

**SPECIAL MEETING
HELD ON OCTOBER 18, 2019, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
204 PULASKI ROAD, CALUMET CITY, ILLINOIS**

CALL TO ORDER The Special Meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6 **ALDERMEN:** Navarrete, Swibes, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Smith.

ABSENT: 1 **ALDERMEN:** Patton

ACCEPT CALL Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Smith, to accept call as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Executive Session Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to enter
For the purchase or into closed session to discuss the purchase or lease of real property
Lease of property for the use of the public body and the setting of a price for sale or lease
of property owned by the public bod, pursuant to Section 120/2 of the
Open Meeting Act, and any other matters proper to discuss in Executive
Session.

MOTION CARRIED

Executive Session The city council met in closed session from 5:06 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.

Return to Regular Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to return to the
Order of Business regular order of business.

Public Hearing The Public Hearing was called to order at 5:51 p.m.
Illinois Gaming (See Attached Minutes 1A)
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**CITY OF CALUMET CITY, ILLINOIS
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL**

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**October 18, 2019
5:00 o'clock p.m.**

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IN RE: SOUTHLAND LIVE, LLC

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**Transcript of Proceedings had in the
above-entitled matter at 204 Pulaski Road, Calumet
City Hall, Calumet City, Illinois, taken by
Gloria J. Williams, a Notary Public and Certified
Shorthand Reporter within the County of Cook,
State of Illinois, on the 18th day of October,
A.D., 2019, commencing at 5:04 o'clock p.m.**

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A P P E A R A N C E S

PRESENT: MAYOR MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH

MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY
CITY COUNCIL:

ALDERMAN RAMONDE WILLIAMS
ALDERMAN DEANDRE TILLMAN
ALDERMAN MICHAEL NAVARRETE
ALDERWOMAN MARY E. SWIBES
ALDERMAN ANTHONY SMITH
ALDERMAN DEJUAN GARDNER

ALSO PRESENT:

CHIEF CHRISTOPHER FLETCHER
Calumet City, Illinois
Police Department

MR. BURTON S. ODELSON,
Attorney for Calumet City, Illinois

MS. NYOTA T. FIGGS,
Calumet City, Illinois
City Clerk

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I N D E X

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1 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: I'd like to call
2 the Special Meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

3 Roll call.

4 MS. FIGGS: Navarrete.

5 ALDERMAN NAVARRETE: Here.

6 MS. FIGGS: Swibes.

7 ALDERWOMAN SWIBES: Here.

8 MS. FIGGS: Tillman.

9 ALDERMAN TILLMAN: Here.

10 MS. FIGGS: Williams.

11 ALDERMAN WILLIAMS: Here.

12 MS. FIGGS: Gardner.

13 ALDERMAN GARDNER: Here.

14 MS. FIGGS: Patton.

15 (Not Present).

16 Smith.

17 ALDERMAN SMITH: Here.

18 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: So, the motion to
19 accept the call is presented.

20 ALDERMAN TILLMAN: So moved.

21 ALDERMAN SMITH: Second.

22 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: Alderman Tillman

1 made the motion. Seconded by Alderman Smith.

2 All in favor?

3 (In unison: Ayes).

4 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: Item No. 1 on the
5 agenda is Executive Session to discuss the
6 purchase or lease of real property for the use of
7 the public body and the setting of a price for
8 sale or lease of property owned by the public
9 body, pursuant to Section 120/2 of the Open
10 Meetings Act, and any other matters proper to
11 discuss in Closed Session.

12 Do I have a motion to go into
13 Closed Session, please.

14 ALDERMAN GARDNER: So moved.

15 ALDERMAN SMITH: Second.

16 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: Alderman Gardner.
17 And seconded by Alderman Smith.

18 All in favor?

19 (In unison: Ayes).

20 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: Motion carried.

21 We will return back to the Public
22 Meeting in about a half hour. We have some

1 matters in Closed Session.

2 (WHEREUPON, the Executive Session
3 began at 5:06 p.m.; and then the
4 Public Special Meeting resumed at
5 5:51 p.m. as follows:)

6 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: Everyone take a
7 seat. If everyone could take a seat, please. Can
8 everyone take a seat.

