

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**MAY 9, 2013**

Public Forum

The following individuals spoke before the public forum held at 7:33 p.m.

Sharon Carney, 452 Garfield Avenue, thanked the Mayor for the meeting she had with her in the office and for her security.

Alvin Jefferson, 1473 Stanley Boulevard, announced that Albert J. Shegog Christian Academy will be sponsoring a Mother's Day Buffet and Raffle on Sunday, May 12, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.. For reservations contact (773) 216-0663.

Tiffany Jenkins, 644 Gordon Avenue, regarding District #155 and a bullying issue with her daughter in school.

Shay Willis, 501 Garfield Avenue, regarding tree trimming around her property and assistance with flood damage.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 7:42 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2013 with Honorable Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: 7	ALDERMEN: Schneider, Wosczynski, Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins
ABSENT: 0	ALDERMEN: None

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Odelson and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

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

Approval of minutes

Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve the minutes of April 25, 2013 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance

Alderman Wosczyński had no report.

Public Safety

Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderman Jones had no report.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Collins had no report.

H.E.W.

Alderman Schneider had no report.

Public Works

Alderman Munda had no report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Under the Mayor's City Council Report, I will be working on the committee assignments with our new aldermen coming on board. I will be talking to everyone within the next two weeks and talk about committee assignments."

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Celebre at Memorial Park District - 5/11/13

Alderman Schneider announced that the Calumet Memorial Park District will be hosting Celebre on Saturday, May 11, 2013 from 12:00 non to 3:00 p.m. This is a free special event for the whole family to learn about park district programs for children and adults.

Congrats School Dist. #155

Alderman Schneider congratulated School District #155 members, Stan Long, Robert Oswald, Guadalupe Brantley and Theresa Kick who won the election April 9, 2013.

Congrats School Dist. #215

Alderman Schneider congratulated School District #215 Joe Del Real, member. He is the only member on the board from Calumet City.

Congrats Park Board Commissioners

Alderman Schneider congratulated Calumet Memorial Park District member, Bonnie Rising and Jim Gigliotti.

Thank Pat O'Meara

Alderman Schneider thanked Pat O'Meara who completed two terms of service 12 years to the Calumet Memorial Park District.

Congrats Tiffany Henyard Alderman Schneider congratulated Tiffany Henyard as a new trustee in Dolton. She is also the owner of Good Burger in Calumet City.

Second Ward Earth Day Alderman Wosczyzski stated she sponsored the annual Earth Day coloring and poster contest. Winners of the contest were Jorge Zaroia, Jimena Ortega, Michael Casner, Rebeka Hernandez, Ava Rance and the poster winner is Kiara Scott whose topic was litter pollutes the Earth.

Thank volunteers & donations Donations were received from Home Depot, BMO Harris Bank, McDonalds and Ultra Foods. Alderman Wosczyzski thanked the VFW Post 8141, students from the Environmental Club from T.F. North, Public Works Commissioner Yovkovich, Jane Rowland, Gale Krekovich and staff.

Second Ward Cleanup Alderman Wosczyzski thanked the residents for participating in the second ward cleanup and electronic recycling drive. She thanked Commissioner Gerry Surufka and all the volunteers.

Second Ward Health & Wellness Fair - 5/18/13 Alderman Wosczyzski announced the Health and Wellness Fair on Saturday, May 18, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m at the Calumet City Public Library. The whole family will benefit from the services and information. Contact her office at (708) 891-8192 or email her at [www.mwosczyzski@calumetcity.org](mailto:www.mwosczyzski@calumetcity.org).

Thank residents contact office issues Alderman Jones thanked the residents who emailed him regarding concerns or issues in the ward. He reminded residents when emailing or contacting his office to provide name, address and phone and any relevant information. Contact him by email at [calcity3@yahoo.com](mailto:calcity3@yahoo.com)

Street cleaning third ward Alderman Jones thanked the residents for moving their vehicles for street cleaning that was done in the third ward. He thanked public works for their help.

