

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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

JULY 25, 2019

Public Forum

Joe Balkis 117 155th St: Made offensive comments toward the Mayor and was escorted out by Calumet City Police Department.

Crystal Bates 414 Pulaski Road: Expressing concern about property, water bill payments, and handicapped sign to be removed.

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 7:41p.m. in a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 11, 2019, with Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

Pledge Of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 5

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Smith

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Patton

Also present was Mayor Michelle Qualkinbush, City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Mike Smith, Police Chief Fletcher, Fire Chief Bachert, Finance Director Kasperek, Purchasing & Personnel Director Murray, Joe Wiszowaty, Debbie Sellers, Mayor's Executive Assistant Bonato, Inspectional Services Director Sheryl Tillman, Deputy Clerk Deena Vassel.

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

Approval of Minutes

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

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

No Report

Public Safety

Alderman Patton was absent.

Public Utilities

Alderman Williams had no report.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Tillman had no report.

H.E.W

Alderman Gardner had no report.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Smith had no report.

Public Works

Alderman Navarrete had no report.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Michelle

Mayor Michelle reported that she appointed Alderman Williams as Chair and Alderman Navarrete as Co-Chair, and all Alderman to serve on committee for a complete census count. More information will be forthcoming in your water bills. Joe Wiszowaty will coordinate information. Mayor wished her Mother-in-law Happy Birthday. Tuesday, Aug.6, 2019 is National Night Out Against Crime, from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Calumet City Police Department. There will be some fun activities there for the children. Please come out and stand with your elected officials and neighbors. Hope to see you there.

City Clerk - Report

No Report

City Treasurer

No Report

Alderman Navarrete -
1st Ward

Thornton Township, Day at the Park at Memorial Park, July 26, 2019, 4:00pm – 7:00pm. There will be games, food, music; Free event. Town Hall Meeting for 1st Ward will be held Aug. 28, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Alderman Tillman -
3rd Ward

Town Hall Meeting for 3rd Ward will be Aug. 5, 2019, at 6:30pm at 2025 Dolton Road; 3rd Annual Back to School Party will be Aug. 17, 2019; Be on the lookout for the 3rd Ward Newsletter.

Alderman Williams -
4th Ward

Honor to God; 4th Ward Newsletter will be available in 1-2 weeks; Aug. 6 – Tax Appeal Seminar; School Donations are being accepted, drop-off locations: Police Dept. and Fire Dept.; Job Fair, Sept. 19, 2019 and work force readiness. Please contact Ald. Williams for more details: 708-212-2240.

Alderman Gardner -
5th Ward

Thank you to American Legion for partnering with Ald. Gardner for Veterans Resource Day and to the vendors for coming out providing information. Reminder: Crime Watch Meetings every 3rd Monday of the month. Please contact Ald. Gardner for more information, 708-891-8195.

Alderman Patton -
6th Ward

No Report

Alderman Smith -
7th Ward

Ald. Smith will be hosting 7th Ward Town Hall Meeting, Friday, July 26, 2019, 6:30pm – 8:30pm, bring your questions and concerns; 7th Ward Newsletter is in preparation and will be ready within the next two weeks; Families interested in back to school supplies, backpacks, for your children, please contact Ald. Smith at 708-891-8197 or asmith@calumetcity.org. Also, check the calumet city website for information regarding upcoming job fair.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

A. Waste Management

RE: Notice of Class and 1 Class 1* Permit Modifications

Accept & place on file

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Tillman to accept items #7A and place same on file.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

#1: Approve temporary speed bumps

Approve temporary speed bumps to be placed at the following locations: Highland St. between Stateline and Legion Dr. and 166th St. between Freeland Ave. and Lincoln Ave.; direct Public Works to install.