9 Do I have a motion to return to
10 the regular order of business?

11 ALDERMAN GARDNER: So moved.

12 ALDERMAN SMITH: Second.

13 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: All in favor?

14 (In unison: Ayes).

15 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: Item No. 2 on the
16 agenda is a Public Hearing pursuant to Section
17 7(e-5) of the Illinois Gaming Act, 230 ILCS
18 10/7(e-5) for public comment.

19 If there is anyone who wishes to
20 address and ask questions during the public
21 comments, you can step forward. Please state your
22 name and address for the record.

1 Or are we doing our public hearing
2 before the presentation?

3 MR. ODELSON: Yes. Yes.

4 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: Okay. Is there
5 anyone who would like to speak about a proposed
6 casino in Calumet City? Please step forward to
7 the microphone and state your -- address the City
8 Council.

9 Is there anyone who wants to
10 speak? You're all welcome to speak.

11 (No response).

12 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: All right. I
13 guess -- so, are we ready to get to the -- are we
14 ready for the exciting news and get to the casino
15 presentation? That's what we're ready for?

16 Okay. Then I'd like to call Terry
17 Dunleavy, please.

18 MR. DUNLEAVY: Good evening, Mayor,
19 City Council Members and members of the community.

20 My name is Terry Dunleavy. I'm an
21 attorney with the Law Firm of O'Rourke & Moody and
22 legal consultant to the Southland Live Casino. I

1 want to thank you all for joining us tonight.

2 . And a special thank you to the
3 Mayor and the City Council for your time and your
4 passion for building a stronger Calumet City.

5 As many of you know, last spring,
6 the General Assembly passed a gaming expansion
7 legislation that includes one license for a casino
8 to be located in one of six south suburban Cook
9 County townships: Bloom, Bremen, Calumet, Rich,
10 Thornton or Worth Township.

11 Tonight you will hear a
12 presentation from Southland Live Casino and our
13 gaming operating partner, Delaware North Gaming,
14 on our proposal for the casino and entertainment
15 complex at the River Oaks Center in Calumet City.

16 Joining me tonight is the
17 Southland Live project team: Tim Hughes, Osi
18 Imomoh and Dave Hoffman here somewhere, I'm sorry,
19 a consultant, and other members of the team here
20 in the room (indicating).

21 While there have been other casino
22 proposals put forth for the Southland, our belief

1 is that Southland Live Casino will fulfill the
2 long, outstanding goal of establishing a south
3 suburban casino that will provide an economic
4 infusion for a predominantly minority community.

5 Southland Live is a \$275 million
6 investment in Calumet City and in the Southland.
7 The annual projected revenues are between 45 and
8 \$50 million in tax revenues to the State of
9 Illinois. That means that Calumet City will
10 collect between 6 and \$8 million annually related
11 to the taxes associated with the casino.

12 That's money that for far too long
13 has gone over the border to Indiana casinos. You
14 are here in Calumet City, less than 3 miles from
15 the closest Indiana casino. So, everyone here
16 knows that concept and those facts all too well.

17 And we are ready, within 90 days
18 of winning the license from the Illinois Gaming
19 Board, to open a temporary casino in what used to
20 be the Carson Pirie Scott store at the mall. So,
21 the benefits will begin right away.

22 This location, being so far east,

1 also offers the least impact to existing Illinois
2 casinos. That's an extremely important fact. We
3 believe that it's time to begin taking revenues
4 from Indiana rather than Illinois.

5 Southland Live will also stimulate
6 business growth in and around the River Oaks
7 Center, the economic engine for a region for so
8 long. But it needs a major infusion to make a
9 comeback.

10 I'm going to now turn over the
11 project to Tim Hughes, who's our Project Manager,
12 who's going to discuss why River Oaks is the ideal
13 location for this project.

14 MR. HUGHES: Thank you, Terry.

15 And good evening, everyone. As
16 Terry mentioned, my name is Tim Hughes; and I'm
17 the Southland Live Casino Project Manager.

