

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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

JULY 14, 2016

Public Comment

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

Joe Balkis, 117-155th Street, regarding water bill increase and late fee.

Aretha McKenna, 676 Muskegon, regarding signs along Pulaski Road that cannot read due to foilage overgrowth, fence behind former business (Maury's Pub) 152nd & Torrence unattractive to neighborhood and strip malls on 159th & Torrence and encourage new business.

Kyle Kasperek, 1057 Wentworth, announced VictorFest scheduled July 14-July 17, 2016 and thanked the council for their support.

Erlene Harris, 323 Crandon Avenue, regarding vacant commercial properties and commended the police department.

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 7:39 p.m. in a regular meeting on Thursday, July 14, 2016, with Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	7	ALDERMEN:	Schneider, Wosczynski, Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Bullocks
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Horvath, Housing Director Tyler, Inspectional Services Director Tillman, Purchasing & Personnel Director Patton, Systems Manager Wachowski, Finance Director Kasperek, Deputy Fire Chief Banske, Police Chief Fletcher, Deputy Director Inspectional Services Gomez and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

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

Approval of minutes

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve the minutes of 5/26/16, 6/9/16, 6/22/16 & 6/24/16 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Alderman Wosczyński had no report.

“There are some meetings scheduled on the following dates to discuss the appropriation ordinance: July 19, 2016, July 21, 2016, July 25, 2016 and July 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the council chambers.”

Public Safety

Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderman Jones had no report.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Bullocks had no report.

H.E.W.

Alderman Williams had no report.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Schneider had no report.

Public Works

Alderman Munda had no report.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor's report

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “Under the Mayor’s Report, I know under the public comment we had some residents concerned about maintenance of property.

Public Works Department works very tirelessly in conjunction with the Department of Inspectional Services.

Inspectional Services has inspectors that go out and write tickets for the properties that are not maintained for the weeds, garbage, etc.

We lien the properties. We don’t often see it right away, but in time we just keep adding and keep going. Sometimes it is things that residents don’t see that we do.

Public Works work tirelessly to cut those properties that are not occupied so they can blend into the neighborhoods until they are occupied again. It is a full time job.

We have about 28 guys at public works, but we have probably have about 300 vacant properties. They are working very hard at this.

Mayor's report (cont'd)

If you see a property that you don't think is being addressed quickly contact the Department of Inspectional Services, call the Mayor's office or call your aldermen and we will make sure we get on it.

We had the 50 kids this summer to help with that grass cutting. They are out there working.

As far as economic development goes, we know there is vacant properties, taxes are an issue. This city council has not raised taxes in three years.

We are trying to deal with it, going thru the tax appeals. The Economic Development Department has two great folks who work everyday trying to fill all of those vacant properties as well as the properties in the mall because everyone wants to go in the mall.

The property on Sibley that everyone refers to, the city council sold, it was our property. We owed the property on Sibley that we sold to the developer.

I believe it was \$150,000 that the city received for this property and they wanted to build the Divate Dialysis on the property on Sibley.

We don't often control all the vacant property that you see is owed by somebody and sometimes those people think there properties are work a whole lot more than it is and it becomes an issue.

We try to encourage businesses to hook up with properties by individual owners and try to mediate to try to get something in there rather than nothing.

This is our full time job, this is what we do everyday. Sometimes we are lucky and we get a Bob's Discount Furniture who locates here or an Alta Equipment.

I am not a big fan of strip malls, but we will work on keeping those occupied. Again privately owned so sometimes the landlord establishment are not so understanding that is better to have a business then to charge a lot of money for rent.

Just to give the residents a little framework on what that is all about.

City Clerk Figgs - report

City Clerk Figgs: "On Monday, August 15, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the city council chambers we will be having a Tax Appeal.

It is sponsored by the City Clerk's Office, Cassandra Holbert, Thornton Township Assessor, Mayor Michelle and Frank Zuccarelli.

Please bring your tax bill during that time and hopefully you can appeal some of the taxes for your property.

City Clerk report - cont'd)

I would like to thank the city council for approving the Amnesty Day.