#2: Elen Hilton v. City of Calumet City

Refer to City Attorney- Circuit Court of Cook County Elen Hilton v. City of Calumet City

Approve New Business

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner, to approve new business various actions items #8A.1 - #8A.2 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

New Fence

BUILDING PERMITS

<u>NEW FENCE</u>	<u>WARD</u>
361 166 th St.	6 th
1125 Cleveland	2 nd
1525 Memorial	2 nd
1266 Balmoral	7 th
233 Ruth	5 th

Approve Permits

Alderman Navarrete moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve building permits as so presented.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE

Res #1: Congratulations R.O. Townhouses

Resolution Congratulating River Oaks Towne Houses Cooperative on their 50-year Anniversary.

(Res. #19-60)

(See Attachment 4A)

Res #2: Resolutions thanking volunteers for community meals

A Resolution Thanking City Clerk Nyota Figgs, Castaways Bowl, Cal City Bakery, State Representative Marcus Evans, State Representative Nick Smith, Chicago Heights City Clerk Lori Wilcox, Alderman Dejuan Gardner, Maya Hardy of United Way and Lolita Cleveland for Their Kindness, Generous Donations and Assistance in Making St. Victor’s Community Meal a Great Success.

(Res. #19-61)

(See Attachment 4B)

Res #3: Conveyance of surplus real estate

Resolution amending Resolution 11-53 for conveyance of surplus real estate in Calumet City, Illinois, and authorizing the Clerk and/or Corporation Counsel to execute all documentation necessary to effectuate said conveyance of surplus real estate (305-307 154th Place).

(Res. #19-62)

(See Attachment 4C)

Res #4: Approving contract with Scarabaeus Lobbyists

Resolution approving a contract with Scarabaeus, LLC, to represent the city in the Illinois General Assembly in Springfield and any other entity.

(Res. #19-63)

(See Attachment 4D)

Motion To Pass Resolution #1 - #4

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Smith, to pass resolutions and adopt the ordinances as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 5

ALDERMEN: Williams, Tillman, Gardner, Navarrete, Smith

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMAN: Patton

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1: Approve payment to Motorola Solutions for radio system upgrade

Approve payment to Motorola Solutions for a radio system upgrade in the amount of \$49,456.50; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge account # 06607-55138.

#2: Approve payment to Miner Electronics for VHF radio upgrades

Approve payment to Miner Electronics for VHF radio system upgrades and installation for \$67,782.01 and the down payment for \$24,670.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account # 06607-55138.

C1

A resolution

adopted by **The City Council**

of the **City of Calumet City, Illinois**



Presented by Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush on July 25, 2019

Whereas River Oaks Towne Houses Cooperative was incorporated in the State of Illinois on October 3, 1969.

WHEREAS, the Mission Statement is to ensure that their members are provided with an affordable, well maintained, and diverse Cooperative Community that enhances their social living experiences.

WHEREAS, there are Member Owner shareholders in the 270 Town Houses on the 40 acre premises of River Oaks. There are 8 Courts: Chestnut, Elm, Dogwood, Hickory, Willow, Sycamore, Locust and Hawthorne.

WHEREAS, River Oaks Towne Houses Cooperative has been a positive partner in the Calumet City Community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois as follows:

SECTION 1. That the City Council of the City of Calumet City does hereby congratulate River Oaks Towne Houses Cooperative on their 50th Anniversary.

SECTION 2. That the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to forward a certified copy of the Resolution to River Oaks Town Houses Cooperative.

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 25th day of July, 2019.

Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

A resolution

adopted by The City Council

of the City of Calumet City, Illinois



Presented by MAYOR MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH on July 25, 2019

Whereas

WHEREAS, elected and appointed officials, numerous dedicated citizens and organizations perform special work and provide numerous services to the City's residents; and

WHEREAS, active participation in community events by elected and appointed officials, individual citizens and dedicated organizations is of special importance because it helps to provide sponsorship for programs for City residents to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, City Clerk Nyota Figgs, Castaways Bowl, Cal City Bakery, State Representative Marcus Evans, State Representative Nick Smith, City Clerk Lori Wilcox, Maya Hardy of United Way and Lolita Cleveland, a generously donated funds and assistance to help make St. Victor's Community Meal a great success; and

WHEREAS, all of these individuals, corporate citizens and organizations deserve special recognition and thanks for helping to make this community event so enjoyable for all of those who attended.

