

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**JANUARY 24, 2013**

**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, January 24, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT:	7	ALDERMEN:	Schneider, Woscyznski, Jones, Wilson, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Bruen, City Engineer Roberts, Fire Chief Galgan and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

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

Approval of minutes

Alderman Woscyznski moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to approve the minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance

Alderman Woscyznski had no report.

“I will be scheduling a Finance Committee meeting to discuss development of a comprehensive multi-year street resurfacing program utilizing the street condition report prepared by the engineers and further to identify funding sources including the use of motor fuel tax funds”

Public Safety

Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderman Jones: “Everyone should a copy of a meeting notice that will be held on January 29, 2013 regarding electric aggregation. At that time we will make a decision or come to some agreement as to which direction the city will go.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.”

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Collins had no report.

H.E.W.

Alderman Schneider: "The American Heart Association has designated Friday, February 1, 2013 at National Wear Red Day. Heart disease claims lives of over half million women in the United States every year, making it the number one cause of death.

By wearing red clothing next Friday, we can all show support for the American Heart Association's efforts for additional funding and research for heart disease in women. You can find additional information about the National Wear Red Day and heart disease in women by going to [www.goredforwomenl.org](http://www.goredforwomenl.org) "

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Wilson had no report.

Public Works

Alderman Munda: "The public works department is continuing to clean the city and pick up debris and brush piles and handle minimal tree trimming at this time until we get hit with snow. If any resident has any requests feel free to contact your aldermen and report to the public works department."

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

VFW Post 8141 spaghetti dinner - 1/30/13

Alderman Schneider announced that VFW Post 8141 will be hosting their fifth Wednesday of the month Spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome to attend.

Ald. Wosczyński - report

Alderman Wosczyński: "Some streets in the second ward will be done in Spring 2013. The work and funding has been approved by the city council.

There was also a sewer televising throughout the second ward reviews are still in progress and for any work to be done I believe will start 2013 and maybe if I could call on our city engineer and verify what the status of that is."

City Engineer Roberts: "The sewer televising was completed in 2011. These were priority one locations in the second, third and seventh ward. We have done them city-wide as well. The contracts were awarded in the fall of 2012 and point repair and sewer main line work to commence in the spring of 2013.

Mayor Michelle "The lighting will be done as a result of the televising."

City Engineer Roberts: "This is the continuation of the repairs based on the results of the report."

Ald. Jones - report

Alderman Jones thanked residents that emailed or contacted his office regarding issues in the ward.

Prairie Avenue sewer lining repair

Alderman Jones announced to the residents on Prairie Avenue the sewer lining repair has been completed. He thanked the residents for their patience.

Crime Watch meeting 2/12/12 @ Downey Park

Alderman Jones announced the Third Ward Crime Watch Meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at Downey Park. Darius Hogans and Cassandra Hobert will be coordinating the meeting.

Thank Mayor, City Clerk Ald. Wosczynski, Darius Hogans & District #149

Alderman Jones thanked the Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer, Darius Hogans, Alderman Wosczynski, School District #149 for participating in the National Day of Service in conjunction with the President. There were over 170 volunteers that painted the school in Calumet City.

Prepare resolution/School District #149

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to prepare a Resolution thanking School District #149 for their support and recognizing the National Day of Service.

MOTION CARRIED

Illinois Hardest Hit Program

Alderman Jones encourages residents in need to contact the Illinois Hardest Hit Program at 855-873-7405. Over 1.8 million dollars has been brought to Calumet City. The program helps pay your mortgage and get it reinstated. Visit [www.illinoishardesthit.org](http://www.illinoishardesthit.org)

Register to vote primary election - 2/26/13

Alderman Jones encourages residents to register to vote for the February 26, 2013 primary election. The last day to register to vote is January 29, 2013.

Collins Fresh Youth Fest Jan. 25-26, 2013

Alderman Collins announced the Collins Fresh Youth Fest on January 25-26, 2013 at T.F. North High School. The event has workshops and seminars on various topics related to youth and the community.

He encourages the youth to attend. For more information to volunteer or to donate at (708) 808-7177 or visit [www.calumetcity7thward.org](http://www.calumetcity7thward.org).

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

City Treasurer Tarka/ Investment Report for quarter ended 12/31/12

RE: Investment Report for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2012.

City Treasurer Tarka/ commending D. Costello

Commending Debi Costello.

Cook County Bureau of Economic Development/ 2012 CDBG program

RE: 2012 Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program.