Amnesty Day for city stickers is August 22, 2016. You can come into the city clerk's office from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the late fee will be waived.

If you forget to get your city sticker during renewal time, you can come to the city clerk's office during that time. Please bring a current vehicle registration.

Thank you."

2nd Ward Summer Block meeting

Alderman Wosczynski encourages residents to attend the 2nd Ward Summer Block meetings and a flyer will be going out with more information to the residents.

Ald. Jones - report

Alderman Jones thanked the residents that came into ward office for meetings.

Contact the ward office at (708) 891-8193 for an appointment.

Alderman Jones thanked the public safety departments for the installation of temporary speed bumps and the block clubs that initiated the speed bumps.

Alderman Jones announced the IE5 Program that offers up to \$50,000 to residents who apply. The program starts August 1 and certain criteria have to be met.

For more information contact ward office at (708) 891-8193.

Alderman Jones announced a Tax Appeal on July 26, 2016 at Sandridge Elementary Center, 2950 Glenwood Dyer Road., Lynwood.

He encourages all residents to attend the tax appeals seminars to help lower their taxes on their properties.

Alderman Jones encourages residents to contact (708) 891-8193 to sign up for email to receive information.

Alderman Jones announced that the Illinois Tollway is hiring. There are 267 jobs available. Applicants can go to the Tollway Authority to apply.

Ald. Williams - report

Alderman Williams gave an honor to God.

Alderman Williams reminded residents about the 4th Ward Annual Picnic, sponsored by his office and State Representative Jones on Saturday, August 13, 2016 at Sandridge Fitness Center, 600 Oglesby from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

School supplies and book bags will be given away. The event is free and encourages residents to attend.

Moment of silence

Alderman Munda requested a moment of silence for all the horrific events in the nation and for all individuals affected.

Ald. Bullocks

Alderman Bullocks stated that he received positive responses from his visit to the Victory Center and Garden House senior home.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

City Clerk Figgs/submitting
Month Report June, 2016

Submitting Monthly Report for June, 2016.

Illinois Asphalt Pavement
Association

RE: IDOT Project Shutdown.

Comcast Cable/addition
to channel package

RE: Addition of Aspire to Digital package.

WOW Cable/programming
changes

RE: Programming changes.

Metropolitan Water
Reclamation District/free
rain barrel program

RE: Free Rain Barrel Program.

Finance Director Kasperek/
health insurance rates increases

RE: Health Insurance Rate Increase per the collective bargaining agreements.

Accept & place on file

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to accept the communications and place on file.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Amend handicap parking
by deleting: 1255 Mackinaw

Alderman Bullocks requesting amending handicap parking ordinance by deleting 1255 Mackinaw; direct public works department to remove sign.

Block off Hirsch Avenue
8/6/16

Requesting permission to block off Hirsch Avenue (1 block at 428 Hirsch) on Saturday, August 6, 2016 for a block party from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; direct public works department to provide barricades and trash receptacles; notify public safety departments.

Installing temporary speed
bumps

Alderman Woscyznski requesting installing temporary speed bumps at 1550 Memorial Drive and 399 Campbell Avenue.

Amend handicap parking
ordinance adding 363
Bensley Avenue

Amending handicap parking ordinance by adding 363 Bensley Avenue; remove residential parking sign at 363 Bensley Avenue.

Installing temporary speed Bumps/500 block Yates Requesting temporary speed bumps at the 500 block of Yates Avenue.

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

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

FENCE PERMITS (PRIVACY)

508 Warren - 6th Ward

1309 Imperial - 7th Ward
(chain link - flood zone)

FENCE PERMIT

505 Crandon Avenue - 4th Ward

Approve permits Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Bullocks, to approve building permits as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Res. #1: amending (Res. #11-53) surplus real estate (Res. #16-30) Resolution amending (Res. #11-53) to add additional parcel 563 Ingraham 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 6A)

Ord. #2: handicap parking by adding: 1040 Hirsch #104 (Ord. #16-22) Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, by adding: 1040 Hirsch Blvd, #104. (see attached page 6B)

Pass resolution/adopt ordinance Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to pass Resolution #1 and adopt Ordinance #2 as presented without the necessity of prior posting.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7	ALDERMEN:	Wosczyński, Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Bullocks, Schneider
NAYS: 0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT: 0	ALDERMEN:	None

MOTION CARRIED

Res. # 16-30

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. 11-53, 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:
30-08-406-010-0000, 563 Ingraham Ave, 34.5' residential, vacant lot;
Requested by Makida Robison of 565 Ingraham 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 14th day of July, 2016.

