

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**DECEMBER 12, 2013**

Public Forum

The following individuals spoke before the public forum held at 7:30 p.m.

James Terrell, Vice President of Real Estate Sears Holdings, regarding future of the site in the River Oaks Shopping Center Sears Store.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers on Thursday, December 12, 2013 at 7:35 p.m. with Honorable Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Horvath, City Attorney Odelson, Police Chief Gilmore, Finance Director Kasperek and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

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

Moment of silence

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush requested a moment of silence in memory of Nelson Mandela who passed away.

Approve minutes

Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to approve minutes of 11/14/13, 11/19/13 & 12/5/13 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

<u>Finance</u>	Alderman Wosczyński had no report.
<u>Public Safety</u>	Alderman Manousopoulos was absent.
<u>Public Utilities</u>	Alderman Jones had no report.
<u>Ord. &amp; Res.</u>	Alderman Collins had no report.
<u>H.E.W.</u>	Alderman Williams had no report.
<u>Permits &amp; Licenses</u>	Alderman Schneider had no report.
<u>Public Works</u>	Alderman Munda had no report.

## CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Feasibility study/four-way stop/Sibley & Lincoln Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to direct the police department to conduct a feasibility study for a four-way stop at Sibley & Lincoln.

MOTION CARRIED

2<sup>ND</sup> Ward Toy Drive/Dec. 2-17, 2013 Alderman Wosczyński announced the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Christmas Toy Drive from December 2-17, 2013 in conjunction with City Clerk Nyota Figs.

She encourages residents to donate new or gently used toys. Toys will be distributed by Calumet City Resources to the needy children in Calumet City.

The drop off locations are Bank Financial, 1901 Sibley Blvd, BMO Harris, 530 Torrence Avenue, First Savings Bank Hegewisch, 1100 Sibley Blvd, Walgreens, 522 Torrence Avenue, Walgreens, 626 River Oaks Drive and City Clerk's Office, 204 Pulaski Road.

Merry Christmas Alderman Wosczyński wished all residents a very Merry Christmas.

Thank residents contacting ward office Alderman Jones thanked the residents for attending his office for appointments and emails regarding issues in the community. To request an appointment contact the office at (708) 891-8193 or email at [calcity3@yahoo.com](mailto:calcity3@yahoo.com)

Thank school district toy donations/Township Alderman Jones thanked the school districts for collecting 460 toys that will be donated to the Thornton Township Christmas Toy Drive.

Corporate Record Service  
business scam/contact  
Attorney General

Alderman Jones announced at past council meetings he stated two businesses that there is a scam in the community that involves business thinking that the Secretary of State is sending out a corporate notice for the business.

He forwarded the letter to the Attorney General's Office and is not a legal place where corporate records are done. If anyone receives the notice from Corporate Record Service contact the Attorney General's office.

Shop Calumet City

Alderman Jones announced that the second run of the Shop Calumet City booklet will be starting. There was 24 businesses that participated. There will be on 500 booklets printed. Residents applying visit the website at [www.3rdwardcalumetcity.org](http://www.3rdwardcalumetcity.org) and apply and his office will contact residents.

Funding thru State of  
Illinois - 2.5 million dollars

Alderman Jones stated he told his colleagues that he wanted to bring back funding to Calumet City. He will give the letter to the Mayor and colleagues.

Thru the Illinois Department of Transportation he requested 5 million dollars. The city received 2.5 million dollars for Dolton Road, State Street and River Oaks Drive. The State of Illinois has given to Calumet City 2.5 million dollars. He thanked IDOT and at a meeting when the City Engineer is present have a check presentation.

Thank God

Alderman Williams gave thanks to God .

Happy Holidays

Alderman Williams wished the residents a very happy holidays and be safe during the holiday season.

Thank Sears

Alderman Collins thanked Sears for attending council meeting.

Secret Santa

Alderman Collins will be doing Secret Santa, food/toy basket so any resident contact his office at (708) 891-8197 regarding a name of a neighbor in need.

Merry Christmas

Alderman Collins wished all the residents a Merry Christmas and may God bless you.

Merry Christmas

City Treasurer Tarka wished all the residents a happy, healthy and blessed Christmas season.

Happy Holidays  
season.

City Clerk Figgs wished all the residents of Calumet City a Happy Holiday

Merry Christmas

Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush wished all the residents a Merry Christmas and a happy and health New Year.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

Calumet City Police  
Pension Fund/tax levy  
request

RE: Tax Levy Request.

Accept & place on file

Alderman Wosczyznski moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to accept the communication and place on file.

