

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**JUNE 14, 2012**

Public Forum

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

Police Chief Gilmore, announced that the Calumet City Police Department in conjunction with the South Suburban Association Chief's Police and the Illinois State Police will be hosting a gun buy back program on Saturday, June 23, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. They will be collecting \$50.00 for all working guns.

He thanked Alderman Manousopoulos for providing funds to allow the police department to buy back guns.

At this time in the meeting State Representative Jones briefed the council and residents on some bills in Springfield.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers in a regular meeting on Thursday, June 14, 2012 at 7:41 p.m. with Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Montana, Police Chief Gilmore, CED Coordinator Gigliotti and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

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

Approval of minutes

Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to approve the minutes of May 24, 2012 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance

Alderman Wosczyński had no report.

Public Safety

Alderman Manousopoulos had no report. He announced a meeting for June 25, 2012.

Public Utilities

Alderman Jones had no report. He will be calling a meeting soon to address some items.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Collins had no report. He will be calling a meeting soon possible a joint with another committee.

H.E.W.

Alderman Schneider had no report.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Wilson had no report.

Public Works

Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Safe Sex 101 @ Sandridge  
Fitness Center - 6/23/12

Alderman Schneider announced a health initiative Safe Sex 101 for young adults ages 13-21 on Saturday, June 23, 2012 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sandridge Community Center, 600 Oglesby Avenue.

It is a two hour workshop that focuses on HIV/STI education and skills training on abstinence, condom negotiation, and condom use, with themes of personal pride and self respect. To participate email [Chamille.Johnson@Hektoen.org](mailto:Chamille.Johnson@Hektoen.org) Nyota Figgs at [Nfiggs@hotmail.com](mailto:Nfiggs@hotmail.com). Please RSVP by email before 6/18/12.

This event is sponsored by South Suburban HIV/Aids Regional Clinics, The Figgs Foundation Inc. and the Calumet Memorial Park District.

Amend handicap parking  
by deleting: 494 Ingraham

Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to amend the handicap parking ordinance by deleting: 494 Ingraham Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

Post street address back  
residents garage

Alderman Schneider announced that all residents should post their street address on the back of garage per city ordinance.

<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Health &amp; Wellness Fair</u>	Alderman Wosczynski gave a report and update on her 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward Health & Wellness Fair that was held on May 12, 2012 at the Calumet City Public Library. There over 500 residents that attended and were informed by a variety of agencies and companies.  She thanked all the residents who attended, volunteers that helped and the Library Board, Dr. Tellez for his support, Calumet City Memorial Park District and the Mayor for her support.
<u>Approve block party 525 Escanaba - 6/16/12</u>	Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to approve a block party at 525 Escanaba Avenue on Saturday, June 16, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. until dusk and block off 153 <sup>rd</sup> Street from Escanaba to Exchange Avenue and direct public works to provide trash receptacles and barricades to (525 Escanaba Avenue); also to notify proper public safety personnel.  <p style="text-align: right;"><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>
<u>Survey Exchange Ave. btwn Pulaski &amp; 153<sup>rd</sup> St.</u>	Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Collins, to direct the City Engineer to survey the area on Exchange Avenue between Pulaski & 153 <sup>rd</sup> Street. (dips in street and cracking)  <p style="text-align: right;"><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>
<u>Post sign prohibiting large trucks on Exchange Ave.</u>	Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to post sign “prohibiting large trucks” on Exchange Avenue between Pulaski & 153 <sup>rd</sup> Street.  <p style="text-align: right;"><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>
<u>Thanks residents attending crime watch meeting</u>	Alderman Jones thanked the residents for attending the last crime watch meeting for the summer. He thanked the residents for bringing issues in the ward to the meeting.
<u>Disorderly house ordinance</u>	Alderman Jones encourages residents to contact the police department and utilize the disorderly house ordinance.
<u>Visit website city services</u>	Alderman Jones encourages residents to visit the website to apply for city services at 3rdwardcalumetcity.org.
<u>Third ward sidewalk list</u>	Alderman Jones stated the third ward sidewalk list is complete. Any residents that contacts my office at 891-8193 will be placed on list for next year.
<u>Community Open House 7/14/12 - 1-5 p.m.</u>	Alderman Jones announced that his office in conjunction with Christian Community Health Fair will sponsor a Health Fair on Saturday, July 14, 2012 from 1-5 p.m. at 901 E. Sibley Blvd., South Holland.

