

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

**JANUARY 14, 2016**

Public Forum

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

Joe Balkis, 117-155th Street, regarding refund on water bills and late fee.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 7:32 p.m. at City Hall in a regular meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2016, with Alderman Magdalena Wosczyński, present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	6	ALDERMEN:	Schneider, Wosczyński, Jones, Williams, Munda (7:33), Manousopoulos
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

Also present were City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Horvath, City Engineer Roberts, Economic Development Coordinator Swanson, Finance Director Kasperek and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

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

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance

Alderman Wosczyński had no report.

Public Safety

Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderman Jones had no report. He advised that the purchase of the new water came from bond monies.

H.E.W.

Alderman Williams had no report.

Permit & Licenses

Alderman Schneider had no report.

Public Works

Alderman Munda had no report.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Presentation 2015 Holiday  
Decorating Contest winners

At this time in the meeting, Alderman Wosczynski and Economic Development Coordinator Swanson presented the awards for the 2015 Holiday Decorating Contest winners.

1<sup>st</sup> Ward

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Louise Harris - 620 Ingraham Avenue  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Rosa Agular - 617 Mackinaw Avenue  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Jorge Guerra - 506 Greenbay Avenue

2<sup>nd</sup> Ward

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Mr. & Mrs. Adigun - 365 Saginaw Avenue  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Denise Baker - 426 Manistee

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Tillman Family - 262 Prairie Avenue  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Cheryl Lewis - 154 Jennifer Lane

4<sup>th</sup> Ward

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Michelle Holmes - 543 Oglesby  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - La'Nya Rhodes - 509 Oglesby

5<sup>th</sup> Ward

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Rooshell Howard - 126 Detroit Street  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Emely Balderas - 32-159th Street  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Kasperek family - 1057 Wentworth

6<sup>th</sup> Ward

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Dawn Furlan - 1530 Shirley  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Kresich family - 1379 Stanley Blvd.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Kathy Owens - 311-166th Street

7<sup>th</sup> Ward

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Ivan Lopez - 1132 Michigan City Rd.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Lou Wade - 871-161st Street

City Treasurer - report

City Treasurer Tarka (His comments were not audible)

Amend handicap parking  
ordinance

Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to amend the handicap parking ordinance by adding: 397 Buffalo Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

- Happy New Year Alderman Jones wished all the residents a Happy New Year and wished all the residents a great year and will be announcing some new programs.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward block club Alderman Jones announced at the next council meeting he will have block club forms. He encourages residents to participate and get involved in the ward.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Volunteer mtg. Alderman Jones announced on Saturday, January 23, 2016 there will a 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Volunteer Meeting for the 2016 programs at 9:30 a.m. in the ward office at 1910 Sibley Boulevard.
- He encourages residents that want to volunteer to attend the meeting. Any questions contact the office at (708) 891-8193.
- Health Care Act Alderman Jones announced any residents interested in signing up for the Health Care Act the last day is Sunday, January 31, 2016. Contact Get Covered Illinois at (866) 311-1119 or email [www.getcoveredillinois.com](http://www.getcoveredillinois.com)
- CVS Project Health 1/21/16 Alderman Jones announced on Thursday, January 21, 2016 his office in conjunction with CVS will be sponsoring a CVS Project Health.
- Any residents interested in attending to discuss health screenings should attend from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the CVS Pharmacy, 600 E. Sibley, Dolton, Illinois.
- Give Honor to God Alderman Williams gave an honor to God.
- Seton High School Alderman Williams announced any residents that want to attend on Saturday, January 16, 2016 from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. at Seton Academy opposing the closing of the school.
- Speed limit - Wentworth Avenue Alderman Munda stated that the police department is working with him on the speed limit and traffic on Wentworth Avenue.
- Contact public works Alderman Munda encourages residents to contact public works for concerns or issues regarding snow removal at (708) 891-8160.
- Amend handicap parking ordinance Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to amend the handicap parking ordinance by deleting: 782 Buffalo Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

- City Treasurer Tarka City Treasurer Tarka; “Just to piggy back on Alderman Jones comments with regard to the recent bond issue. The council should be award under financial matters 8D-2 these are invoices with regard to LED Street Lighting.
- Our thanks go out to City Engineer Roberts and the staff of Robinson Engineering. They have been right on this and I believe we have all been copied on this project.

These LED traffic signals will also be taken out of the bond issue proceeds and City Engineer Roberts, correct me if I am wrong, this phase of the project will be done by the end of March.

