

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
City Council of the City of Calumet City
Cook County, Illinois

OCTOBER 28, 2021

Public Comment

Cash Krenshaw relayed concerns over Cook County's current survey of the River Oaks Golf Course. He cited concerns of neglect maintenance and would like the Mayor's office to get involved in restoration efforts.

John Rybicki 1341 Burnham Ave . had comments regarding loud music on his block and requested to find the location of the music.

Ms. Wanda Genn 107 155th relayed concerns about landlords and loud music.

Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:11 p.m. in a regular meeting on October 22, 2020, with Mayor Jones, present and presiding.

Invocation

The city council participated in the prayer.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	7	ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMAN: None

Also present was City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka,

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

Minutes Tabled

10/28/2021 Regular Mtg was tabled.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Alderman Patton had no report.

Public Safety

Alderman Williams had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderman Wilson 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 announced there will be a Public Works Mtg. held before November 8, 2021.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones introduced the Energy Panel which is made up of two aldermen and staff they are charged to vet an energy vendor. Calumet City Library is open now from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Mayor Jones thanked the aldermen for attending the breast cancer walk.

City Clerk Figgs

City Clerk Figgs reminded residents of the CMPD Halloween celebration and reminded residents to continue to be safe.

Alderman Navarrete – 1st Ward

Alderman Navarrete Thanked resident, Mr.Cash Crenshaw, for attending the meeting regarding the Golf Court in the 7th Ward.

Alderman Wilson – 2nd Ward

Alderman Wilson reminded 2nd Ward residents on October 31, 2021, there will be a Halloween Coat & Hat dance challenge from 1-4p.m.

Alderman Tillman – 3rd Ward

Alderman Tillman reminded 3rd Ward on November 20, 2021, there will be a Turkey give away at noon at Downey Park.

Alderman Williams – 4th Ward

Alderman Williams gave honor to God, Alderman Williams reminded 4th Ward Food basket to give away will be held on November 1, 2021, at Downey Park.

Alderman Gardner – 5th Ward

Alderman Gardner reminded residents to have a Safe Halloween this upcoming weekend.

Alderman Patton – 6th Ward

Alderman Patton reminded residents in the 6th Ward to continue to pick up leaves in front of their homes.

Alderman Smith – 7th Ward

Alderman Smith reminded 7th Ward on November 15,2021 Town Hall meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

A. Calumet City

RE: Calumet City acceptance of a \$201,832.73 grant from Congresswoman Robin Ke Calumet City Fire Department.

B. City Clerk Figgs

RE: Submitting Revenue Report September 2021.

C. Cook County Rental Program

RE: Resident's applications for the rental assistance program.

D. Jacqueline J. Agee

RE: FOIA Requests.

Accept & place on file

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner, to accept items A – G and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

1): Direct the City Attorney to draft a resolution thanking Congresswoman Robin Kelly

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3): Approve Halloween Trick OR Treat hours

Approve Halloween Trick OR Treat hours from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Sunday, October 31, 2021

4): Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to amend the handicap ordinance by adding 750 Memorial Drive.

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5): Approve a “495 Resident Parking Only”

Approve a “495 Resident Parking Only” sign located at 495 Crandon Avenue.

6): Approve a Resident Parking Only sign (w/566) at 566 Yates Ave

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7): Approve the addition of streetlights

Approve the addition of streetlights located at 346 Hoxie Avenue and 40 Yates Avenue.

8): Approve a Resident Parking Only sign

Approve a Resident Parking Only sign to include the specific address of 657 Exchange.

9): Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to prohibit parking in alleys

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Approve New Business

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to approve items #1 - #9 as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

NEW FENCE CONSTRUCTION

38 Elizabeth Privacy 5th Ward
283 Manistee Privacy 2nd Ward
735 Greenbay Privacy 1st Ward

New Garage Construction

1491 Wentworth Residential 6th Ward

Approve Permits

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Smith, to approve the building permits as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE

#1): Ordinance consenting to the assignment of an Economic Incentive Agreement previously approved by Ordinance No. 21-13 from Brookline Real Estate, LLC to Calumet City Investors, LLC.

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(Ord. #21-42)

(See attached page 4A)

#2): Resolution accepting a grant award from the United States Department Of Justice (DOJ), Office Of Community Oriented Policing Services (COP), Community Policing Development (CPD), De-Escalation Training Solicitation Program for police officers

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(Res #21-55)

(See attached page 4B)

#3): Resolution approving the submission of an application by the City of Calumet City for a project to be funded by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Rebuild Downtowns and Main Streets (RDMS) grant program.