<u>Business to business event</u>	Alderman Jones announced his office will be sponsoring a business to business event in conjunction with State Farm, Hertz and other companies. The first event was Friday, June 8, 2012. The goal is do this event every three months to give businesses information about state contracts and about the programs that people can apply for.
<u>Illinois Hard Hit Program</u>	Alderman Jones announced there is a program to help residents keep their homes and visit <a href="http://www.illinoishardesthit.org">www.illinoishardesthit.org</a> and it has all the requirements.
<u>Happy Father's Day</u>	Alderman Jones wished all the fathers a Happy Father's Day.
<u>Cub tickets contact Ald. Jones website</u>	Alderman Jones announced the first person that emails me to <a href="http://www.jonescalumetcity.org">www.jonescalumetcity.org</a> will get two tickets for Sunday, June 17, 2012 to the Cubs v. Boston Red Sox.
<u>Thank Ald. Jones</u>	Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush thanked Alderman Jones for bringing state programs which are helpful to residents.
<u>Grass cut abandoned property</u>	Alderman Wilson thanked the residents for contacting his office regarding abandoned properties and grass cutting. The summer youth program has started and the grass will be cut throughout the ward.
<u>Happy Father's Day</u>	Alderman Wilson wished all the fathers in Calumet City a Happy Father's Day and said Happy Father's Day to his father Charles Wilson.
<u>Thank public works dept.</u>	Alderman Munda thanked the public works department for working on the high grass in the foreclosures in the fifth ward. They are also out trimming trees in the ward. Any request a resident has for city services contact his office at (708) 891-8195.
<u>St. Andrew Fest June 23-24, 2012</u>	Alderman Munda announced that St. Andrew Fest on Saturday, June 23, 2012 and Sunday, June 24, 2012. There will be food, music, dancing and games. Any resident that would like to volunteer or have any questions contact Diane Ranos at (773) 343-2269 or the rectory at (708) 862-4165.
<u>Thank police dept.</u>	Alderman Munda thanked Chief Gilmore and Assistant Chief Zorzi for their help with the police department regarding issues in the fifth ward and responding to the residents requests.
<u>Happy Father's Day</u>	Alderman Munda wished all the fathers a Happy Father's Day and especially his father Jerry.
<u>Amend handicap parking by adding: 15-165th St.</u>	Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Collins, to amend the handicap parking ordinance by adding: 15-165th Street.
	<u>MOTION CARRIED</u>
<u>Happy Father's Day</u>	Alderman Manousopoulos wished all the fathers a Happy Father's Day.

Close Superior Ave - 7/3/12 Alderman Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to close Superior Avenue between 155<sup>th</sup> Street & 156<sup>th</sup> Street on Tuesday, July 3, 2012 from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. on July 4, 2012. Directing public works to provide proper barricades and trash receptacles and picnic tables if available and notify the police and fire departments.

MOTION CARRIED

Close Buffalo Ave. - 7/3/12 Alderman Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to close Buffalo Avenue from 155<sup>th</sup> Street to 156<sup>th</sup> Street at 6:00 a.m. on July 3, 2012 to 12:00 a.m. on July 4, 2012. Direct public works to provide barricades. Also to place an ESDA vehicle at this location. (provided in security plan)

MOTION CARRIED

Close Campbell Ave. - 7/3/12 Alderman Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to close Campbell Avenue from Pulaski Road to 156<sup>th</sup> Place on Tuesday, July 3, 2012 from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and direct the public works to provide barricades.

MOTION CARRIED

Feasibility study - Michigan City Rd. & Campbell Ave. Alderman Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to direct the police department to conduct a feasibility study at the northeast corner of Michigan City Road and Campbell Avenue to determine if a “no parking” is needed.