Third Ward Crime Watch 6/4/13 @ Downey Park Alderman Jones announced the Third Watch Crime Watch Meeting is Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at Downey Park. He encourages residents to attend.

Extreme make over @ South Suburban Humane Alderman Jones announced on Saturday, May 18, 2013 his office will be teaming up with the South Suburban Humane Society and having an extreme make over. They will be planting, painting, fencing and cabinet installing for 14 new kennels and cat isolation unit, kitten nursery and renovating the multi-purpose room.

He is asking for volunteers to meet him at his office at 1910 Sibley Boulevard at 8:00 a.m. For more information contact Alicia McKinley at (312) 296-4359.

Third Ward Street to Street meetings Alderman Jones announced after the last crime watch meeting he will be starting street to street meetings. He will be announcing the series of blocks that will be closed down and have meetings to talk about summer programs and volunteer programs.

Thornton Township Job Fair - 5/21/13

Alderman Jones announced the Thornton Township and South Suburban College Community Adult Job Fair on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at South Suburban Fitness Center, 15800 S. Street, South Holland. Job seekers should bring several copies of their resume. For additional information contact (708) 596-6040, ext. 3129.

Thank Congresswomen Robin Kelly

Alderman Jones thanked Congresswomen Robin Kelly for supporting the efforts in Calumet City and the District.

Happy Mother's Day

Alderman Jones wished all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

Thornton Township Job Fair participation

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "I just want to report that Calumet City is a contributor and supporter to the Thornton Township Job Fair with Supervisor Frank Zucarelli. She encourages everyone to take advantage of it."

Thank God Happy Mother's Day

Alderman Williams thanked God for making all things possible. He wished all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

Amend handicap parking by adding: 442 Yates Ave.

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to amend the handicap parking ordinance by adding: 442 Yates Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

Fourth ward event calendar

Alderman Williams informed the fourth residents that he is still working on his event calendar for ward. It will include dates, times and locations for events, programs and workshops in the ward.

Sidewalk list

Alderman Williams stated residents should contact his office regarding sidewalk repair or driveway apron at (708) 891-8194, temporarily contact (708) 212-2240. They will be assessed and placed in a priority order.

Township Job Fair 5/21/13

Alderman Williams stated to residents that he will be putting out information regarding Township Job Fair taking place on May 21, 2013 at South Suburban College.

Cleanup bike path behind Dirksen School

Alderman Williams stated he received calls regarding cleanup of the bike path behind Dirksen School and Sandridge. He placed some calls and will be cleaned up in the near future.

Cook County S.W.A.P. cleanup bike path

Alderman Schneider stated that Cook County S.W.A.P. will be out to cleanup the bike path behind Dirksen School this Saturday, May 11, 2013 at 8:30 p.m.

- 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Cleanup - 5/11/13 Alderman Munda announced the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Cleanup on Saturday, May 11, 2013 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Contact his office at (708) 891-8195 for special pickups or the public works department.
- Crime Watch Meetings Alderman Munda announced Crime Watch Meetings every third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the back room at Tom's Restaurant on Burnham Avenue. He encourages residents to attend.
- Sidewalk list Alderman Manousopoulos stated residents requesting sidewalk repair or any city service to contact his office at (708) 891-8196.
- Grass cutting @ abandoned homes or resident property Alderman Manousopoulos requested residents to their aldermen regarding the location of high grass at residents or abandoned property.
- Happy Mother's Day Alderman Manousopoulos wished all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day.
- Sidewalk list Alderman Collins stated residents should contact his office at (708) 891-8197 regarding sidewalk repair. He also advised that public works department is out trimming trees.
- Grass cutting Alderman Collins encourages residents to contact his office regarding high grass locations.
- Memorial Day cookouts Alderman Collins announced that he will be sending out information regarding pre-Memorial day cookouts at the Victory Center, Garden House and The Park of River Oaks. Notices to residents at those locations will be sent out,
- Happy Mother's Day Alderman Collins wished all the mothers Happy Mother's Day.
- Happy Mother's Day Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush wished all the mothers in Calumet City a Happy Mother's Day and the best mother-in-law in the world Elaine.
- Happy Mother's Day City Treasurer Tarka wished all the mothers in Calumet City a Happy Mother's Day especially his mom Sophie Tarka.
- Happy Mother's Day City Clerk Figgs wished her mom a Happy Mother's Day and all the mothers in Calumet City.

