

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

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

JULY 23, 2015

Public Forum

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

Kevin Purcell, 555 Marquette Avenue, regarding water behind property settles in yard and garage when it rains.

Katrina Turner, 527 Superior, regarding monthly water billing and increase.

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 7:35 p.m. at City Hall in a regular meeting on Thursday, July 23, 2015 with Alderman Wosczyznski, present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 6 ALDERMEN: Schneider, Wosczyznski, Jones, Williams, Munda (7:32),
Manousopoulos

ABSENT: 1 ALDERMAN: Collins

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Horvath, City Engineer Roberts, Purchasing/Personnel Director Vallis, Police Chief Gilmore and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

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

Approval of minutes

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to approve the minutes of 11/20/14 & 5/28/15 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Alderman Wosczyznski: "The Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order in the City Council Chambers by Chairman Alderman Wosczyznski on the following dates: Thursday, July 16, 2015, Monday, July 20, 2015 and Wednesday, July 22, 2015.

Finance (cont'd) The purpose of the meetings was to review and discuss the 2015-2016 Annual Appropriation Ordinance. In attendance were Mayor Michelle, City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, All aldermen, Finance Director Kasperek and the department heads.

A copy of the meetings can be obtained from the City Clerk's Office.

Public Safety Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.

Public Utilities Alderman Jones had no report.

Ord. & Resolution Alderman Collins was absent.

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

Permits & Licenses Alderman Schneider had no report.

Public Works Alderman Munda: "I would like to let the residents know that public works is done cleaning up after the storms. There were trees and branches and public works department is working diligently.

The public works department will be working on the grass in the empty lots and the foreclosures. We have the Summer Youth Program to help with cleanup throughout the city.

Please contact the Department of Public Works at (708) 891-8160 for assistance or service requests."

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

City Treasurer Tarka City Treasurer Tarka: "I just wanted to let the residents know that the City of Calumet City is participating in an Electrical Aggregation Program for our residents.

I sent an email to all of our department heads with some details and frequently asked questions. I also included all the elected officials in that email so that the aldermen would have those answers to those frequently asked questions handy.

If for some reason you didn't received that email and you would like to get a hard copy of those questions and answers please contact me.

I have for the aldermen if they would like any further information regarding the electrical aggregation or they feel that their residents are asking questions that are beyond the scope of the aldermen's knowledge.

I have business cards that I will distribute from the broker that we have used for this. They will answer any and all questions. These forms and the frequently asked questions are also available on the city's website for the residents pursual or the aldermen can garner that information from the city's website. Thank you."

Amend handicap parking ordinance

Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to amend the handicap parking ordinance by adding: 611 Gordon Avenue, 419 Sibley Boulevard & 558 Harrison Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

VictorFest - July 23-26

Alderman Schneider announced VictorFest July 23-26, 2015. There will be a carnival, food, music and crafts. He encourages everyone to attend.

Thank resident

Alderman Jones thanked the resident who attended the crime watch meeting on July 14, 2015. He thanked the Township Assessor for attending and talking about taxes.

Tax Seminar - July 27, 2015

Alderman Jones announced a Tax Seminar on Monday, July 27, 2015 at the Dorchester in Dolton.

Sidewalk list

Alderman Jones announced residents who would like their sidewalk repaired to contact his office at (708) 891-8193 to be place on the list.

Walking 3rd ward

Alderman Jones announced he will be walking the ward on Sunday, July 26, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Monday before the council meeting 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Kid's Safety event - 7/25/15

Alderman Jones he will be partnering with the Illinois State Police and the Illinois Tollway sponsoring a Kid's Safety event at the Lincoln Oasis on the tri-state tollway on Saturday, July 25, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event is free and they will provide I.D.'s for children.

Trash/grass cutting Bishop Ford expressway

Alderman Jones thanked the residents for contacting his office relative to the trash and grass cutting on the Bishop Ford expressway. He contacted IDOT and it will be cut early next week. He thanked the residents for being patient.

Happy Hour Law

Alderman Jones announced that the State of Illinois passed a Happy Hour Law. He sent out a letter to all bars and restaurants. The law allows specials for up to four hours everyday, 15 hours a week. All specials must end by 10:00 p.m. This is to promote their businesses for residents to patron.

