

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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

FEBRUARY 23, 2017

Public Comment

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

Kim Dixon Johnson, 1039 Wentworth Avenue, regarding purchase of a scanner for the Calumet City Public Library and new keyboards for the computers and requesting more beautification on Wentworth Avenue.

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 7:37 p.m. in a regular meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2017, with Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 5 ALDERMEN: Wosczynski, Williams, Munda (7:36), Manousopoulos, Bullocks

ABSENT: 2 ALDERMEN: Schneider, Jones

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Frazier, Police Chief Fletcher, Purchasing & Personnel Director Patton, Deputy Director Gomez, Health Inspector Sellers and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance Alderman Wosczynski had no report.

Public Safety Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.

Public Utilities Alderman Jones was absent.

Ord. & Res. Alderman Bullocks had no report.

H.E.W. Alderman Williams had no report.

Permits & Licenses Alderman Schneider was absent.

Public Works Alderman Munda: "I would like to report that the Department of Inspectional Services has been running multiple inspections on foreclosed homes, rental inspections, continuing to control the alleys for inspections, overgrown and foreclosed properties.

I received a report from Commissioner Tillman to sum up the last month of what they have been doing. I don't have the report with me tonight but it was vast. That is what the Department of Inspectional Services has been doing. The inspectors have been doing inspections and keeping the wards clean.

Also public works department has been out with the leaf trucks to clean up some of the excess leaves that were uncollected before the early snow and the rubbish which is a continual struggle.

I commend both departments of Inspectional Services and Public Works for the hard work they have been doing and all the workers in both departments. Thank you."

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Ald. Wosczyński Alderman Wosczyński announced that she will be sponsoring on Saturday, April 22, 2017 a confidential shredding, E-waste collection and flower planting at the Calumet City Public Library and awarding the art contest with T.F. North High School students and awarding the youngsters who are reading earth day books.

More information is available at the Calumet City Public Library in the Youth Department. There will be an annual Earth Day Ward Cleanup and more information will be forthcoming.

Ald. Williams Alderman Williams gave an honor to God.

Alderman Williams reminded residents that the Tutoring Program is still going every Saturday morning from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Any questions contact the ward office at (708) 891-8194.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

A: IDOT/proposed highway plans for Route 154th St. RE: Proposed Highway Plans for Route 154th Street - I-94/Bishop Ford to 154th Street - I-94/Bishop Ford to Michigan City Road. (Plans available in the City Clerk's Office)

B: Comcast/annual report RE: Comcast Annual Report.

C: United States District Court/Dyson v. Calumet City United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Case No. 16-CV 11509, Shaneka Dyson, Jump N' Jam Inflatables, Inc. and The Atrium Venue, Inc. The City of Calumet City, Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Nyota Figs, Randy Barron, James Patton, Sheryl Tillman, Donna Zwart and William Nadey. (Upon receipt of lawsuit, it was forwarded to the City Attorney)

D: Circuit Court of Cook Jones. v. Calumet City Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, Summons, Thaddeus Jones v. City of Calumet City. (Upon receipt of lawsuit, it was forwarded to the City Attorney)

E: Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush/ proclaiming March 19-25,2017 as Flood Awareness Week Proclaiming March 19-March 25, 2017 as Flood Awareness Week in Calumet City.

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

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

#1: Requesting assistance Calumet City Lions Club 5K Requesting assistance from police & ESDA departments for the Calumet City Lions Club 5K Run on Sunday, May 21, 2017 starting at Calumet City Memorial Park District.

#2: Requesting street light installation 546 Calhoun & 1111 Herbert Breclaw Alderman Wosczyński requesting the Mayor's Office to contact ComEd for a street light installation in the area of 546 Calhoun and 1111 Herbert Breclaw.

#3: Prepare zoning ordinance 383 Yates Avenue Accept the Finding of Fact and Recommendation from the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Petition for Zoning Classification change from R1 Residential to R2 Residential for the property at 383 Yates Avenue; direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance for the next council meeting of March 9, 2017.

