SPECIAL MEETING

HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 204 PULASKI ROAD, CALUMET CITY, ILLINOIS

CALL TO_ORDER_

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at

6:21 p.m. with Mayor Thaddeus Jones present and presiding.

PUBLIC COMMENT NONE

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ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 7

ALDERMEN: Navarette, Wilson (via zoom), Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton

(via zoom), Smith

ABSENT:

ALDERMEN: NONE

Also present were Mayor Jones, City Clerk Nyota Figgs (via zoom), City Treasurer Tarka, Deputy Clerk Jessica Coffee, Fire Chief Bachert, Val

Williams and Public Works Commissioner Jerico Thomas.

Mayor's Report

NONE

Invest in Cook Program Val Williams of Economic Development reported on the Invest in Cook grant in regards to the Arthur Street water main. The grant speaks to Phase 2 Engineering funds in the amount of \$300,000.00.

473 Sibley Blvd Recommendations Dominick Lanzito presented the recommendations from the Zoning Board on August 03, 2023 he informed the council there were two different votes taken on Zoning to be changed and the other for the property to be converted to a Gas Station; both items received no objection from the public and received a unanimous yes vote from the board.

Mr. Muhammad Potential Gas Station Owner Mr. Muhammad potential Gas Station Owner for 473 Sibley Blvd reported on his intentions regarding 473 Sibley Blvd. Mr. Muhammad anticipates investing close to a million dollars which is not including the cost of real estate. Mr. Muhammad plans to have 4 pumping stations and charging stations for electric powered vehicles.

There was a brief discussion in regards to Mr. Muhammad's plans for landscaping and beautification of the area.

Ald. Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete informed Mr. Muhammad about the Burnham plan and its vision for mixed use development.

Ald. Wilson

Alderwoman Wilson inquired about a Safety Plan being put in place for the potential gas station.

Attorney Lanzito

Attorney Dominick Lanzito informed the council that a Safety Plan was not discussed in the Building and Zoning meeting on August 3, 2023.

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Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Williams to approve recommendations from the Building and Zoning committee to approve 473 Sibley Blvd for zoning and further use.

ROLL CALL

ALDERMEN: Tillman, Williams, Smith YEAS:

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson 2 NAYS: PRESENT: 2 ALDERMEN: Gardner, Patton

ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion for **Closed Session** Alderman Smith moved seconded by Alderman Williams to enter into Executive Session to discuss the employment of a certain individual and pending litigation

and future litigation at 6:43 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

The city council met in closed session from 6:43 p.m. to 7:33 p.m. Executive Session

Returned to the Regular Order of **Business**

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson to return to the regular

order of business at 7:33 p.m.

City Engineer Report City Engineer Ken Chastain reported on the process of repairing sidewalks in the city. Ken Chastain requested assistance from the Aldermen when submitting sidewalks to be repaired by checking the sidewalks to make sure they qualify

before adding it to the list.

Motion to Reconsider Alderman Tillman attempted to make a motion to reconsider but was advised by by Mayor Jones that it was an improper motion and it had to be in writing.

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Mayor Jones reported on the Senior Handyman Repair program. Mayor Jones informed the council that funds came from the county and each senior received \$5,000.00. Val Williams informed the council that it was difficult finding licensed contractors to finish the repairs that were submitted by seniors. Val Williams expressed concern that the funding is still available. Mayor Jones informed the council that the matter will show up on a future agenda.

Recess taken

Mayor Jones took a 5 minute recess at 8:15p.m.

Return to the Regular Order Of Business

City council returned to the regular order of business at 8:25 p.m.

Motion to Reconsider Alderman Tillman made a motion to reconsider approving 473 Sibley Blvd for zoning and special use.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson, Tillman, Gardner, Patton

ALDERMEN: Smith NAYS: 1 **ALDERMEN: Williams** PRESENT: 1 ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Postpone Alderman Tillman moved seconded by Alderman Gardner to postpone action Special Meeting September 11, 2023

Action on 473 Sibley on item 6 regarding 473 Sibley Blvd until September 14, 2023 Regular City City Council Meeting.

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ROLL CALL

YEAS: 5 ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson, Tillman, Gardner, Patton

NAYS: 0 ALDERMEN: None

PRESENT: 2 ALDERMEN: Williams, Smith

ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Williams to adjourn meeting at

8:36 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Nyota T. Figgs

City Clerk