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(Res. #21-56)

(See Attached page 4C)

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

ORDINANCE NUMBER 21-42

**AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE ASSIGNMENT
OF AN ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENT
PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY ORDINANCE NO. 21-13
FROM BROOKLINE REAL ESTATE, LLC
TO CALUMET CITY INVESTORS, LLC**

**THADDEUS JONES, Mayor
NYOTA T. FIGGS, City Clerk**

**DEJUAN GARDNER
MICHAEL NAVARRETE
JAMES PATTON
ANTHONY SMITH
DEANDRE TILLMAN
RAMONDE WILLIAMS
MONET WILSON**

Aldermen

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WHEREAS, by Ordinance 21-13, the City of Calumet City approved an Economic Incentive Agreement with Brookline Real Estate, LLC ("Brookline") for the development of the property commonly known as 626 River Oaks Drive ("Property"); and

WHEREAS, the parties are now prepared to transfer title to the Property from the City to Brookline and Brookline desires to assign its rights and obligations under the Economic Incentive Agreement to Calumet City Investors, LLC ("CCI"); and

WHEREAS, City Staff have reviewed the information concerning the principal members of CCI and Brookline and Staff has no objection to the assignment; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Incentive Agreement requires that the consent of the City to the assignment (but the City's consent cannot be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed); and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined that it is in the best interests of the City and its residents to consent to the assignment.

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

Section 1. Consent to the Assignment.

The City of Calumet City hereby consents to the assignment of the rights and obligations of the Economic Incentive Agreement approved by Ordinance No. 21-13 from Brookline Real Estate, LLC to Calumet City Investors, LLC. City Staff and Corporation Counsel are directed to

Ord. # 21-42

take all such action as necessary to fulfill the Economic Incentive Agreement in recognition of this assignment.

Section 2. Superseder. In the event a conflict exists between the terms of this Ordinance and any other ordinance or resolution of the City, the terms of this Ordinance shall govern.

Section 3: Severability. This Ordinance and every provision thereof shall be considered severable and the invalidity of any section clause, paragraph, sentence or provision of this Ordinance will not affect the validity of any other portion of this Ordinance.

Section 4: Effective Date. This Ordinance will be in full force and effect upon its passage, and approval and publication in pamphlet form in the manner required by law.

ADOPTED this 28 day of October, 2021, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

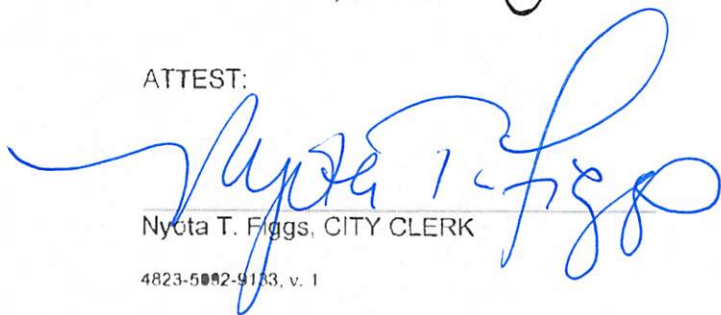
	Yes	No	Absent	Present
Gardner	X			
Navarrete	X			
Patton	X			
Smith	X			
Tillman	X			
Williams	X			
Wilson	X			
(Mayor Jones)				
TOTAL VOTES	7			

Ord. #21-42

APPROVED by the Mayor on Oct 28 2021.


Thaddeus Jones, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Nyota T. Figgs, CITY CLERK

4823-5002-9183, v. 1

CITY OF CALUMET CITY
A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT AWARD FROM THE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ), OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING
SERVICES (COPS), COMMUNITY POLICING DEVELOPMENT (CPD), DE-ESCALATION TRAINING
SOLICITATION PROGRAM FOR POLICE OFFICERS

Resolution No. 21-55

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 Fiscal Year 2021 Community Policing Development (CPD) funds are used to develop the capacity of law enforcement to implement community policing strategies by providing guidance on promising practices through the development and testing of innovative strategies; building knowledge about effective practices and outcomes; and supporting new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities; and

WHEREAS, the De-Escalation Regional Training Center subcategory is designed to support the creation and delivery of national level de-escalation training efforts; and

WHEREAS, the De-Escalation State, Local, and Tribal Law Enforcement Agency Grants subcategory supports state and local law enforcement agencies efforts to build and maintain their officers' de-escalation proficiency; and

WHEREAS, the City received a COPS, CPD, De-Escalation Training award in the amount of \$66,000 from the US DOJ granting authority, and has accepted said award.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Police Chief of the City of Calumet City, are hereby authorized to execute and deliver all documents necessary to facilitate the program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Police Chief, and City Clerk, City of Calumet City, are hereby authorized to do and perform any and all such acts, including execution of any and all documents and certificates, as such officers shall deem necessary or advisable, to carry out the purposes and intent of the foregoing resolutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any actions taken by such officers prior to the date of the foregoing resolutions adopted hereby that are within the authority conferred thereby are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved as the acts and deeds of the City.