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 wish to extend a special thank you to City Clerk Nyota Figgs, Castaways Bowl, Cal City Bakery, State Representative Marcus Evans, State Representative Nick Smith, City Clerk Lori Wilcox, Maya Hardy of United Way and Lolita Cleveland for their kindness and generous donations in helping to make the St. Victor's Community Meal a huge success.

Section 2. That the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to all of these individuals, elected officials and corporate citizens.

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 25th day of July, 2019.

Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

Res. # 19-62

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Calumet City,

Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

1. That Resolution No. 11-53 which approved the conveyance of surplus real estate pursuant to Section 18-36 of the Calumet City Code, is hereby amended so as to add an additional parcel, to-wit:

30-17-106-047-0000, 305-307 154th Place, 36' residential, vacant

Requested by Veronica Salgado and Juan Salgado of 3011 154th Place, Calumet City, IL
2. Resolution No. 11-53 in all other respects remains in full force and effect and is not modified by this Resolution.

PASSED this 25th day of July, 2019.

APPROVED:


Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 19-63

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH SCARABAEUS, LLC

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City has the authority to contract and be contracted with pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/2-2-12;

WHEREAS, THE City plans to enter into a contract with SCARABAEUS, LLC, to provide consulting services, in accordance with the terms of the Contract attached hereto as Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the appropriate city officials have considered and reviewed the Contract attached as Exhibit A and find the same to be in the best interests of the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: AGREEMENT FOR AND TERMS AUTHORIZED

The terms and conditions as shown in the contract, attached as Exhibit A, to this Resolution are hereby approved.

SECTION 2: AUTHORIZATION OF AGENT TO EXECUTE AND ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENT

The City Council further authorizes the Mayor or her designee and the City Clerk to execute the Contract and any and all documentation that may be necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution. The officers, employees, and/or agents of the City shall take all action necessary or reasonable required by the City to carry out, give effect to, and consummate the intent of this Resolution.

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE

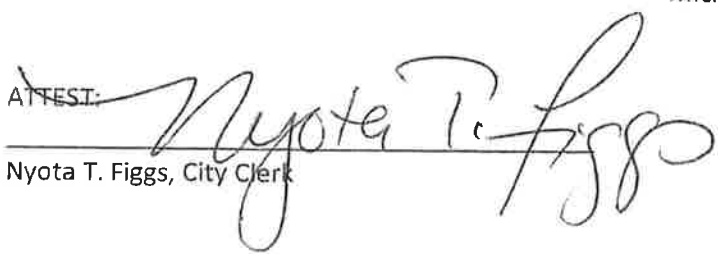
This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as required by law.

PASSED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, this 25th Day of July 2019.

APPROVED this 25th day of July, 2018.


Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

ATTEST:


Nyota T. Figs, City Clerk

AGREEMENT

For Professional Consulting Services

THIS AGREEMENT IS ENTERED into this 1st day of July, 2019, in the State of Illinois, by and between, City of Calumet, 204 Pulaski Road, Calumet City, Illinois, 60409 ("City"), and Scarabaeus, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Corporation ("Consultant").

(1) SERVICES: The Consultant agrees to represent the City in the Illinois General Assembly located in Springfield, Illinois, and before any other entity as assigned by the City.

(2) TERMS OF SERVICE: This agreement shall be in effect from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

(3) LAWS OF ILLINOIS: This contract shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State of Illinois.