APPROVED:


Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk

THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE
NUMBER 16-22

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

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**

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:

1040 Hirsch Boulevard, #104

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.

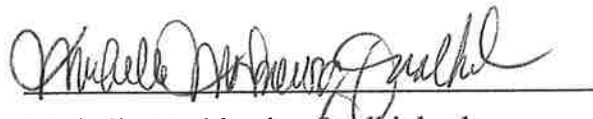
Section 4. All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

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~~th~~ day of July, 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			
Bullocks	X			
(Mayor Qualkinbush)				
TOTAL	7			

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this
14~~th~~ day of July, 2016.


 Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush
 MAYOR

ATTEST:


 Nyota T. Figgs
 CITY CLERK

Ord. #3: amending Chap. 90 Ordinance amending Chapter 90, Section 90-74, of the Municipal Code of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois (Traffic and Vehicles, Schedule of Fines and Penalties).

Table ordinance # Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to table ordinance #3 until a future date.

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- #1: Award bid/Rock Salt Morton Salt/\$97,957.00 Accept the recommendation from Robinson Engineering and award the bid to the low bidder Morton Salt, Inc. for Rock Salt in the amount of \$97,957.00 (Public Bid Opening held on 7/6/16 at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall); direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to MFT account #04007-52456.
- #2: Remit payment/catch basin behind 555 Marquette Robinson Engineering Direct Robinson Engineering to layout the proposed grades to facilitate drainage to the new catch basin behind the alley at 555 Marquette Avenue; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Robinson Engineering at cost not to exceed \$650.00.00; to be charged to account #01041-52341.
- #3: Remit payment/Complex Network Solutions/\$5,580 Approve maintenance of existing pole camera in the amount not to exceed \$5,580.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Complex Network Solutions; to be charged to account #01099-55106.
- #4: Remit payment/Otis Elevator/\$18,088.77 Approve maintenance of elevator at the police department; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Otis Elevator in the amount not to exceed \$18,088.77; to be charged to account #01060-52345.
- #5: Remit payment/Calumet City Plumbing/\$7,800 Approve sewer repair at 594 Gordon Avenue; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet City Plumbing Company in the amount not to exceed \$7,800.00; to be charged to account #03036-52101.
- #6: Remit payment/Calumet City Plumbing/\$5,500 Approve sewer repair due to cave in at 421 Price Avenue; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet City Plumbing in the amount not to exceed \$5,500.00; to be charged to account #03036-52101.
- #7: Remit payment/Calumet City Plumbing/\$6,895.00 Approve meter replacement located at the State Line Road & State Street Vault; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet City Plumbing in the amount not to exceed \$6,895.00; to be charged to account #03036-53408.
- #8: Approve Settlement Authority Request/K. Lee v. Calumet City Approve Settlement Authority Request in the Kenneth Lee v. Calumet City, Claim 15 WC 12138 in the amount as stated in the communication; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #01050-52131.

#9: Remit payment/Miner Electronics/\$18,889.06 Approve installation of the call alerting system at Stations 1 & 2; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Miner Electronics in the amount not to exceed \$18,889.06; to be charged to account #06607-52483.

Remit payment/US Digital Designs/\$64,208.31 Approve installation of the call alerting system at Stations 1 & 2; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to US Digital Designs in the amount not to exceed \$64,208.31; to be charged to account #06607-52483. (911 Board will reimburse the ambulance paramedic fund fully for both expenditures)

#10: Approve change orders Fire Station 1 Approve change orders for the work at Fire Station 1; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payments to the following contractors; to be charged to account #06617-55103: Park Avenue Floors - increase amount to \$3,085.31; D & L Sheet Metal - increase amount to \$3,225.00; Cosgrove Construction - increase amount to \$7,686.50; Kreykes Electric - increase amount to \$1,346.00.