#4: Requesting City Attorney draft lawsuit against Thaddeus Jones Alderman Manousopoulos requesting that the City Attorney draft and file a lawsuit against Thaddeus Jones to recoup all legal costs for the numerous lawsuits filed against the city for his own personal gain.

Table item #3 Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to table communication #4 until the next meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Approve items #1 & #2 Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to approve items #1 and #2 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush read the following motion into the record: Alderman Manousopoulos requesting that the City Attorney draft and file a lawsuit against Thaddeus Jones to recoup all legal costs for the numerous lawsuits filed against the city for his own personal gain.

Approve item #4

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to approve item #4 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

FENCE PERMIT

427 Marquette Avenue - 2nd Ward

Approve permit

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve the fence permit at 427 Marquette Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Res. #1: Support “Invest in Cook” Grant Application
(Res. #17-8)

Resolution of Support “Invest in Cook” Grant Application Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways - Call for Projects Fiscal Year 2017. (see attached page 4A)

Ord. #2: amending Chap. 54 (License fees)
(Ord. #17-5)

Ordinance amending Chapter 54, Section 54-134 of the Municipal Code (License Fees) (see attached page 4B)

Pass Resolution/Adopt Ordinance

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to pass the Resolution and adopt the Ordinance as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 2

ALDERMEN: Wosczyński, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Bullocks
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMEN: Schneider, Jones

MOTION CARRIED

City of Calumet City
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
"INVEST IN COOK" GRANT APPLICATION
Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways - Call for Projects FY 2017
Resolution No. 17-8

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City, is applying to the County of Cook for an "Invest in Cook" grant,

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City, submits an eligible project for funding consideration that is consistent with the priorities set forth in "Connecting Cook County",

WHEREAS, the project presented is the construction of a bike path and multi-use trail that links to existing bike paths,

WHEREAS, the project presented expands Cook County's involvement in multimodal projects,


WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City is committed to 20% matching funds upon approval of this application, and

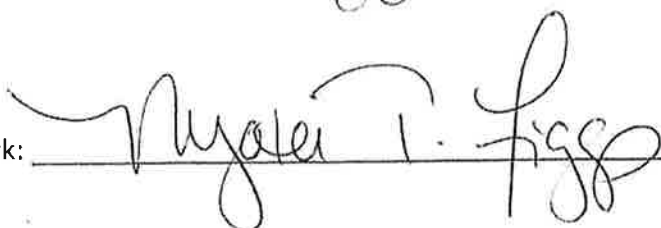
WHEREAS, it is necessary that an application be made and agreements be entered into with the County of Cook.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS follows:

1. that the City of Calumet City applies for a Cook County Department of Transportation and Highway grant under the terms and conditions of the County of Cook, and shall enter into (and agree to) the understandings and assurances contained in said application and program;
2. that the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Calumet City, on behalf of the City of Calumet City, execute such documents and all other documents necessary for the carrying out of said application and program; and
3. that the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Calumet City are authorized to provide such additional information as may be required to accomplish the obtaining of such grant and the management and facilitation of the program.

Passed this 23rd day of February 2017

Mayor: 

ATTEST:
City Clerk: 

SEAL

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

**ORDINANCE
NUMBER 17-5**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 54, ARTICLE III, SECTION 54-134,
OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
(LICENSE FEES)**

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

**ERIC W. SCHNEIDER
MAGDALENA J. "LENI" WOSZYNSKI
THADDEUS JONES
RAMONDE WILLIAMS
ROGER MUNDA
NICK MANOUSOPOULOS
SAMUEL BULLOCK**

Aldermen

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ORDINANCE NO. 17- 5

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 54, ARTICLE III, SECTION 54-134,
OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
(LICENSE FEES)**

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 the City Council of the City of Calumet City (the “*Corporate Authorities*”) may from time to time amend the text of the Municipal Code of Calumet City when it is determined to be in the best interests of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities are charged with the responsibility of overseeing implementation of the terms and provisions of the City’s Amusement Center License Ordinance in a manner that encourages compliance by businesses licensed to operate an amusement center or amusement arcade in the City.

