

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

**REGULAR MEETING
City Council of the City of Calumet City
Cook County, Illinois**

FEBRUARY 25, 2016

Public Comment

The following individuals spoke before the public forum held at 7:30 p.m.

Joe Balkis, 117-155th Street, regarding council meeting procedures.

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers At 7:31 p.m. at City Hall in a regular meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2016, with Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	6	ALDERMEN:	Schneider, Wosczynski, Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Horvath, Finance Director Kasperek, Fire Chief Galgan and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order.

Approval of minutes

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to approve the minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

(Alderman Jones was opposed)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

<u>Finance</u>	Alderman Wosczyński had no report.
<u>Public Safety</u>	Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.
<u>Public Utilities</u>	Alderman Jones had no report.
<u>H.E.W.</u>	Alderman Williams had no report.
<u>Permits & Licenses</u>	Alderman Schneider had no report.
<u>Public Works</u>	Alderman Munda had no report.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

<u>City Treasurer Tarka</u>	<p>City Treasurer Tarka: "I had the opportunity to attend the Black History Month celebration this past weekend put on by the Calumet Memorial Park District.</p> <p>It was all local talent and was at Sandridge Center. We had our own Frank Alexander from the ESDA Department who interpreted the written word and our own 3rd Ward Alderman and State Representative Thaddeus Jones who gave the key not address.</p> <p>I just want to congratulate Andrea Evans and all the folks involved in putting this together. It was truly an enjoyable program.</p> <p>My congratulations to the Board of Commissioners from the Calumet Memorial Park District."</p>
<u>Ald. Wosczyński - report</u>	<p>Alderman Wosczyński advised that she will be sponsoring an Earth Day Club 2016 for pre-readers thru age 12. Registration can be done at the Calumet City Public Library.</p> <p>The Earth Day Club Program will be from March 14, 2016 thru April 2, 2016. During that time, the youngsters need to participate in programs, read books and watch DVD's concerning Earth Day.</p> <p>The winners will be awarded on Earth Day on April 23, 2016.</p> <p>Alderman Wosczyński will be sponsoring an E-Waste Program and Shredding sponsored by State Representative Marcus Evans.</p>

Ald. Jones - report

Alderman Jones thanked the residents at River Oaks Estates for attending the Black History Program tonight. He also thanked the women and children from Living Water Kingdom for providing the entertainment.

He thanked the seniors and the people at River Oaks Estates for helping pull it together today and Jimbo's Catering for providing the food.

Alderman Jones advised that the calendars from Black History Month have gone out in the mail.

Alderman Jones advised he received a letter of response from the Archdiocese of Chicago regarding the request for a resolution to keep Seton School open.

Aldermen Jones encourages parents to call the Archdiocese and voice their displeasure regarding the closing of Seton School.

Alderman Jones encourages the residents that came out and walked this past walked door to door in the ward to hear concerns of the residents.

Alderman Jones stated that his office will provide assistance thru electrical issues with ComEd and Nicor Gas assistance.

Alderman Jones announced that next month is Women's Month and a conference held at South Suburban College. He has 10 slots for free for anyone that wants to attend.

The event will be on March 18, 2016 at South Suburban College. He will have more information at a later time.

Ald. Williams - report

Alderman Williams gave an honor to God.

Alderman Williams advised that the 4th Ward will be sponsoring a Legal Aide Clinic at State Representative Jones's office at 1910 Sibley Boulevard on Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

Comcast/annual report

RE: Comcast Annual Report.

Comcast/submitted contact information

Submitting contact information for Comcast.

City Attorney Odelson/
re: Open Meetings Act

RE: Open Meetings Act.

Accept & place on file

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to accept the communications and place on file.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

#1: Communication from
Fire Chief Galgan

Communication from Fire Chief Galgan advising of retirement of Engineer Timothy J. Kowal effective 2/18/16.