MOTION CARRIED

## NEW BUSINESS

Refer request Finance  
Committee/Class 6 Incentive  
602 State Street

Request for Class 6 Incentive for 602 State Street (Kay Manufacturing); refer to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation.

Hire new police officer  
police promotions

Authorize the Board of Police & Fire Commission to promote one (1) patrolman to the rank of Sergeant to keep the supervisory ratio intact and hire one (1) new officer, as a replacement for vacancy created after the promotion of a patrolman to Sergeant.

Refer request Finance  
Committee/Class 8 Incentive  
1775 Sibley Blvd.

Request for Class 8 Incentive for 1775 Sibley Boulevard (Family Dollar), refer to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation.

Approve new business

Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyznski, to approve new business as presented and amended.

## ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

## RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Res. #1:: amending  
(Res. #12-21) surplus  
property 743 Greenbay  
(Res. #13-45)

Resolution amending (Res. #12-21) for conveyance of surplus real estate in Calumet City, Illinois, to include 743 Greenbay Avenue and authorize the Clerk and/or Corporation Counsel to execute all documentation necessary to effectuate said conveyance of surplus real estate. (see attached page 4A)

Res. #2: approve Residential  
Real Estate Contract/101-  
155<sup>th</sup> Street (Res. #13-46)

Resolution to approve Residential Real Estate Contract for 101-155th Street, Calumet City, Illinois, authorizing the Clerk and/or Corporation Counsel to execute all documentation necessary to effectuate said contract and authorize the Director of the Department of Inspectional Services to pursue and obtain bids regarding the demolition of the property. (see attached page 4B)

Res. # 13-45

**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Calumet City,  
Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

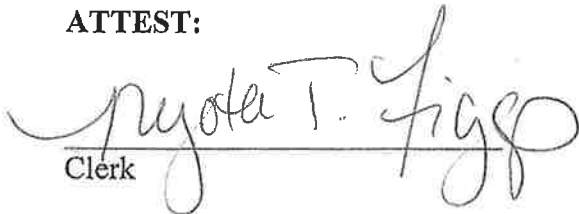
1. That Resolution No. 12-1, which approved the conveyance of surplus real estate pursuant to Section 18-36 of the Calumet City Code, is hereby amended so as to add an additional parcel, to-wit:  
  
30-18-219-071-0000, 743 Greenbay Avenue, 70' residential, vacant  
  
Requested by Moises Soberano & Veronica Martinez of 741 Greenbay Ave.,  
  
Calumet City, IL
2. Resolution No. 11-53 in all other respects remains in full force and effect and is not modified by this Resolution.

PASSED this 12th day of December, 2013.

**APPROVED:**

  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Clerk

Regular mtg 12-12-13 - 4A-

**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

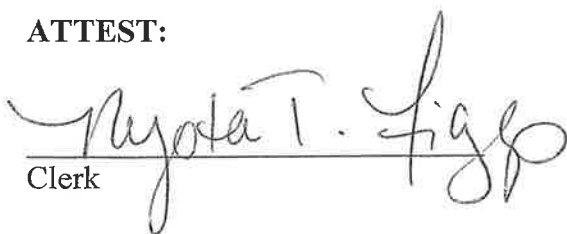
1. That the Residential Real Estate Sale Contract pertaining to the property commonly known as 101 155<sup>th</sup> Street, Calumet City, Illinois, is hereby approved;
2. Payment is hereby approved under the aforesaid Contract, and payment sufficient to meet the City's obligations is hereby authorized and directed to be paid from account number 01099-52645.
3. Approval is hereby given to the Mayor, City Clerk, and/or Corporation Counsel of the City of Calumet City to execute any and all documentation necessary for the completion of the transaction contemplated by the aforesaid Contract.
4. Upon conveyance of subject property to the City of Calumet City, the Director of the Department of Inspectional Services is hereby authorized to pursue and obtain bids regarding the demolition of subject property.

PASSED this 12th day of December, 2013.

**APPROVED:**

  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Clerk

Ord. #3 amending  
(Ord. #12-43) Elected  
Officials

Ordinance amending (Ord. #12-43) of the City of Calumet City, Cook County Illinois. (see attached page 5A)

Pass Resolutions/Adopt  
Ordinances

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to pass the Resolutions and Ordinances as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#1: Authorize City Attorney  
to procure an appraisal  
PTAB case 11-26067

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to authorize the City Attorney to procure an appraisal in support of PTAB case 11-26067 and enter into a cost sharing agreement with the School Districts to split the cost of same.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

#2: Approve payment/  
Meats by Linz/\$52,863.49

Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to approve payment to Meats by Linz, Inc. per the Economic Incentive Agreement and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$52,863.49 for the 2012 real estate taxes paid; to be charged to T.I.F. District #1 tax increment.

