

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

MAY 8, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. with Honorable Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	7	ALDERMEN:	Schneider, Wosczyński, Jones, Williams, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Montana, City Engineer Roberts, Police Chief Gilmore and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

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

Defer approval of minutes

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "On the approval of minutes, I would like to ask that we defer the approval because they are very thick this time to give us an opportunity to read them. They will be presented at the next meeting."

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Alderman Wosczyński had no report.

Public Safety

Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderman Jones had no report.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Collins 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

Withdraw appointments Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Under city council reports, I am going to withdraw the appointments from tonight's agenda. They will be on a future agenda."

City Clerk Figgs - report Submitting the reappointment of Roseann Bonato as Deputy Clerk for a term to expire April 30, 2015.

Appoint Roseann Bonato as Deputy Clerk Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to approve the reappointment of Roseann Bonato as Deputy Clerk for a term to expire April 30, 2015.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

City Treasurer Tarka - report Submitting the reappointment of Nicole Rudder as Deputy Treasurer for a term to expire April 30, 2015.

Appointment Nicole Rudder as Deputy Treasurer Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to approve the reappointment of Nicole Rudder as Deputy Treasurer for a term to expire April 30, 2015.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

City Treasurer report City Treasurer Tarka: "Thank you Madam Mayor and Members of the City Council. I would like to introduce Jason who is here with us today from Boy Scout Troop #268 that housed at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Calumet City. He is working on his Communications Merit Badge. Jason is aspiring to make it all the way to the rank of Eagle Scout. We wish him well."

Ald. Schneider Alderman Schneider: “Thank you Mayor. I had a lot of calls this past week. I have been a little under the weather this whole week. I apologize for not getting back to the many calls. Some of our seasonal issues have returned. I will be returning calls this weekend.”

Trivia Night - 5/6/14 Alderman Schneider announced Trivia Night at St. Victor Church on Saturday, May 6, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Victor Church. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

Happy Mother’s Day Alderman Schneider wished all the moms a Happy Mother’s Day in Calumet City especially his mother. He wished a Happy Birthday to his dad.

Happy Birthday Ald. Munda Alderman Schneider wished his friend and colleague Alderman Munda a happy belated birthday.

Health & Wellness Fair 5/17/14 @ Library Alderman Wosczyński announced the third annual Health & Wellness Fair on Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Calumet City Library Community Room, 660 Manistee Avenue.

The whole family will benefit from the services and information at the fair. For more information about the Health Fair, please contact Alderman Wosczyński at (708) 891-8192 or email mwosczyński@calumetcity.org. Monetary donations will be collected for the Humane Society of the Calumet Area.

Happy Mother’s Day Alderman Wosczyński wished all the mothers in Calumet City a Happy Mother’s especially her daughter.

Alderman ward office Alderman Jones thanked the residents who attended meetings this week. For the next couple weeks the only available dates will be this Saturday, May 10, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and Monday, May 12, 2014 and Saturday, May 24, 2014. Any residents requesting to schedule a meeting contact the office or email. He thanked all residents for calling the office. There was a total of 98 calls in the last couple weeks.

Contact ward office Alderman Jones encourage residents if they have ward issues to contact (708) 891-8193.

Illinois Eye Institute Alderman Jones stated that is office will be teaming up with many Superintendents and school districts in the Illinois Eye Institute to provide free eye screenings and free glasses for those who are visioned impaired. He stated on April 14 & April 17, 59 students were sent to the Illinois Eye Institute, 36 glasses were issued and 14 students were referred with additional issues.

He congratulated the Illinois Eye Institute and the schools that participated, especially Lincoln School. The goal is to get more students screened and get them glasses.