Job's Report

Alderman Jones announced he will be submitting to the City Council a Job's Report. The report comes the Illinois Department of Employment Security. The amount of assistance his office received in helping 138 people get employment and referring 168 people to businesses.

Job Fair

Alderman Jones reported he co-sponsored a Job Fair with Alderman Williams. He stated his office has a listing of places that are currently hiring. Contact his office at (708) 891-8193.

Sales tax hike 10.25%

Alderman Jones announced that Cook County passed a sales tax which will set the rate to 10.25 percent.

Review sales tax decision Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to direct City Attorney to review and research the recent county sales decision raising it to 10.25 percent and research the legal options including but not limited to filing an injunction against the county for collecting this tax and report back at the next city council.

MOTION CARRIED

Give honor to God Alderman Williams gave an honor to God.

3rd/4th Ward Back to School picnic - 8/8/15 Alderman Williams announced the annual 3rd/4th Ward Back to School picnic on Saturday, August 8, 2015 at Sandridge Fitness Center, 600 Oglesby from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be food and games. He encourages residents to attend.

4th Ward phone calls Alderman Williams announced due to his knee surgery he will not be able to walk the ward; however he will be making phone calls daily to residents. Any resident that would like to contact his ward office call (708) 891-8194 or (708) 212-2240.

Thank Ald. Jones & Township Supervisor Zucarelli Alderman Williams thanked State Representative Jones for sponsoring the Chicago White Sox outing that took place last Sunday. He thanked Thornton Township Supervisor Frank Zucarelli for providing the transportation to the sox game for the seniors.

4th Ward sidewalk list Alderman Williams stated he will be compiling his sidewalk list and requested residents to contact his office at (708) 891-8194 or (708) 212-2240 to be placed on the list.

Contact police department Alderman Munda encourages residents to be vigilant in the ward and to contact the police department to report crime or suspicious activity.

Report high grass Alderman Munda encourages residents to contact the Department of Inspectional Services to report high grass at abandoned properties at (708) 891-8120.

Block party - 100 block Warren - 8/15/15 Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to approve a block party on the 100 block of Warren Street between Wentworth and Legion for August 15, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; direct public works to provide barricades and trash receptacles. (deliver barricades at the corner of Wentworth & Warren - Legion & Warren in the parkway for the residents; also direct the Fire Chief to send the fire truck, if available, for the children to do some demonstrations.

MOTION CARRIED

Contact ward office Alderman Munda encourages residents to contact his office at (708) 891-8195 regarding ward issues or city services.

Amend handicap parking ordinance

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to amend the handicap parking ordinance by deleting: 1501 Lincoln Place.

MOTION CARRIED

Sidewalk list

Alderman Manousopoulos encourages residents requesting sidewalk repair to contact his office at (708) 891-8196.

Report Ald. Collins

Alderman Jones gave a report from Alderman Collins who was not at the meeting.

Alderman Jones stated that Alderman Collins could be at the meeting tonight due to his attendance at the Young Elected Officials Conference in Washington D.C. Alderman Collins sponsored five years ago a Youth Festival at T.F. North High School which was instrumental in starting mentoring.

Ald. Collins report read by Ald. Jones

Alderman Jones read Alderman Collins quote: "He is convening this efforts to allow opportunities to work with like minded and professional individuals, elected officials to develop strategies to be of greater service to the community. He will continue to inspire the group that he started at T.F. North High School through the years and insight on dealing with tough challenges that our youth and community face around this country.

Upon returning to Calumet City, he looks forward to sharing the experiences that he gathered from the Youth Conference, the Young and Elected Officials Youth Conference with the city council colleagues with the hopes of implementing the initiatives that add value to the community."

Congratulate Ald. Collins

Alderman Jones congratulated Alderman Collins for attending and being selected for the Young Elected Officials Conference but for his Youth Summit at T.F. North High benefitting Calumet City youth.

Contact ward office

Alderman Jones reported on behalf of Alderman Collins that any residents city services, sidewalk repair or any other ward issue to contact his office at (708) 369-9207 or (708) 360-9207.

