

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**APRIL 11, 2013**

Public Forum The following individuals spoke before the public forum held at 7:30 p.m.  
  
Sharon Lawlor, 452 Garfield, congratulated elected officials on the election.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 7:34 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2013 with Honorable Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: 6 ALDERMEN: Schneider, Wosczynski, Jones, Munda (7:55), Manousopoulos,  
Collins  
ABSENT: 1 ALDERMAN: Wilson

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Robinson, Police Chief Gilmore, Fire Chief Galgan and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

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

Approval of minutes Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve the minutes of March 28, 2013 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

<u>Finance</u>	Alderman Wosczyński had no report.
<u>Public Safety</u>	Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.
<u>Public Utilities</u>	Alderman Jones had no report. He will be calling a meeting regarding several pending issues.
<u>Ord. &amp; Res.</u>	Alderman Collins had no report.
<u>H.E.W.</u>	Alderman Schneider had no report.
<u>Permits &amp; Licenses</u>	Alderman Wilson had no report.
<u>Public Works</u>	Alderman Munda was absent.

## CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

<u>Amend handicap parking by deleting: 601 Marquette Avenue</u>	Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to amend the handicap parking by deleting: 601 Marquette Avenue.
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MOTION CARRIED

<u>Earth Day - 4/20/13</u>	Alderman Wosczyński announced Earth Day on Saturday, April 20, 2013.
<u>Coloring Contest</u>	There will be a coloring contest, entry forms can be picked up from the Calumet City Public Library, 660 Manistee, Youth Services Department.
<u>Earth Day Planting 4/20/13</u>	Alderman Wosczyński announced Earth Day Planting at the Calumet City Public Library at 12:30 p.m. Children who plant will receive an Earth Day Goody Bag.
<u>Mother Nature Storyteller - 4/20/13</u>	After the planting, children will be entertained by Mother Nature who will tell stories about Earth Day at 1:30 p.m. Contact the Youth Services Department to register.
<u>Contest winners awarded - 4/20/13</u>	After the Storyteller presentation winners of the coloring and poster contest will be awarded in the community room.
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Ward cleanup 4/27/13</u>	Alderman Wosczyński announced the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward Cleanup on Saturday, April 27, 2013.

Recycling Drive  
4/27/13

Alderman Woscyznski announced the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Recycling Drive on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at Public Works Facility, 1701 Dolton Road from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Included will be electronics, confidential document shredding and paint/oil drop off at the public works facility.

For more information contact Alderman Woscyznski at (708) 891-8192 or email her at [mwoscyznski@calumetcity.org](mailto:mwoscyznski@calumetcity.org).

Congratulations  
elected officials

Alderman Jones congratulated his colleagues on the election and for all residents for coming out to vote in the election.

Contact ward office

Alderman Jones encourages residents when contacting his ward office to leave their name, address and nature of the call. Residents can also email him at [calcity3@yahoo.com](mailto:calcity3@yahoo.com) for ward issues.

Block Clubs

Alderman Jones stated that his goal is to have block clubs on each block in the ward by May 31 so his office can announce his summer events.

Ward volunteer  
meeting - May 18

Alderman Jones announced that will be having volunteer meetings. Any residents interested in volunteering the next meeting will be Saturday, May 18, 2013. Contact the office at (708) 891-8193 to sign up.

Sears closing

Alderman Jones stated that Sears received 100 million dollars from the State of Illinois as an incentive package. Part of the package was that Sears wouldn't close any stores and that they would keep its headquarters in Illinois, Hoffman Estates.

House Resolution 98

Alderman Jones stated that due to the closing of Sears that he will be filing House Resolution 98 that demands that Sears give money back but that Sears be liable for any financial impact on communities.

Revised Homestead  
Exemption

Alderman Jones advised he passed a revised Homestead Exemption. This means that senior exemptions will go up from \$4,000 to \$7,000. This is Senate Bill 1894 which is going to the Senate.

Thank residents  
voting

Alderman Manousopoulos thanked all the residents of Calumet City for electing and represent them for another four years.

Thank residents  
voting

Alderman Collins thanked all the residents for voting in the election. He congratulated his colleagues.

Contact ward office

Alderman Collins encourages residents to contact his ward office at (708) 891-897 regarding issues in the ward, tree trimming or sidewalk replacement.