City Engineer Roberts: "The street lights will be completed by the end of March. We are looking to get the traffic signal LED hopefully before the end of May.

City Treasurer Tarka; "A job well done."

Amend handicap parking

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to amend the handicap parking ordinance by adding: 354 Marquette Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

2<sup>ND</sup> Ward Toy & Food Drive

Alderman Wosczyński announced that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Toy and Food Drive was a huge success. The total monetary donation was in the amount of \$1,075.00. All donations were sent to Calumet City Resource Center.

Alderman Wosczyński thanked everyone for their support and the drop off locations and donations for the less fortunate in Calumet City.

Congratulate Michael Casner

Alderman Wosczyński: "I want to congratulate my grandson Michael Casner for being selected as the first Indiana winner of the Youth Award from the Association of Fund-raising Professionals, an international organization that give recognition to those who engage in philanthropy, big and small.

Michael was chosen from four youth finalists from across the State of Indiana for his charitable work at the Munster Humane Society. He believes that his dedication to helping others was fostered at St. Thomas Moore School where assisting the less fortunate is part of this daily education.

Assistant Principal, Cindy Block, accompanied Michael and his parents as he was presented his award at a banquet held recently in Sand Creek Country Club in Chesterton. We are so proud of you Michael, keep up the good work."

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

City Treasurer Tarka/  
Revenue & Expense reports  
for November, 2015

RE: Revenue & Expense Reports for November, 2015.

Illinois Commerce  
Commission/notice  
prehearing conference

RE: Notice of Prehearing Conference - 15-0546 Commonwealth Edison Company.

IDOT/notification to  
Maintenance Traffic  
Modernization

RE: Notification to Maintain - Traffic Signal Modernization on Burnham Avenue at River Oaks Drive.

<u>Robinson Engineering/ LED Street Light &amp; Traffic Signal Upgrades</u>	RE: LED Street Light and Traffic Signal Upgrades.
<u>Lyons &amp; Pinner/LED Street Light update</u>	RE: LED Street Light Update.
<u>IEPA/combined sewer overflows - NPDES permit overflows</u>	RE: City of Calumet City Combined Sewer Overflows - NPDES Permit No. ILM580025.
<u>Calumet City Historical Society/thanking city for grant</u>	Thanking the City of Calumet City for their grant.
<u>Comcast/changes to channel line-up</u>	RE: Changes to channel line-up.
<u>WOW Cable/price increase</u>	RE: Price increase effective 1/1/16.
<u>Comcast/submitting info for Comcast &amp; local personnel</u>	Submitting information for Comcast and its local personnel.
<u>Friends of the Chicago River/ improvements to Chicago River system</u>	Advising of improvements to Chicago River system.
<u>Metropolitan Water Reclamation District/GIS Assistance Program</u>	RE: Survey to gauge interest in a GIS Assistance Program.
<u>Zoning Bd. of Appeals/ special use permit hearing held 12/16/15</u>	Advising of Special Use Permit Hearing held 12/16/15 for continued operation of a waste transfer facility and material recycling and recovery facility.
<u>IEPA/NPDES Permit No. IL0035157</u>	RE: Plastics Color Corporation of Illinois NPDES Permit No. IL0035157 Public Notice of Permit.
<u>Accept &amp; place on file</u>	Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to accept the communications and place on file.

MOTION CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

Tag day request/Children's Home Center

Approving tag day request for Children's Home Center for Friday, January 22, 2016. (Approved by the police department)

Ross. Calumet City

Refer to City Attorney - Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois - Antoinette Ross v. City of Calumet City, a Municipal Corporation.

Approve new business

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to approve new business as presented.

**ROLL CALL**

YEAS: 6	ALDERMEN:	Schneider, Wosczynski, Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos
NAYS: 0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT: 0	ALDERMEN:	None

MOTION CARRIED

**BUILDING PERMITS**

FENCE - Privacy  
1599 Wentworth - 6<sup>th</sup> Ward

Approve permit

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to approve the fence permit at 1599 Wentworth Avenue as presented.

