

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

APRIL 9, 2015

Public Forum

There was no individuals that spoke during the public forum held at 7:30 p.m.:

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2015 with Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	6	ALDERMEN:	Wosczynski, Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins
ABSENT:	1	ALDERMAN:	Schneider

Also present were City Attorney Horvath, City Treasurer Tarka, Economic Development Coordinator Swanson, Fire Chief Galgan and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

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

Approval of minutes

Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to approve the minutes of 2/26/15 Regular Meeting, 3/12/15 Public Hearing and 3/12/15 Regular Meeting as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Alderman Wosczynski had no report.

Public Safety

Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderman Jones: "Thank you Mayor. There was a Committee Meeting of the Whole. The minutes will be produced later and we will talk about them at the next city council meeting."

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Collins had no report.

H.E.W.

Alderman Williams had no report.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Schneider was absent.

Public Works

Alderman Munda had no report.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

City Treasurer Tarka report

City Treasurer Tarka: "Just very briefly Madam Mayor. The City Council should be aware of the fact that the new Audit Engagement Letter is on this agenda. There was just a slight increase over last year.

We have not received the final documents on our current audit. We expect them shortly but we have already scheduled field work in order to get a jump on this year's audit.

I would ask that the Council pass the Engagement Letter for next year's audit."

Mayor's Report

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Under the Mayor's report, I just wanted to remind residents that Sibley Boulevard is going to undergo some major resurfacing. That is from the expressway to Torrence Avenue.

It actually a 4.8 million dollar resurfacing project that will start at Dixie Highway in Dixmoor and conclude at Torrence Avenue and Calumet City.

According to the IDOT Preconstruction Notice they are saying the project will begin in April and will be concluded by August.

If some of you recall sometime back the city did the part of Sibley Boulevard that was under the city jurisdiction and now the state is doing the part of Sibley Boulevard in Calumet City that is under the state's jurisdiction.

I also would like to announce that South Suburban College is offering free CDL training for veterans. Anyone interested please call the college at (708) 596-2000, ext 2563. This is a nice program being offered by South Suburban College.

Mayor's report (cont'd)

There is a Law Day on Friday, May 1, 2015 for current and future students, teachers and guests of all ages and backgrounds. You can find out what the legal community has to offer in the field of legal studies through its court reporting, paralegal and criminal justice programs.

The First District Appellate Court case live there. For more information please contact South Suburban College at (708) 596-2000, ext. 2579.

Some of you may have seen in the newspaper that Walgreens is closing 200 stores nationwide. Unfortunately one of our Walgreens at River Oaks Drive and Burnham Avenue will close.

They are saying that the closures are part of an expansion to the 1 billion dollar cost reduction plan that Walgreens announced last August.

While it is very disappointing to all of us that Walgreens is closing I just want to report to our residents that it is disappointing and frustrating to the city that this is happening and they make these corporate decisions without any real input or ask for anything from the city in terms of the decisions that they make at these corporate levels.

Watch the news it has been all over and has been reported online. It is disappointing to us but I am sure our Economic and Development Department is going to aggressively look for a new business to locate at his site.”

2nd Ward Earth Day events

Alderman Wosczyński announced on Saturday, April 25, 2015 2nd Ward Cleanup. Residents are asked to put items in the alley by 7:00 am.. Contact public works department prior to the date at (708) 891-8160 to pickup larger items.

Alderman Wosczyński announced on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. a Confidential Document Shredding Event at the Calumet City Public Works Facility, 1701 Dolton Road sponsored by State Senator Trotter and State Representative Simms.

There will also be an Electronics Recycling Drive. All residents will be receiving a flyer in the mail. For more information contact her office at (708) 891-8192 or email her at mwosczyński@calumetcity.org

Alderman Wosczyński announced on April 25, 2015 that the children will be planting flowers from Home Depot at 12:30 p.m. at the Calumet City Public Library for Earth Day.

Registration for the event will begin on Monday, April 13, 2015. Other Earth Day activities will be available at the library.

Ald. Munda left meeting

Alderman Munda left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Amend handicap parking ordinance

Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to amend handicap parking ordinance by deleting: 281 Escanaba Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

Post "Do Not Block Driveway" sign @ 1124 Pulaski Road

Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to direct the public works department to post a "Do Not Block Driveway" sign at 1124 Pulaski Road.