<u>IDOT/Sibley Boulevard to Torrence Avenue</u>	RE: Sibley Boulevard from Dixie Highway to Torrence Avenue - Target Letting June, 2016.
<u>Crown Caste/re: lease for T-Mobile</u>	RE: Lease for T-Mobile.
<u>Comcast/submitting updated personnel information</u>	Submitting updated personnel information.
<u>FEMA/advising of approval of firefighters grant</u>	Advising that Firefighters Grant has been approved.
<u>IDOT/re: grant award (08-355004)</u>	RE: Grant Award (08-355004)
<u>Calumet City Police Pension/municipal compliance report</u>	RE: Municipal Compliance Report and Investment Policy fiscal year end 4/30/12.
<u>Natural Path Urban Forestry Consultants/ Emerald Ash Borer Grant Assistance</u>	RE: Emerald Ash Borer Grant Assistance.
<u>IDOT/Burnham Ave. @ River Oaks Drive</u>	RE: Burnham Avenue at River Oaks Drive. (Plans available in the City Clerk's Office.
<u>Robinson Engineering Burnham Ave. @ River Oaks Drive</u>	RE: Burnham Avenue at River Oaks Drive.
<u>Read in entirety</u>	Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to accept communications #7A thru #7L and place on file and read communication #7B in its entirety.
	<u>MOTION CARRIED</u>
	(see attached page 4A for communication #7B for communication)
<u>Place communication in personnel file</u>	Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to place the communication in the personnel file of Debi Costello.
	<u>MOTION CARRIED</u>

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Approve tag day request  
Children's Benefit League Approving tag day request for Children's Benefit League in front of businesses on April 19 & 20, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Approve tag day request  
Misericordia Heart of Mercy Approving tag day request for Misericordia Heart of Mercy for April 26 & 27, 2013 at various intersections. (approved by the police department)

Appoint next candidate  
police eligibility list Directing the Board of Fire and Police Commission to appoint the next candidate on the police eligibility list due to the resignation of Probationary Officer Erik Martinez effective January 9, 2013.

Accept grant award from  
FEMA Firefighters Grant Accept the grant award from FEMA for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$421,241.00 for the purchase of a fire training simulator and bunker gear. (The federal share is 90% or \$379,117.00, fire department's share is 10% of \$42,124.00; to be charged to line item #010-70-5-101).

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

### **ROLL CALL**

YEAS: 7 ALDERMEN: Wosczyński, Jones, Wilson, Munda, Manousopoulos,  
Collins, Schneider

NAYS: 0 ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor - statement  
FEMA Grant Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Just for the record, item #4 under various action items was to accept the grant award from FEMA for the assistance to the Firefighters Grant. I know the fire chief wanted to make sure we got that motion on the record. We have done so."

## **BUILDING PERMITS**

### NEW GARAGE CONSTRUCTION

349 Oglesby Avenue - 4<sup>th</sup> Ward

Approve permit Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to approve the new garage construction at 349 Oglesby Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

## RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

<u>Res. #1: appropriating \$1,392,715.00 MFT funds 2013-2014 MFT program (Res. #13-2)</u>	Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code. (Appropriating \$1,392,715.00 of MFT funds) (traffic signal, street light, salt/stone, sidewalk, street resurfacing); authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement between the City of Calumet City and Robinson Engineering for 2013-2014 MFT program. (see attached page 6A)
<u>Res. #2: approving agreement between State Illinois &amp; Calumet City (Burnham &amp; RO Drive) (Res. #13-3)</u>	Resolution approving an Agreement by and between the State of Illinois and the City of Calumet City with regard to Intersection Improvements at Burnham Avenue and River Oaks Drive in Calumet City. (see attached page 6B)
<u>Ord. #3: approving First Amendment to agreement/ Calumet City &amp; Southland Casino Development Corp. (Ord. #13-1)</u>	Ordinance of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, approving a Fire Amendment to the Agreement by and between the City of Calumet City and Southland Casino Development Corporation. (see attached page 6C)
<u>Res. #4: Burnham &amp; River Oaks intersection improvements &amp; funding (Res. #13-4)</u>	Resolution of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois with regard to the Burnham Avenue and River Oaks Drive Intersection Improvements and funding of said improvements. (see attached page 6D)
<u>Ord. #5: Restricting parking along Burnham Ave &amp; River Oaks Drive during construction of roadway improvements (Ord. #13-2)</u>	Ordinance of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, Restricting parking along Burnham Avenue and River Oaks Drive during the construction of Roadway Improvements at the Intersection. (see attached page 6E)
<u>Ord. #6: Prohibiting discharge of sanitary &amp; industrial waste into storm sewer (Ord. #13-3)</u>	Ordinance of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, Prohibiting the Discharge of Sanitary and Industrial Waste into any Storm Sewer or Drainage facility constructed with regard to the Intersection Improvements at Burnham Avenue and River Oaks Drive in Calumet City. (see attached page 6F)
<u>Pass Resolutions/Adopt Ordinances</u>	Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to pass the Resolutions and adopt the Ordinances, without the necessity of prior posting.

## ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7	ALDERMEN: Jones, Wilson, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins, Schneider, Wosczyński
NAYS: 0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT: 0	ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

<u>Remit payment/City of Blue Island/\$10,577.00</u>	Amend the motion of December 13, 2013 and approve payment to City of Blue Island in the amount of \$10,577.00 for Cal-Sag Trail Phase II engineering match and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to account #010-85-2-350.
<u>Approve buy-back/Ofc. Erik Martinez</u>	Approve buy-back for Officer Erik Martinez in the amount as stated in the amount as stated in the communication due to his resignation; effective January 9, 2013 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment.
<u>Approve buy-back/Raymond Watson</u>	Approve buy-back for Raymond Watson in the amount as stated in the amount as stated in the communication due to resignation; effective January 9, 2013 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment.
<u>Remit payment/Halo Branded Solutions/\$16,440</u>	Approve the purchase of 2013 African American Historical Calendars in the amount not to exceed \$16,440.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-99-2-990.
<u>Approve Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure Agreement/ 840-844 Sibley Boulevard</u>	Approve Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure Agreement for conveyance of 840-844 Sibley Boulevard and 1320 River Drive, Calumet City and authorize the City Clerk and/or Corporation Counsel to execute all documentation necessary to effectuate said Agreement.
<u>Approve Settlement Authority Request/Jeff Sivak v. Calumet City</u>	Approve Settlement Authority Request for Jeff Sivak v. Calumet City 07 WC 23122 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment.
<u>Approve payroll</u>	Approve payroll (\$874,116.19)
<u>Approve bill listing</u>	Approve bill listing (\$215,642.64)
<u>Approve legal bill listing</u>	Approve legal bill listing (\$13,827.98)
<u>Remit payment/Olthoff \$12,000.00</u>	Authorize Olthoff, Inc. to complete the necessary work to improve the existing pipe culvert across Paxton Avenue just north of 158 <sup>th</sup> Place in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to MFT account.
<u>Remit payment/Robinson Engineering/\$800.00</u>	Authorize Robinson Engineering to inspect and oversee the completion of the work for a cost not to exceed \$800.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to the MFT account.
<u>Approve payment invoices (emergency payments)</u>	Approving the payment of the attached invoices (emergency payments) in accordance with Ord. 2-882 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount not to exceed \$12,000.00; to be charged to account #010-99-2-990.

Remit payment/Calumet City Plumbing/\$5,796.00

Approve payment to Calumet City Plumbing for work Paxton Avenue in front of Sandridge Nature Center and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount not to exceed \$5,796.00 and charge to account #030-36-2-349.

Remit payment/HD Supply \$6,575.44

Approve payment to HD Supply Waterworks, Ltd. for water meters for water department and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount not to exceed \$6,575.44 and charge to account #030-36-3-408.

Remit payment/HD Supply \$6,600.00

Approve payment to HD Supply Waterworks, Ltd. for fire hydrants and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount not to exceed \$6,600; to be charged to account #030-36-3-408.

Approve financial matters authorize City Treasurer remit payment

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to approve financial matters as presented and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment.

#### ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7

ALDERMEN: Wilson, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins, Schneider, Wosczyński, Jones

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Happy Birthday

Alderman Schneider wished his mom a Happy Birthday on Sunday, January 27, 2013.

Neighborhood Watch Mtg. first Monday every month @ police department

Alderman Wosczyński announced a Neighborhood Watch Meeting every first of the month. The next meeting will be February 4, 2013 in the police station lower level from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Happy Birthday

Alderman Munda wished his friend Bob a Happy Belated Birthday.

Thank birthday wishes

Alderman Collins thanked the residents for the birthday wishes.

Thank Chicago Defender

Alderman Collins thanked the Chicago Defender for the Man of Excellence Award which he will receive January 25, 2013. He thanked the nominating committee for the award.



Collins Fresh Youth Fest  
1/26/13 @ T.F. North  
High School

Alderman Collins encourages youth to attend Collins Fresh Youth Fest on Saturday, January 26, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at T. F. North High School. The event is free, breakfast and lunch provided.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment was at 7:55 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Wosczyński and seconded by Alderman Schneider.

MOTION CARRIED

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Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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