- Illinois Safety Grant Alderman Jones submitted to the City Clerk a list of funds that my office has brought back from Springfield. The goal is to make sure not only our city gets resources from the state. There was also a number of school districts that received from Governor Quinn the Illinois Safety Grant from the Illinois Emergency Management Association.
- Community Meals @ St. Victor Church Alderman Jones stated that he had Community Meals at St. Victor Church has ended but need volunteers for July or August. Contact his office at (708) 362-1697.
- White Sox/Cub tickets Alderman Jones stated his office last year gave will give out 250 White Sox and Cub tickets. By the next council meeting he will have the tickets. If anyone of his colleagues or any residents can contact him by email at calcity3@yahoo.com.
- Women of Excellence Award Alderman Jones stated that he started working with WDB in Calumet City and they produced the newsletter and the owner was awarded the Women of Excellence Award. He congratulated Keeana Barber for representing Calumet City.
- Happy Mother's Day Alderman Jones wished all the mothers in Calumet City a Happy Mother's Day.
- Give honor to God Alderman Williams gave honor to God.
- Thank Stonegate residents Alderman Williams thanked the residents of Stonegate community for inviting him to their board meeting.
- Traffic Safety Bumps/ Stonegate Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to direct public works to place traffic safety bumps on Stonegate and Clyde from the entrance of Stonegate to the culdesac (2 or 3 traffic safety bumps to the culdesac at the end of the street.)
- MOTION CARRIED
- "No Dumping" signs @ Clyde & Michigan City Rd Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to direct public works department to post "No Dumping" signs on Clyde, east of Michigan City Road as you enter going east on Clyde. Also to post "No Loud Music" sign and "No Outlet" sign.
- MOTION CARRIED
- Direct Inspectional Services contact Cook County Forest Preserve to cut ditch area on Paxton Avenue Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to direct the Department of Inspectional Services to contact the appropriate persons at the Cook County Forest Preserve to send out crews to cut the ditch area on Paxton Avenue from 159th Street, north to 154th Street on the east side of Paxton Avenue.
- MOTION CARRIED

- South Suburban Job Fair/ 5/20/14 Alderman Williams announced the South Suburban Job Fair to be held at South Suburban College Fitness Center on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please bring resumes and dress appropriately and be prepared to be interviewed on the spot.
- Happy Mother's Day Alderman Williams wished his mother Katie Williams a Happy Mother's Day and all the moms in Calumet City.
- St. Andrew Summerfest June 28 & June 29 Alderman Munda announced St Andrew's 41st Annual Summerfest on June 28 thru June 29, 2014. The pastor and church would like to thank everyone for being supportive of the parish in the past. Anyone interested in sponsoring or volunteering please contact Heather Brazzale at (219) 865-9180 or rectory at (708) 862-4165.
- Happy Mother's Day Alderman Munda wished his mother a Happy Mother's Day and his father an early Happy Birthday. He also wished his sister a Happy Mother's Day.
- Amend handicap parking deleting: 783 Buffalo Ave. Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to amend the handicap parking ordinance by deleting, 783 Buffalo Avenue.
- MOTION CARRIED
- Estimate on guardrail on 163rd St. & Freeland Ave. Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to direct public works to get an estimate on placing a guardrail on 163rd & Freeland (1405 Freeland).
- MOTION CARRIED
- Budget meetings Alderman Manousopoulos: "Mayor, at the last meeting I made a motion directing Finance Director Kasperek to prepare a schedule for budget meetings. I have not heard anything yet. I was wondering if you heard something?"
- Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "No I haven't. I spoke with him about that today. I guess last week was mediation week the collective bargaining. He assures me that he is on top of this and will be responding to you shortly."
- Alderman Manousopoulos. "Ok, thank you."
- Happy Mother's Day Alderman Manousopoulos wished all the mothers in Calumet City a Happy Mother's Day,
- Residents maintain property Alderman Collins encourages residents to maintain and keep their properties clean with grass cutting and debris.
- Senior programs/grass cutting Alderman Collins stated they are senior programs for grass cutting and to contact his office at (708) 891-8197 for more information.