MOTION CARRIED

Check timing traffic signals Ring Road Alderman Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to direct the City Engineer to check the timing of the traffic signals on Ring Road (near 1370 Ring Road, if traveling northbound can't make left turn on Ring Road in adequate time).

MOTION CARRIED

Upcoming projects in 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Collins announced upcoming projects in the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward in the next few weeks, Arthur Street from Williams to River Oaks Drive will be resurfaced.

Park Avenue from the guard shack to River Oaks Drive will be resurfaced in the next few weeks.

Sidewalk & tree trimming Alderman Collins stated if any resident has a sidewalk repair tree trimming or nuisance issues to contact his office to resolve those issues.

Report suspicious activity police department He encourages residents to contact the police department to report suspicious activity in the neighborhood.

7<sup>th</sup> Ward Celebration  
July 3, 2012 Alderman Collins invited the residents to the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Celebration in conjunction with Freedom's Eve from 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. Food and beverages will be provided on the corner of 155<sup>th</sup> Street & Superior.

Thank School Dist. #157 Alderman Collins thanked School District #157 for inviting him to give commencement address to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduating class.

Congratulations graduation Alderman Collins congratulated all the graduates from all the schools, including Lincoln and T..F. North High School.

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

City Clerk Figs/submitting  
monthly report Submitting Monthly Report for May, 2012.

Robinson Engineering/  
State Line Rd. Quiet Zone Submitting State Line Road Quiet Zone Preliminary Analysis.

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz  
Qualkinbush/storm prepared-  
ness/ComEd Advising residents that the city is working with ComEd to promote storm preparedness.

State of Illinois Commerce/  
2013-2017 Crossing Safety  
Improvement Program RE: 2013-2017 Crossing Safety Improvement Program.

Comcast/price adjustments RE: Important Information - price adjustments.

City Treas. Tarka/bond  
rating report RE: Bond Rating from Standard and Poor's.

Pace/Pace Ridership Report RE: April 2012 Pace Ridership Report.

Metropolitan Water  
Reclamation District/policy  
synthetic athletic turf RE: Policy on Synthetic Athletics Turf Fields in Separate Sewer Areas.

Waste Management/Notice  
Class 1 Permit Modifications RE: Notice of Class 1 Permit Modifications.

Cook County Board of  
Commissioners/Joe Orr  
Project overview RE: Joe Orr Road Project Overview.

USEPA/response for grant  
proposal RE: Response for grant proposal submitted by Calumet City.

Chicago Southland  
Convention & Visitors  
Bureau/thanking CED  
Coordinator for attending  
workshop

Thanking CED Coordinator Gigliotti for attending workshop.

State of Illinois Circuit  
Court/completion bond  
court consolidation

RE: Completion of Bond Court Consolidation.

Diversity, Inc./thanking  
CED Coordinator for

Thanking CED Coordinator Gigliotti for his participation in the workshop  
“Affirmatively Furthering Multicultural Communities on May 29, 2012.

Accept & place on file

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Collins, to accept the  
communications and place on file.

MOTION CARRIED

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Approving tag day request/  
You Can Make It

Approving tag day request for You Can Make It, Inc. to conduct tag days at  
various intersections. (Approved by the police department)

Refer to City Attorney/  
Reid v. Calumet City

Refer to City Attorney - United States District Court - Angela Reid as best friend  
of Lakeya Reid, a minor, Plaintiff v. Officer Paul Maletich #222, Officer Mason  
#200, and the City of Calumet City, a Municipal Corporation.