**ROLL CALL**

YEAS: 6	ALDERMEN:	Wosczynski, Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Schneider
NAYS: 0	ALDERMEN:	None

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

Ord.#1: handicap parking by adding: 515 State St, 1386 Wentworth & 1251 Mackinaw Avenue

Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, by adding: 515 State Street, 1386 Wentworth and 1251 Mackinaw Avenue. (see attached page 6A)

Adopt Ordinance (Ord. #15-58)

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to adopt the ordinance as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

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

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**ORDINANCE**  
NUMBER 15-58

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90 OF THE MUNICIPAL  
CODE OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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

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

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE  
OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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**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 Section 90-317 (Handicapped parking) of Article V [Stopping, Standing and Parking] of Chapter 90 [Traffic and Vehicles] of the Municipal Code of Calumet City, Illinois, is hereby amended by adding the following language to subsection G (Signed areas) to read, as follows:

515 State Street

1386 Wentworth Avenue

1251 Mackinaw Avenue

**Section 2.** The Commissioner of Streets and Alleys is hereby authorized and directed to install the proper signs in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Ordinance.

**Section 3.** 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 4.** All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.


**Section 5.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.



**ADOPTED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016 pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Schneider	X			
Wosczynski	X			
Jones	X			
Williams	X			
Munda	X			
Manousopoulos	X			
(Mayor Qualkinbush)				
<b>TOTAL</b>	10			

**APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

  
 Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush  
 MAYOR

ATTEST:  
  
 Nyota T. Figgs  
 CITY CLERK

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6	ALDERMEN: Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Schneider, Wosczynski
NAYS: 0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT: 0	ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- #1: Remit payment/Holland Asphalt/\$6,960.00 Award the bid to the low bidder Holland Asphalt for the demolition of 589 Price in the amount of \$6,960.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #01099-52645.
- #2: Remit payment/Lyons & Pinner/LED upgrades Approve installation of LED and Universal Power supply backup and other related equipment at the following city-owned Traffic Signal/Flasher warning devices at the locations stated in the communication and the amounts as stated; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Lyons Pinner Electric Company and charge to account #12307-53444.
- #3: Remit payment/Scot Decal/\$8,149.21 Approve the purchase of 2016-2017 vehicle stickers; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Scot Decal Company in the amount not to exceed \$8,149.21; to be charged to account #01022-53200.
- #4: Remit payment/COPS & FIRE Personnel testing \$14,700.00 Approve testing for law enforcement personnel in the amount not to exceed \$14,700.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to C.O.P.S. and F.I.R.E. Personnel Testing Service; to be charged to account #010191-52532.
- #5: Probationary police officers/payroll effective January 4, 2016 Direct the City Treasurer to place the following probationary police officers on the payroll effective 1/4/16: Marcus Giglio, Mark Zieminski, Peter Piry and Bradley Begeske.
- #6: Remit payment/IML \$2,500.00 Approve membership to the Illinois Municipal League for 2016 Membership in the amount of \$2,500.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #01099-52353.
- #7: Approve Cable Television Franchise Approve the Cable Television Franchise Agreement by and Between the City of Calumet City and Comcast of Illinois VI, LLC. (Discussed at 12/8/15 Committee Meeting)
- #8: Approve payroll Approve payroll (\$843,602.07)
- #9: Approve bill listing Approve bill listing (\$1,748,256.96)
- #10: Approve City Treasurer's Emergency Approve the City Treasurer's Emergency Payments in the amount totaling \$2,987.71 to Northwestern Mutual to be charged to account #01099-51130.

Approve financial matters

Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve financial items #1 thru #10 as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6	ALDERMEN: Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Schneider, Wosczyński, Jones
NAYS: 0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT: 0	ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Amend handicap parking by adding: 319 Luella Ave

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to amend the handicap parking ordinance by adding: 319 Luella Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

Prepare Resolution urging Archdiocese reconsider closing Seton High School

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to direct the City Attorney to prepare a Resolution urging the Archdiocese to reconsider the decision to close Seton High School.

MOTION CARRIED

Executive Session

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

MOTION CARRIED

(The City Council met in Executive Session from 8:05 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)

Return- regular order of business

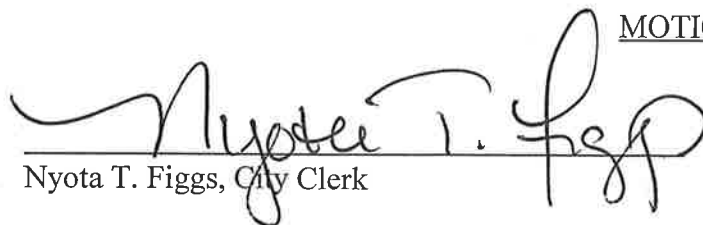
Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to return to the regular order of business.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 8:31 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos.

MOTION CARRIED



Nyota T. Figs, City Clerk

/rb