

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2016

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

A Committee of the Whole Council Meeting was held on Friday, December 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 204 Pulaski Road, Calumet City, Illinois, with Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 5

ALDERMEN: Schneider, Williams, Munda (7:03), Manousopoulos, Bullocks

ABSENT: 2

ALDERMEN: Wosczyński, Jones

Also present were Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka (7:03), and Economic Development Director Saunders.

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

Accept call meeting

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to accept the call of the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "The purpose of the meeting is for an Economic Development update."

Saunders update economic development

At this time in the meeting, Economic Development Director Saunders gave the city council an update on Economic Development.

Ald. Munda entered mtg.

Alderman Munda entered meeting at 7:03 p.m.

2016 Successes and Challenges

Investments: new/retained jobs

Efforts to improve the economic development landscape

Upcoming opportunities

Issues that impact Calumet City economic development

ReCon 2016

2016 Successes

Bob's Furniture
DaVita Dialysis
Fuller Car Wash
Alta Equipment
Illiana Financial Credit Union

Calumet City Enterprise Zone
Complete Streets Policy
RainReady
Carpet & Furniture Outlet
Meats by Linz
H.B. Taylor

2016 Challenges

Commercial Competition
Vacancies and Abandoned Land
Tax Environment
Residential Spending Power

Proposed Economic Development Strategy

Improve communication and relations with current and potential businesses, owners and the development community.

Enhance support to local businesses.

Broaden and enrich the labor pool for local businesses.

Utilize the recent Calumet City Comprehensive Plan as a vision and implementation tool.

Maintain and enhance Calumet City's housing stock.

Create an economic development toolkit - a set of programs for business attraction and retention.

Be at the forefront of the collection of data and analysis that aid our understanding of Calumet City.

Coordinate and collaborate with adjacent communities and regional institutions and agencies.

Update/modernize the Calumet City Municipal Code.

Improve accessibility to, from and around Calumet City.

Next steps

Agreement on Goals/Objectives

Commercial Space Analysis

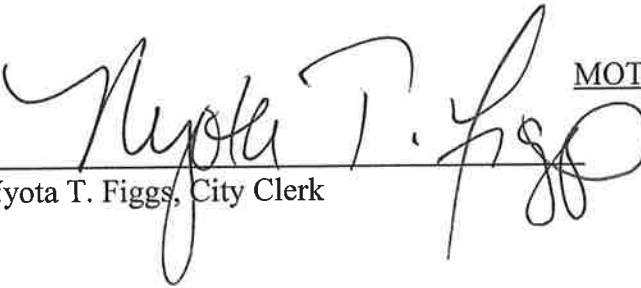
Concept Development

Identification of new economic development tools

Implementation Matrix

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 7:26 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Manousopoulos and seconded by Alderman Schneider.



Nyota T. Figs, City Clerk

MOTION CARRIED

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