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE**

- City Clerk Figgs/submitting monthly report April, 2013 Submitting Monthly Report for April, 2013.
- Charlie Russ/thanking Mayor Michelle Thanking Mayor Michelle.
- Lena Moore/thanking R. Barron Thanking Randy Barron.

<u>IEPA/notice of application permit manage waste</u>	RE: Notice of Application for permit to manage waste (LPC-PA16)
<u>Cook County Dept. of Homeland Security/RE: Cook County Incident Command Center</u>	RE: Cook County Incident Command Center.
<u>Pace/March 2013 Pace Ridership Report</u>	RE: March 2013 Pace Ridership Report.
<u>Metropolitan Water Reclamation District/ notification of third party audit</u>	RE: Notification of an Independent Third Party Interim Audit of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's (District) Environmental
<u>Pace/advising of service changes</u>	RE: Advising of service changes.
<u>Metropolitan Water Reclamation District/RE: MWRDGC sewer permit No. 11-137</u>	RE: MWRDGC Service Permit No: 11-137.
<u>IDOT/advising of pre-construction notice</u>	Advising of Preconstruction Notice.
<u>IDOT/advising of Traffic Signal Improvements</u>	Advising of Preconstruction Notice.
<u>Com Ed/advising new electric prices</u>	Advising of new electric prices.
<u>Cook County Dept. of Homeland Security &amp; Emergency Management Plan/statement of intent to participate in Illinois Hazard Mitigation Plan</u>	RE: Statement of Intent to participate in the Cook County, Illinois Hazard Mitigation Plan.
<u>Accept &amp; place on file</u>	Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to accept communications #7A thru #7L and place on file.

MOTION CARRIED

Approve city's statement of intent to participate in Illinois Hazard Mitigation Plan

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve the city's Statement of Intent to Participation in the Cook County, Illinois Hazard Mitigation Plan.

MOTION CARRIED

Read in entirety

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to read communications #7B & #7C in its entirety,.

MOTION CARRIED

(see attached page 7A & 7B for communications)

Place communication personnel file

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to place the communication in Randy Barron's personnel file.

MOTION CARRIED

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Submitting reappointment R. Bonato, Deputy Clerk

Submitting reappointment of Roseann Bonato as Deputy Clerk for a term to expire April 30, 2014.

Refer to City Attorney/ Marshbanks v. Calumet City

Refer to City Attorney - United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division - Anthanette Marshbanks, as Special Administrator of the Estate of Archie Lee Chambers, Jr, Plaintiff v. Calumet City Police Officers.

Refer to City Attorney/ Pinkey v. Calumet City

Refer to City Attorney - United States District Court Northern District of Illinois Eastern Division - Steven Pickey, Plaintiff v. City of Calumet City, Illinois, Officer Henderson, Officer Serrano and unknown Calumet City Police Officers, defendants.

Refer to City Attorney/ Burress v. Calumet City

Refer to City Attorney - Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, County Department - Law Division, Ockeisha Burress, Plaintiff v. City of Calumet City, defendants.

Refer water to V-G Supply to Public Utilities Comm.

Refer the communication from Robinson Engineering for the Assessment of City to provide water to V-G Supply to the Public Utilities Committee for review.

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Dear Michelle,

Thank you so much for coming  
to Career Day at Wilson Elementary.

The kids really enjoyed having you  
visit our school. We hope to  
see you next year!

