

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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

DECEMBER 27, 2012

Public Forum

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

Hope E. Allen, 1033 Burnham Avenue, regarding the December 21, 2012 Electoral Board hearings.

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers in a regular meeting on Thursday, December 27, 2012.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 6

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

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMAN: Collins

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Alderman Collins called and he has an excused absence tonight he is out of town.

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Engineer Roberts, City Attorney Odelson and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

There being a quorum present, the meeting was in order.

Approval of minutes

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to approve the December 12, 2012 minutes 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.
<u>Ord. & Res.</u>	Alderman Collins was absent.
<u>H.E.W.</u>	Alderman Schneider had no report.
<u>Permits & Licenses</u>	Alderman Wilson had no report.
<u>Public Works</u>	Alderman Munda had no report.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

<u>Mayor's report</u>	Advising of the appointment of Nyota Figgs to the Fire Pension Board and notifying the city council.
<u>Accept & place on file</u>	Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to accept the appointment of Nyota Figgs to the Fire Pension Board.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "I would like to make a comment about a comment that was in the newspaper under the Mayor's Report. In the newspaper it said that Alderman Wilson stated that by not having any opposition, the mayor is allowed to boost her salary and benefit which go in effect in May 1 when the new term begins. That is what happens when there is no opposition on the ballot and that is why I, Alderman Wilson decided to run as an independent.

I just want to say for the record, that about four months the city council adopted the salary ordinance for who ever sits in these seats in May, 2013. Under my recommendation the salary of the mayor has been reduced about \$16,000. I believe that Alderman Wilson voted in favor of that ordinance. The mayor's position has not seen a salary increase in over four years. Perhaps he forgot that. He served as Finance Chairman for those four years.

It is also state law that elected officials, not one of us can change our salaries during our term of office. I cannot, I have not, the treasurer can't, the city clerk can't, the aldermen can't. No one can. They can only set the salaries of the elected officials for who ever seats in these seats in the next term. Again, that salary is going down.

<u>Mayor's report (con'td)</u>	I would kindly like to ask Alderman Wilson not to make mis-statements in the newspaper and perhaps our report from The Times is aware of the state law as it pertains to this matter because we continually talk about it. Maybe we can get it right one time and stop mis-representing statements to the public. That concludes the mayor's report."
<u>Ald. Wosczyznski</u>	Alderman Wosczyznski will have a report for the first meeting in January regarding the food drive and toy drive.
<u>No parking snow routes</u>	Alderman Wosczyznski encourages residents to adhere to snow route signs for no parking.
<u>Happy New Year</u>	Alderman Wosczyznski wished all the residents a Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year.
<u>Happy New Year</u>	Alderman Jones wished all the residents a Happy New Year.
<u>Thank St. Andrew Church</u>	Alderman Munda thanked St. Andrew the Apostle Parish and Fr. Jacek and the volunteers for the Christmas dinner held on Sunday, December 23, 2012.
<u>Cautious snow shoveling</u>	Alderman Munda reminded residents to be cautious during snow shoveling in the upcoming winter months. Public Works department will plow the main streets first and then the side streets.
<u>St. Victor Feed the Homeless</u>	Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush encourages her colleagues to join her on Sunday, December 30, 2012 at St. Victor Church from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the Feed the Homeless event.
<u>Mayor - report</u>	Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "I would like to say one more thing under the Mayor's report. Maybe the press could pick this up. There is a lot of information being given to our residents that is less than truthful. The City Clerk was appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the entire city council voting yes."
<u>Happy New Year</u>	Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush wished all her colleagues a healthy and prosperous new year. She wished all the residents a Happy New Year.
<u>Happy New Year</u>	City Treasurer Tarka wished all the residents a Happy New Year.
<u>Happy New Year</u>	City Clerk Figgs wished everyone a Happy New Year.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

Calumet City Resources Thanking the city council for their donation.
thanking city for donation

LaVerne Gruba/commending Commending Alderman Wosczyński.
Ald. Wosczyński

Comcast/updating info Updating information for comcast and personnel contacts.

Calumet City Firefighters’ Requesting City of Calumet City include the amount of \$1,901,277.00 for the
Pension Fund/2012 tax levy firefighters pension fund in the city’s 2012 tax levy.

Accept & place on file Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to accept communications and place on file.

MOTION CARRIED

Read in entirety Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to read communication #7B in its entirety.

MOTION CARRIED

(see attached page 4A for communication #7B)

NEW BUSINESS

Ross v. Calumet City Requesting the city to undertake the defense of Assistant Chief Zorzi in the John Ross, Plaintiff v. Village of Burnham, et al, defendant, civil action No. 12 C 9234.