(4) CERTIFICATION: The Consultant certifies that none of its employees or subcontractors have been convicted of bribery or attempting to bribe an officer or employee of the State of Illinois or of any of its political subdivisions nor has any employee or subcontractor of the Consultant made an admission of guilt of such conduct which is a matter of record, nor has an official, agent, employee, or subcontractor of the Consultant been so convicted nor made such admission of bribery on behalf of the firm and pursuant to the direction or authorization of responsible official of the firm.

(5) UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION: Consultant agrees not to commit unlawful discrimination in employment in Illinois as that term is defined and used un Article 2 of the Illinois Human Rights Act: (Illinois revised Statutes 987, Chapter 68, paragraph 1-101, et seq.) and further agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that no unlawful discrimination is committed.

(6) COMPENSATION: The City agrees to pay Consultant \$25,000.00, due upon approval of agreement.

The City also agrees to reimburse Consultant for any and all reasonable and approved expenses authorized by the City on its behalf.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the dates recited below.

SCARABAEUS, LLC.

CITY OF CALUMET CITY

By: [Signature]

By: [Signature]

Title: principal

Title: Mayor

Date: 1st August 2019

Date: August 1, 2019

#3: Approve payment to Miner Electronics for a 5-year contract

Approve payment to Miner Electronics for a 5-year contract for the wireless network managed services in the amount of \$37,291.74; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account # 06607-55138.

#4: Approve payment to MWM Consulting Group

Approve payment to MWM Consulting Group, for proposal to perform OPEB (post-retirement healthcare plan) Actuarial Services for the city in the amount not to exceed \$6,500 for fiscal year 4/30/19 and \$975 for fiscal year ending 4/30/2020; authorize the City Treasurer to sign and execute documents and remit payment from account # 01099-52610.

#5: Approve payment to Callyo for Strike Force software and training

Approve payment to Callyo for Strike Force software and training in the amount of \$8,180.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account # 01060-57117.

#6: Authority for Odelson & Sterk to engage in settlement negotiation

Authority for Odelson & Sterk to engage in settlement negotiation concerning Redmond v. Piech and city (20191300182) per the communication.

#7: Approve the extraordinary legal bills for May & June 2019

Approve the extraordinary legal bills for May & June 2019 in the amount of \$23,324.48.

#8: Approve bill listing

Approve bill listing (640,271.20).

#9: Approve payroll

Approve payroll (\$878,258.63).

Approve Financial Items

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Smith, to approve financial items #1 thru #9 as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update on Burnham Ave. Plan

Alderman Navarrete updated Council on the Burnham Ave. Plan.

Congratulations to R.O. Townhouse

Alderman Williams congratulated River Oaks Townhouse Co-op on their 50th Anniversary; Celebration Picnic July 27, 2019.

7th Ward Town Hall Meeting

Alderman Smith reminded residents of the Town Hall Meeting held at the Park of River Oaks, July 26, 2019.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council entered into Executive Session at 7:55pm

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner, to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

MOTION CARRIED

Return to Regular Council Meeting

The City Council met in Closed Session from 7:55pm until 8:14pm.

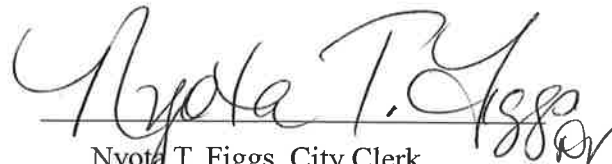
Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Tillman, to return to the Regular Order of Business.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 8:14 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Gardner and seconded by Alderman Smith.

MOTION CARRIED


Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

/dv

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CALUMET CITY





MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH

"AN ILLINOIS CERTIFIED CITY"

A Special Meeting is being called for Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. to be held in the City Council Chambers. The purpose of the meeting is for consideration and possible action on the following:

- 1) Public Comment
- 2) Pending Litigation

Part and/or of the meeting may be held in Executive Session on matters qualifying for Executive Session, and action on said matters may or may not be taken prior to the conclusion of the meeting.


Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor 

cc: City Clerk Figgs
G. Tarka
All Aldermen
City Attorney
file