MOTION CARRIED

Thank residents

Alderman Jones thanked the residents who came to the ward office regarding issues at Park Harbor. There will be a meeting on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at his office at 1910 Sibley Boulevard in conjunction with the Tenant Association. Residents in Park Harbor encouraged to attend and any residents that have questions contact his office at (708) 891-8193.

Thanks residents

Alderman Jones thanked the resident for participating in the past election. Voter turn out was low but those who voted voiced their concerns and supported the election and congratulated the candidates who ran and won.

Ward office hours

Alderman Jones announced that his new ward office hours, Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. extended office time. Residents that have concerns should stop by ward office. Monday thru Thursday office hours from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Public Hearing Trauma Center - 4/13/15 @ Governor State

Alderman Jones announced that himself and Representative Will Davis will be holding a public hearing at Governor State University on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the possibility of bringing a Trauma Center to the South Suburbs.

Alderman Jones sponsored bill in Springfield that got out of committee relative to a Trauma Center that pushes this idea forward.

Com Ed/Nicor bill payment

Alderman Jones announced that Commonwealth Edison and Nicor Gas are giving residents time to pay their bills that weren't paid this past winter. He encourages residents to contact them to set up a payment plan for outstanding bills.

Give Honor to God

Alderman Williams gave an honor to God.

Thank Living Water Kingdom Ministries Church

Alderman Williams thanked the Living Water Kingdom Ministries Church for their welcome this past Sunday for their Easter Service.

Partnership Greater Food Depository

Alderman Collins announced in the next few weeks he will be partnering with the Greater Food Depository to offer a Food Program for the Summer.

It will start before summer and be an everyday program where residents can stop by Representative Jones office for a two hour period and pick up a lunch.

It will be Monday thru Friday, hours will be posted on his website and his office. He thanked Kelsey and staff and Greater Food Depository for having the opportunity to have program here in Calumet City.”

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Proclaiming May 1, 2015 as Loyalty Day.
Qualkinbush/Loyalty Day

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Proclaiming April, 2015 as Buddy Poppy Month in Calumet City.
Qualkinbush/Buddy Poppy Month

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Proclaiming the week of April 13-17, 2015 as Flood Awareness Week.
Qualkinbush/Flood Awareness Week

City Clerk Figgs/monthly report Submitting Monthly Report for March, 2015.

Bureau of Economic Development Department CDBG Projects RE: CDBG Project #1206-006, Street Reconstruction/Project #1306-004, Street Reconstruction.

IDOT/preconstruction mtg. Advising of Preconstruction Meeting held on March 23, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. regarding Resurfacing on IL 83 from Dixie Highway to Torrence Avenue in Calumet City.

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency/notice Public Notice/Proposed Renewal, of the Clean Air Act Permit Program Land and Lakes Company.

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency/permit Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste.

United States Department of Transportation/bill Six Year Transportation Bill to Congress.

Comcast/communication RE: Clarification of correspondence dated March 4, 2015.

IDOT/MFT program RE: 2015-2016 MFT Maintenance Program.

IDOT/MFT allotments

Advising MFT Allotments are being reduced by \$50 million Statewide as part of the SWEEPS Legislation.

Accept & place on file

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to accept the communications and place on file.

MOTION CARRIED

Buddy Poppy Month

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "In these informational items my office was proclaiming April, 2015 as Buddy Poppy Month in Calumet City.

Prior to the Council Meeting, I greeted the Buddy Poppy King and Queen Joel Rodriquez and Ariana Ferrara and took pictures with them. We welcome them to City Hall and kicked off Buddy Poppy month."

NEW BUSINESS (None)

BUILDING PERMITS (None)

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Res. #1: supporting renewal Class 6B Classification 1551 Regency Court (Urban Ministries)

Resolution of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois. Supporting the Renewal of a Class 6B Real Estate Tax Assessment Classification for 1551 Regency Court. (Urban Ministries, Inc.) (see attached page 6A)

Pass Resolution (Res. #15-12)

Alderman Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to pass the Resolution as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1: Remit payment/Van Drunen/\$13,940.18

Approve payment to Van Drunen Ford for repairs to ambulance in the amount not to exceed \$13,940.18; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #0660-07-4-150.