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 are incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as it fully set forth in their entirety.

SECTION 2: That Chapter 54 (“*Licenses and Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations*”), Article III (“*Amusements*”), Section 54-134, (“*License Fees*”), of the Municipal Code of Calumet City, Illinois, is hereby amended by adding the underlined language to Section 54-134:

Sec. 54-134. License Fees

Amusement Arcades and Amusement Centers- A flat \$1500.00 annual license fee will apply for amusement arcades and amusement centers with not more than fifty machines. An additional license fee of \$75.00 per machine will apply for all machines in excess of fifty.

SECTION 3: If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

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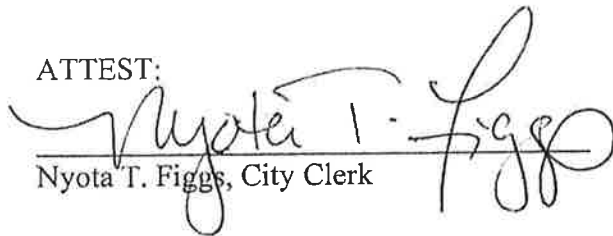
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ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois this 23rd day of February 2017, pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
SCHNEIDER			X	
WOSZYNSKI	X			
JONES			X	
WILLIAMS	X			
MUNDA	X			
MANOUSOPOULOS	X			
BULLOCKS	X			
(MAYOR QUALKINBUSH)	5		2	

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this 23rd day of February 2017.


 Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush
 Mayor

ATTEST:

 Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- #1: Remit payment/Miner Electronics/\$7,750.00 Approve equipment purchases for the police department in the amount not to exceed \$7,750.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Miner Electronics Corporation; to be charged to account #01060-55100.
- #2: Remit payment/Miner Electronics/\$9,126.00 Approve purchase of emergency radios for the 8 new police squad cars for the police department in the amount not to exceed \$9,126.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Miner Electronics Corporation; to be charged to the
- #3: Remit payment/Kreykes \$12,928.00 Approve purchase of new exterior lighting for the police department in the amount not to exceed \$12,928.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Kreykes Electric, Inc.; to be charged to the 1505 Account.
- #4: Approve conference attendance/police Approve attendance of Officer Coffey and Officer Dimitroff for training at the Illinois Drug Enforcement Officer Association Training Conference in the amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 for training and lodging; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment; to be charged to account #01060-52390.
- #5: Remit payment/Calumet City Plumbing/\$3,619.00 Approve water leak repair at 400 Pulaski Road in the amount not to exceed \$3,619.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet City Plumbing Co. Inc.; to be charged to account #03036-52349.
- #6: Remit payment/Calumet City Plumbing/\$4,290.00 Approve repair due to water main break at northwest corner of 163rd Street & Imperial Avenue in the amount not to exceed \$4,290.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet City Plumbing Co. Inc; to be charged to account #03036-52349.
- #7: Approve payroll Approve payroll (\$823,966.99)
- #8: Approve bill listing Approve bill listing (\$1,070,709.28)
- Approve financial matters Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to approve financial matters as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	5	ALDERMEN:	Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Bullocks, Wosczyński
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	2	ALDERMEN:	Schneider, Jones

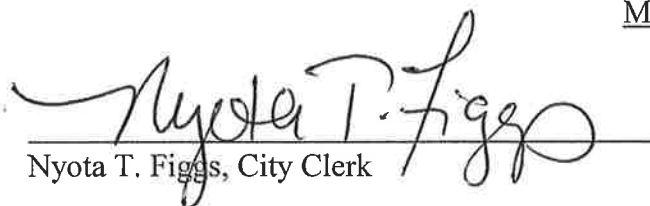
MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (None)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 7:42 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Manousopoulos and seconded by Alderman Wosycznski.

MOTION CARRIED


Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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