

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

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

**MAY 23, 2019**

Public Forum

Joe Balkis – 117 155<sup>th</sup> St. - minimum wage  
D. Dodson – thank you to Ald. Williams and Ald. Gardner for supporting TF North

**CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 7:40 p.m. in a regular meeting on Thursday, May 23, 2019, with Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

Pledge Of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: 5

ALDERMEN: Patton, Williams, Gardner, Navarrete, Wosczyński

ABSENT: 2

ALDERMEN: Tillman, Smith

Also present was Mayor Michelle Qualkinbush, City Attorney Mike Smith, Police Chief Fletcher, Fire Chief Bachert, Purchasing & Personnel Director Murray, Commissioner Billy Manousopoulos, Mayor's Executive Assistant Bonato, Inspectional Services Director Sheryl Tillman, Deputy Clerk Deena Ballard.

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

Approval of minutes

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński to defer action for minutes from April 25, 2019 and May 9, 2019.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance

Alderman Wosczyński – No Report

Public Safety

Alderman Patton – No Report

Public Utilities

Alderman Williams – No Report

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Tillman – No Report

H.E.W

Alderman Gardner – No Report

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Smith – No Report

Public Works

Alderman Navarrete – Residents please be patient with Public Works while in the process of addressing the grass issue.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor Michelle's Statement

“Colleagues and Residents,  
Today is a sad day in Calumet City. For the first time in my over 40 years of public service, I must report that one of Calumet City’s elected state representative, Thaddeus Jones, who is ELECTED TO REPRESENT OUR RESIDENTS AND OUR CITY, is working hard against our City to get the army corp of engineers to deny the City’s grant request to upgrade the Yates Avenue Retention pond. I have never heard of any elected official working against getting resources for our residents. **This is a public disgrace.** When Jones was an alderman in Calumet City, he was the Public Utilities Chairman. He never addressed the needed upgrades to the Yates Retention Pond.

Today, it is clear why State Rep. Thaddeus Jones is so self-serving. He voted in favor of legislation in Springfield to eliminate term limits in home rule municipalities--taking away the voice of our residents who voted in favor of term limits—68 percent of our residents voted for term limits. State Representative Thaddeus Jones has taken away the voice of the voters he was elected to represent. Simply so he can run for mayor in Calumet City. **This is a public disgrace.**

I encourage my colleagues and residents to contact State Representative Thaddeus Jones to tell him to stop working for his own self-interests and start working for ALL the people he represents.

State Representative Jones lives in South Holland, Illinois, with his beautiful wife and sons. He moved his state rep office out of Calumet City. Jones South Holland office number is (708) 596-7053”

City Clerk - Report

Mayor reminded residents, on behalf of the Clerk, city stickers due by May 31, 2019.

City Treasurer

No Report

1<sup>st</sup> Ward: Alderman Navarrete

No Report

2<sup>nd</sup> Ward: Alderman Wosczynski

Saturday, May 11, 2019 Fair was a success. Informed residents of a Nicor Gas device to collect information and provided a verbal report on recycling.

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward: Alderman Tillman

Ald. Williams submitted a report on behalf of Ald. Tillman: Town Hall Meeting for 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, June 3, 2019 at 6:30pm at 2025 River Oaks Drive.

4<sup>th</sup> Ward: Alderman Williams

Honor to God; 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 6:30pm at Public Safety Training Facility.

5<sup>th</sup> Ward: Alderman Gardner

5<sup>th</sup> Ward Residents Public Safety Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 6:30pm; invited residents to the American Legion May 29, Commissioner Moore will be hosting a Listening Tour with Fritz Kaegi.

6<sup>th</sup> Ward: Alderman Patton

“I have one item tonight, Mayor.

I would like to start by saying that in my full-time job, while I’m not serving the people of Calumet City, I am a partner in a consulting firm that works with elected officials and political candidates across the country. 4 sitting members of the Illinois State House are clients of my firm – several others are very dear friends of mine. I’m saying this as to add context to my statement tonight.

On November 8, 2016, over 9,100 Calumet City voters voted overwhelmingly to impose term limits on the office of the Mayor. These term limits were amongst many term limit referendums passed in suburban municipalities across the county. The passage of these new term limits was seen as a welcome new beginning for Calumet City. The measure was supported by the current Mayor, who would be directly affected by these term limits, as well as two aldermen, who were also affected by a subsequent Aldermanic term limit referendum.

There was one person who opposed this measure and did so for self-serving reasons. State Representative, and then 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Alderman Thaddeus Jones filed lawsuits in both state and federal court attempting to overturn these term limits because he had personal, unfulfilled ambitions of being elected Mayor of Calumet City. With these ambitions in mind, he filed frivolous lawsuit after frivolous lawsuit – at the expense of the taxpayers of Calumet City – in an attempt to overturn the results of the vote. A Cook County Circuit Court Judge refused to overturn the will of the voters. The Cook County Appellate Court refused to overturn the will of the voters. A United States Federal judge refused to overturn the will of the voters.

After being turned away at every legal challenge, Representative Jones turned to the one place he had left – the Illinois General Assembly. In November of 2018, during the waning hours of the 100<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, Representative Jones sponsored House Bill 5698 – a bill which would overturn the will of the voters and strike down term-limit referendums passed on November 8, 2016 – the very term-limit referendum that would bar him from pursuing a second taxpayer funded pension. Thankfully, other members of the General Assembly saw through this clearly self-serving proposal of law and the bill died.

However, not to be deterred, when the 101<sup>st</sup> General Assembly was sworn in, Representative Jones had the bill re-introduced, this time without his name on it. The text of the bill was identical, but in a move to usurp criticism, Representative Jones left his name off.

Earlier today, with the May legislative session nearing a close, and many issues vital to the State still being discussed, House Bill 3215 passed the Illinois House and was sent to Governor Pritzker’s desk for his signature.

As an elected official, I am disappointed. As an Illinois taxpayer, I am disappointed. The State of Illinois is facing very serious challenges, and our elected officials in Springfield should be focusing on finding solutions to these problems. Representative Jones, however, seems to be focused on one thing, and one thing alone – himself.