Summit of Hope - 6/5/14
South Suburban College

Alderman Collins informed residents on June 5, 2014 at South Suburban College from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the field house, 15800 State Street, South Holland, Illinois, in partnership with State Representative Elgie Sims, State Representative Thaddeus Jones, State Senator Donny Trotter, State Representative Marcus Evans, State Representative Will Davis and Supervisor Frank Zucarelli the Summit of Hope will take place.

The event is targeted toward individuals who have had an adverse background. A lot of services will be offered on this day. Some of the services include counseling and shelter.

Alderman Collins: "The Summit of Hope is a Community Expo that will bring service providers together to provide the necessary services and resources to ex-offenders with the mission to guide and assist ex-offenders with community services to ensure re-entering into the community while reducing recitatives."

The event will have health screenings and other employment services. For more information contact his office at (708) 891-8197 or email marcus.king@doc.illinois.gov

Happy Mother's Day

Alderman Collins wished all the mothers in Calumet City a Happy Mother's Day. He wished his mother a Happy Mother's Day and thanked her for everything.

Happy Mother's Day

City Treasurer Tarka wished all the mothers and grandmothers a Happy Mother's Day and extend Happy Mother's Day to all his colleagues.

Happy Mother's Day

City Clerk Figgs wished all the mothers in Calumet City a Happy Mother's Day and a special Happy Mother's Day to her mom.

Happy Mother's Day

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush wished all the mothers in Calumet City a Happy Mother's Day, especially her mom in heaven and my mother-in-law Elaine.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

City Clerk Figgs/Submitting monthly report - April, 2014 Submitting Monthly Report for April, 2014.

City Treasurer Tarka/annual cost of living water rate increase RE: Annual Cost of Living Water Rate Increase.

City Treasurer Tarka/annual refuse rate increase RE: Annual Cost of Living Refuse Rate Increase.

WOW Cable/cable rates RE: Cable Rates.

<u>Waste Management/Notice of Permit Modifications</u>	RE: Notice of Class 1 and Class 1 Permit Modifications.
<u>Illinois Environmental Protection Agency/Clean Air Act Permit Program</u>	RE: Public Notice Proposed Renewal of the Clean Air Act Permit Program.
<u>City Attorney Odelson/RE: 2014 Affordable Care Act</u>	RE: 2014 Affordable Care Act.
<u>Illinois Environmental Protection Agency/Waste Permit Modification</u>	RE: Public Notice of Hazardous Waste Permit Modification.
<u>Illinois Department of Commerce/Grant Agreement Modification Request</u>	RE: Grant Agreement Modification Request - Illinois Disaster Recovery Program
<u>Charlie Russ/thanking Mayor Michelle</u>	Thanking Mayor Michelle for attending Career Day at Wilson Elementary.
<u>City Treasurer Tarka/Revenue & Expense Report, March 2014</u>	RE: Revenue & Expense Report for March, 2014.
<u>Accept & place on file</u>	Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to accept the communication and place on file.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

<u>#1:Refer to City Attorney/ Coleman v. City</u>	Refer to City Attorney - United States District Court - Christina Coleman v. Jose Rivas, Dion Hatchett, Star #228, Donielle Redwanc, Star #224, James Lucius, Star #230 and the City of Calumet City.
<u>#2:Approve tag day request Word Evangelistic Church</u>	Approve tag day request for Word Evangelistic Church to conduct tag days on June 27 and June 28, 2014 at various intersections. (approved by police department)
<u>#3"Install catch basin/516 State Street</u>	Submitting the recommendation from Robinson Engineering to shoot grade and install catch basin behind 516 State Street and approve Calumet City Plumbing to complete work in the amount not to exceed \$7,950.00, Holland Asphalt to regrade alley and restoration in the amount not to exceed \$3,000 and Robinson Engineering to layout new proposed profile for the alley in the amount not to exceed \$650.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to the appropriate accounts.