18 Let me start by saying how much
19 I've enjoyed working with Mayor Michelle and her
20 team. I have so much respect for all the public
21 servants who work so hard for the betterment of
22 Calumet City. That goes for all the staff but

1 also to you, the City Council. I also thank all
2 the residents of Calumet City for coming here
3 today. So, thank you all for all the work that
4 you do.

5 My experience lies in both public
6 and private community development projects. By
7 far, the most rewarding part of my job is not the
8 physical structures that I help rise up from the
9 ground, but the difference that those projects
10 have made in the communities in which they were
11 built.

12 There is no better social program
13 than a job. There's no greater economic lever
14 than private investment. We are all a product of
15 the community in which we were raised. I
16 personally am the beneficiary of growing up in an
17 environment where opportunity was within reach,
18 and I seized it.

19 Perhaps more importantly, my wife
20 and her family are from the south suburbs. So,
21 like you, I care deeply about bringing economic
22 development to this region.

1 I think this proposal is all about
2 opportunity for Calumet City. It's time for
3 Calumet City. It's time. So, in a nutshell,
4 Southland Live Casino is the right proposal.
5 Calumet City is the right location. And this is
6 the right time for these reasons:

7 No. 1. In 2008, as Mayor Michelle
8 may have mentioned before, Calumet City lost its
9 casino bid by one vote. The project was ripe
10 then, and it's ripe now.

11 No. 2. And you've all heard this
12 before: Location, location, location. River Oaks
13 Center is accessible from all directions, near
14 major highways and less than 2 miles from the
15 Indiana border. Let's keep Illinois' gambling
16 dollars in Illinois and attract Indiana gamblers
17 to our new start-of-the-art casino and
18 entertainment complex.

19 No. 3. A longstanding goal. For
20 more than a decade, the legislators and local
21 leaders have clearly said that a casino in the
22 south suburbs should go to a minority that needed

1 an economic stimulus. Calumet City fits that goal
2 because it has the lowest average household income
3 and the highest unemployment of any of the
4 communities bidding for this license.

5 The tax revenue at River Oaks
6 Center has dropped 24 percent since the height of
7 the mall 15 years ago. This project will help
8 turn all that around and bring River Oaks back to
9 being the economic anchor that it used to be,
10 while creating jobs and opportunities for the
11 community.

12 No. 4. A best-in-class operator.
13 Delaware North will tell you more about their
14 global hospitality and gaming corporation in a few
15 minutes. But I must point this out: That what
16 they bring as an operator, they bring a proven
17 track record for around the country and the State
18 of Illinois.

19 They own and operate Jumer's
20 Casino in the Quad Cities, which is in Rock
21 Island. And they are a long-time partner of the
22 Chicago White Sox and the Chicago Bears. It's

1 exciting to have such an accomplished and
2 respected partner as Delaware North.

3 And No. 5. Community Support. We
4 are proud to say the surrounding communities of
5 Burnham, South Holland and Lansing have all
6 supported -- or have provided letters of support.
7 And Dolton as well.

8 We also have endorsements from
9 State Senators Napoleon Harris and Elgie Sims,
10 State Representative Nicholas Smith and Thornton
11 Township Supervisor Frank Zuccarelli.

12 We are also proud to have the
13 support from a diverse group of local Calumet City
14 business owners and clergies, including Advantage
15 Toyota; Jason & Desmond Roberts, a minority-owned
16 business; Calumet City Plumbing; Michael Giglio, a
17 2nd-generation business in Calumet City; Paul
18 Hasse of Hasse Construction; a 4th-generation
19 business; JJ Newell Concrete, a woman-owned
20 business lead by Vicky Newell; Wes's Towing, Brian
21 Booker, also a minority-owned business; and Bishop
22 Reynaldo Kyles of Kingdom Builders Church, who is

1 also the coordinator of the Calumet City Church
2 Coalition. So, local support from the community
3 is extremely important.

4 So, about the project, here are
5 the specifics of the Southland Live Casino
6 proposal: It's a 150,000-square-foot casino and
7 entertainment complex. It will be located on
8 20 acres, adjacent to Macy's, near the southwest
9 corner of the mall.