When over 9,100 voters in Calumet City approved a measure to impose term limits, Representative Jones went running to the courts. When both the State and Federal courts agreed to uphold the will of the voters, Representative Jones used his position in the Illinois General Assembly to pass a law violating the first amendment rights of Calumet City voters.

Let me be clear. HB 3215 is about one thing. It’s a bill designed to benefit one person, and one person only – Representative Thaddeus Jones. Prior to the November 2016 passage by the voters of Calumet City, several other municipalities passed similar referenda limiting the terms of Mayor. Those referenda are not overturned or effected in anyway by the passage of HB 3215. Representative Jones has egregiously overstepped his bounds and used his position as a member of the Illinois General Assembly to allow for the possibility of his own personal and political gain. I am disappointed, but not at all surprised by his actions.

I will be writing a letter to the Governor, and members of both chambers of the Illinois legislature, clients and friends included, asking them to reconsider this action. I invite all of my colleagues on this council, and any Calumet City resident who would like to join us, in adding their name to this letter.

With that, Mayor, I have nothing else. Thank you.”

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

- A. Fire Chief Backert RE: Submitting Letter of Retirement for Steven Botta.
- B. Comcast RE: Increase in rates.
- C. City Treasurer Tarka RE: Revenue & Expense Reports for February & March 2019

Motion to prepare resolution

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Williams to prepare a resolution honoring Steven Botta's 26 years of service.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Accept & place on file

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Williams to accept items #7A - #7C and place same on file.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**  
**Various Action Items**

#1: Approve installation of temporary speed bumps at various locations

Approve speed temporary speed bumps at the following locations: 1200, 1300, & 1400 blocks of Arthur St., Superior Ave., River Drive, Imperial Drive, Woodview Ave., Greenbay Dr., and Buffalo Ave.; 161<sup>st</sup>, 162<sup>nd</sup>, and 163<sup>rd</sup> on the corners of Arthur St., Imperial Ave., Superior Ave., Mackinaw Ave., and Greenbay Ave.; blocks of 600 Hoxie and 700 Superior; 1200, 1300, and 1400 of Mackinaw (at the stop signs only); 158<sup>th</sup> St. of Paxton and Greenwood Ave., 153<sup>rd</sup> Merrill Ave., 600 Merrill Ave., Clyde & Wilson Ave., 490 & 515 Oglesby, Crandon & Wilson Ave., and at the intersection of Paxton & State St.; direct Public Works to install signs (as directed in the communications).

#2: Approve "No Littering" signs

Approve "No Littering" signs at the following locations: 401 & 402 Crandon; direct Public Works to post sign.

#3: Approve Block Party at 500 Buffalo on June 16, 2019 from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. with amplified music

Approve Block Party at 500 Buffalo on June 16, 2019 from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. with amplified music; direct Public Work to place barricades and equipment on Memorial and 154<sup>th</sup> St.

#4: Confirming the City Treasurer reappointment of Nicole Rudder as Deputy Treasurer of the City of Calumet City

Confirming the City Treasurer reappointment of Nicole Rudder as Deputy Treasurer of the City of Calumet City for the term from May 1, 2019 to expire on April 30, 2020.

#5: Approve Tag Day request for IHustle Basketball organization

Approve Tag Day request for IHustle Basketball organization on the following dates June 15, 22<sup>nd</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>, and July 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup> at the intersection of 159<sup>th</sup> and Torrence Ave. (approved by Police Chief).

#6: Approve "Resident Parking Only" 597 Escanaba

Approve "Resident Parking Only" sign at 597 Escanaba; direct Public Works to install sign.

Approve New Business

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to approve new business various actions items #1-#6 as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: Patton, Williams, Gardner, Navarrete, Wosczynski  
ALDERMEN: None  
ALDERMEN: Smith, Tillman

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUILDING PERMITS**

New Fence

| <u>NEW FENCE</u>  | <u>WARD</u>     |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 543 Gordon        | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| 8 Forestdale Park | 5 <sup>th</sup> |
| 549 Marquette     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| 1563 Kenilworth   | 6 <sup>th</sup> |
| 604 Exchange      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |

Approve Permits

Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to approve building permits as so presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE**

Ord #1: Imposing a Temporary Moratorium on the Issuance of Licenses for Barber Shops, Beauty Parlors and Hair Braiding Shops

Ordinance of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois Imposing a Temporary Moratorium on the Issuance of Licenses for Barber Shops, Beauty Parlors and Hair Braiding Shops.

Motion To Adopt Ordinance #1  
(Ord. #19-23)

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Patton to adopt Ord. #1 for 6 months.

(See Attached 7A)

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 5  
NAYS:  
ABSENT: 2

ALDERMEN: Patton, Williams, Gardner, Navarrete, Wosczyński  
ALDERMEN: None  
ALDERMEN: Smith, Tillman

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ord #2: Handicapped Parking Ordinance adding 515 Oglesby, 426 Crandon, and 498 Hoxie (Ord. #19-24)

Ordinance Amending Handicapped Parking Ordinance Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois Handicapped Parking by adding 515 Oglesby, 426 Crandon, and 498 Hoxie.

(See Attachment 7B)

Ord. # 3: Ordinance Abating The Taxes Hereto Levied For The Year 2018 To Pay The Principal of and Interest on General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017A (Ord. #19-25)

Ordinance Abating The Taxes Hereto Levied For The Year 2018 To Pay The Principal of and Interest on General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017A, of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois.

(See Attachment 7C)

Ord. #4: Ordinance Abating The Taxes Hereto Levied For The Year 2018 To Pay The Principal Of And Interest On The general Bonds, Series 2015B (Ord.# 19-26)

Ordinance Abating The Taxes Hereto Levied For The Year 2018 To Pay The Principal Of And Interest On The general Bonds, Series 2015B, Of The City Of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois.