National Night Out Against Crime - 8/4/15

Alderman Jones announced on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 the National Night Out Against Crime at 6:00 p.m. at Memorial Park. He encourages residents to participate.

2nd Ward Summer Block 7/28/15

Alderman Woscyznski announced the next 2nd Ward Summer Block Meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 on the corner of Breclaw and Exchange at 6:30 p.m. She encourages residents to participate.

Crime Watch Meeting

Alderman Woscyznski announced every 1st Monday of the month at the police department lower level there is a Neighborhood Watch Meeting at 6:30 p.m. She encourages residents to attend.

Sidewalk list

Alderman Woscyznski encourages residents to contact her office at (708) 891-8192 to be placed on the sidewalk list.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

City Clerk Figgs/submitting monthly report Submitting Monthly Report for June, 2015.

Comcast/channel line-up RE: Changes to channel line-up.

Illinois Municipal League/Conference Registration RE: 2015 IML Annual Conference Registration.

City Treasurer Tarka/revenue & expense reports RE: Revenue & Expense Reports for May, 2015.

IDOT/notification to maintain Advising the contract has been accepted for Notification to Maintain/HMA Surface Removal & Replacement, Sidewalk Removal & Replacement, State Street from Burnham to Lincoln.

IDOT/notification to maintain Advising the contract has been accepted for Notification to Maintain/Traffic Signal Priority Preemption System.

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

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Proposals Cleaning Services/Police Direct the City Clerk's Office to advertise for Request for Proposals for Cleaning Services at the Calumet City Police Department; upon receiving RFP's from the police department.

Kustoms Car & Bike Fest 8/2/15 Xtreme Kustoms Wheels & Electronics, Inc. requesting permission to hold their Kustoms Car & Bike Fest on August 2, 2015 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. at River Oaks Mall.

Police promotions Authorize the Police & Fire Commission to promote the following in the police department; effective 7/20/15 due to Captain Dave Wojcik's retirement: (1) Lieutenant to Captain, (1) Sergeant to Lieutenant & (1) Patrolman to Sergeant; direct the City Treasurer to make the proper payroll adjustments.

Approve new business Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to accept the communications and place on file.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

FENCE (PRIVACY)

241 Warren - 5th Ward
 1280 Arthur - 7th Ward
 535 Buffalo - 7th Ward

FENCE - VARIANCE

527 Manistee - 2nd Ward

NEW GARAGE CONSTRUCTION

1320 Hirsch - 6th Ward

Approve permits

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve the building permits as presented.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Res. #1: approving Donation Agreement 16600 South Torrence - (Res. #15-24)

Resolution approving Donation Agreement for 16600 South Torrence Avenue, Calumet City, IL, authorizing the City Clerk and/or Corporation Counsel to execute all documentation necessary to effectuate said Donation Agreement and authorize the Director Inspectional Services to pursue and obtain bids regarding the demolition of the property. (see attached page 7A)

Ord. #2: handicap parking by adding: 430 Yates & 515 Forsythe (Ord.#15-29)

Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, by adding: 430 Yates Avenue, Unit #1 & 515 Forsythe Avenue. (see attached page 7B)

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

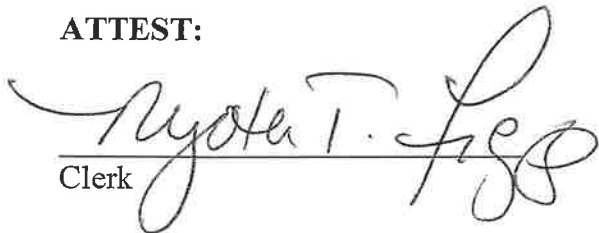
1. That the Donation Agreement pertaining to the property commonly known as 16600 South Torrence Avenue, Calumet City, Illinois, is hereby approved; and
2. Approval is hereby given to the Mayor, City Clerk, and/or Corporation Counsel of the City of Calumet City to execute any and all documentation necessary for the completion of the transaction contemplated by the aforesaid Contract.
3. Upon conveyance of subject property to the City of Calumet City, the Director of the Department of Inspectional Services is hereby authorized to pursue and obtain bids regarding the demolition of subject property.