APPROVED by the Mayor and City Council, Cook County, Illinois on this 28th day of October
2021

ATTEST

Nyota T. Figgis, City Clerk

Thaddeus M Jones, Mayor

Res. # 21-55

CITY OF CALUMET CITY2

A Resolution Approving the Submission of an Application by the City of Calumet City for a Project to be Funded by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Rebuild Downtowns and Main Streets (RDMS) grant program

Resolution No.21-56

Proposed Project

Plan, design, and construct enhancements to support the revitalization of the Burnham Avenue Corridor. Project proposed includes: possible street reconfiguration; pedestrian access and safety; active transportation and mass transit utilization; street lighting; traffic safety; landscape architecture; zoning updates; and facade and signage standards.

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 of the City of Calumet City (the "Corporate Authorities") recognize the purpose of the Rebuild Downtowns & Main Streets (RDMS) program will provide capital grants to support economic recovery in commercial corridors and downtowns that have experienced disinvestment; and

WHEREAS, the City is an eligible applicant as the RDMS program is supported by State and Federal funding; State's Rebuild Illinois Capital Plan (Public Act 102-0017); and Federal - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); and

WHEREAS, the City's proposed scope of work is an allowable expenditure of the RDMS program; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of the City's application will stimulate economic investment, improve traffic and pedestrian safety, and support neighborhood revitalization of the Burnham Avenue Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the matching requirement is waived for units of local government; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Calumet City is hereby authorized to sign the application and various forms contained therein, delegate staff to make all required submissions, and do all things necessary to complete the application for the funds requested.

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 above recitals and legislative findings are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.
- Section 2.* If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity hereof shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution.
- Section 3.* All ordinances, resolutions, motions, or orders in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.
- Section 4.* This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

APPROVED by the Mayor and City Council, Cook County, Illinois on this 28 day of October, 2021.



Thaddeus M. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:



Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

Adopt Ordinances and Pass Resolutions

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1): Approve payment to Proven IT for the maintenance agreement

Approve payment to Proven IT for the maintenance agreement; authorize the City Treasurer's Office to remit a monthly payment of \$6,814.00 and charge account #01023-52340.

#2): Approve payment to Mott MacDonald for Calumet City Industrial Park Utility improvement

Approve payment to Mott MacDonald for Calumet City Industrial Park Utility improvement; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment of \$26,926.59 and charge account #01099-52600.

#3): Approve payment to Mesirow Insurance Services for Calumet City audit premium

Approve payment to Mesirow Insurance Services for Calumet City audit premium; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment of \$359.00 and charge account #01050-52131.

#4): Deleted from agenda:

Deleted: Approve payment to Benford, Brown, and Associates in the amount of \$12,024.00 (invoice #14184); and in the amount of \$9,968.00 (invoice #14139) and to direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Benford, Brown, and Associates from account #01099-52610 (forensic auditing)

#5): Approve payment to Republic Services for trash removal/recycling

Approve payment to Republic Services for trash removal/recycling of \$6,438.15 (invoice #0721-006954748); authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment of \$6,438.15 and charge account #01041-52141.

#6): Deleted from agenda

Deleted: Authorize Farnsworth Group to provide professional engineering services to conduct a complete building assessment for the proposed new Calumet City Hall located at 1700 167th Street. Note: Fee for said services shall be \$85,000.00 from account#00#01099-52640 (City Hall Remodeling).

#7): Deleted from agenda

Deleted: Approve retention of services of JGMA Architects to provide professional architecture services to execute Conceptual Planning and Programming for the design and construction for the proposed new Calumet City Hall. Note: Fee for said services shall be \$90,000 from account#00#01099-52640 (City Hall Remodeling).

#8): Authorize Farnsworth Group to provide professional engineering and planning services

Authorize Farnsworth Group to provide professional engineering and planning services to assist the Economic Development Department in the preparation and execution of a grant application to the IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a Main Street/Downtown Redevelopment Grant for Burnham Avenue. Services will be delivered on a time and material basis not to exceed \$10,000.

#9): Authorize Metropolitan Industries to

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including repairs, replacements, and inspections at the Green Bay, State Line, and Superior stations totaling \$16,725 as provided in proposals submitted to the City Public Works Department and City Engineer.

#10): Authorize purchase city marketing materials for misc. events from 4imprint, Inc

Authorize Dept. of Community & Economic Development to purchase city marketing materials for misc. events from 4imprint, Inc. of \$6,679.86 and charge account #01085-52502.