Thanks,  
Charlie Russ



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**Subject:** Randy Barron- A GREAT, WONDERFUL, KIND AND DECENT HUMAN BEING  
**From:** Lena Moore <leebri93@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 17, 2013 1:44 pm  
**To:** "mayorsoffice@calumetcity.org" <mayorsoffice@calumetcity.org>

Dear Mayor Markiewicz Qualkinbush,

I live in Calumet City and I just wanted to tell you that Mr. Barron has been such a wonderful person to my family and I.

Last year, on April 5, 2012, our house caught fire. To make a long story short, we have encountered so many problems with the contractors that were working on house. When the claim ended on 4-5-13, we were still unable to move in our house and had to stay in a hotel again for a week. To say the least, this has been a horrible experience and process.

One day, at the end of my rope with the contractors, about a few weeks ago, not knowing what to do or who to turn to, I decided to go talk with Mr. Barron. I was so upset and crying. Nonetheless, Mr. Barron put my concerns to rest and was very compassionate and patient and listened to every one of my concerns. He continued to be a great source of support up until very recently.

So, I just wanted you to know that you have a WONDERFUL employee in the form of Randy Barron who was basically an angel sent from heaven for me and my family.

Oftentimes, the public will often call or write with complaints, more so than with compliments or words of gratitude. I just wanted to let you know how grateful my family and I are for his help, assistance, and most of all his compassion and kindness.

Have a good day and Thank You,

Lena

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cc: personnel file

Agenda

Approve Addendum Agreement/Burnham Avenue @ River Oaks Drive Approve the Addendum Agreement for the improvement of Burnham Avenue at River Oaks Drive and execute the agreement and forward to IDOT.

Submitting reappointment N. Rudder, Deputy Treasurer Submitting the reappointment of Nicole Rudder as Deputy Treasurer for a term to expire April 30, 2014.

Approve new business Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve new business as presented.

## ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7	ALDERMEN: Woczynski, Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins, Schneider
NAYS: 0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT: 0	ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

## BUILDING PERMITS

### NEW FENCE PERMIT

729 May Street - 5<sup>th</sup> Ward

614 Merrill Avenue - 4<sup>th</sup> Ward

787 Mackinaw Avenue - 6<sup>th</sup> Ward

Approve permits Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve building permits as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1: Remit payment/J & J Newell/\$137,650.00 Approve the recommendation from Robinson Engineering for Sidewalk & Concrete Program and award the bid to J & J Newell in the amount of \$137,650 and direct the City Treasurer to remit and charge to MFT account.

#2: Remit payment/Thornton Township/\$1,000.00 Approve payment to Thornton Township Community Job Fair on May 21, 2013 in the amount of \$1,000.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-99-2990.

#3: Remit payment/Calumet City Plumbing/\$5,650.00 Approve payment to Calumet City Plumbing in the amount of \$5,650.00 for manhole location buried 3 inches below grade at 1088 Sibley Boulevard and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #030-36-2-101.

#4: Remit payment/J & J Newell/\$7,500.00 Approve payment to J & J Newell Concrete in the amount of \$7,500.00 to repair River Oaks Drive Planter damaged by motorist and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account ##010-99-2-642.

