

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**AUGUST 27, 2020**

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. in a regular meeting on August 27, 2020 with Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 5 ALDERMEN: Tillman, Williams, Gardner (6:02 p.m.), Patton, Smith  
ABSENT: 2 ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Swibes

Also present was City Clerk Figgs, City Clerk Tarka, Police Chief Fletcher, Fire Chief Bachert, City Attorney John Murphy, City Administrator William Murray, Inspectional Services Director Sheryl Tillman, Economic Director Joe Wiszowaty, Mayor's Assistant Rose Bonato, and Deputy Clerk Danielle Smith.

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

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Smith, to approve the following minutes as presented:

07/20/2020 Special Mtg.  
07/21/2020 Special Mtg.  
07/23/2020 Regular Mtg.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance

Alderman Patton had no report.

Public Safety

Alderman Williams had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderman Swibes 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.

Closed Session

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Smith, to defer from the regular order of business to go into closed session to discuss probable and pending litigation.

**MOTION CARRIED**

(The City Council entered Closed Session from 6:02 p.m. to 6:31 p.m.)

Return- regular order of business

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to return to the regular order of business at 6:31 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

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

Alderman Tillman reminded residents that there will be a Town Hall Meeting Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6pm and stated a Zoom link will be sent for those who would like to attend remotely and the location (50 people or less) will be announced.

Alderman Tillman reminded residents to call his office 708-891-8193, for assistance available to residents without power for over 48 hours due to the recent storms.

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

Alderman Williams gave honor to God and stated he is planning a 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Town Hall Meeting that will take place in the coming weeks.

Alderman Williams stated he will be distributing information soon for an event scheduled for Saturday, September 5, 2020 and there will also be another clean-up event on Saturday August 29, 2020, anyone interested should call his office 708-891-8194 or 708-212-2240.

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

Alderman Gardner thanked volunteers that assisted with his Pop-up Food event and stated there will be a flyer distributed for a future 5<sup>th</sup> Ward clean-up event and that anyone interested should call his office at 708-891-8195.

Ald. Smith – 7<sup>th</sup> Ward

Alderman Smith stated he is working with the Garden House management to schedule another onsite COVID testing event for residents and anyone that has concerns or questions should call his office at 708-891-8107.

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

A. City Clerk Figgs

RE: Revenue & Expenditure Status July 2020.

Accept & place on file

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to accept item A and place on file.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1): Direct the City Attorney to draft a Resolution to support the Class 8 749 Torrence Ave. renewal

Direct the City Attorney to draft a Resolution to support the Class 8 749 Torrence Ave. renewal.

2): Approve request for placement of temporary speed bumps at various locations

Approve request for placement of temporary speed bumps at the following locations:

- On Wilson, at the stop sign at Saginaw
- On Exchange, at Lucas, both north and south sides of the intersection
- On Campbell, at Cleveland (near Cleveland Park)
- On Campbell, at Stewart

3): Approve request for placement of signs at the various locations

Approve request for placement of signs at the following locations:

- “Do Not Block Driveway” in front of 425 157<sup>th</sup> St.
- “Do Not Block Driveway” in front of 424 Warren St.
- “Resident Parking” in front of 36 157<sup>th</sup> St.
- “Resident Parking” in front of 342 157<sup>th</sup> St.

4): Approve block party with amplified music on Ruth St., between Stateline and Legion, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on September 4, 2020

Approve block party with amplified music on Ruth St., between Stateline and Legion, from 7p.m. to 10 p.m. on September 4, 2020; direct Public Works to provide barricades.

5): Approve request to block the alley at 613 Memorial Dr. for a family event on September 19, 2020 from 3 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Approve request to block the alley at 613 Memorial Dr. for a family event on September 19, 2020 from 3 p.m. – 10 p.m.; direct Public Works to provide barricades.

Approve New Business

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Smith, to approve items #1 - #5 as presented.

**ROLL CALL**

AYES: 5  
 NAYS: 0  
 ABSENT: 2

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUILDING PERMITS**

<u>NEW FENCE</u>	<u>WARD</u>
111-109 Sibley Privacy	1 <sup>st</sup> Ward
444 Marquette Privacy	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward
506 Warren Privacy	5 <sup>th</sup> Ward
490 Yates Privacy	4 <sup>th</sup> Ward
854 Mackinaw Privacy	6 <sup>th</sup> Ward

Approve Permits

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner, to approve the building permits as presented; contingent upon signatures from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Aldermen.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE

#1): Ordinance Amending Handicapped Parking Ordinance Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois Handicapped Parking by adding: 276 Cornell Ave

(Ord. #20-41)

#2): Resolution Commending Brian Gerstner For His 22 Years Of Service To The City Of Calumet City

(Res. #20-53)

#3): Resolution Amending Resolution 11-53 to add additional parcel 458 Freeland Avenue; and authorizing the City Clerk and/or Corporation counsel to execute all documentation necessary to effectuate said conveyance of surplus real estate

(Res. #20-54)

Adopt Ordinances and Pass Resolutions

## ROLL CALL

AYES: 5  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 2

Ordinance Amending Handicapped Parking Ordinance Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois Handicapped Parking by adding: 276 Cornell Ave.

(See attached page 4A)

Resolution Commending Brian Gerstner For His 22 Years Of Service To The City Of Calumet City.