(See Attachment 7D)

Resolution #5: Illinois Truth In Taxation Act For The 2018 Tax Levy Collected In 2019 Relating To The Corporate Fund, The Library Fund, The IMRF Pension Fund, The Police And Fire Pension Funds And The Debt Service Funds (Res. #19-40)

Resolution Of The City Of Calumet City For The Compliance With The Illinois Truth In Taxation Act For The 2018 Tax Levy Collected In 2019 Relating To The Corporate Fund, The Library Fund, The IMRF Pension Fund, The Police And Fire Pension Funds And The Debt Service Funds.

(See Attachment 7E)

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**THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY**  
**COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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**ORDINANCE**  
NUMBER 19-23

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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE  
ISSUANCE OF LICENSES FOR BARBER SHOPS  
BEAUTY PARLORS AND HAIR BRAIDING SHOPS**

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**MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH, Mayor**  
**NYOTA T. FIGGS, City Clerk**

**DEJUAN GARDNER**  
**MICHAEL NAVARRETE**  
**JAMES PATTON**  
**ANTHONY SMITH**  
**DEANDRE TILLMAN**  
**RAMONDE WILLIAMS**  
**MAGDALENA J. ALENI@ WOSZYNSKI**

**Aldermen**

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ORDINANCE NUMBER   19-23  

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES  
FOR BARBER SHOPS, BEAUTY PARLORS AND HAIR BRAIDING SHOPS**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois (the *ACity@*) is a home rule municipality pursuant to Section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs (the *AHome Rule Powers@*); and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, Illinois (the "*City Code*") requires the licensing and regulation of businesses that want to operate within the corporate limits of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City (the "*Corporate Authorities*") have determined it to be in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City to impose a temporary moratorium on the acceptance of an application or issuance of a City license for barber shops, beauty parlors and hair braiding shops, as such terms are herein defined, in order to protect consumers and surrounding properties while allowing City staff to undertake a review of the City Code to investigate the feasibility of imposing additional zoning or licensing restrictions; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Corporate Authorities to impose a temporary moratorium for a fixed period of time as herein specified to allow City staff to determine the necessity of appropriate restrictions and report such findings to the Corporate Authorities.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, 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 the above recitals and legislative findings are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.

**Section 2.** For the purpose of this Ordinance, and the interpretation and application thereof, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings given herein, unless the context in which they are used shall indicate otherwise. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the singular number include the plural number and words in the plural number include the singular number. Words or phrases not defined shall be given their common and ordinary meaning unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

*"Barber Shop"* is herein defined to mean any location where an individual, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, joint venture, trust, or any other legal entity engages in the occupation of barbering as defined in 225 ILCS 410/2-1.

*"Beauty Parlor"* is herein defined to mean any location where an individual, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, joint venture, trust, or any other legal entity engages in the occupation of either cosmetology, as defined in 225 ILCS 410/3-1, or esthetics as defined in 225 ILCS 410/3A-1.

*"Hair Braiding Shop"* is herein defined to mean any location where an individual, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, joint venture, trust, or any other legal entity engages in the occupation of hair braiding as defined in 225 ILCS 410/3E-1.

**Section 3.** Applications for issuance of a City license for a Barber Shop, Beauty Parlor or Hair Braiding Shop submitted prior to June 1, 2019 will be processed and licenses with respect

to these applications submitted prior to June 1, 2019 may be issued if all requirements for issuance of the license are met by the applicant.

**Section 4.** A temporary moratorium on the acceptance and approval of a license application submitted after June 1, 2019, requesting issuance of a City license for a Barber Shop, Beauty Parlor or Hair Braiding Shop at a location not in lawful operation as of June 1, 2019, is hereby enacted. The temporary moratorium shall be in full force and effect for a period of time beginning on June 1, 2019, and expiring at 11:59 p.m. on November 30, 2019, unless prior to that time the City Council, in its sole and absolute discretion, terminates said temporary moratorium by ordinance duly adopted. The temporary moratorium herein imposed shall not pertain to the acceptance and approval of a license application submitted prior to June 1, 2019 or for issuance of a City license for operation of a Barber Shop, Beauty Parlor or Hair Braiding Shop at a location in lawful operation as of June 1, 2019. The temporary moratorium shall only be for such license applications submitted after June 1, 2019 requesting issuance of a City license for operation of a Barber Shop, Beauty Parlor or Hair Braiding Shop at a location not in lawful operation as of June 1, 2019.

**Section 5.** 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 6.** All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 7.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

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**ADOPTED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County,

Illinois this   23   day of May, 2019, pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

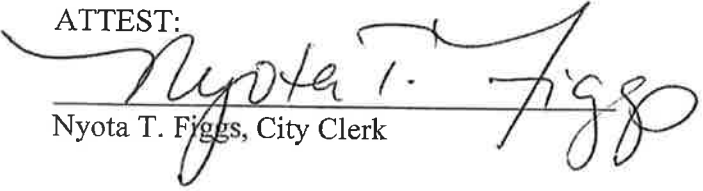
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| GARDNER   | X   |    |        |         |
| NAVARRETE | X   |    |        |         |
| PATTON    | X   |    |        |         |
| SMITH     |     |    | X      |         |
| TILLMAN   |     |    | X      |         |
| WILLIAMS  | X   |    |        |         |
| WOSZYNSKI | X   |    |        |         |
| Total     | 5   |    | 2      |         |

**APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this

  23   day of May, 2019.

  
Michelle Markiewicz Quakimbush  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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**THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**ORDINANCE  
NUMBER**

**19-24**

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

**MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH, Mayor  
NYOTA T. FIGGS, City Clerk**

**MIKE NAVARRETE  
MAGDALENA J. "LENI" WOSZYNSKI  
DEANDRE D. TILLMAN  
RAMONDE WILLIAMS  
DEJUAN GARDNER  
JAMES PATTON  
ANTHONY SMITH  
Aldermen**

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**ADOPTED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois this 23 of May, 2018 pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