ROLL CAL

YEAS: 6  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

#3: Approve payment/  
ICOMM Consulting  
\$8,370.00

Approve payment to ICOMM Consulting in the amount of \$8,370.00 for consulting services for new phone system and direct the City Treasurer to remit and charge to account #01099-52990.

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

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**ORDINANCE**  
NUMBER 13-63

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-43  
OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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**MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH, Mayor**  
**NYOTA T. FIGGS, City Clerk**

**ANTOINE COLLINS**  
**THADDEUS JONES**  
**NICK MANOUSOPOULOS**  
**ROGER MUNDA**  
**ERIC W. SCHNEIDER**  
**RAMONDE D. WILLIAMS**  
**MAGDALENA J. "LENI" WOSZYNSKI**  
**Aldermen**

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ORDINANCE NUMBER 13-63

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-43  
OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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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 Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City (the "Corporate Authorities") approved Ordinance Number 12-43 entitled "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 12-40 Fixing the Compensation for the Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Alderman of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois" (the "Compensation Ordinance"), as from time to time supplemented and amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED 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.** Subsection (b) of Section 14 of the Compensation Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting the following stricken language and adding the underlined language to read, as follows:

- (b) Elected officials who held office on January 1, 2005 or January 1, 2013, and who have served or will serve during any consecutive five year period ~~two terms (or partial term for a total of five (5) years), and are serving the City as of January 1, 2005,~~ shall, upon leaving the service of the City, be entitled to continued family health and dental insurance and/or supplemental insurance coverage unless removed or disqualified

from office because of a conviction of a felony involving moral turpitude and in that event shall not be entitled to family or single health and dental insurance and/or supplemental insurance, without cost to the official until such time as the retired elected official becomes eligible for Medicare and supplemental insurance which shall also be provided at City expense. In the event a spouse of any elected official is not Medicare-eligible at the time of Medicare eligibility of the elected official or retired official, the City shall maintain full medical insurance benefits for the spouse and any eligible children at City expense until such time as the spouse becomes eligible for Medicare and supplemental insurance coverage, and at such time as a spouse reaches Medicare age, supplemental insurance shall be provided to said spouse at City expense. As provided by subsection (a) above, newly elected Alderman taking office in 2013, and thereafter, will not participate in the City's health and dental insurance coverages.

**Section 3.** The remaining provisions and terms as contained in the Compensation Ordinance are not altered, amended or otherwise modified by this Ordinance and remain in full force and effect.

**Section 4.** If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance.

**Section 5.** All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

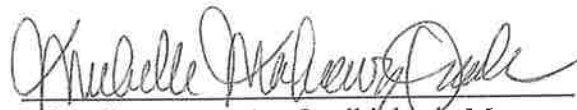
**Section 6.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

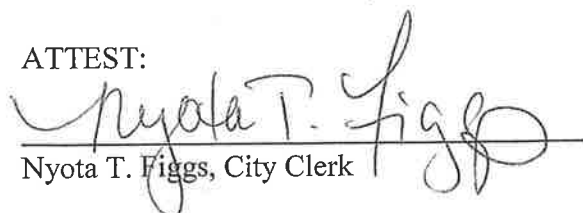
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**ADOPTED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois  
 this 12th day of December 2013, pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

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

**APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this 13th  
 day of December 2013.

  
 Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
 Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Item #3 should be removed from the agenda as it hasn't been address in the finance committee and will be placed on a subsequent meeting after review."

#4: Approve payroll

Approve payroll (\$867,768.86)

#5: Approve bill listing

Approve bill listing (\$1,144,594.15)

Approve #4 & #5

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyznski, to approve financial items #4 & #5 as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	6	ALDERMEN:	Collins, Schneider, Wosczyznski, Jones, Williams, Munda
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	1	ALDERMAN:	Manousopoulos

MOTION CARRIED

#6: Approve purchase gift cards/turkeys Sam's Club holiday giving grant program

Approve purchase of 100 - \$250 gift cards and 150 turkeys for holiday local holiday giving grant program. (Program Guidelines) 10 gift cards/15 turkeys to be distributed by each elected officials to families in need. Sam's Club shopping date is Friday, December 20; names of recipients to be provided by 2:00 p.m. on December 18, to JR Patton to coordinate with Sam's Club) (no purchase of alcohol electronics).

Remainder of monies in the account to be donated to Calumet City Resources; and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment

There was discussion regarding the purchase of gift cards from Sam's Club for a holiday local giving grant program.

Table item #6

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to table item #6 after Executive Session.