- #5: Transfer \$200,000 from Special Service Operating Fund to Corporate Fund Authorize the transfer of \$200,000 from the Special Service Operating Fund to the Corporate Fund to reimburse public safety expenditures for the fiscal year ended 4/30/13 as follows: \$150,000 to reimburse the police department and \$50,000 to reimburse the fire department.
- #6: Remit payment/Robinson Engineering/\$14,000 Approve payment of \$14,000.00 to Robinson Engineering for the MFT Audit Report and Review and direct City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #040-07-2-990.
- #7: Remit payment/Des Plaines Office/\$3,538.80 Approve payment of \$3,538.80 to Des Plaines Office Equipment for the fiscal year 2014 copier lease in the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-10-2-321.
- #8: Remit payment/Business Machine Agents/\$2,388.00 Approve payment of \$2,388.00 to Business Machine Agents for the fiscal year 2014 copier lease in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-10-2-323,
- #9: Remit payment/LEAF \$2,389.30 Approve payment fo \$2,389.30 to LEAF for the fiscal year 2014 copier lease in the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-10-2-327.
- #10: Remit payment/Global Emergency Products/\$7,437.65 Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Global Emergency Products in the amount of \$7,437.65 for preventive maintenance to Truck #309 and charge to account #0660-17-4-150.
- #11: Remit payment/Global Emergency Products/\$7,123.45 Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Global Emergency Products in the amount of \$7,123.45 for repairs to Truck #309 and charge to account #066-07-4-150.
- #12: Remit payment/Inland Power Group/\$5,398.36 Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Inland Power Group in the amount of \$5,398.36 for repairs to Truck #309 and charge to account #066-07-4-150.
- #13: Amend motion 4/25/13 remit lease payment for De Lage Landen Public Finance/(copiers) Amend the motion made on April 25, 2013 and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payments pursuant to the Proven Business Systems lease to be made De Lage Landen Public Finance (the finance company utilized by Proven to finance their lease accounts); charge to account #010-23-2-340.
- #14: Remit payment/Chef's Table/3rd Ward cookout Approve the purchase of food for 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Cookout on August 17, 2013 payable from account #010-99-2-723 (\$2,000.00 payable from fiscal year 2012-2013) and (\$5,875.00 payable from fiscal year 2013-2014)
- #15: Remit payment/D Consulting/\$6,500 Approve retaining D Consulting to serve as consultant for 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Special Events in the amount of \$6,500 payable from account #010-99-2-723 from fiscal year 2012-2013.
- #16: Approve collective bargaining between city & Teamsters #700 Approve the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Calumet City and Teamsters Local #700 (clerical staff) from 5/1/12 to 4/30/14.

- #17: Approve payroll Approve payroll (\$1,084.063.21)
- #18: Approve bill listing Approve bill listing (\$1,117,018.02)
- #19: Approve legal bill Approve legal bill listing (\$1,909.95)
- #20: Remit payment/JLP River Oaks West/ \$257,917.01 Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to JLP-River Oaks West, LLC (Sam's Club) in the amount of \$257,917.01 representing 43% of sales tax revenue received by the City in Municipal and Home Rule Sales Tax for the calendar year 2012 above and beyond the first \$200,00 retained by the City per the economic incentive agreement to be charged to the Corporate Fund - Contractual Obligations line item #010-99-2-696.

Remove item #16 from agenda Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to remove item #16 from agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

Approve financial matters authorize City Treasurer remit payment Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve financial matters item #1 thru #15 and #17 thru #20 as amended.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7	ALDERMEN: Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins, Schneider, Wosczyński
NAYS: 0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT: 0	ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Happy Mother's Day Alderman Munda wished his mother a Happy Mother's Day and all the mothers in Calumet City.

Neighborhood Watch Mtg. Alderman Wosczyński announced Neighborhood Watch Meeting every month, every first Monday at the Calumet City Police Department, lower level for the area east of Torrence Avenue. She encourages residents to attend.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ward summer meetings Alderman Wosczyński advised she will be starting her summer meetings in the second ward in June.

Happy Mother's Day Alderman Wosczyński wished her daughter a Happy Mother's Day and all the mothers in Calumet City.

Happy Mother's Day Alderman Schneider wished his mother a Happy Mother's Day and all the mothers in Calumet City.

Mayor - statement

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "I just want to advise the aldermen and residents that the official police department Neighborhood Watch cards are going out soon which will give all the schedules of the crime watch meetings. They will be ward specific."

City Sticker sales

City Clerk Figgs: "The city stickers are on sale in the city clerk's office. The last day to purchase the sticker is Friday, May 31, 2013. The office will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. the last week of May."

Executive Session

Alderman Wosczyznski moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to enter into Executive Session to discuss possible land acquisition.

MOTION CARRIED

(The City Council met in Executive Session from 8:13 p.m. to 10:04 p.m.)

Return - regular order of business

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

MOTION CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment was at 10:05 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Collins.

MOTION CARRIED

  
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Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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