

Invocation.

Elder Reverend Donald Meeks of Monument of Faith Church opened the meeting with prayer.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

Rules Suspended -- TRIBUTE TO LATE BERNARD STONE, FORMER ALDERMAN OF 50TH WARD.

[R2015-312]

The Honorable Rahm Emanuel, Mayor, presented the following communication:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

April 15, 2015.

To the Honorable, The City Council of the City of Chicago:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN -- I transmit herewith a resolution honoring the life and memory of our former colleague, Bernard Stone.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) RAHM EMANUEL,
Mayor.

Alderman Burke moved to *Suspend the Rules Temporarily* to permit immediate consideration of and action upon the said proposed resolution. The motion *Prevailed*.

The following is said proposed resolution:

WHEREAS, The members of this chamber were deeply saddened to learn of the death on December 22, 2014, at age 87, of our former colleague, Alderman Bernard Stone of the 50th Ward. Alderman Stone served the people of the 50th Ward with dedication and distinction for 38 years, a tenure remarkable for its longevity; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Stone was born on November 24, 1927 in Chicago's 50th Ward, where he was a lifelong resident. Bernard met his wife, Lois, at North Avenue Beach while he was on a one-day pass from the United States Army. The happy couple was married for 46 years until Lois' passing in 1995; and

WHEREAS, A product of the Chicago Public Schools, Alderman Stone graduated from Wright Junior College (now Wilbur Wright Community College) and The John Marshall Law School. A practicing attorney for more than 50 years, Alderman Stone specialized in real estate law. He also worked as a Cook County sheriff. Alderman Stone was first elected to the Chicago City Council in 1973 to fill a vacant aldermanic seat, and he then went on to serve nine full terms in office. He left office in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Stone was an active and influential member of many City Council committees. He served as Chairman of the City Council Committee on Buildings, and as a member of the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations, Committee on Finance, Committee on Historic Landmark Preservation, Committee on Housing and Real Estate, Committee on Traffic Control and Safety, and Committee on Committees, Rules and Ethics. From 1998 through 2011, Alderman Stone also served as Vice-Mayor of the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, A vigorous advocate for the people of the 50th Ward, Alderman Stone strongly believed that the role of alderman did not stop at the doors of the City Council chamber; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Stone made it a habit to participate on a daily basis in local events affecting his constituency. He regularly attended local condominium, community and neighborhood association meetings; helped innumerable residents gain access to city services; maintained a fully staffed, full-service ward office; and held drop-in office hours every Monday and Thursday evening to accommodate the residents of his community; and

WHEREAS, Widely admired for his inclusive attitude and welcoming style, Alderman Stone strongly encouraged the 50th Ward's diverse social groups to organize and participate in city government; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Stone brought vitality, beauty and economic development to the 50th Ward. The effects of his many efforts to improve the quality of life in his ward are still evident. Alderman Stone not only encouraged the development of local business, he led the effort to revitalize Devon Avenue, helping it to become the vibrant commercial area that it is today; and

WHEREAS, Under Alderman Stone's leadership, the 50th Ward experienced dramatic, sustainable increases in public health and well-being. Alderman Stone was particularly proud of the impressive work he did to decrease the size of classrooms in Chicago schools, to reduce crime in the 50th Ward by persuading city officials to place police cameras at troubled locations in the community, and to promote affordable housing and economic development; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Stone gave generously of his time to our city, both before and after his retirement from public service. He was a member of the Illinois State Bar Association, American Legion, Jewish War Veterans, Decalogue Society, B'Nai B'rith, Northtown Civic Association, West Ridge Chamber of Commerce, Board of High Ridge YMCA, Congregation Ezras Israel, Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago Architecture Society, and the Field Museum; and

WHEREAS, A fun-loving person with many interests, who eagerly embraced new challenges, Alderman Stone took acting lessons in the late 1990s. At age 68, he made his stage debut as one of the leads in the contemporary comedy "Three Sisters (Not by Chekhov)" at Chicago's Greenhouse Theater Center on North Lincoln Avenue. Alderman Stone also enjoyed the cinema, amassing a collection of over 5,000 films; and

WHEREAS, A warm, thoughtful and intelligent man, who possessed a strong sense of fairness and a passion for justice, Alderman Stone will always be remembered as an exemplary public servant and is a distinguished son of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Bernard Stone is survived by his daughters Ilana Feketitsch and Lori Schlossberg; his son, Jay Stone; his sister, Delores Barth; and seven grandchildren; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this 15th day of April 2015, do hereby honor the life and memory of Alderman Bernard ("Berny") Stone; and

Be It Further Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the family of Alderman Bernard ("Berny") Stone as a token of our sympathy and esteem.

On motion of Alderman Burke, seconded by Aldermen Fioretti, Hairston, Harris, Pope, Cárdenas, Thomas, Burnett, Suarez, Waguespack, Mitts, Cullerton, Laurino, P. O'Connor, Moore and Silverstein, the foregoing proposed resolution was *Adopted* by a rising vote.

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At this point in the proceedings, the Honorable Rahm Emanuel, Mayor, rose to offer the condolences and support of the people of Chicago to the family of former Alderman Bernard Stone. Reflecting on the life and legacy of Alderman Stone, Mayor Emanuel spoke of his long and distinguished career in public service as Alderman of the 50th Ward. A man of character and conviction, Alderman Stone understood and fought tirelessly for his constituents, Mayor Emanuel observed, and his candor and amicable style garnered the respect and admiration of his colleagues. A lifelong and proud resident of the 50th Ward, Alderman Stone was an extraordinary individual who never stood on ceremony and always stayed true to his principles, the Mayor concluded, and he will be greatly missed by his family, his City Council colleagues and his city. Mayor Emanuel then left the rostrum and strode to the commissioners' gallery where he presented parchment copies of the memorial resolution to the family of former Alderman Bernard Stone.

Rules Suspended -- CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED TO RENAISSANCE KNIGHTS CHESS FOUNDATION STUDENTS AND SCHOOL TEAMS ON WINNING GREATER CHICAGO K-12 CHAMPIONSHIPS.

[R2015-314]

The Honorable Rahm Emanuel, Mayor, presented the following communication:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

April 15, 2015.

To the Honorable, The City Council of the City of Chicago:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN -- I transmit herewith, together with Alderman Moreno, a congratulatory resolution regarding the Renaissance Knights Chess Foundation champions.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) RAHM EMANUEL,
Mayor.