#11): Deleted from agenda

Deleted: Approve payment to Lyons Pinner Electric Co.in the amount of \$5,189.24 (invoice #11631), and the amount of \$8,979.64 (invoice #11213); and the amount of \$6,911.31 (invoice #10999); and the amount of \$8,475.60 (invoice #11355); and the amount of \$5,973.53 (invoice #11319); and direct City Treasurer to remit payment to Lyons Pinner Electric Co. from account #04007-52449.

#12): Deleted from agenda

Deleted: Approve payment to J&T Group for landscaping and maintenance site sweeping services at River Oaks West of \$9,115.00; direct City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52642.

#13): Deleted from agenda

Deleted: Approve payment to Metropolitan Industries for Lincoln pump station improvements of \$9,139.00 (invoice #INV028641); the amount of \$20,426.00 (invoice #INV031206); and the amount of \$13,625.00 (invoice #SVQ001176); and direct City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#14): Approve payment to Freeway Ford Truck Sales for parts and labor

Approve payment to Freeway Ford Truck Sales for parts and labor in the amount of \$5,436.02 (invoice #141588); direct City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01041-54140.

#15): Deleted from agenda

Deleted: Approve payment to Calumet City Plumbing for excavation and in the groundwork of \$7,983.25 (invoice #46703); and the amount of \$7,773.00 (invoice #47087); and the amount of \$5,728.91 (invoice #47465); and direct City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#16): Deleted from agenda

Deleted: Approve to enter an Economic Incentive Agreement with Meat by Linz, Inc. A letter detailing the calculations is forthcoming

#17): Approve Payroll

Approve Payroll (\$752,132.88)

#18): Approve Bill Listing

Approve Bill Listing (\$1,165,592.57)

#19): Approve Emergency Bill Listing

Approve Emergency Bill Listing (\$22,000.05)

Approve financial items as presented & delete items

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Smith, to approve financial items #1-3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 14, 17-19 #10 as presented and delete items #4, 6,7,11,12,13,15,16.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Wilson

Alderman Wilson reported there will be a meeting in the 2nd ward to discuss building development and the desires of the residents.

Ald. Patton Comments

Alderman Patton stated: I would like to take a moment to address something that's been happening for a while. For well over a year now, I've been subjected to constant lies being told about me to the public, questions about my integrity and my motives. Because of the numerous threatening things said to or about me, my wife and two small children have had to live in a constant state of fear that when I'm traveling for work, something is going to happen to them and I won't be there to protect them. My business and my business partner have been dragged through the mud on issues that have zero to do with Calumet City.

A lot of people have asked me recently why I'm still here. Wouldn't it be easier to simply walk away and never look back? Wouldn't it be better for my health, both mental and physical? The answer is yes, it would be.

But that's not who I am. I love this city. I wasn't born here, I wasn't even raised here, but over these last ten years, this has felt like home more than anywhere else I've lived in my life. I met my wife here. I'm raising my two children here. And for the last four-plus years, I've had the honor of serving the residents of the sixth ward. An honor I will continue until my work is done.

I'm naturally curious and always looking at issues from all angles. I ask questions, and sometimes my questions upset people. But, the residents of the sixth ward elected me, twice, to continue to come here and make sure that their tax dollars are being spent responsibly. When I am unsure, or simply not informed enough, I ask questions.

So, the next time you hear something said about me that sounds so ridiculous that it couldn't possibly be true, please remember, it probably isn't.

River Oak Golf Course

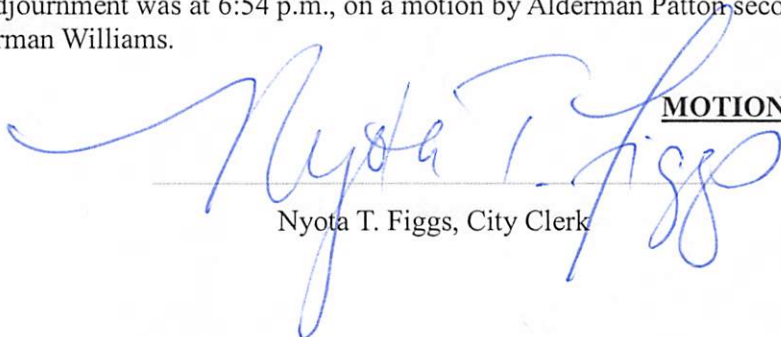
Alderman Smith commented regarding equity in requesting services and standing up for the community. Alderman Smith encouraged residents to call Cook County Com. Stanly Moore regarding the RO Golf course.

Realtors Breakfast

Consultant Val Williams announced the Realtors breakfast on October 30, 2021, from 8:30- 11 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

An adjournment was at 6:54 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Patton seconded by Alderman Williams.


Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

MOTION CARRIED

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