PASSED this 23 day of July, 2015.

APPROVED:


Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk

THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE
NUMBER 15-29

**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
ANTOINE COLLINS
Aldermen

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ORDINANCE NO.: 15-29

**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:

430 Yates Avenue, Unit #1

515 Forsythe 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.

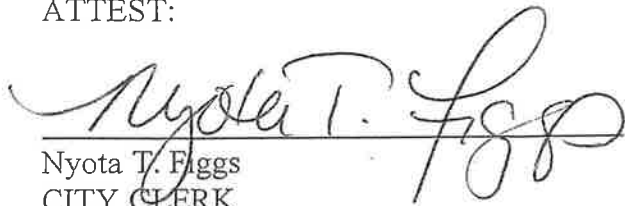
ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois this 23rd day of July, 2015 pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Schneider	X			
Wosczynski	X			
Jones	X			
Williams	X			
Munda	X			
Manousopoulos	X			
Collins			X	
(Mayor Qualkinbush)				
TOTAL	<u>6</u>		<u>1</u>	

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this 23rd day of July, 2015.


 Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush
 MAYOR

ATTEST:


 Nyota T. Figgs
 CITY CLERK

Res. #3: amending
(Res. #11-53) additional
parcels (Res. #15-25)

Resolution amending (Res. #11-53) to add additional parcels 224-154th Place & 421 Pulaski Road, authorizing the City Clerk and/or Corporation Counsel to execute all documentation necessary to effectuate said conveyance of surplus real estate. (see attached page 8A)

Res. #4: authoring no-cash
bid acquire tax certificate
nonpayment of taxes
(Res. #15-26)

Resolution authorizing the County of Cook to submit a no-cash bid to acquire tax certificate of purchase for the nonpayment of taxes on (64) vacant properties via the Cook County non cash bid program. (see attached page 8B)

Res. #5: authorizing no-cash
bid acquire tax certificate
nonpayment of taxes
(Res. #15-27)

Resolution authorizing the County of Cook to submit a no-cash bid to acquire a tax certificate of purchase for the nonpayment of taxes on (7) improved properties via the Cook County no cash bid program. (see attached page 8C)

Pass Resolutions/adopt
Ordinances

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

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6

ALDERMEN: Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Schneider, Wosczyński

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMAN: Wosczyński

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1: Remit payment/J & J
Newell/\$11,733.00

Approve payment to J & J Newell Concrete in the amount not to exceed \$11,733.00 for concrete and asphalt pavement at State Street & Freeland Avenue; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #03036-52102.

#2: Remit payment/Johnson
Truck Equipment/\$6,766.91

Approve payment to Johnson Truck Equipment in the amount not to exceed \$6,766.91 for repairs to Unit #21; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #01041-54150.

#3: Remit payment/Lyons
Electric/\$18,425.77

Approve payment to Lyons Electric Company in the amount not to exceed \$18,425.77 for street light and control box knockdown at River Oaks Drive & Stanley Boulevard; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #04007-52449.

#4: Remit payment/Calumet
City Plumbing/\$10,248.07

Approve payment to Calumet City Plumbing in the amount not to exceed \$10,248.07 for sewer work at the intersection of State Street & Freelance Avenue direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #03036-52101.

#5: Remit payment/Cook
County Treasurer/\$7,132.85

Approve payment of 2nd Installment of Real Estate taxes on city-owned properties and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment totaling \$7,132.85; charge to account #01099-52990.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

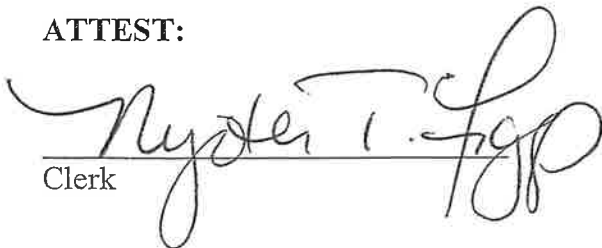
1. That Resolution No. 11-53, which approved the conveyance of surplus real estate pursuant to Section 18-36 of the Calumet City Code, is hereby amended so as to add an additional parcels, to-wit:
 - 30-17-103-034-0000, 224 154th Place, 25' residential, vacant, Requested by Guadalupe Gutierrez, Lorena C. Gutierrez, & Salvador Cervantes of 226 154th Place, Calumet City, IL.
 - 30-17-101-012-0000, 421 Pulaski Road, 25' residential, vacant, Requested by Yecenia Marrufo of 419 Pulaski Road, 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 23rd day of July, 2015.