Approve new business items #1 thru #3

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve new business items #1 thru #3 as presented.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

#4: Remit payment/ Newsmakers/\$1,500.00

Alderman Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve payment to Newsmakers for professional services rendered during the months of January-April 2014 for the coordination, writing, interviewing, editing, proofing, and layout of the 4th Ward Newsletter in the amount not to exceed \$1,500 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #01010-52324.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

#5: Remit payment/ What's Da Bizniz/\$2,525.00

Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to approve payment to What's Da Bizniz, Inc. for the printing of the 4th Ward Newsletter in the amount not to exceed \$2,525.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #01099-52324.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

FENCE

- 631 Greenbay - 1st Ward
- 5-157th St. - 5th Ward
- 1444 Stateline - 6th Ward
- 102-164th St. - 6th Ward
- 1258 Mackinaw - 7th Ward

Approve permits

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

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Ord. #1: handicap Parking deleting: 1291 Greenbay

Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, Handicap Parking, by deleting: 1291 Greenbay Avenue.

Res. #2: congratulating students and teachers at Mayor's Award Night (Res. #14-21)

Resolution congratulating teachers and students at the Mayor's Annual Student Teacher Achievement Awards Night. (see attached page 9A)

Withdraw Ordinance #1

Alderman Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to withdraw ordinance #1 from the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

Pass Resolution

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Collins, to pass Resolution #2 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1: Transfer \$350,000 from TIF #1 to reimburse 1996C Debt Service Fund

Direct the City Treasurer to transfer \$350,000.00 from the TIF #1 to reimburse 1996C Debt Service Fund based on 2004 audited financials.

#2: Transfer \$150,000.00 from Special Service Operating Fund to Corporate Fund to reimburse police department

Direct the City Treasurer to transfer \$150,000.00 from the Special Service Operating Fund to the Corporate Fund to reimburse public safety expenditures for the fiscal year ended 4/30/14 as follows: \$150,000.00 to reimburse the police department.

#3: Remit buy-back/Angela Freyman

Direct the City Treasurer to remit buy back for Angela Freyman in the amount as stated in the communication and charge to the appropriate account.

#4: Approve employment agreement/Police Chief

Approve Employment Agreement between City of Calumet City and Police Chief Gilmore from 5/1/14 to 4/30/15.

#5: Remit payment/ Business Management Agents/\$3,000

Direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Business Management Agents for 3rd Ward Copier lease in the amount of \$3,000.00 to expire April 30, 2015 and charge to account #01010-52323.

#6: Remit payment/Leaf/\$2,388.00

Direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Leaf for 7th Ward copier lease in the amount of \$2,388.00 and charge to account #01010-52327.

A resolution

adopted by The City Council

of the City of Calumet City, Illinois



Presented by Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush and Members of the City Council

Whereas May 14, 2014 marks the Mayor's Annual Student Achievement Awards Night honoring students of Calumet City schools, and,

WHEREAS, many Calumet City students have attained outstanding achievement in the areas of academic excellence, athletic accomplishment, citizenship, fine arts achievement and leadership deserve recognition for their contributions to their schools, community and society, and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City wish to recognize and honor these graduating students who have demonstrated that they possess the knowledge, character and ability to enable them to become productive and outstanding adult members of the community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, that they do hereby recognize and congratulate those deserving Calumet City students who have attained high levels of achievement and wish them continued success in all future endeavors.

SECTION 1. That the Mayor and City Council do hereby commend the following students.

