OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS.

Alderman Rodgers moved, and Alderman Merrick 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.

COS Zerante stated that the holiday observed the freedom of African-Americans from slavery in the U.S.A. and celebrated the historic milestone of June 19, 1865, when federal troops arrived in Texas to enforce the emancipation of enslaved people throughout the state.

Mayor Gonzalez asked the aldermen to submit the names of any individuals who were interested in serving on the Beautification Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:52 p.m. Alderman Smith moved, and Alderman Rodgers 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