#2: Approve comp time pay/Ofc. Ray Hladek

Approve comp time pay for Officer Ray Hladek in the amount as stated in the communication; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to the appropriate account.

#3: Approve Audit Engagement Letter

Approve the Audit Engagement Letter prepared by Crowe, Horwath, LLP, Certified Public Accountants for a one-year contract for the audit of the fiscal year ending April 30, 2015; authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the Engagement Letter documents presented; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Crowe Horwath, LLP for services rendered to be paid from account #01099-52610.

THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION
NUMBER 15-12

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK
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REAL ESTATE TAX ASSESSMENT CLASSIFICATION FOR 1551
REGENCY (URBAN MINISTRIES, INC)**

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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 President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook have enacted an ordinance known as the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance, as amended from time to time (the “*Classification Ordinance*”), which provides for a tax assessment incentive classification designed to encourage development throughout Cook County by offering a real estate tax incentive for the development of new facilities, the rehabilitation of existing structures and the utilization of abandoned buildings in order to create employment opportunities and expand the tax base; and

WHEREAS, Urban Ministries, Incorporated (the “*Applicant*”) leases a certain parcel of property within the City commonly known as 1551 Regency Court (a.k.a. 1439 Huntington Ave), Calumet City, Illinois, identified by permanent index number (PIN) 29-24-400-029-0000 and hereinafter legally described on Exhibit A, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof (the “*Property*”); and

WHEREAS, Applicant has requested that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City (the “*Corporate Authorities*”) support and consent to the renewal of its Cook

County Class 6B Real Estate Tax Assessment Classification for the Property, as said term is defined in the Classification Ordinance (the “*Class 6B Tax Assessment Classification*”), and as previously authorized by the Corporate Authorities on May 27, 2004 by Resolution No. 04-28, a copy of said authorizing document is attached hereto and made a part hereof, as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of a resolution by the Corporate Authorities is required and must be filed by Applicant with its renewal application with the County of Cook in order for the Property to maintain its Class 6B Tax Assessment Classification; and

WHEREAS, Applicant is a manufacturer and international distributor of educational resource materials, which occupies an approximately 15,000 square foot facility and the economic viability of said facility is dependent on the continued Class 6B Tax Assessment Classification; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the ongoing viability of the facility, the continuation of numerous employment positions in the City and to safeguard the tax base of the City, the Corporate Authorities have determined that it is necessary and in the best interests of the City to approve the renewal of the Class 6B Real Estate Tax Assessment Classification for the Property.

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. The Corporate Authorities find that the continuing economic viability of the Property is necessary and appropriate for the community and that without a Class 6B Tax Assessment Classification the Property would be underutilized and cause blight in the area

surrounding the Property.

Section 3. The Corporate Authorities find that the Class 6B Tax Assessment Classification incentive program established by the County of Cook is necessary for the ongoing commercial use and habitability of the Property, which is the subject of this Resolution.

Section 4. The Corporate Authorities support and consent to the filing of a Class 6B Tax Incentive Eligibility Renewal Application by the Applicant and owner of the Property, which is herein legally described.

Section 5. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution.

Section 6. All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 7. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois

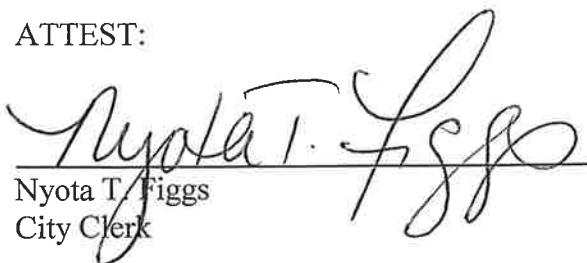
this 9th day of April 2015, pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Collins	X			
Jones	X			
Manousopoulos	X			
Munda	X			
Schneider			X	
Williams	X			
Wosczynski	X			
(Mayor Qualkinbush)				
TOTAL	6		1	

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this 9th day of April 2015.


Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush
Mayor

ATTEST:


Nyota T. Figgs
City Clerk

- #4: Remit payment/Chicago Southland/\$1,371.56 Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitor's Bureau in the amount of \$1,371.56 payable from account #01099-52696.
- #5: Remit payment/Go Daddy/\$7,914.79 Approve payment to GoDaddy for E-Mail Service and Support contract from 4/1/15 to 4/1/17 in the amount of \$7,914.79; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment; charge to account #01099-52990.
- #6: Remit payment/Emergency Network/\$24,900.00 Approve payment to Emergency Communications Network for Code Red telephone maintenance in the amount not to exceed \$24,900.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #01099-52020.
- #7: Approve Release & Settlement Agreement/Wilson v. City Approve a Release and Settlement Agreement by and between Lloyd Wilson & Christina Coleman and the City of Calumet City, et al. case numbers 14 CV 937 and 14 CV 2875, in the amount of \$30,000.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount as stated and charge to the appropriate account.
- #8: Approve payroll Approve payroll (\$779,064.38)
- #9: Approve bill listing Approve bill listing (\$852,360.83)
- #10: Approve attendance ICSC ReCon convention Bryan Swanson Approve attendance of Bryan Swanson to the ICSC ReCon Convention May 15-21, 2015; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Bryan Swanson for registration/hotel/expenses in the amount not to exceed \$1,819.10; to be charged to account #01085-52430.
- #11: Approve attendance ICSC ReCon convention Denise Rzonca Approve attendance of Denise Rzonca to the ICSC ReCon Convention May 15-21, 2015; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Denise Rzonca for registration/hotel/expenses in the amount not to exceed \$1,819.10; to be charged to account #01085-52430.
- #12: Remit payment/Global Emergency Products/\$8,993.85 Approve payment to Global Emergency Products in the amount not to exceed \$8,993.85 for repairs to Truck #309; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #06617-54150.
- #13: Remit payment/Foster Coach/\$5,285.00 Approve payment to Foster Coach in the amount not to exceed \$5,285.00 for a new cot for 2015 Ambulance; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #06607-54150.
- #14: Approve change orders fire department training center Approve change order for the work at the fire department training center on the following list of contractors: direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #01070-55601: Toepper Enterprises increase amount \$29,225.00; Toepper Enterprises increase amount \$15,750.00; Toepper Enterprises increase amount \$11,385.00; Calumet City Plumbing & Heating, Inc. increase amount \$5,773.00; Calumet City Plumbing & Heating, Inc. increase amount \$7,792.00; Circle R Electric Inc. increase amount \$22,524.00 and Concrete by Wagner increase amount \$5,645.00.

#15: Approve payment/
HD Supply Waterworks/
\$14,400.00

Approve payment to HD Supply Waterworks for the purchase of (6) hydrants at a total cost of \$14,400.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment; charge to account #03036-52122.

Approve financial items

Alderman Wosczyznski moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve financial items as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Wosczyznski, Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos,
Collins
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMAN: Schneider

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2nd Ward Neighborhood
Watch Meeting - 4/13/15

Alderman Wosczyznski announced that the 2nd Watch Neighborhood Watch meeting has been changed to Monday, April 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the lower level of the police department.

MFT Fund Allotment

Alderman Jones: I want to make my colleagues aware that the Governor made an announcement sweeping MFT funds which will effect Calumet City.

It is statewide and estimated at 50 million but may go as high as 70 million which will reduce MFT allotment.

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "It is going to reduce our allotment by \$1.00 per resident, roughly \$38,000 this year."

Alderman Jones; "It may come down for fiscal year 2016. It is on the agenda now and we received a notification from IDOT. There may be more cuts coming as well. I know this council passed a resolution opposing the other cuts.

I will try and keep my colleagues and lobbyists updated and make sure we stay on top of this."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "I hope our State Representative strongly voices our opposition for too many cuts down there. Which would mean we have to make a whole lot of cuts here."

Post "No Loitering" police
sign @ 323 Luella Avenue

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyznski, to direct public works to post "No Loitering" police sign by 323 Luella Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 7:48 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Manousopoulos and seconded by Alderman Wosczyński.

MOTION CARRIED



Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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