10 Within 90 days of the license, we
11 would open a temporary casino inside the currently
12 vacant Carson Pirie Scott, bringing that space
13 back to life and providing a sneak peek for what's
14 to come. Ninety days.

15 The temporary casino will also
16 allow us to generate revenue immediately for
17 Calumet City, the State of Illinois and, more
18 importantly, create 300 temporary jobs and
19 opportunities that aren't available today.

20 The permanent casino will include
21 1200 slot machines, 35 table games, a sportsbook,
22 a vibrant live music venue, restaurants and

1 lounges. A 200-room, 18-story hotel will be
2 constructed after year three.

3 Southland Live Casino will
4 generate 1200 union jobs during the construction
5 period and 1,150 part-time and full-time positions
6 once in operation.

7 So, Southland Live Casino also
8 wants to be a valuable community partner and
9 employer. We will offer quality living wage jobs,
10 offer advancement for opportunity and competitive
11 benefit packages, including healthcare,
12 retirement/savings plans, paid vacations and
13 skills training. We will also offer unique
14 incentives to our employees to help with work-life
15 balance.

16 We are committed to focusing
17 hiring efforts locally on those who live in
18 Calumet City and the Southland region. So, we're
19 going to have a target focus on that. Every
20 effort will be made to recruit, hire, support,
21 train and retain a diverse workforce reflective of
22 the community.

1 Likewise, we commit to purchasing
2 from local vendors and hiring local contractors,
3 including minorities and women-owned businesses.
4 That's very important to us.

5 We will partner with local and
6 national education institutions to provide
7 one-of-a-kind training and educational
8 opportunities. There's a lot of opportunity for
9 all here, as you can see.

10 We will also establish a 501(c)(3)
11 Charitable Foundation focused on economic
12 empowerment and improving education resources. It
13 will be overseen by a diverse group of residents
14 who will identify worthy initiatives to support
15 the Southland region.

16 And we have a vision for the
17 future. There is market potential to expand the
18 entertainment complex to continue the
19 revitalization of River Oaks Center and Calumet
20 City. Those may include a convention center, a
21 sports complex, a parking garage and more.

22 I want to thank you for your time

1 and your attention to this. We are very proud of
2 the proposal of the Southland Casino that we have.
3 I look forward to working closely with Calumet
4 City in the weeks, months and years ahead.

5 I'd like to now introduce Osi
6 Imomoh, the Regional General Manager of Delaware
7 North Gaming.

8 Thank you for your time and your
9 consideration.

10 MR. IMOMOH: Good evening, City
11 Council. Good evening, residents of Calumet City.

12 My name is Osi Imomoh. I'm a
13 Regional General Manager for the Delaware North
14 Companies. I always say I work for one of the
15 largest companies in Naperville.

16 Delaware North was founded in
17 1915, in Buffalo, New York and we remain based in
18 Buffalo till this day. We are a family-owned --
19 one of the largest family-owned and operated
20 hospitality companies in the world and a symbol of
21 stability and reliability.

22 We have over a hundred years of

1 experience in managing everything from food and
2 beverage to concessions, premium dining,
3 entertainment, lodging and retail at many large
4 venues and special places. Those locations
5 include sports stadiums, entertainment complexes,
6 national and state parks, airports, casinos and
7 gaming rights.

8 So, if you heard of a venue such
9 as the Kennedy Space Center, we work there. If
10 you heard of a stadium such as the Chicago White
11 Sox, as he mentioned, we work with those people as
12 part of our partners. We serve over 500 million
13 guests annually, and we do this on over four
14 continents. And we have over 55,000 associates.

15 In the Chicagoland area, as I
16 stated, we are partners with the White Sox,
17 operating all of the concessions and team stores.
18 We are also a proud partner of the Chicago Bears,
19 operating their team stores, not only in the
20 stadium but around the city.

21 Delaware North is one of the most
22 innovative gaming operators in the country,

1 creating regional casino destinations, with video
2 gaming, table games, poker rooms, race and
3 simulcast centers, restaurants, lounges,
4 nightclubs, sports bars, event centers, retail
5 shops and hotels.