Mayor's report Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush encourages aldermen to develop their sidewalk  
Sidewalk list list per the City Engineer. The bid opening will be April 30, 2013.

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

Mayor Michelle Proclaiming April 12, 13 and 14, 2013 as "Buddy Poppy Days."  
Markiewicz Qualkinbush/  
proclaiming buddy poppy  
days

Rita Alderson/ Commending Alderman Manousopoulos.  
commending Ald.  
Manousopoulos

Pace/RE: 2013 Pace RE: February 2013 Pace Ridership Report.  
Ridership Report.

State of Illinois RE: Crossing Safety Improvement Program 5-Year Plan.  
Commerce/Crossing  
Safety Improvement  
5-year plan

IEPA/Calumet City RE: Calumet City/L173625-EPA loan.  
L173625 -EPA loan

City Clerk Figgs/ Submitting Monthly Report for March, 2013.  
submitting monthly  
report

ComEd/RE: Green RE: Green Region Program  
Region Program

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

MOTION CARRIED

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Approve tag day Approving tag day request for VFW Post #8141 on April 12-14, 2013 at intersection  
VFW Post #8141 of 159<sup>th</sup> Street and Burnham Avenue. (approved by police department)

Requesting city Requesting the city to undertake the defense of Assistant Chief D. Zorzi in the Dennis  
undertake defense Meire, Plaintiff, v. Calumet City case.  
Meier v. Calumet City

Refer to City Attorney - Berry v. Calumet City Refer to City Attorney - Circuit Court of Cook County - Nia Berry, Plaintiff v. City of Calumet City, Mer-Car Corporation and Mer-Car DG Corporation, defendants, City of Calumet City, 204 Pulaski Road, Calumet City, Illinois 60409.

Advising of police promotions; effective February 28, 2013 Advising of police promotions; effective February 28, 2013 due to the retirement of Lieutenant Murphy; Sergeant Casey Erickson to Lieutenant and Officer Matthew Mason to Sergeant and direct the City Treasurer to make the necessary payroll adjustment.

Approve new business Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Collins, to approve the new business as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

## RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Ord. #1: Handicap Parking, adding: 430 Madison Avenue Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code, Handicap Parking, by adding: 430 Madison Avenue.

Table Ord. #1 Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosycznski, to table Ordinance #1 until the next meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Ord. #2: No Parking west side of Marquette Avenue from Sibley to alley Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City Cook County, Illinois. (No Parking west side of Marquette Avenue, from Sibley to alley) (see attached page 5A)

Adopt Ord. #2 (Ord. #13-13) Alderman Wosycznski moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to adopt Ordinance #2 as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

## ROLL CALL

YEAS:	5	ALDERMEN:	Wosycznski, Jones, Manousopoulos, Collins, Schneider
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	2	ALDERMAN:	Wilson, Munda

MOTION CARRIED

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

### Mayor - statement

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Could I ask that we defer action on item #7 approval of the collective bargaining agreement between the FOP after Executive Session later in the meeting.

### Police & Fire Commission conference - May 3-5, 2013

I would also like to ask on item #6, which is for the attendance of the Police & Fire Commission for their training that the registration be made payable directly to the Illinois Police and Fire Commission Association and that the registration be subtracted out of the amount of money being approved to them. Also that the City Treasurer issue a check prior to April 15, 2013.

### Approve items #1 thru #5

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Let's approve items #1 thru #5.

#1:  
Remit payment/Calumet City Plumbing/\$5,837.80 Approve sewer repair at 185 Plummer Avenue in the amount not to exceed \$5,837.80 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet City Plumbing and charge to account #030-36-2-101.

#2:  
Remit payment/Monroe Truck Equipment/\$5,301.98 Approve repairs to truck #17 from public works department in the amount not to exceed \$5,301.98 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Monroe Truck Equipment and charge to account #010-41-4-150.

#3:  
Remit payment/HD Supply Waterworks/\$20,700.00 Approve the purchase of three (3) hand held interrogators for reading meters in the amount not to exceed \$20,700.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to HD Supply Waterworks and charge to account #030-36-3-408.