(See attached page 4B)

Resolution Amending Resolution 11-53 to add additional parcel 458 Freeland Avenue; and authorizing the City Clerk and/or Corporation counsel to execute all documentation necessary to effectuate said conveyance of surplus real estate.

(See attached page 4C)

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to adopt ordinances and pass resolutions #1 - #3 as presented.

ALDERMEN: Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith

ALDERMEN: None

ALDERMAN: Navarrete, Swibes

**MOTION CARRIED**

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1): Approve payment for purchase of Ballistic Vests for Police Department

#2): Approve payment for purchase of Tasers for Police Department

#3): Approve purchase of generator for Fire Department Station 2

Approve payment for purchase of Ballistic Vests for Police Department; authorize City Treasurer to remit payment to Ray O'Herron in the amount of \$8195.00 and to charge acct #01060-55115.

Approve payment for purchase of Tasers for Police Department; authorize City Treasurer to remit payment to Axon Enterprise in the amount of \$11,088.00 (1505 Fed Seizure) and to charge acct #06860-57117.

Approve purchase of generator for Fire Department Station 2; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Steiner Power Systems in the amount of \$32,483.00 and to charge acct #06617-55104.

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

**ORDINANCE**  
**NUMBER**

**20-41**

**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**  
**MARY E. SWIBES**  
**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 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020 pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Navarrete			X	
Swibes			X	
Tillman	X			
Williams	X			
Gardner	X			
Patton	X			
Smith	X			
(Mayor Qualkinbush)				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

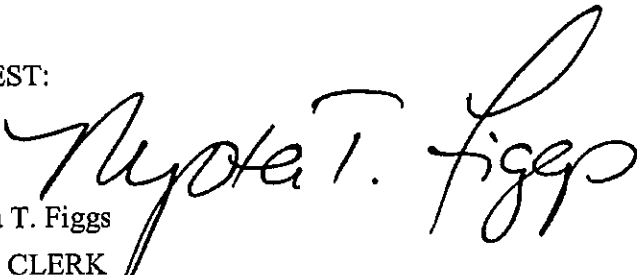
**APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this

27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

  
Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush

MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Nyota T. Figs  
CITY CLERK

# A resolution

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



Presented by Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush on August 27, 2020

## Whereas

Brian Gerstner has served the City of Calumet City Police Department for 22 years and;

WHEREAS, throughout said years, Brian Gerstner diligently and conscientiously pursued his duties in the best interests of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City appreciates the years he has devoted as a public servant of the 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 extend its sincere appreciation of the services rendered by Brian Gerstner.

**SECTION 2.**

That the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a Certified copy of this Resolution to Brian Gerstner.

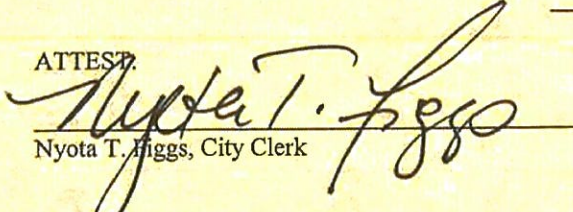
**SECTION 3.**

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 Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, on this 27th day of August, 2020.

  
Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

ATTEST

  
Nyota T. Higgs, City Clerk

Res. # 20-54

**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 parcels, to-wit:
  - 30-08-111-041-0000, 458 Freeland Avenue, 25' residential, vacant,  
Requested by Michele M. Martello of 456 Freeland Avenue, 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

**APPROVED:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk



#4): Approve installation of generator to Fire Department Station 2

Approve installation of generator to Fire Department Station 2; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Kreykes in the amount of \$20,135.00 and to charge acct #06617-55104.

#5): Approve buyback for Brian Gerstner due to his retirement

Approve buyback for Brian Gerstner due to retirement; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount listed in the communication to be charged to the appropriate accounts. (Corrected from resignations to retirement)

#6): Approve buyback for Peter Piry due to his resignation

Approve buyback for Peter Piry due to retirement; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount listed in the communication to be charged to the appropriate accounts. (Corrected from retirement to resignation)

#7): Approve the attendance of classes for continuing education for City Clerk Nyota T. Figgs

Approve the attendance of classes for continuing education for City Clerk Nyota T. Figgs; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$2,500.00 to the City Clerk from acct #01022-52300 (Verification of Registration and class completion will be submitted to the Treasurer's Office).

#8): Approve emergency payments

Approve emergency payments (\$20,429.00).

#9): Approve bill listing

Approve bill listing (\$950,272.67).

#10): Approve Payroll

Approve payroll 8/7/2020 (\$789,516.90) and 8/21/2020 (789,934.54).

Approve financial items #1- #10

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Smith, to approve financial items #1 - #4, #7 - #10 as presented and #5- #6 as corrected. (#5 correction due to retirement, #6 correction due to resignation).

**ROLL CALL**

AYES: 5  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 2

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

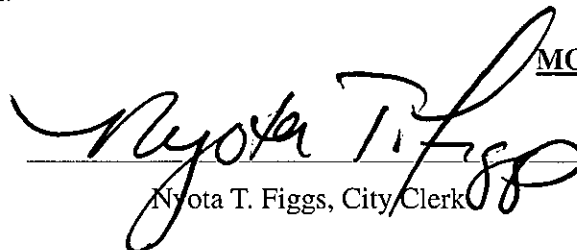
**MOTION CARRIED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment was at 6:37 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Smith.

  
Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

**MOTION CARRIED**

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