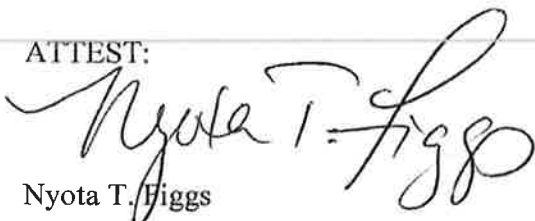
|                     | YES | NO | ABSENT | PRESENT |
|---------------------|-----|----|--------|---------|
| Navarrete           | x   |    |        |         |
| Wosczynski          | x   |    |        |         |
| Tillman             |     |    | x      |         |
| Williams            | x   |    |        |         |
| Gardner             | x   |    |        |         |
| Patton              | x   |    |        |         |
| Smith               |     |    | x      |         |
|                     |     |    |        |         |
| (Mayor Qualkinbush) |     |    |        |         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | 5   |    | 2      |         |

**APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this 23 day of May 2018.

  
Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush

MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Nyota T. Figgs  
CITY CLERK

**ORD.#19-25**

**ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAXES HERETO LEVIED FOR  
THE YEAR 2018 TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST  
ON GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2017A,  
OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois (the "City") has heretofore issued its General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017A (the "Bonds"), in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 17-15 (the "Bond Ordinance") heretofore passed by the City Council (the "Corporate Authorities") of the City on April 27, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities did in and by the Bond Ordinance levy a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and, in particular, taxes were levied in the amount of \$329,325.00 for the year 2018 for the Bonds (the "2018 Levy for the Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the City will have other lawfully available monies in the appropriate account or fund pursuant to the Bond Ordinance for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds up to and including December 31, 2019, which is the period for which the 2018 Levy for the Bonds was made; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the 2018 Levy for the Bonds be abated:

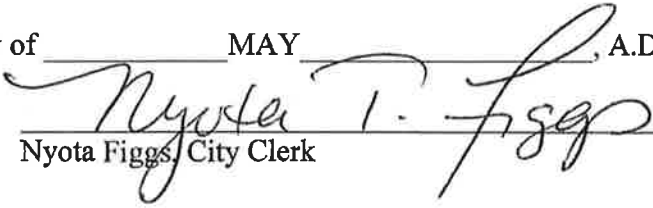
NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: The 2018 Levy for the Bonds is hereby abated in its entirety.

SECTION 2: Forthwith upon the adoption and approval of this Ordinance, the City Clerk shall file a certified copy hereof in the office of the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, and it shall be the duty of said County Clerk to abate said taxes levied for the year 2018 (viz., the 2018 Levy for the Bonds) in accordance with the provisions hereof.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall supersede all ordinances, resolutions or other proceedings heretofore taken in conflict with the terms hereof, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

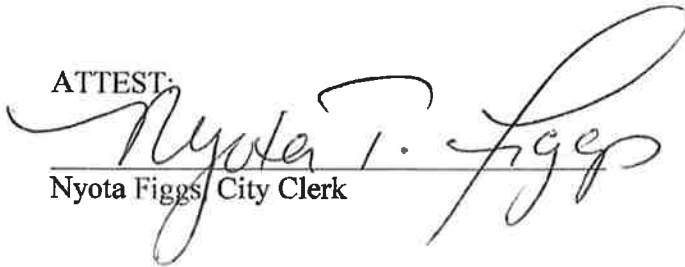
PASSED THIS 23 day of MAY, A.D., 2019

  
Nyota Figgs, City Clerk

APPROVED by me this 23 day of MAY, A.D., 2019

  
Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Nyota Figgs, City Clerk



**ORD.#19-26**

**ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAXES HERETO LEVIED FOR  
THE YEAR 2018 TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST  
ON GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2015B,  
OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois (the "City") has heretofore issued its General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015B (the "Bonds"), in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 15-47 (the "Bond Ordinance") heretofore passed by the City Council (the "Corporate Authorities") of the City on November 12, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities did in and by the Bond Ordinance levy a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and, in particular, taxes were levied in the amount of \$645,400.00 for the year 2018 for the Bonds (the "2018 Levy for the Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the City will have other lawfully available monies in the appropriate account or fund pursuant to the Bond Ordinance for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds up to and including December 31, 2019, which is the period for which the 2018 Levy for the Bonds was made; and

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SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall supersede all ordinances, resolutions or other proceedings heretofore taken in conflict with the terms hereof, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

**RESOLUTION 19-40**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ILLINOIS TRUTH IN TAXATION ACT FOR THE 2018 TAX LEVY COLLECTED IN 2019 RELATING TO THE CORPORATE FUND, THE LIBRARY FUND, THE IMRF PENSION FUND, THE POLICE AND FIRE PENSION FUNDS AND THE DEBT SERVICE FUNDS.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 35 ILCS 200/18-60 provides that the City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois shall determine the amounts of money, exclusive of election costs, estimated to be necessary to be raised by taxation for the tax year 2018 collected in 2019 upon the taxable property of the City of Calumet City; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/18-60, the City Council of the City of Calumet City on July 12, 2018 approved and authorized the public display of a City of Calumet City Corporate Fund, a City of Calumet City Library Fund, a City of Calumet City IMRF Pension Fund, and a City of Calumet City Police and Fire Pension Funds Budget prepared in tentative form for said City for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2018 and ending April 30, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the budgets for said City of Calumet City Corporate Fund, City of Calumet City Library Fund, City of Calumet City IMRF Pension Fund, and City of Calumet City Police and Fire Pension Funds (hereinafter referred to as the Corporate & Special Purpose Funds) were adopted by the City Council of the City of Calumet City at a legal meeting held on the 26th day of July, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Calumet City has Debt Service Funds created for the payment of outstanding general obligation bonds and notes; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with said budgets and general obligation bond and note ordinances, the following amounts of money, in the aggregate, are estimated to be necessary to be raised by taxation for the 2018 tax year upon the taxable property of the City of Calumet City;

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| Corporate and Special Purpose Funds Aggregate 2018 Levy: | \$ 25,937,981        |
| Debt Service Funds Aggregate 2018 Levy:                  | \$ 5,046,001         |
| Less-Amount of Tax Levies abated as follows:             |                      |
| 2017A G.O. Bond  | (329,325)            |
| 2015B G.O. Bond  | <u>(645,400)</u>     |
| Anticipated Aggregate 2018 Debt Service to be extended:  | <u>4,071,276</u>     |
| Total 2018 Property Tax Levy to be extended:             | <u>\$ 30,009,257</u> |