#4:  
Award bid/street light maintenance/Lyons Electric (\$47,259.00) Accept the recommendation from Robinson Engineering and award the bid for Street Light Maintenance to the low bidder Lyons Electric Company, Inc. in the amount of \$47,259.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to the MFT account.

#5:  
Award bid/traffic signal signal maintenance/Lyons Electric (\$38,100.00) Accept the recommendation from Robinson Engineering and award the bid for Traffic Signal Maintenance to the low bidder with the addition of the intersection of River Oaks Drive and River Drive in the amount of \$38,100.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge the MFT account.

### Approve financial items #1 thru #5

Alderman Wosczyznski moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve financial items #1 thru #5 as presented.

## ROLL CALL

YEAS:	5	ALDERMEN:	Jones, Manousopoulos, Collins, Schneider, Wosczyznski
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	2	ALDERMEN:	Wilson, Munda

MOTION CARRIED

City Treasurer Tarka

City Treasurer Tarka: “Mayor, I just wanted the motion to reflect the memo from the police and fire commission. It should actually read remit payment to each commissioner in the amount of \$550.00 for module training, hotel and travel and registration fee payable to the Illinois Fire & Police Commissioners Association in the amount of \$400.00.”

#6: Approve attendance Board of Fire & Police Commissioners conference

Approve the attendance of the Board of Fire & Police Commissioner on May 3-5, 2013 in Springfield, Illinois and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to each commissioner in the amount of \$400.00 for registration fee; payable to the Illinois Fire & Police Commissioner Association; and \$550.00 to each commissioner for hotel and travel; to be charged to account #010-91-2-300.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 5  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 2

ALDERMEN: Manousopoulos, Collins, Schneider, Wosczyński, Jones  
ALDERMEN: None  
ALDERMEN: Wilson, Munda

MOTION CARRIED

#8: Remit payment/TKB Associates/\$20,000

Approve payment to TKB Associates to scan city council minutes into laserfische software in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-99-2-990.

#9: Approve payroll

Approve payroll (\$808,280.24)

#10: Approve bill listing

Approve bill listing (\$427,587.62)

#11: Approve legal bill

Approve legal bill listing (\$791.65)

#12: Approve emergency payment (\$18,003.00)

Approve emergency payments: (IDOT) - \$12,003.00 & United States Post Office \$6,000.00 in accordance with Ord. 2-882 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount totaling \$18,003.00 and charge to the appropriate accounts.

#13: Approve lease for copiers, printers & multi-function machines/Proven Business (\$5,995/mth)

Approve the City to enter into a lease for copiers, printers and multi-function machines (and related maintenance) with Proven Business Systems to commence May 1, 2013 and continue for a period of 60 months at a fixed monthly amount of \$5,995/month; and to authorize the Director of Purchasing and/or Corporation Counsel to execute all documentation necessary to effectuate such contract and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment; to be charged to account #010-23-2-340.

Approve Harris support contract/\$22,442.62

Approve the Harris support contract for municipal software from 5/1/13 to 4/30/14 in the amount not to exceed \$22,442.62 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment; to be charged to account #010-99-2-990.

Approve financial matters #8 thru #14

Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Collins, to approve financial items #8 thru #14 as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 5  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 2

ALDERMEN: Collins, Schneider, Wosczynski, Jones, Manousopoulos  
ALDERMEN: None  
ALDERMEN: Wilson, Munda

MOTION CARRIED

Deviate - regular order of business

Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to deviate from the regular order of business to discuss collective bargaining.

MOTION CARRIED

(The City Council met in Executive Session from 7:49 p.m. to 8:59 p.m.)

Return - regular order of business

Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to return to the regular order of business.

MOTION CARRIED

Ald. Munda present mtg.

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush stated that Alderman Munda was present at the meeting at 7:55 p.m. time we were in closed session.

#7: Approve collective bargaining agreement btwn. FOP & City of Calumet City

Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Calumet City and the Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council, Calumet City Council No. 1 from May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2014.

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to approve Bargaining Agreement between the Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council and the City of Calumet City as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 5  
NAYS: 1  
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED



**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman apologizes  
being late for meeting

Alderman Munda apologizes for being late for the meeting. I was tied up with personal matters.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment was at 9:01 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Manousopoulos and seconded by Alderman Wosczyński.

MOTION CARRIED

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Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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