MOTION CARRIED

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Submitting Mayor's veto regarding expenditure approved by motion made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Williams, that the correct motion on the agenda #7 to approve the payment in the amount of \$3,000; and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to WDB Marketing for the Third Ward Website; to be charged to account #01099-52990.

Reconsider vote of city council/approve payment WDB Marketing/\$3,000

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyznski, to reconsider the vote of the City Council regarding the expenditure approved by the motion made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Williams, that the correct motion on the agenda #7 to approve the payment in the amount of \$3,000 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to WDB Marketing for the Third Ward Website; to be charged to account #01099-52990, dated 11/14/13.

Alderman Wosczyński: “We do have a city website that I think all the aldermen can avail themselves of. I know we have approved a website for Alderman Collins. I feel compelled that being I did support that website that I will also support the website that Alderman Jones is requesting.

The only question I have is this website is strictly for the third ward?

Alderman Jones: “Yes. But everybody, with the Shop Calumet City we have had people all over the city that gone to it. This is strictly for the third ward. If you recall this website done probably in 2011 or 2012. The company who did it previously Grainger Terry went out of business. The second company that we approved at the subsequent meeting, I researched that company and chose not to go with the company.

They did not deliver on a lot of the website that they have done for elected officials. I did not want to get criticized for not doing that. That is why I went with the company that is local in Calumet City to do the website.

The hosting is being paid for by me out of a Go Daddy account. It is the third ward website.”

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	4	ALDERMEN:	Wosczyński, Jones, Williams, Collins
NAYS:	2	ALDERMEN:	Schneider, Munda
ABSENT:	1	ALDERMAN:	Manousopoulos

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Collins, to approve the motion made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Williams, that the correct motion on the agenda #7 to approve the payment in the amount of \$3,000 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to WDB Marketing for the Third Ward Website; to be charged to account #01099-52990, dated 11/14/13; notwithstanding the veto of the Mayor.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	4	ALDERMEN:	Wosczyński, Jones, Williams, Collins
NAYS:	2	ALDERMEN:	Munda, Schneider
ABSENT:	1	ALDERMEN:	Manousopoulos

MOTION DID NOT CARRY

City Attorney Odelson: "On the motion to override the veto, the Mayor two thirds of the aldermen need to vote affirmatively and needed five votes. The motion to reconsider, the motion that passed brings it back to the floor. So the council can decide whether to override the veto or not override the veto. Statutorily that is the way you have to it.

A simple majority passes the motion to reconsider, a thirds majority is need to pass a motion over the veto of the mayor. You would have needed five votes to override. The motion fails. A new motion can be brought to approve an item at the next meeting."

Alderman Jones: "I just want to thank my colleagues who did support and for those that didn't that is fine. I appreciate it, all that means is that I will pay it out of my pocket. I don't want the residents of the third ward knowing that the colleagues gave a disservice to the residents."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz: "City Attorney Odelson stated if you wish to place on the motion on the next agenda to pay that line item, that only requires four votes and you are able to do that. You may want to check with the Attorney on how to do that. You certainly can."

Executive Session

Alderman Wosczyznski moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining.

MOTION CARRIED

(The City Council met in Executive Session from 8:00 p.m. to 9:10 p.m.)

Return - regular order  
of business

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Do I have a recommendation from the city council regarding financial matter item #8D-6?"

Alderman Jones: "According to the City Treasurer there is roughly \$40,000 in the account."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "If you want to refer to Finance. I just know Alderman Williams was requesting an expenditure out of there. I thought perhaps some of you may as well. It matters not to me. We will have a meeting on December 17, if everyone wants to give that some thought."

Table item #8D-6  
to 12/17/13 meeting

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to refer financial item #8D-6 to the agenda on December 17, 2013.

MOTION CARRIED

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Merry Christmas

Alderman Schneider wished everyone a Happy and Safe Festivas to all.

Merry Christmas

Alderman Jones wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Merry Christmas

Alderman Munda wished all the residents a Merry Christmas.

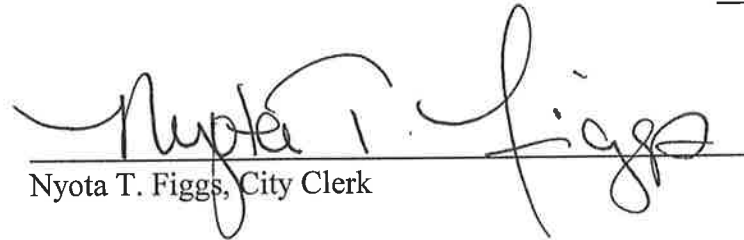
Merry Christmas

Alderman Collins wished all the residents a Merry Christmas.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment was at 9:14 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Wosczyński and seconded by Alderman Jones.

MOTION CARRIED

  
Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

/rb