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CITY COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR EMANUEL, ALDERMAN TUNNEY'S PLAN TO CHANGE TIME OF THE CUBS' SEPTEMBER 8 GAME

With the Chicago Cubs locked in a race for the National League Central Division Championship, and with a trip to the postseason on the line, City Council today passed an ordinance backed by Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Alderman Tom Tunney representing an agreement to move the team's game against the Milwaukee Brewers on Friday, September 8 from 1:20 pm to 7:05 pm. The Brewers, who are in second place behind the Cubs in the division race, are scheduled to have Thursday, September 7 off while the Cubs play a night game in Pittsburgh before traveling back to Chicago for Friday's game.

"The Cubs winning ballgames is a winner for the city too," said Mayor Emanuel. "With the Cubs in the thick of the pennant race, we're going to make sure the Cubs can focus on doing what they need to do: winning ballgames and bringing another World Series back to Chicago. I want to thank the Cubs organization for the professional and courteous manner in which they went about resolving this issue, as well as Alderman Tunney for his partnership."

"Night events have been an issue for many years for our neighbors and non-Cubs related businesses," said Alderman Tunney. "I hope a one-time exemption of the Friday night game prohibition will further ensure a playoff berth for our Cubs."

Even after the change, the Cubs will remain below their annual limit of 47 night events.

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