Approve new business

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

## **ROLL CALL**

YEAS: 7

ALDERMEN: Wosczynski, Jones, Wilson, Munda, Manousopoulos,  
Collins, Schneider

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

## **BUILDING PERMITS**

### FENCE - PERMITS

244 Pulaski Road - 1<sup>st</sup> Ward  
1038 Hirsch - 5<sup>th</sup> Ward

Approve permits

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

MOTION CARRIED

## RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

- Res. #1: approving Class 8 Real Estate Tax Assessment (Napleton River Oaks Lincoln, LLC) (Res. #12-22) Resolution approving a Class 8 Real Estate Tax Assessment Classification for New Construction within the City of Calumet City, Thornton Township, Cook County, Illinois. (Napleton River Oaks Lincoln, LLC) (see attached page 8A)
- Res. #2: approving Class 8 Real Estate Tax Assessment Napleton River Oaks Cadillac, Inc. (Res. #12-23) Resolution approving a Class 8 Real Estate Tax Assessment Classification for New Construction within the City of Calumet City, Thornton Township, Cook County, Illinois. (Napleton River Oaks Cadillac, Inc.) (see attached page 8B)
- Res. #3: approving Class 8 Real Estate Assessment Abandoned property (555 Burnham Ave.) (Res. #12-24) Resolution approving a Class 8 Real Estate Assessment Classification for the Occupation and Rehabilitation of Abandoned Property within the City of Calumet Thornton Township, Cook County, Illinois. (555 Burnham Avenue) (see attached page 8C)
- Ord #4: approving agreement between G.P. Properties & City (Ord. #12-26) Ordinance of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, approving an Agreement by and between the City of Calumet City & G.P. Properties Unlimited Incorporated. (see attached page 8D)
- Ord. #5: amending handicap parking, by adding: 499 Paxton Ave. & 505 Gordon (Ord. #12-27) Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, Handicap Parking, by adding: 499 Paxton Avenue & 505 Gordon Avenue. (see attached page 8E)
- Res. #6: authorizing expedited permit application process for work performed by the city in State of Illinois (Res. #12-25) Resolution of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, authorizing an Expedited Permit Application Process for Work Performed by the City in State of Illinois Maintained Rights of Way. (see attached page 8F)
- Res. #7: amending (Res. #11-53) conveyance surplus real estate (Res. #12-26) Resolution amending Resolution #11-53 for conveyance of surplus real estate in Calumet City and authorizing the City Clerk and/or Corporation Counsel to to execute all documentation necessary to effectuate said conveyance of surplus real estate. (see attached page 8G)
- Res. #8: authorizing BMO Harris a Financial Institution for deposit of city funds (Res. #12-27) Resolution of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, authorizing BMO Harris N.A. as a Financial Institution. (see attached page 8H)



Pass Resolutions/Adopt Ordinances

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson, to pass Resolutions as presented and adopt Ordinances, without the necessity of prior posting.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Approve deed in lieu of Foreclosure Agreement/ 635 Wentworth Avenue

Approve Deed in lieu of Foreclosure Agreement for 635 Wentworth Avenue, Calumet City, Illinois, authorizing the City Clerk and/or Corporation Counsel to execute all documentation necessary to effectuate said conveyance.

Advising hiring probationary police officer Erik Martinez effective 6/4/12

Advising of hiring of probationary police officer Erik Martinez and direct the City Treasurer to place him on payroll effective June 4, 2012.

Remit payment/SDI Calumet Sonic/\$13,906.11

Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to SDI Calumet City LLC (Sonic) in the amount of \$13,906.11 representing 50% of the sales tax received by the City in Municipal and Home Rule Sales Tax for the calendar year 2011 pursuant to the economic incentive agreement to be charged to the Corporate Fund Contractual Obligation line item #010-99-2-696.

Remit payment/J & J Newell (\$9,120.00)

Approve water main repair at northwest corner of 163<sup>rd</sup> Street and Burnham Avenue and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to J & J Newell Concrete in the amount not to exceed \$9,120.00 and charge to account #030-36-2-349.

Remit payment/Patten Industries/\$6,941.79

Approve repairs to generator and fuel system at Greenbay Pump Station and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Patten Industries in the amount not to exceed \$6,941.79 and charge to account #030-36-2-346.

Approve renewal contract Eco-Clean - police station

Approve the renewal of the contract for cleaning the police station with Eco-Clean for the period May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$36,864.00; to be charged to account #010-60-2-345.

Award bid/street resurfacing @ various locations/Alpha Construction Company

Accept the recommendation from Robinson Engineering and award the bid to the low bidder for Street Resurfacing at various locations to Alpha Construction Company in the amount of \$214,415.10 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to the appropriate account.