APPROVED:


Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 15-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF COOK TO SUBMIT A NO-CASH BID TO ACQUIRE A TAX CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE FOR THE NONPAYMENT OF TAXES ON 64 VACANT PROPERTIES VIA THE COOK COUNTY NO CASH BID PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois (the "City") has declared economic development as one of the primary objectives of the administration; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City has also declared eradication of blight as essential to limit any deterioration of its economic base; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City has identified certain abandoned property which is vacant, underutilized, hazardous, and or does not meet minimum code requirement for building upon; and,

WHEREAS, it has been discovered that no real estate taxes have been paid on these parcels for two years or more; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cook, Illinois, seeks to further its goal of economic development by returning tax delinquent properties to a tax producing status and has established a no-cash bid process for municipalities to acquire Tax Certificates of Purchase for nonpayment of real estate taxes in order to petition for a tax deed to return such property to a viable use beneficial to the municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, that the Mayor and City Council hereby authorize the County of Cook to submit a no-cash bid to acquire a Tax Certificate of Purchase for the nonpayment of taxes via the No Cash Bid Program on the following listed properties:

Volume No.	PIN	Volume No.	PIN
205	29-12-223-018-0000	215	29-24-200-022-0000
205	29-12-223-019-0000	215	29-24-200-064-0000
205	29-12-223-020-0000	215	29-24-200-079-0000
205	29-12-223-021-0000	215	29-24-200-081-0000
205	29-12-223-022-0000	215	29-24-400-026-0000
205	29-12-223-023-0000	215	29-24-400-028-0000
205	29-12-223-025-0000	215	29-24-401-031-0000
205	29-12-223-026-0000	221	30-07-100-020-0000
205	29-12-223-027-0000	221	30-07-100-021-0000
205	29-12-223-028-0000	221	30-07-108-016-0000
205	29-12-223-029-0000	221	30-07-127-023-0000
205	29-12-223-030-0000	221	30-07-127-024-0000
205	29-12-223-031-0000	221	30-07-127-025-0000
205	29-12-223-032-0000	221	30-07-127-026-0000
205	29-12-223-033-0000	221	30-07-127-032-0000
205	29-12-223-034-0000	221	30-07-128-027-0000
205	29-12-223-035-0000	221	30-07-128-028-0000
205	29-12-223-036-0000	221	30-07-128-029-0000
205	29-12-223-037-0000	221	30-07-128-030-0000
205	29-12-223-038-0000	221	30-07-128-031-0000
205	29-12-223-039-0000	221	30-07-128-032-0000
205	29-12-223-040-0000	222	30-07-300-010-0000
205	29-12-223-041-0000	222	30-07-300-015-0000
205	29-12-231-018-0000	222	30-07-301-001-0000
205	29-12-231-019-0000	222	30-07-301-002-0000
205	29-12-231-020-0000	222	30-07-301-003-0000
205	29-12-231-021-0000	222	30-07-301-004-0000
205	29-12-231-022-0000	222	30-07-301-005-0000
205	29-12-231-023-0000	222	30-07-302-001-0000
205	29-12-231-024-0000	222	30-07-303-001-0000
206	29-12-401-009-0000	222	30-07-303-010-0000
206	29-12-401-010-0000	223	30-08-110-048-0000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED all properties listed above are vacant and without improvement; and that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City intend to use all parcels for the commercial redevelopment of the areas in which the parcels are located; except PIN 30-08-110-048-0000 will be used for residential redevelopment; and that the redevelopment of the parcels will return such property to a viable use beneficial to the municipality and will