Approve item #8A-1

Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve item #8A-1 and request the Board of Police & Fire Commissioners to promote the next Engineer off the promotional list.

MOTION CARRIED

#2: Resident Only sign
@ 374 Madison Avenue

Requesting a "Resident Only" parking sign at 374 Madison Avenue.

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to approve a "Resident Only" parking sign at 374 Madison Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

#3: Resident Only sign
@ 374 Madison Avenue

Requesting a "Resident Only" parking sign at 635 Merrill Avenue.

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve a "Resident Only Parking" sign at 635 Merrill Avenue with clarification for (1) sign to go in front of the residence on Merrill and (1) sign to go on the south side of the residence between Merrill and the alley of Merrill.

MOTION CARRIED

#4: Handicap parking sign
@ 405 Yates Avenue

Amending handicap parking ordinance by deleting: 405 Yates Avenue.

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to amend handicap parking ordinance by deleting: 405 Yates Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

#5: Report on Granicus project/WOW public access channel broadcast

Requesting report from whoever is involved with the Granicus project and a report of why the city's public access channel is not broadcasting to the WOW subscribers in Calumet City.

Alderman Schneider: "On item #8A-5 Mayor, I just have a question. I would like to put a specific employee instead of whoever is involved."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "I can report on this. I did check with our IT person Rick, apparently we are waiting on a converter box because of the camera that we use on the Granicus Project.

And we haven't yet identified the problem with WOW. It doesn't appear to be any of our cabling. But we are reaching out to WOW. We haven't been able to finish that yet but are working on it."

Remove item #8A-5

Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to remove item #8A-5.

MOTION CARRIED

#6: Requesting financial items go thru Finance Committee

Requesting any financial items that come before the agenda that is not discussed go thru the Finance Committee.

Alderman Manousopoulos: "I have a question regarding item #8A-6. If everything has to go thru a committee, how are we going to approve payroll days?"

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Well, that wasn't the motion that I requested. All I know that the purchasing ordinance that is in place that was adopted, everyone here, maybe not Alderman Williams.

I think it was 2009, Gerry correct me if I am wrong. The purchasing ordinance clearly denotes when items must go to the specific committee. Like many things get referred to public works or public utilities for approval prior to incurring the debt.

There already is a mechanism and ordinance in place that should be followed."

Alderman Jones: "If you want me to clarify the motion and put another motion on there."

Alderman Manousopoulos: "Alderman, as it is stated on here. We are going to run into problems paying payroll. That is my only concern here. I don't know if you want to re-state. I am fine with it."

Alderman Jones; "I can remove it. The emphasize behind it was the six items at the last agenda that two items that weren't discussed that had financial ramifications that were on the agenda.

I will make a motion to remove the motion from the agenda and I will make it clear at the next one.”

Remove item #8A-6

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to remove item #8A-6 from the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Ord. #1: Handicap parking by adding: 325 Pulaski Rd

Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, handicap parking, by adding: 325 Pulaski Road.

(see attached page 6A for Ordinance #1)

Adopt Ordinance

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to adopt the ordinance as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6

ALDERMEN: Wosczynski, Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Schneider

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1: Communication from City Attorney

Communication from City Attorney regarding procuring appraisal from Joseph Thouvenell, PRS Consulting in support of PTAB case 14-31240.

Alderman Williams: “What is PTAB?”

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “It is appealing their taxes. Cary, would you explain item #8D-1, please?”

City Attorney Horvath: “PTAB is the board, real estate taxpayers go to. The property tax appeal board.

They go to appeal the assessed valuation of their property. That is the PTAB.”

Alderman Williams: “I just didn’t know what the acronym was for. I know what the Property Tax Appeal Board does.”

THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE
NUMBER 16-3

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90 OF THE MUNICIPAL
CODE OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH, Mayor
NYOTA FIGGS, City Clerk

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THADDEUS JONES
RAMONDE WILLIAMS
ROGER MUNDA
NICK MANOUSOPOULOS
Aldermen

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE
OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, by and through its home rule powers, as follows:

Section 1. That Section 90-317 (Handicapped parking) of Article V [Stopping, Standing and Parking] of Chapter 90 [Traffic and Vehicles] of the Municipal Code of Calumet City, Illinois, is hereby amended by adding the following language to subsection G (Signed areas) to read, as follows:

325 Pulaski Road

Section 2. The Commissioner of Streets and Alleys is hereby authorized and directed to install the proper signs in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Ordinance.

Section 3. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance.


Section 4. All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.


Section 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois this 25th day of February 2016 pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Schneider	X			
Wosczyński	X			
Jones	X			
Williams	X			
Munda	X			
Manousopoulos	X			
(Mayor Qualkinbush)				
TOTAL	6			

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this 25th day of February 2016.


 Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush
 MAYOR

ATTEST:

 Nyota T. Figgs
 CITY CLERK

Approve item #8D-1

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to approve item #8D-1 as presented on the agenda.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Schneider, Wosczyński
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

#2: Communication from City Attorney

Communication from City Attorney regarding procuring an appraisal from Joseph Thouvenell, PRS Consulting, in support of PTAB case 14-31469.

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to authorize the City Attorney to procure an appraisal from Joseph Thouvenell, PRS Consulting in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 payable from city account, special legal - attorney fees and cost #01025-52200 in support of PTAB Case 14-31469.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Schneider, Wosczyński, Jones
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

#3: Communication from City Attorney

Communication from City Attorney regarding procuring an appraisal from Joseph Thouvenell, PRS Consulting, in support of PTAB case 14-31127.

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to approve item #8D-3 as presented on the agenda.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: Munda, Manousopoulos, Schneider, Wosczyński, Jones, Williams
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

#4 Communication from City Treasurer Tarka

Communication from City Treasurer Tarka regarding payment of real estate taxes on city owned properties.

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Item #4 under financial matters is a communication from City Treasurer Tarka regarding payment of real estate taxes on city owned properties. Do I have a motion relative to that item?"

Alderman Jones; "Do we need to state the amount, or is it just what is in the communication."

Alderman Manousopoulos:"They are all different amounts alderman, they are in back of the communication."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "For verification, when this city obtains ownership on these properties, tax credits are given to the buyer, who is us at the time of closing for the unpaid taxes.

So in essence the taxes are paid to us, but then when the tax bills are issued, the city must pay the taxes. Could you state the amounts for the items on the agenda."

Payment real estate taxes
city owned properties

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to approve a communication from City Treasurer regarding payment of real estate taxes on city owned properties for the following amounts of \$287.83, \$8,550.56, \$8,064.89, \$1,115.71, \$287.83 and \$8,064.89 as so stated.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	6	ALDERMEN:	Manousopoulos, Schneider, Wosczyński, Jones, Williams, Munda
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

MOTION CARRIED

#5: Communication from
City Treasurer Tarka

Communication from City Treasurer regarding amending the motion of 2/26/15 New Water Meter expenses.

City Treasurer Tarka: "Madam Mayor, if I may, with some more specificity.

There was a motion made on February 26, 2015, which was to approve the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting of 2/10/15 and direct Attorney Vince Cainkar, in conjunction with Robinson Engineering and Finance Director Kasperek to apply for an EPA loan for the installation of the new city wide water meters, software application and other related costs for the automated water billing.

The original motion further directed the City Treasurer to remit payment to Robinson Engineering in the amount not to exceed \$40,000.00; charged to account #01099-52600 - engineering and to charge Robinson Engineering to account #03036-55128 - Water Meter Upgrade in the Water Fund.

City Treasurer Tarka

There are three invoices that are pending, September 16, 2015 - \$6,000.00, October 16, 2015 - \$4,000.00 and November 16, 2015 - \$4,000.00.