**WHEREAS**, the total amount of taxes extended for the 2017 tax year for the Corporate and Special Purposes Funds was \$25,937,981, the total amount of taxes extended for the 2017 tax year for the Debt Service Funds was \$ 4,531,883, and the total amount extended for the 2017 tax year for all the Funds was \$30,469,864; and

**WHEREAS**, it appears that by virtue of the foregoing amounts of money necessary to be raised by taxation that the 2018 tax levy for the City of Calumet City's Corporate and Special Purpose Funds is 100.00% to the amounts extended for 2017, that the 2018 tax levy for the City of Calumet City's Debt Service Funds is 89.84% to the amount extended for 2017, and that the 2018 tax levy for the City of Calumet City for all levied Funds is 98.492% to the amounts extended for 2017; and

**NOW THEREFORE BY IT RESOLVED** by the City of Calumet City Council of the City of Calumet City that the following amounts of money, in the aggregate, are hereby determined to be necessary to be raised for the 2018 tax levy upon the taxable property of the City of Calumet City:

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| Corporate and Special Purpose Funds Aggregate 2018 Levy: | \$ 25,937,981        |
| Debt Service Funds Aggregate 2018 Levy:                  | \$ 5,046,001         |
| Less-Amount of Tax Levies abated as follows:             |                      |
| 2017A G.O. Bond  | (329,325)            |
| 2015B G.O. Bond  | <u>(645,400)</u>     |
| Anticipated Aggregate 2018 Debt Service to be extended:  | <u>4,071,276</u>     |
| Total 2018 Property Tax Levy to be extended:             | \$ <u>30,009,257</u> |

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the amounts of money necessary to be raised by taxation for the 2018 tax year for the Corporate and Special Purpose Funds are 0.00% increase of the amount extended for the 2017 tax year, that the 2018 tax levy for the Debt Service Funds is a 10.16% decrease of the amounts extended for the 2017 tax year, and the 2018 tax levy for all tax levied Funds is 1.51% decrease of the amount extended for the 2017 tax year.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

PASSED by the following roll call vote this 23rd day of May, 2019.

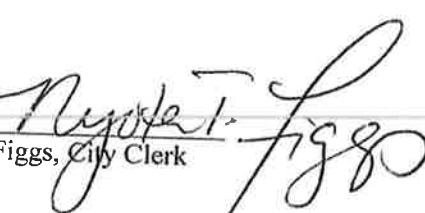
AYES: 5


NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2

APPROVED BY ME THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF May, 2019.

ATTEST:

  
Nyota T. Figs, City Clerk

  
Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

Motion To Adopt Ordinances #2 - #4 and To Pass Resolution #5

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Williams to adopt Ordinance #2 - #4 as presented, and to pass Resolution #5 without the necessity of prior posting.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 5  
NAYS:  
ABSENT: 2

ALDERMEN: Williams, Patton, Gardner, Navarrete, Wosczyński  
ALDERMEN: None  
ALDERMEN: Smith, Tillman

**MOTION CARRIED**

Motion To Read Resolutions For Earth Day Contestants

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to read Resolutions.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 5  
NAYS:  
ABSENT: 2

ALDERMEN: Williams, Patton, Gardner, Navarrete, Wosczyński  
ALDERMEN: None  
ALDERMEN: Smith, Tillman

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution #6: Earth Day Art Contestant: Jaslyn Johnson  
(Res. #19-41)

Resolution Congratulating Jaslyn Johnson, for her participation in the Recycle It Create It Earth Day Art Contest.  
(See Attached 8A)

Resolution #7: Earth Day Art Contestant: Geraldine Evans  
(Res. #19-42)

Resolution Congratulating Geraldine Evans, for her participation in the Recycle It Create It Earth Day Art Contest.  
(See Attached 8B)

Resolution #8: Earth Day Art Contestant: Nijah Stewart  
(Res. #19-43)

Resolution Congratulating Nijah Stewart, for her participation in the Recycle It Create It Earth Day Art Contest.  
(See Attached 8C)

Resolution #9: Earth Day Art Contestant: Melody Varnado  
(Res. #19-44)

Resolution Congratulating Melody Varnado, for her participation in the Recycle It Create It Earth Day Art Contest.  
(See Attached 8D)

Resolution #10: Earth Day Art Contestant: Naomi Balderas  
(Res. #19-45)

Resolution Congratulating, for her participation in the Recycle It Create It Earth Day Art Contest.  
(See Attached 8E)

Resolution #11: Earth Day Art Contestant: Chayah Hayes  
(Res. #19-46)

Resolution Congratulating Chayah Hayes for her participation in the Recycle It Create It Earth Day Art Contest.  
(See Attached 8F)

Resolution #12: Earth Day Art Contestant: Jadon Keene  
(Res. #19-47)

Resolution Congratulating Jadon Keene, for her participation in the Recycle It Create It Earth Day Art Contest.  
(See Attached 8G)

# A resolution

adopted by *The City Council*

*of the City of Calumet City, Illinois*



Presented by MAYOR MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH *071* May 23, 2019

## Whereas

student participation in civic events sponsored by Calumet City and its elected officials is important because it helps the youth of our community to understand the importance of government programs such as recycling implemented to encourage the protection of the Earth's environment; and

**WHEREAS**, participation by students of the Thornton Fractional North High School Visual Art Club in the Recycle It Create It Earth Day Art Contest sponsored by Second Ward Alderman Leni Woseczynski involved the students in the creation and design of projects exhibiting a variety of unique and clever concepts and ideas for preservation of the Earth and its environment through recycling; and

**WHEREAS**, Jaslyn Johnson, through her effort and hard work created a project which was judged to be particularly creative and which also exhibited unique design characteristics;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, 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 the Mayor and Members of the City Council do hereby congratulate Jaslyn Johnson for her participation in the Recycle It Create It Earth Day Art Contest and the excellence of the project she created.