Schulze v. US District Requesting the city to undertake of defense of Lt. Timothy Murphy in the Dennis C. Schulze, Sr., Plaintiff, Civil Action in the United States District Court, file No. 09CV1194.

Refer Second Request for Refer Second Request for Proposal for city towing to City Attorney, Purchasing
city towing City Attorney Director Vallis, City Treasurer Tarka and Police Chief to review and submit recommendation to the city council. (RFP’s were publically opened on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Approve new business Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to approve new business items as presented.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Res. #1: Improvement by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code appropriating \$2,846.00 of MFT funds (Res.#12-46) Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code. (Wentworth Avenue- bridge @ Little Calumet River) (appropriating \$2,846.00 of MFT funds) (see attached page 5A)

Res. #2: approving real estate sales contract/ 301-156th Place (Res. #12-47) Resolution approving real estate sales contract for the purchase of 301-156th Place, Calumet City, authorizing the Clerk and/or Corporation Counsel to execute all documentation necessary to effectuate said real estate contract. (see attached page 5B)

Res. #3: approving real estate sales contract/ 743 Greenbay (Res. #12-48) Resolution approving real estate sales contract for the purchase of 743 Greenbay Avenue, Calumet City, authorizing the Clerk and/or Corporation Counsel to execute all documentation necessary to effectuate said contract. (see attached page 5C)

Ord. #4: Four Way Stop Sign - Manistee Ave. & Cleveland (Ord. #12-60) Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois. (Four Way Stop Sign at Manistee Avenue & Cleveland Avenue. (see attached page 5D)

Pass Resolutions/adopt ordinances Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to pass the Resolutions and adopt Ordinances as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Remit payment/MWM Consulting Group/\$7,000 Authorizing the City Treasurer to remit payment to MWM Consulting Group in the amount of \$7,000.00 for the GASB #45 report for the 4/30/11 audit; to be charged to account #010-99-2-610.

Approve buy-back/Ofc. Hladek Approve buy-back for Officer Hladek in the amount as stated in the amount as stated in the communication and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to the appropriate account.

Remit payment/KRC Calumet City/\$32,185.45 Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to KRC Calumet City 836, Inc. in the amount of \$32,185.45 representing the city's 50% share of sales tax received by the city for the accounting period July 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012 to be charged to the Corporate Fund - Contractual Obligations line item #010-99-2-696.

<u>Remit payment/Lyons & Pinner Electric/\$19,970</u>	Approve payment to Lyons & Pinner Electric Companies in the amount of \$19,970.00 for outlets for River Oaks Median and direct the City Treasurer to charge to the appropriate account.
<u>Approve Holiday Home Decorating Contest</u>	Approve the Holiday Home Decorating Contest awards and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Things Remembered in the amount not to exceed \$781.02 and MB Financial Bank in the amount not to exceed \$1,225.00; to be charged to account #010-99-2-990.
<u>Remit payment/The Times \$6,360.00</u>	Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to The Times in the amount of \$6,360.00 for Tree Lighting Mailer; to be charged to account #010-99-2-327.
<u>Remit payment/Scot Decal \$7,670.16</u>	Amend the motion of December 13, 2012 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Scot Decal Company for vehicle stickers in the amount not to exceed \$7,670.16; to be charged to account #010-22-3-200.
<u>Remit payment/Calumet City Plumbing/\$5,055.00</u>	Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet City Plumbing Co. in the amount not to exceed \$5,055.00 for sewer repair for 700 Burnham Avenue to be charged to account #030-36-2-101.
<u>Remit payment/Law Offices Dennis Gianopolus/\$10,000</u>	Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to the Law Offices of Dennis Gianopolus, P.C., for a special retainer for services in connection with the 2013 Consolidated Primary Election in the amount of \$10,000; to be charged to account #010-25-2-200.
<u>Remit payment/emergency bills/treasurer's office</u>	Authorize the City Treasurer to remit for the attached bills in the amount of \$105,848.44; to be charged to the accounts listed.
<u>Approve payroll</u>	Approve payroll (\$819,968.34)
<u>Approve bill listing</u>	Approve bill listing (\$319,290.14)
<u>Approve legal bill listing</u>	Approve legal bill listing (\$55,090.84)
<u>Approve financial matters authorize City Treasurer to remit payment</u>	Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve financial matters as presented and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Happy New Year

Alderman Jones stated Alderman Collins sent him a message to wish everyone a happy and prosperous new year and thanked his colleagues for a great year.

Happy New Year

Alderman Munda wished all his colleagues and the residents a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 7:44 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Wosycznski and seconded by Alderman Schneider.

MOTION CARRIED

Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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