Award bid low bidder/ demolition/Holland Asphalt & JM Industrial Services

Award the bid to the low bidder for the demolition of the following properties 245-153rd Street (\$7,800 - Holland Asphalt), 104-154th Place (\$6,800.00 - Holland Asphalt & 19-154thPlace - JM Industrial Services) and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #118-10-5-645. (Public Bid Opening held on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall)

<u>Approve payroll</u>	Approve payroll (\$810,554.95)
<u>Approve bill listing</u>	Approve bill listing (\$446,198.79)
<u>Approve legal bill listing</u>	Approve legal bill listing (\$7,320.12)
<u>Approve financial matters authorize City Treasurer</u>	Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve financial matters as presented and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

<u>Condolences to Schneider family</u>	Alderman Collins extended condolences to the Schneider family on the loss of Alderman Schneider's grandfather.
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<u>Happy Father's Day</u>	Alderman Collins wished all the fathers a Happy Father's Day.
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<u>Send letter IDOT/privacy wall on Stony Island</u>	Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to direct the Mayor to send a letter to IDOT regarding a privacy wall and engineering costs on Stony Island.
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MOTION CARRIED

<u>Kidsploration in Energy 2012 Summer Program</u>	Alderman Jones announced his office and Jones foundation will be hosting a Kidsploration in Energy Summit Program for students entering grades 5-7 starting July 30 through August 3, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Faith Family Future Center.
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<u>McClain County Farm Bureau - 8/2/12</u>	Alderman Jones thanked Commander Siems for coming down to McClain County to learn about the farmers. He will have another trip on August 2, 2012. He invited his colleagues to attend. Anyone interested in attending contact his office at (708) 933-6018.
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<u>Commended police dept.</u>	Alderman Jones commended the police department for catching a group of burglaries of air conditioners in the city.
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<u>Grand opening BMO Harris Bank - 6/20/12</u>	Alderman Wosczyński announced that there will be a grand opening of BMO Harris Bank at 530 Torrence Avenue on Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.
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<u>Happy Father's Day</u>	Alderman Wosczynski wished all the fathers a Happy Father's Day, especially her son-in-law Ken.
<u>Grand re-opening Commissioner's Park July 7, 2012</u>	Alderman Schneider announced the Calumet Memorial Park District will be hosting a grand re-opening at Commissioners Park on Saturday, July 7, 2012 from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. It was made possible thru a quarter million dollar grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.
<u>Redevelop Downey Park</u>	Alderman Schneider announced to the residents in the Downey Park area, the Memorial Park District will going for a close to \$400,000 grant to redevelop Downey Park. There is a community meeting next Thursday, June 21, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at field house, 300 Jeffery Avenue.
<u>City Engineer investigate Crossing Safety Improvement Program</u>	Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to direct the City Engineer to take their solution in item #7B communication (State Line Road Quiet Zone Preliminary Analysis) to investigate if their findings are applicable to #7D (State of Illinois Commerce Commission) Crossing Safety Improvement Program.
	<u>MOTION CARRIED</u>
<u>Happy Father's Day</u>	Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush wished all the fathers in Calumet City a Happy Father's Day.
<u>Condolences to Schneider Smith &amp; Kasperek family</u>	City Treasurer Tarka extended his condolences to the Smith, Schneider and Kasperek family for the passing away of their grandfather Mr. Smith.
<u>Condolences Conneen family</u>	City Treasurer Tarka extended his condolences to the Conneen family on the passing away of 26 year veteran and former retired Fire Chief Lou Conneen.
<u>Flag day - 6/14/12</u>	City Treasurer Tarka announced that it was flag day and encourages residents to fly their American Flag proudly. He reminded residents that the American Legion Post 330 at , 950 Legion Drive has a receptacle in their clubroom for retired overused American Flags.
<u>Happy Father's Day</u>	City Treasurer Tarka wished all the fathers a Happy Father's Day.
<u>Condolences Schneider family</u>	City Clerk Figs extended her condolences to the Schneider family on the passing of their grandfather Mr. Smith.
<u>Happy Father's Day</u>	City Clerk Figs wished all the fathers in Calumet City a Happy Father's Day.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment was at 8:24 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Wosczynski and seconded by Alderman Schneider.

MOTION CARRIED

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Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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