

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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

JUNE 13, 2013

Public Forum

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

Sharon Carney, 452 Garfield Avenue, thanked the Mayor for her help and spoke regarding Alderman Schneider.

Christian Gordon, 364 Crandon Avenue, thanked Alderman Jones for his financial support for school to obtain his bachelor degree.

Police Chief Gilmore, Calumet City Police Department, gave a report regarding a burglary detail, gang suppression team and commercial business detail.

Jeanette Anderson, Xtreme Kustoms Wheels, 1759 River Oaks Drive, regarding Cruise Nights to be held at their business.

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 7:40 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2013 with Honorable Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

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

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

Approval of minutes

Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyznski, to approve the minutes of May 23, 2013 and May 30, 2013 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Alderman Wosczyznski had no report. She will be scheduling meetings for the budget.

Public Safety

Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderman Jones: "There was meeting held on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 6:06 p.m. The minutes will be prepared by the city clerk's office. The meeting was regarding CSX Railroad, Lighting Proposal by Intex and Polyrite, There will be more discussions with the city attorney's office to see how to proceed with the lighting program. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m."

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Collins had no report.

H.E.W.

Alderman Schneider had no report.

Public Works

Alderman Munda had no report 'He stated that the public works department to continue working with the high grass on the empty lots and foreclosures. The summer youth program will be starting shortly to assist the department with grass cutting. Any request for grass cutting contact public works at (708) 891-8160."

Mayor's Report

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "I have been working the committee assignments and will be working on getting them to the aldermen for the next meeting."

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Submitting appointment/reappointment of the following for a term to expire April 30, 2014:

Delete item #13

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyznski, to delete item #13.

MOTION CARRIED

1. Police Chief - Edward Gilmore
2. Fire Chief - William B. Galgan
3. City Attorney - Odelson & Sterk, Ltd.

4. Corporation Counsel & City Prosecutor - Dennis Gianopolus
5. Director of the Office of Professional Standards - Rochelle H. Jackson
6. Purchasing/Personnel Director - George Vallis
7. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency Coordinator - Leonard Chiaro
8. Insurance Investigator - Russell Larson
9. Health Commissioner - Dr. Juan Tellez
10. Pharmaceutical Commissioner - Anthony Defillipo
11. Building Commissioner/Director Inspectional Services - Randy Barron
12. Plumbing Inspector - Thomas J. Gandolfi
13. Public Works Director

Confirm appointments

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to confirm the appointments as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	7	ALDERMEN:	Wosczynski, Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins, Schneider
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

MOTION CARRIED

Nicor replace sod

Alderman Wosczynski thanked the Mayor for contacting Nicor to come out and replace sod on the areas when they were repairing the gas lines in the second ward.

Remove basketball @ 542 Saginaw Ave.

Alderman Wosczynski stated she would like to remove the basketball hoop at 542 Saginaw Avenue which is an empty house.

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush stated if the house is vacant the city will remove the basketball hoop and send them a lien against the property for not maintaining the property and citation them if they haven't registered as a vacant house management.

<u>Sidewalk repair/tree trimming</u>	Alderman Wosczyznski stated residents requesting sidewalk repair should contact her office. She also stated residents should contact her office regarding tree trimming in the ward.
<u>Residents grass cutting</u>	Alderman Wosczyznski encourages to maintain and cut their lawn. The city has an ordinance for grass that is over a certain length. She also encourages to maintain their grass and weeds behind their property in the alley.
<u>Time capsule</u>	Alderman Wosczyznski stated one of her residents told her that sometime back Calumet City buried a time capsule. She requested the city to research to see how soon the time capsule can be opened.
<u>Happy Father's Day</u>	Alderman Wosczyznski wished all the father's and her son-in-law Ken a Happy Father's Day.
<u>Ald. Jones - Spring Legislative Session</u>	Alderman Jones gave the city council and residents an update on the Spring Legislative Session. Discussed was budget, health insurance, jobs and economic development and elections.
<u>Thank residents for emails</u>	Alderman Jones thanked the residents for contacting his office and emails regarding ward issues. Any residents requesting services email him at calcity3@yahoo.com
<u>Third Ward Crime Watch Meeting</u>	Alderman Jones thanked the residents for attending the Third Ward Crime Watch Meeting on June 4, 2013. He stated it was the last meeting for the summer and street to street meetings for June, July and August.
<u>Volunteer meeting - 6/22/13 @ 1968 Sibley Blvd.</u>	Alderman Jones announced a volunteer meeting on June 22, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at 1968 Sibley Boulevard. There will also be a farm visit at McClain County. For residents interested in attending contact at (708) 891-8193.
<u>Sidewalk/tree list</u>	Alderman Jones stated that the tree list has been sent to public works and the sidewalk list has been sent to the City Engineer. Any residents requesting sidewalk repair contact his office at (708) 891-8193.
<u>Support HIV Aides Awareness</u>	Alderman Jones encourages residents to purchase a \$2.00 lottery ticket to support HIV Aides Awareness.
<u>Apartment/Condo Conversion Program</u>	Alderman Jones stated that the will like to introduce a new program to the city called Apartment Condo Conversion Program. There would be an opt in clause for landlords that want to convert their apartment buildings into condos. He asked the city attorney to review other communities that have done the program. At this time in the meeting, City Attorney Odelson discussed the Apartment Condo Conversion Program.

Thank Christian Gordon

Alderman Jones thanked Christian Gordon for the wine and commended him on his art talent.

Ald. Williams

Alderman Williams acknowledged his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Happy Father's Day

Alderman Williams wished all the fathers on the city council and all the fathers in Calumet City a Happy Father's Day. He also wished his late Willie Williams a Happy Birthday and may he rest in peace.

Review streets & alleys

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to direct Robinson Engineering to review the street and alley locations at Hoxie, between Cleveland and State Street, Chappel on the odd number side, between Michigan City Road and Pulaski Road, 158th Place and Paxton near the River Oaks Town homes for standing water and flood issues for a possible repair and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment at a cost not to exceed \$1,500 for each survey; to be charged to the appropriate account.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7

ALDERMEN: Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins, Schneider, Woscyznski

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

Fourth Ward Meeting 6/25/13 @ 6:30 p.m.

Alderman Williams announced a Fourth Ward Meeting on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at River Oaks Town Homes. All residents encouraged to attend. There will be someone discussion property tax relief and an agency discussing health care options.

Thank public works department

Alderman Williams thanked the public works department for their response for high grass and tree trimming requests. Residents should contact public works department at (708) 891-8160 to report high grass or contact his office at (708) 891-8194.

Crime Watch Meetings

Alderman Munda reminded the residents about the Crime Watch Meetings for the eastern division (Little Calumet River to State Street, from State Line to Burnham Avenue) is taking place at Tom's Restaurant every third Monday at 6:30 p.m..

Amend handicap parking deleting: 1516 Wentworth

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Woscyznski, to amend the handicap parking ordinance by deleting: 1516 Wentworth Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

Happy Father's Day

Alderman Manousopoulos wished everyone a Happy Father's Day.