return the properties to a tax producing status, thereby generating economic development for the municipality and other taxing bodies;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, at this time, do not have an immediate intention to convey any Tax Certificate of Purchase from Cook County or any perfected deed to any Third Party Requestor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City is hereby authorized to accept an assignment of said Tax Certificate of Purchase from Cook County and undertake such legal proceedings and tax search services as necessary to obtain a tax deed in order to return said property to useful revenue producing parcels and shall bear all legal and other costs associated with the acquisition of the parcels.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City agrees to submit, to the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development, No Cash Bid Reports on the status of each parcel for five years or until development is complete, whichever occurs last, as required by the Cook County No Cash Bid Ordinance and will file for tax exempt status on all parcels obtained and will retain such status until such time as the parcel is conveyed.

Passed this 23rd day of July, 2015.

APPROVED:
Mayor



Attest:
Myka I. Figs
City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 15-27

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF COOK TO SUBMIT A
NO-CASH BID TO ACQUIRE A TAX CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE FOR THE
NONPAYMENT OF TAXES ON 7 IMPROVED PROPERTIES
VIA THE COOK COUNTY NO CASH BID PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, The City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois (the “City”) has declared economic development as one of the primary objectives of the administration; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City has also declared eradication of blight as essential to limit any deterioration of its economic base; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City has identified certain properties with structures which are abandoned and unoccupied, underutilized, hazardous, and or does not meet minimum code requirement; and,

WHEREAS, it has been discovered that no real estate taxes have been paid on these parcels for two years or more; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cook, Illinois, seeks to further its goal of economic development by returning tax delinquent properties to a tax producing status and has established a no-cash bid process for municipalities to acquire Tax Certificates of Purchase for nonpayment of real estate taxes in order to petition for a tax deed to return such property to a viable use beneficial to the municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, that the Mayor and City Council hereby authorize the County of Cook to submit a no-cash bid to acquire a Tax Certificate of

Purchase for the nonpayment of taxes via the No Cash Bid Program on the following listed properties:

<u>Volume No.</u>	<u>PIN</u>
215	29-24-200-067-0000
215	29-24-400-050-0000
222	30-07-303-007-0000
222	30-07-303-008-0000
222	30-07-303-009-0000
223	30-08-402-001-0000
223	30-08-402-002-0000

- PIN 29-24-200-067-0000 has an unoccupied and abandoned commercial structure that will be rehabilitated by the City and marketed.
- PIN 29-24-400-050-0000 has an unoccupied and abandoned commercial structure that will be rehabilitated by the City and marketed.
- PINs 30-07-303-007-0000, 30-07-303-008-0000, and 30-07-303-009-0000 have an unoccupied and abandoned commercial structure that will be demolished due to its condition upon ownership.
- PINs 30-08-402-001-0000 and 30-08-402-002-0000 have an unoccupied and abandoned commercial structure that will be demolished due to its condition upon ownership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City intend to use all parcels for the commercial redevelopment of the areas in which the parcels are located; and that the commercial redevelopment of the parcels will return such property to a viable use beneficial to the municipality and will return the commercial properties to a tax producing status, thereby generating economic development for the municipality and other taxing bodies;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, at this time, do not have an immediate intention to convey any Tax Certificate of Purchase from Cook County or any perfected deed to any Third Party Requestor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City is hereby authorized to accept an assignment of said Tax Certificate of Purchase from Cook County and undertake such legal proceedings and tax search services as necessary to obtain a tax deed in order to return said property to useful revenue producing parcels and shall bear all legal and other costs associated with the acquisition of the parcels.

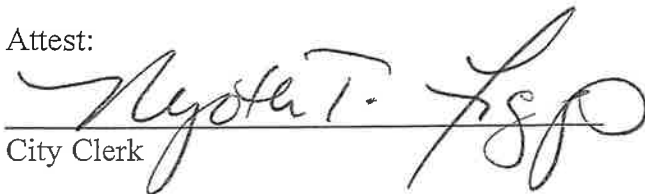
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City agrees to submit, to the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development, No Cash Bid Reports on the status of each parcel for five years or until development is complete, whichever occurs last, as required by the Cook County No Cash Bid Ordinance and will file for tax exempt status on all parcels obtained and will retain such status until such time as the parcel is conveyed.