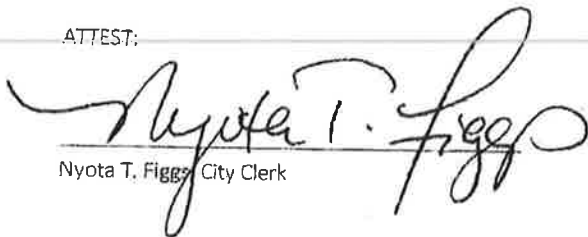
**Section 2.** That the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Jaslyn Johnson and to the Visual Art Club of Thornton Fractional North High School.

**Section 3.** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this 23rd day of May, 2019.

  
Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Nyota T. Figg, City Clerk

# A resolution

adopted by *The City Council*  
of the *City of Calumet City, Illinois*



Presented by MAYOR MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH on May 23, 2019

## Whereas

student participation in civic events sponsored by Calumet City and its elected officials is important because it helps the youth of our community to understand the importance of government programs such as recycling implemented to encourage the protection of the Earth's environment; and

**WHEREAS**, participation by students of the Thornton Fractional North High School Visual Art Club in the Recycle It Create It Earth Day Art Contest sponsored by Second Ward Alderman Leni Wosczyński involved the students in the creation and design of projects exhibiting a variety of unique and clever concepts and ideas for preservation of the Earth and its environment through recycling; and

**WHEREAS**, Geraldine Evans, through her effort and hard work created a project which was judged to be particularly creative and which also exhibited unique design characteristics;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, 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 the Mayor and Members of the City Council do hereby congratulate Geraldine Evans for her participation in the Recycle It Create It Earth Day Art Contest and the excellence of the project she created.

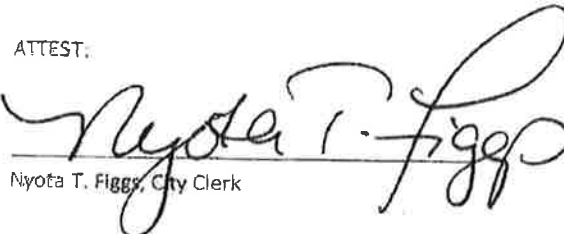
**Section 2.** That the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Geraldine Evans and to the Visual Art Club of Thornton Fractional North High School.

**Section 3.** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this 23rd day of May, 2019.

  
Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Nyota T. Figg, City Clerk

# A resolution

adopted by *The City Council*

*of the City of Calumet City, Illinois*



Presented by MAYOR MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH on May 23, 2019

## Whereas

student participation in civic events sponsored by Calumet City and its elected officials is important because it helps the youth of our community to understand the importance of government programs such as recycling implemented to encourage the protection of the Earth's environment; and

WHEREAS, participation by students of the Thornton Fractional North High School Visual Art Club in the Recycle It Create It Earth Day Art Contest sponsored by Second Ward Alderman Leni Wosczyński involved the students in the creation and design of projects exhibiting a variety of unique and clever concepts and ideas for preservation of the Earth and its environment through recycling; and

WHEREAS, Nijah Stewart, through her effort and hard work created a project which was judged to be particularly creative and which also exhibited unique design characteristics;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, 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 the Mayor and Members of the City Council do hereby congratulate Nijah Stewart for her participation in the Recycle It Create It Earth Day Art Contest and the excellence of the project she created.

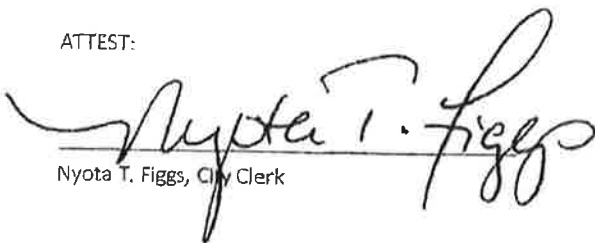
**Section 2.** That the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Nijah Stewart and to the Visual Art Club of Thornton Fractional North High School.

**Section 3.** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this 23rd day of May, 2019.

  
Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

# A resolution

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*of the City of Calumet City, Illinois*



Presented by MAYOR MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH on May 23, 2019

### Whereas

student participation in civic events sponsored by Calumet City and its elected officials is important because it helps the youth of our community to understand the importance of government programs such as recycling implemented to encourage the protection of the Earth's environment; and

**WHEREAS**, participation by students of the Thornton Fractional North High School Visual Art Club in the Recycle It Create It Earth Day Art Contest sponsored by Second Ward Alderman Leni Wosczyński involved the students in the creation and design of projects exhibiting a variety of unique and clever concepts and ideas for preservation of the Earth and its environment through recycling; and

**WHEREAS**, Melody Varnado, through her effort and hard work created a project which was judged to be particularly creative and which also exhibited unique design characteristics;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, 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 the Mayor and Members of the City Council do hereby congratulate Melody Varnado for her participation in the Recycle It Create It Earth Day Art Contest and the excellence of the project she created.

**Section 2.** That the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Melody Varnado and to the Visual Art Club of Thornton Fractional North High School.

**Section 3.** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this 23rd day of May, 2019.

Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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# A resolution

adopted by *The City Council*  
of the *City of Calumet City, Illinois*



Presented by MAYOR MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH *071* May 23, 2019

## Whereas

student participation in civic events sponsored by Calumet City and its elected officials is important because it helps the youth of our community to understand the importance of government programs such as recycling implemented to encourage the protection of the Earth's environment; and

**WHEREAS**, participation by students of the Thornton Fractional North High School Visual Art Club in the Recycle It Create It Earth Day Art Contest sponsored by Second Ward Alderman Leni Wosczyński involved the students in the creation and design of projects exhibiting a variety of unique and clever concepts and ideas for preservation of the Earth and its environment through recycling; and

**WHEREAS**, Naomi Balderas, through her effort and hard work created a project which was judged to be particularly creative and which also exhibited unique design characteristics;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, 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 the Mayor and Members of the City Council do hereby congratulate Naomi Balderas for her participation in the Recycle It Create It Earth Day Art Contest and the excellence of the project she created.