Once again those should be attributed to water account #03036-55128. I would further request a motion to reclassify the invoice that was already paid on this project which was a 8/25/15 invoice in the amount of \$6,000.00 to reclass that \$6,000.00 on the books which was charged originally to #01099-526000 which was Engineering in the Corporate Fund to line item #03036-55128 (water meter upgrade in the water fund)

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to approve item #8D-5 as so stated by City Treasurer Tarka.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	6	ALDERMEN:	Schneider, Wosczyński, Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

MOTION CARRIED

#6: Approve bill listing

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to approve the the bill listing.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	5	ALDERMEN:	Wosczyński, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Schneider
NAYS:	1	ALDERMAN:	Jones
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

MOTION CARRIED

#7: Approve payroll

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to approve the payroll.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	5	ALDERMEN:	Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Schneider, Wosczyński
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
PASS:	1	ALDERMAN:	Jones

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ald. Schneider

Alderman Schneider: "I have a question for counsel. In regards to the Standing Committees of the City Council.

In our current instance where we have a vacancy in the 7th Ward Alderman, so a vacancy in chairmanship of one of those committees..

Can another member of that committee call a committee meeting for discussion of possible actions to be recommended to the city council for a full vote on the agenda.”

City Attorney Horvath: “Can I review the ordinance regarding committees and then get back to you on that. I would be happy to do that. I will make a note on that I just want to take a look at the ordinance that creates.

You just want to know if another person on the committee can call a meeting?”

Alderman Schneider: “Can call a meeting, make an agenda and conduct normal business.”

Alderman Wosczyński: “You are talking about a committee member?”

Alderman Schneider; “A committee member of that committee, correct.”

City Attorney Horvath: “Was committee is that?”

Alderman Schneider: “Ordinance & Resolution Committee, that is all thank you.”

Ald. Williams

Alderman Williams: “Just a quick question, would that include all of the committees or if me being on the Finance Committee, if I choose to call a Finance Committee?”

City Attorney Horvath: “I will review the ordinance and I will take a look at that.”

Alderman Williams; “Thank you.”

Alderman Munda: “Just one matter Mayor, in regards to Alderman Schneider’s motion and direction toward counsel to review the portion of the ordinance regarding the quorum and the amount of voting bodies needed to create the quorum is where the answer will be found.

The answer that you will find is no, because then anyone can miss a committee purposely and then the direction of the committee to the chair to the next person and then how do you choose seniority between the remaining two committee members which in fact which one would be a chair and one would be a member will lack three votes to have a majority vote.

We need to have two to override the three. It is going to come down to the amount of votes available at the committee and the voting members. I don’t think it is right for a voting member of the committee to take over the chair of the committee in the absence of a chairman when the chairman can purposely miss the meeting and pass the power and authority to the next committee member based on the nature of the issue and even if they were allowed to do that, how would you choose between the remaining two committee members to decide which one had seniority over the other to take over the chair.”

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Thank you for your input Alderman."

Executive Session

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to enter into closed session to discuss pending litigation and hiring of a specific individual.

MOTION CARRIED

(The City Council met in Executive Session from 7:57 p.m. to 8:43 p.m.)

Return - regular order
of business

Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to return to the regular order of business.

MOTION CARRIED

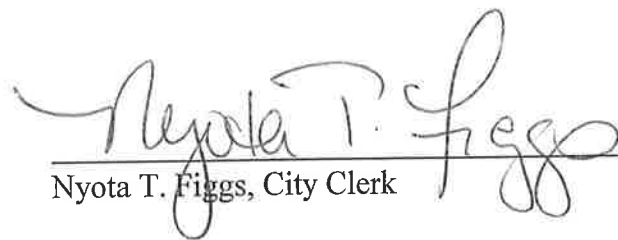
Mayor Michelle

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "In closed session, we discussed pending litigation and employment of a specific individual."

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 8:43 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Manousopoulos and seconded by Alderman Munda.

MOTION CARRIED



Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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