6 Our locations have won hundreds of
7 awards because we offer the best available gaming
8 and leverage, Delaware North's global hospitality
9 expertise and dedication to guest services. This
10 allows us to keep develop new and innovative
11 offerings that keep guests coming back to our
12 locations and venues.

13 Delaware North is licensed and
14 operates in many jurisdictions in the United
15 States and internationally. We are licensed as an
16 operator in Illinois already. The company owns
17 and operates the Jumer's Casino in Rock Island,
18 Illinois. And we also operate a route gaming
19 company. As a result, we do not foresee any
20 licensing issues with us as an operator.

21 Apart from Illinois, we're
22 licensed to operate gaming in West Virginia, New

1 York, Florida, Arkansas and Australia.

2 Delaware North has a proud record
3 of creating jobs. Last year in Illinois alone,
4 Delaware North companies employed over 2200
5 associates between all of our operating venues and
6 paid over 25 million in salaries and wages, which
7 generate over \$5 million in employment taxes to
8 the federal, city and state.

9 We have a proud record of
10 diversity in hiring. Year-to-date in Illinois,
11 54 percent of our associates are female,
12 44 percent of them are African-American,
13 12.6 percent of them are Hispanic and 1 percent
14 Asian-Pacific. So, very proud of that record.

15 I personally have been with
16 Delaware North for 12 years. And I'm a product
17 of -- I started at the restaurant phase and,
18 through training and development, I grew to the
19 position I'm in today. I'm excited about that
20 opportunity here. I'm proud of the company I work
21 for.

22 But one of the proudest things is

1 the history of corporate and social responsibility
2 and citizenship in every community we operate in.
3 Simply put, we find ways to give back in every
4 community we operate, be it through education,
5 jobs, community events and just plain being
6 present. We give back to grow to the community.

7 We're extremely excited about this
8 opportunity in Calumet City and see it as a venue
9 where we can create special experiences for every
10 guest that walks through the door.

11 We are so appreciative to be here
12 and to be considered for this opportunity, and we
13 thank you so much.

14 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: Thank you, Osi.

15 I'd like to ask our Police Chief
16 if he'd like to make a statement, please.

17 POLICE CHIEF FLETCHER: Good evening.
18 The safety of Calumet City residents is always our
19 top priority. And we look forward to working
20 together with Southland Live Casino and Delaware
21 North to insure that, to insure a safe and secure
22 environment in and out of the casino.

1 We are encouraged by Southland
2 Live's willingness to work with us, the Calumet
3 City Police Department, and all its planning for
4 security and public safety. We know that we have
5 a great partner, and we're ready to support them
6 in this effort.

7 And on a personal note, I have to
8 say that we desperately need River Oaks Center to
9 have new tenants. This opportunity brings hope,
10 and hope is what we need. So, thank you.

11 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: Thank you, Chief.

12 Frank Zuccarelli of Thornton
13 Township, Supervisor, asked that I read a
14 statement from him tonight:

15 Calumet City is the right location
16 for a south suburban casino. It's
17 long overdue. This proposal is
18 top-notch with a bold vision for
19 revitalizing River Oaks Mall and
20 an operator that can't be beat.

21 I was particularly impressed with
22 Southland Live Casino's community

1 investments, including educational
2 partnerships, minority hiring
3 commitments and a long-range plan
4 for charitable giving. I urge
5 the community to rally around
6 Southland Live Casino.

7 And I'd like to make a few closing
8 remarks as well. I'd like to thank everyone for
9 coming out tonight. We appreciate the community's
10 support and your interest in the future plans for
11 Calumet City.

12 As many of you know, our City has
13 been in the running for quite a few years to be
14 awarded an open casino license. We came very
15 close about 10 years ago. But, unfortunately, we
16 lost our bid to Rivers Casino in Des Plaines.
17 Calumet City was the only other community that
18 received votes for its proposed entertainment
19 complex during that process.