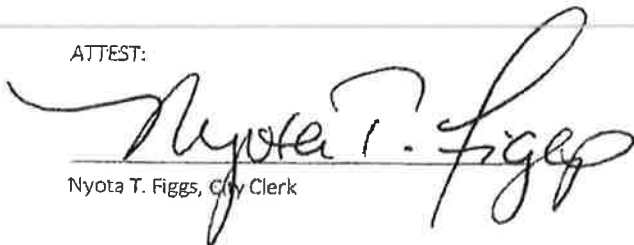
**Section 2.** That the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Naomi Balderas and to the Visual Art Club of Thornton Fractional North High School.

**Section 3.** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2019.

  
Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

# A resolution

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Presented by MAYOR MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH ON May 23, 2019

## Whereas

student participation in civic events sponsored by Calumet City and its elected officials is important because it helps the youth of our community to understand the importance of government programs such as recycling implemented to encourage the protection of the Earth's environment; and

**WHEREAS**, participation by students of the Thornton Fractional North High School Visual Art Club in the Recycle It Create It Earth Day Art Contest sponsored by Second Ward Alderman Leni Woszczynski involved the students in the creation and design of projects exhibiting a variety of unique and clever concepts and ideas for preservation of the Earth and its environment through recycling; and

**WHEREAS**, Chayah Haynes, through her effort and hard work created a project which was judged to be particularly creative and which also exhibited unique design characteristics;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, 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 the Mayor and Members of the City Council do hereby congratulate Chayah Haynes for her participation in the Recycle It Create It Earth Day Art Contest and the excellence of the project she created.


**Section 2.** That the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Chayah Haynes and to the Visual Art Club of Thornton Fractional North High School.

**Section 3.** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2019.

  
Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

Res. 19-46

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# A resolution

adopted by The City Council

of the City of Calumet City, Illinois



Presented by MAYOR MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH on May 23, 2019

## Whereas

student participation in civic events sponsored by Calumet City and its elected officials is important because it helps the youth of our community to understand the importance of government programs such as recycling implemented to encourage the protection of the Earth's environment; and

**WHEREAS**, participation by students of the Thornton Fractional North High School Visual Art Club in the Recycle It Create It Earth Day Art Contest sponsored by Second Ward Alderman Leni Woszczynski involved the students in the creation and design of projects exhibiting a variety of unique and clever concepts and ideas for preservation of the Earth and its environment through recycling; and

**WHEREAS**, Jadon Keene, through her effort and hard work created a project which was judged to be particularly creative and which also exhibited unique design characteristics;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, 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 the Mayor and Members of the City Council do hereby congratulate Jadon Keene for her participation in the Recycle It Create It Earth Day Art Contest and the excellence of the project she created.


**Section 2.** That the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Jadon Keene and to the Visual Art Club of Thornton Fractional North High School.

**Section 3.** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2019.

  
Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

Resolution #13: Recycle It Create It Earth Day Art Contestant: Michael Casner  
(Res. #19-48)

Resolution Congratulating Michael Casner for his participation in the Recycle It Create It Earth Day Art Contest.  
(See Attached 9A)

Motion To Pass Resolutions #6 - #13

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Patton to pass Resolutions #6 - #13 without the necessity of prior posting.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 5

ALDERMEN: Patton, Williams, Tillman, Gardner, Smith, Navarrete, Wosczyński

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 2

ALDERMEN: Smith, Tillman

**MOTION CARRIED**

Motion To Recess

Alderman Navarete moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński to recess.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#1: Approve purchase of 2 front tires for Unit 38-Loader from Wentworth Tire Service in the amount of \$6,281.98

Approve purchase of 2 front tires for Unit 38-Loader from Wentworth Tire Service in the amount of \$6,281.98; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #01041-54110.

#2: Approve and award demolition bid for 121 State Street to the lowest bidder Holland Asphalt in the amount of \$27,800.00

Approve and award demolition bid for 121 State Street to the lowest bidder Holland Asphalt in the amount of \$27,800.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment upon project completion from account #12507-52645.

#3: Approve the purchase of four F250 Crew Cabs with a 8 inch Boss Plow from Ford Currie Commercial Center in the amount of \$141,216.00

Approve the purchase of four F250 Crew Cabs with a 8 inch Boss Plow from Ford Currie Commercial Center in the amount of \$141,216.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to be charged to account # 01041-55100.

#4: Approve The Audit Engagement Letter for a one-year contract for the audit of the fiscal year ended April 30, 2019 prepared by Crowe, LLP, Independent Member of Crowe Global

Approve The Audit Engagement Letter for a one-year contract for the audit of the fiscal year ended April 30, 2019 prepared by Crowe, LLP, Independent Member of Crowe Global; authorize the Mayor to sign and execute, and City Treasurer to remit payment for services rendered to be charged to account # 01099-52610.

#5: Approve the 2019 Membership Dues for the South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association in the amount not to exceed \$30,176.00

Approve the 2019 Membership Dues for the South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association in the amount not to exceed \$30,176.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #01099-52353.

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# A resolution

adopted by The City Council

of the City of Calumet City, Illinois



Presented by MAYOR MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH on May 23, 2019

*Whereas* student participation in civic events sponsored by Calumet City and its elected officials is important because it helps the youth of our community to understand the importance of government programs such as recycling implemented to encourage the protection of the Earth's environment; and  
 WHEREAS, Michael Casner, an 8th Grade Student at St. Thomas More School, has exhibited his unique artistic skills and energetic willingness to participate in civic events by taking part in Earth Day, an event sponsored by Second Ward Alderman Leni Wosczyński; and  
 WHEREAS, Michael Casner has designed the logo for the Earth Day T-shirts every year since 2012, beginning when he was 5 years old; and  
 WHEREAS, Michael Casner also actively participates in Boy Scouts, School Band, School Choir, Chess Club, Science Olympiad, Basketball, Volleyball, Community Theatre and is a member of the National Junior Honor Society; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, 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 the Mayor and Members of the City Council do hereby congratulate Michael Casner, as well as his parents Kenneth and Claudia Casner, for Michael's participation in the Earth Day, his involvement in numerous organizations and school activities and the excellence of his logo designing for the Earth Day T-shirts since 2012.

Section 2. That the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Michael Casner and to St. Thomas More School.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois and APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this 23rd day of May, 2019.

*Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush*  
Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Nyota T. Figgis*  
Nyota T. Figgis, City Clerk

#6: Approve bill listing

Approve bill listing (\$1,233,521.09).

#7: Approve payroll

Approve payroll (\$792,338.96).

Approve financial items

Alderman moved, seconded by Alderman to approve financial items #1 thru #7 as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 5

ALDERMEN: Patton, Williams, Gardner, Navarrete, Wosczyński

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 2

ALDERMEN: Smith, Tillman

**MOTION CARRIED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Wosczyński

“In February 1988, I was appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Alderman by Mayor Robert Stefaniak to fill out the term of the then current Alderman who resigned. I had been involved in politics in some way since 1964, and I saw this as an opportunity to get involved in another area of my community.

Many of you may not know this, but I immigrated to this great country in December of 1958 from Yugoslavia with my mother and uncle. I took classes to learn English and found a job at Equitable Savings and Loan to help support my family. In 1964 I became a citizen of the United States. That was a very proud day for me and one I will never forget. I tell you this, because whoever thought a female immigrant would have the opportunity to be chosen 8 consecutive times by the residents to serve their community.

My first big project as 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Alderman in the early 1990's was to correct the street flooding North of Sibley Boulevard. As a fairly new alderman, I really didn't know what to expect and was very concerned on how this project of great magnitude was going to be accomplished. When it rained, my home phone and city phone would ring at all hours of the night with residents telling me that they are flooding. My husband and I would get up, get dressed and go out to survey the area. There were times that I waded through water knee deep to help a resident evacuate their home, watched water fill up in a residents basement and destroy family memories, and stand next to a resident when their foundation buckled under the stress of the water. All I could think of was, I have to get this corrected.

With the help of city engineers and a team of employees willing to get involved, the city was able to acquire a \$2.9 million dollar grant for sewer separation and retention pond in the affected area. After many hours of meetings, debates, loud discussions and collaborations the street flooding was alleviated in 1995. I can honestly say, this project taught me that great

things can be accomplished when you work together.

That sense of cooperation over the years, has brought \$600,000 grant money in lighting improvements in our streets, medical alert bracelets for our residents that have medical concerns, updated Fireman's gear, and new equipment for Public Works. I was also fortunate enough to sponsor the initiative to bring the Opticon System (pre-emptive light that you can see on traffic signals to let you know the emergency vehicle is in the area) to our City. I am proud to say all of the many decisions made over the years, and at times some were unpopular, were the right decisions for the residents.

So, you ask, why is Alderman Leni taking this walk down memory lane? Well, it's because I have decided to retire as 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Alderman on May 31. It's just the right time personally to move on. Since I am in good health, I want to spend more time with my grandson, my family and my friends. It's time for the next chapter to begin.

Over the last 31 years, I have worked with 5 Mayors and 29 council members. At times, we have challenged each other, supported each other and in the end respected each other's decisions. I have met and worked with some wonderful people that we are still friends today.

To Mayor Michelle, we have been together for a long time. Thank you for making me your Mayor Pro Tem for the council meetings in your absence. Thank you for working with me for the betterment of my residents. I know at times the struggle was real but you always showed me respect for the job I had to do. If I can be of service to you in the future, please don't hesitate to ask.

To my fellow colleagues, City Clerk and City Treasurer, let me share some last words of advice, remember you were elected to serve the people, make sure your actions and decisions are based on serving the residents of your ward. Put your differences aside. My mantra has been to serve the residents with leadership, honesty, integrity and devotion. I ask that you do the same.

To the City Attorney's, department heads and city employees, thank you for making my tenure as Alderman so successful. It's because of you that I was able to accomplish so much for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward.

To the businesses and residents of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward thank you, thank you for your support and confidence in me to represent you all these years. Because of your generosity and support over the last 31 years, together we have fed the hungry at Thanksgiving, given a toy to a child at Christmastime, celebrated Earth Day by beautifying our community and removing electronics from our landfills, brought health and wellness agencies to our community and supplied children with Back to School supplies.

To my many, many volunteers over the years, how lucky am I have to residents who care as much as I do about the great 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward. From volunteering at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Picnic, to walking Block Meeting flyers door to door in the oppressive heat. My volunteers over the years have become my

friends who I can call on and they are there for me.

To my family, thank you for supporting me in good times and in the not so good times. Thank you for understanding when I couldn't go somewhere or do something because I had city business. My family can tell you, in 31 years I only missed 9 regularly scheduled city council meetings. They are my pillar of strength!! Thank you to my grandson Michael for being my motivator, my right hand and my sidekick. It's because of him that I have been able to accomplish so much in the past few years.

To my successor, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward has many rich traditions of giving back to the community and serving those in need. I hope these traditions in some way will continue. Be mindful that you are here to serve and not to be served by others. Let me end with a quote my grandson found that I think is relevant to all of us. "If it doesn't Challenge you, It Won't Change you." Thank for giving me this time and God Bless!"

Alderman Williams

Honoring Ald. Wosczynski for a job well done for her years in Public Service.

Alderman Gardner

Honoring Ald. Wosczynski for her years of service and wishing the best in future endeavors.

Alderman Patton

Honoring Ald. Wosczynski for her years of service and wishing her well in her retirement.

Alderman Navarrete

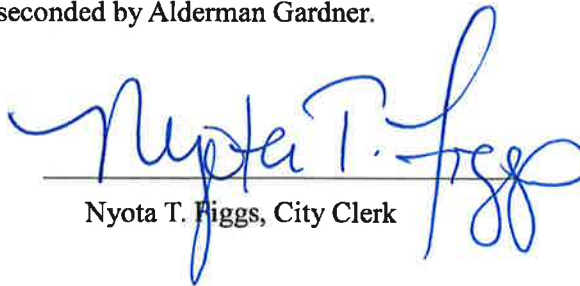
Honoring Ald. Wosczynski for her years of service in Calumet City.

Motion to draft Retirement Resolution

Ald. Patton moved, seconded by Ald. Williams, to draft a resolution for Alderman Wosczynski.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment was at 8:37 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Patton and seconded by Alderman Gardner.



Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

**MOTION CARRIED**

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