#11: Remit payment/Region Fence Sales/\$14,819.00 Approve installation of additional fencing at the training center; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Region Fence Sales in the amount not to exceed \$14,819.00; to be charged to account #01070-55601.

#12: Remit payment/HP hardware/software contract Approve HP Server Hardware and Software Maintenance Support Contract in the amount not to exceed \$12,483.01; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to HP; to be charged to account #01099-52630.

Approve items #1 thru #12 (financial) Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to approve financial items #1 thru #12 as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7	ALDERMEN: Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Bullocks, Schneider, Woszczynski
NAYS: 0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT: 0	ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

#13: Approve IML (Local Leaders in Cuba) attendance (City Clerk) Approve attendance of Nyota T. Figgs to the Local Leaders in Cuba (Illinois Municipal League); October 8-15, 2016; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Nyota T. Figgs in the amount of \$5,000.00 for conference/travel/expenses; to be charged to account #01010-52300; expenses with receipts and any unused funds to be submitted to the Finance Department upon return.

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to approve item #13 as presented.

ROLL CAL

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

MOTION CARRIED

#14: Approve settlement
Wright v. Calumet City

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to approve settlement of Wright v. Calumet City, 14 CV 10351 in the amount as stated in the communication; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #01050-52270.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	7	ALDERMEN:	Munda, Manousopoulos, Bullocks, Schneider, Wosczyński, Jones, Williams
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

MOTION CARRIED

#15: Refer formal lease
agreement/Mayor

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to refer the formal lease agreement with Calumet Memorial Park District for space the City is presently occupies in the Sandridge Fitness Center to the Mayor to work with the city attorney regarding lease.

MOTION CARRIED

#16: Approve payroll

Approve payroll (\$896,112.69)

#17: Approve bill listing

Approve bill listing (\$1,902,413.93)

Approve financial matters
#16 & 17

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to approve financial items #16 & #17 as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	7	ALDERMEN:	Munda, Manousopoulos, Bullocks, Schneider, Wosczyński, Jones, Williams
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

Executive Session

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining with IAFF Local 621 Calumet City Professional Firefighters; discussion with collective bargaining with FOP 9-1-1 Telecommunicators Union and pending litigation.

MOTION CARRIED

(The City Council met in Executive Session from 7:59 p.m. to 8:35 p.m.)

Return- regular order
of business

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "In closed session we discussed collective bargaining with the Professional Firefighters; Telecommunicators and pending litigation."

Ratify agreement/
Firefighters & city

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to ratify the agreement between the city and IAFF Local 621 Calumet City Professional Firefighters and have the attorney to draw up the document and present to the Mayor to sign.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

MOTION CARRIED

Ratify agreement/
Telecommunicators
bargaining unit & city

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to ratify the agreement between the city and the Fraternal Order of Police Telecommunicators and the city; direct the city attorney to prepare the document and submit to the Mayor to sign.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

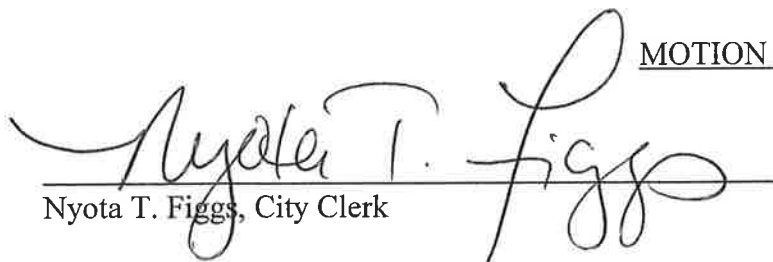
ALDERMEN: Manousopoulos, Bullocks, Schneider, Wosycznski, Jones, Williams, Munda
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 8:36 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Wosycznski and seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos.

MOTION CARRIED


Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

/rb