20 I was excited to hear what
21 Southland Live is proposing for our great City
22 and, in particular, for River Oaks Center. River

1 Oaks Center is the largest taxpayer in Calumet
2 City. But we've all seen what's happened since
3 Carsons and Sears closed in 2013. The mall is not
4 what it once was.

5 Since those stores closed, sales
6 and property taxes have declined 11.5 percent.
7 Overall tax revenue in the mall is down 24 percent
8 since its height 15 years ago. It's been a real
9 struggle to secure new tenants.

10 Our community is in great need of
11 economic development, and a casino could help
12 revitalize Calumet City and reenforce our
13 reputation that this is a City that works.

14 The surrounding infrastructure is
15 more than well equipped to support a project of
16 this capacity. All roads leading to the proposed
17 site are in great shape to accommodate an increase
18 in visitor traffic. We are shovel-ready, ideally
19 located and, quite frankly, deserving of the
20 economic impact this will have on Calumet City and
21 the region.

22 How exciting tonight it was to see

1 a glimpse of what the future for Calumet City
2 would look like if we are successful. Imagine a
3 \$275 million investment coming to our City, which
4 would be the biggest investment in our City since
5 the mall was created.

6 Imagine bringing more than a
7 thousand construction and casino-related jobs.
8 Imagine an immediate shot in the arm of tens of
9 millions of dollars for our state, the region and
10 the City.

11 I'm sorry. Imagine the economic
12 win for the south suburbs where 42 other
13 communities are sharing in the revenue. Calumet
14 City is the best position this time, this place,
15 on this day to take back monies that have long
16 been flowing to Indiana. This is a big win for
17 the south suburbs.

18 As we move through the application
19 process with the Gaming Board, we will keep our
20 community well informed.

21 As always, if you have any
22 questions or concerns, please contact me. We

1 can't obviously divulge everything with our
2 proposal tonight because it is a bidding process.
3 So, we're bidding against others. You may have
4 heard a few others in the hopper right now.

5 So again, thank you, community,
6 for all your support, as you can see tonight. I
7 thank you all.

8 The Public Hearing is now
9 concluded.

10 MR. ODELSON: Wait, wait. We're still
11 in the meeting. We're still in the meeting.

12 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: Wait. We're still
13 in the meeting. I'm sorry. Okay. And I remember
14 creating the agenda.

15 Adoption of a resolution in
16 support of a casino in Calumet City with Southland
17 Live, LLC, including certification, as required by
18 statute --

19 MR. ODELSON: Wait, wait, wait. Okay.

20 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: Item No. 3 is to
21 consider the adoption of a resolution in support
22 of a casino development in Calumet City with

1 Southland Live, LLC, including certification, as
2 required by statute, by Calumet City to the
3 Illinois Gaming Board for the proposed casino
4 gaming facility.

5 Do I have a motion to pass this
6 resolution as presented?

7 ALDERMAN WILLIAMS: So moved.

8 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: Do I have a second?

9 ALDERMAN SMITH: Second.

10 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: Alderman Williams
11 moved. Seconded by Alderman Smith.

12 Roll call.

13 MS. FIGGS: Navarrete.

14 ALDERMAN NAVARRETE: Yes.

15 MS. FIGGS: Swibes.

16 ALDERWOMAN SWIBES: Yes.

17 MS. FIGGS: Tillman.

18 ALDERMAN TILLMAN: Yes.

19 MS. FIGGS: Williams.

20 ALDERMAN WILLIAMS: Yes.

21 MS. FIGGS: Gardner.

22 ALDERMAN GARDNER: Yes.

1 MS. FIGGS: Smith.
2 ALDERMAN SMITH: Yes.
3 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: Motion carried.
4 There being no further business to
5 come before the City Council, do I have a motion
6 to adjourn?
7 ALDERMAN SMITH: So moved.
8 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: Alderman Smith.
9 Seconded by?
10 ALDERMAN TILLMAN: Second.
11 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: Alderman Tillman.
12 All in favor?
13 (In unison: Ayes).
14 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: Meeting adjourned.
15 (WHEREUPON, the Special Meeting of
16 the City of Calumet City,
17 Illinois was concluded at
18 6:15 p.m.)
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1 STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS:
2 COUNTY OF C O O K)

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4 I, GLORIA J. WILLIAMS, a Certified
5 Shorthand Reporter of the State of Illinois,
6 County of Cook, do hereby certify that I reported
7 in shorthand the proceedings had in the
8 above-entitled matter, and that the foregoing is a
9 true and correct transcript of the proceedings as
10 appears from my stenographic notes so taken and
11 transcribed under my personal direction.