Passed this 23rd day of July, 2015.

APPROVED:


Mayor

Attest:


City Clerk

- #6: Approve buy-back/Nosich Approve buy-back Mark Nosich due his retirement; effective July 9, 2015; direct the City Treasurer to remit monies due in the amount as stated in the communication.
- #7: Award bid asbestos/demolition Award the bid to the low bidder for asbestos removal for 413 Garfield to Alliance Environmental in the amount of \$3,920.00 and award the bid to the low bidder for demolition of 413 Garfield to Holland Asphalt Services in the amount of \$6,780.00; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #01099-52645.
- #8: Approve payroll Approve payroll (\$855,503.62)
- #9: Approve bill listing Approve bill listing (\$880,529.49)
- #10: Approve City Treasurer's Emergency Payments Approve the City Treasurer's Emergency Payments in the amount of \$6,668.39; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to the following and charge to the following accounts: Enterprise Rent a Car (\$1,388.99) #01041-51162; U.S. Post Office (\$3,581.80) #03036-52030; Midwest Operating Engineers (\$57.60) #01099-51201 & Midwest Operating Engineers (\$1,700.00) #01099-51201.
- #11: Approve Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance Approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance proposal for the period August 1, 2015 thru July 31, 2016; authorize Purchasing/Personnel Director to execute the agreement for the city.
- Approve the Dental Insurance Proposal with Ameritas and authorize the Purchasing/Personnel Director to execute the agreement for the city.
- #12: Award bid/tree removal Accept the recommendation from Robinson Engineering and award the bid for Tree Removal to the low bidder Arbor Care (Piekarski & Sons) in the amount of \$35.00 per tree. (Public Bid Opening held on 6/23/15 at 2:30 p.m. at City Hall)
- #13: Award bid/Emergency Sewer & Water Main Repairs/Calumet City Accept the recommendation from Robinson Engineering and award the bid for Emergency Sewer and Water Main Repairs to the low bidder Calumet City Plumbing (Public Bid Opening held on 6/23/15 at 2:30 p.m. at City Hall)
- #14: Approve Proposal Guaranteed Savings Contract replacement of water meters (\$137,000.00) Approve the Proposal for Guaranteed Savings Contract (replacement of water meters) (RFP's opened on 6/16/15 in the city council chambers); award to Johnson Controls; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount not exceed \$137,000 to conduct a study; charge to account #03036-55128.
- Remove item #12 Alderman Manousopoulos requested item #12 be removed from the agenda and will be placed at the next meeting.
- Approve financial matters Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve financial matters items #1 thru #11 and #13 and #14 as presented.

Ald. Jones - statement

Alderman Jones; “On item #14, just to address this issue. This is the Johnson Control issues with the water meters. Just to put it on the record that my requests from Johnson Control was that they adhere to the 20 percent minority contract procurement that the state has and also that if they can’t do that to consider the ordinance that we have in Calumet City to consider hiring Calumet City residents. I want to put this on record that it will be my request.

I am not asking for an addendum to the contract just putting it on record that Johnson Controls should be held to those standards when it comes to this contract.”

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Traffic Safety Bumps @ Clyde Avenue & Prairie Avenue

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to direct public works department to put up traffic safety bumps at Clyde Avenue and Prairie Avenue from Harding to State Street. (notices have gone out to residents)

MOTION CARRIED

Storm Damage

Alderman Jones encourages residents to be cautious with companies reaching out regarding storm damage. These companies have to have a valid permit contact the police department to verify and don’t give out personnel information to companies and ask questions.

Soliciting permits

Alderman Munda encourages residents to be cautious when soliciting are going door to door and also make sure they have permits and are legitimate companies licensed in Calumet City.

Sign posting

Alderman Wosczyński advised that there have been a lot signs being posted in residents homes advertising for companies providing storm damage repair.

Review sign ordinance

City Attorney Horvath will review the sign ordinance due to some constitutional changes in court and report back to the city council upon his findings.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 8:11 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Manousopoulos and seconded by Alderman Schneider.

MOTION CARRIED



Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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