12 IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I do hereunto set my
13 hand and affix my notarial seal this 28th day of
14 October, A.D., 2019.

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GLORIA J. WILLIAMS

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THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION
NUMBER 19-80

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A CASINO DEVELOPMENT IN
CALUMET CITY WITH SOUTHLAND LIVE, LLC.**

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

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**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A CASINO DEVELOPMENT
IN CALUMET CITY WITH SOUTHLAND LIVE, LLC.**

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois (the "City") 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 "Home Rule Powers"); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council are desirous of bringing a casino and entertainment center to Calumet City to enhance economic development, create jobs and educational opportunities for Calumet City and the Southland; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council, pursuant to the Illinois Gambling Act, 230 ILCS 10/1, *et seq.*, must certify that the applicant, Southland Live, LLC ("Southland Live") has negotiated with Calumet City in good faith (Section 7(e-5)(i); and

WHEREAS, Section 7(e-5)(ii) of the Illinois Gambling Act, 230 ILCS 10/1, *et seq.*, requires that Calumet City certify that the applicant, Southland Live, and Calumet City have mutually agreed on the permanent location of the casino; and

WHEREAS, Section 7(e-5)(iii) of the Illinois Gambling Act, 230 ILCS 10/1, *et seq.*, requires that Calumet City certify that the applicant, Southland Live, and Calumet City have mutually agreed on the temporary location of the casino; and

WHEREAS, Section 7(e-5)(iv) of the Illinois Gambling Act, 230 ILCS 10/1, *et seq.*, requires that Calumet City certify that the applicant, Southland Live, and Calumet City have

mutually agreed on the percentage of revenues that will be shared with the municipality, if any;
and

WHEREAS, Section 7(e-5)(v) of the Illinois Gambling Act, 230 ILCS 10/1, *et seq.*, requires that Calumet City certify that the applicant, Southland Live, and Calumet City have mutually agreed on any zoning, licensing, public health, or other issues that are within the jurisdiction of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, Section 7(e-5)(vi) of the Illinois Gambling Act, 230 ILCS 10/1, *et seq.*, requires that Calumet City adopt a resolution in support of the riverboat or casino in Calumet City;
and

WHEREAS, Section 7(e-5) of the Illinois Gambling Act, 230 ILCS 10/1, *et seq.*, requires that Calumet City hold a public hearing to discuss items (i) through (vi) of Section 7(e-5) of the Illinois Gambling Act and any other details concerning the proposed casino at least seven (7) days before Calumet City and Southland Live submits its certification and application to the Illinois Gaming Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of Calumet City, Illinois, certify and find as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are incorporated herein and made a part hereof
this Resolution.

Section 2. Findings.

A. That the applicant, Southland Live, has negotiated with Calumet City in good faith.

B. That the applicant, Southland Live, and Calumet City have mutually agreed on the permanent location of the casino at River Oaks Mall, 96 River Oaks Center Drive, Calumet City, Illinois.

C. That the applicant, Southland Live, and Calumet City have mutually agreed on the temporary location of the casino to be at River Oaks Mall, former Carson Pirie Scott retail establishment, 96 River Oaks Center Drive, Calumet City, Illinois.

D. That the applicant, Southland Live, and Calumet City have mutually agreed on the percentage of revenues that will be shared with the municipality, that currently being the statutorily required percentage, and continue to negotiate a Host Community Agreement, which may contain additional revenues for the City of Calumet City, the State of Illinois, and surrounding Southland Communities, which may be impacted by increased traffic as a result of a casino complex.

E. That the applicant, Southland Live, and Calumet City have mutually agreed on any zoning, licensing, public health, or other issues that are within the jurisdiction of the municipality.

F. That Calumet City conducted a duly published and noticed public hearing on October 18, 2019 to discuss items (i) through (iv) of Section 7(e-5) and any other details concerning the proposed casino.

G. That the Mayor and City Council enthusiastically support the proposal by Southland Live, and will cooperate, in all lawful ways, to help the casino and entertainment development become a reality in Calumet City.

Section 3. Passage and Effect.

A. The corporate authorities of Calumet City pass this Resolution and certification in support of the Southland Live proposal of a casino development in Calumet City, in compliance with 230 ILCS 10/7(e-5)(vi).

B. The Mayor, City Clerk, and City Attorney are authorized to execute all necessary documents consistent with this certification and proclamation of support of the casino, or as otherwise required by the Illinois Gaming Board or Illinois law in conjunction with this certification.

C. This Resolution will 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 18th day of October, 2019, pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
GARDNER	X			
NAVARRETE	X			
PATTON			X	
SMITH	X			
SWIBES	X			
TILLMAN	X			
WILLIAMS	X			
(MAYOR QUALKINBUSH)				

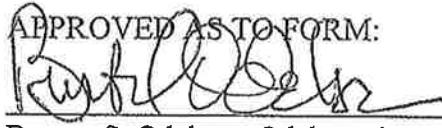
APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this 18th day of October, 2019.


Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush
Mayor

ATTEST:


Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Burton S. Odelson, Odelson & Sterk, Ltd.,
City Attorneys

CERTIFICATION

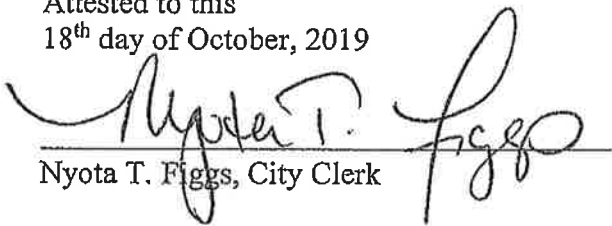
Pursuant to the Illinois Gambling Act, 230 ILCS 10/1, *et seq.*, the corporate authority of a municipality, at least seven (7) days before submitting a certification to the Gaming Board, must hold a public hearing to discuss items (i) through (vi) of Section 10/7(e-5) of the Act. This certification duly certifies that the corporate authorities of the City of Calumet City held a public hearing on October 18, 2019 and complied with the above-referenced provisions of the Act. In addition, the corporate authorities passed a Resolution, certifying compliance with the Act, which is incorporated in this Certification. The Resolution passed on October 18, 2019 certifies and states that the corporate authorities of Calumet City held a public hearing, discussed items (i) through (vi) of Section 7(e-5) and support the proposal of Southland Live, LLC.

This Certification is made, and entered into, effective this 18th day of October, 2019.



Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush

Attested to this
18th day of October, 2019



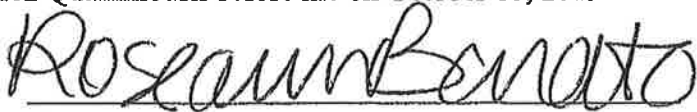
Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

I, Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, do hereby swear that I have read this Certification and believe all facts and assertions contained therein to be true.

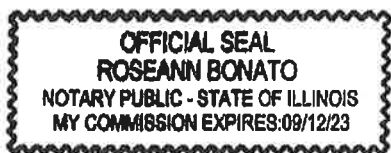


Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush

Signed and sworn to by Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush before me on October 18, 2019.



Notary



Res. In support
of a Casino Dev.
In Calumet City
With Southland
Live LLC

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to adopt The Resolution in Support of a Casino Development in Calumet City with Southland Live LLC, Including certification, as required by statute, by Calumet City to the Illinois Gaming Board for the proposed casino gaming facility.

Res. 19-80 (See Attached 2A)

ROLL CALL


YEAS:	6	ALDERMEN:	Navarrete, Swibes, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Smith.
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	1	ALDERMEN:	Patton

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Tillman, to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

X 
Nyota T. Fiqas
City Clerk