SCHRUM MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Academics: Seanda Windham
Athletics: Jaekwon Kyles
Citizenship: Fabiola Vargas
Fine Arts: Yuri Nichols
Leadership: Joseph King
Teacher of the Year: Lisa Penn

LINCOLN SCHOOL

Academics: Davia Carridise
Athletics: Jamil Street
Citizenship: Jermaine Lard
Fine Arts: Rafael Estrada
Leadership: Kayla Montgomery
Teacher of the Year: Mokita Housing-Ware

SCHOOL DISTRICT 149

Academics: Yvonne Smith
Athletics: Darius Allen
Citizenship: Brittany Wilson
Fine Arts: Clinton Oshipitan
Leadership: Aryanna Shaffer
Teacher of the Year: Mae Brown

SETON ACADEMY

Academics: Melani McCoy
Athletics: Christopher Seaton
Citizenship: Taylor McInnis
Fine Arts: Jaylen Johnson
Leadership: Eric Clayton
Teacher of the Year: Gary Flaig

T. F. NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

Academics: Mahogany Jones
Athletics: Abimbola Fagbemi
Citizenship: Michael Szablewski
Fine Arts: Alexis Brooks
Leadership: Maliek Jones
Teacher of the Year: Robert Predl

THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Academics: D'Andre Jamal Walker
Athletics: Danielle Petty
Citizenship: Brielle Holt
Fine Arts: Sarah Baker
Leadership: Kayla Seawood
Teacher of the Year: Mark Danielson

WENTWORTH JR. HIGH SCHOOL

Academics: Sekinat Idris
Athletics: Tyson Ellzey
Citizenship: Courtneigh Miller
Leadership: Diamond Ross
Teacher of the Year: Brittney Klemenswicz

BISHOP NOLL INSTITUTE

Academics: Julie Whitehair
Athletics: Eloy Melero
Citizenship: Stephanie Repass
Fine Arts: Italia Kosiba
Leadership: Lauren Zieminski


SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of May, A.D., 2014

ATTEST:

Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

Regular Meeting 5/8/14


Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

- #7: Remit payment/Chicago Southland/\$48.47 Direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Chicago Southland Convention & Visitor's Bureau in the amount of \$48.47 to be charged to account #01099-52696.
- #8: Approve payroll Approve payroll (\$978,820.82)
- #9: Remit payment/KRC Calumet City 836/\$68,637.01 Direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to KRC Calumet City 836, Inc. in the amount of \$68,637.01 representing the city's 50% share of sales tax received by the city for the accounting period April 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 to be charged to the Corporate Fund - Contractual line item #01099-52696.
- #10: Approve bill listing Approve bill listing (\$1,461.888.00)
- #11: Approve emergency payments/\$2,807.33 Approve the City Treasurer's Emergency payment in the amount of \$2,807.33 for U.S. Post Office for 2nd Ward mailing to be charged to account #01010-52322 (\$1,348.00) & #03036-52105 (\$1,459.33)
- #12: Approve attendance/IIMC Conference/May 18-May 22, 2014/\$2,000.00 Approve the attendance of City Clerk Figgs to the 68th Annual IIMC Conference on May 18-May 22, 2014 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment not to exceed \$2,000.00 to Nyota Figgs for conference/travel/expenses; to be charged to account #01022-52300.
- Approve financial matters Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to approve financial matters #1 thru #12 as presented.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 4th Ward Newsletter Alderman Williams advised the 4th Ward residents that the newsletter will be delivered by next Tuesday. He encourages residents to participate in the events and meet your neighbors.
- Thank police department Alderman Jones thanked Police Chief Gilmore for calling him regarding bills that will be coming up in Springfield which is taking away local municipalities authority. He encourages his colleagues to contact their state representative not to vote on the bills.
- Handicap parking signs Alderman Jones: "The next item, received a lot of calls from people wanting handicap signs removed. I just want to make clear for the record. If a resident has a legal handicap parking sign at their house and have gone through the process, I am going to make a motion to have them removed."

Ald. Jones (cont'd)

Because they have gone through the Secretary of State's Office, the City Clerk's Office and they have done everything to make sure and nine times out of ten they need the handicap sign. If you call my office regarding the handicap sign and you want it removed I am not going to do that. I want to have respect for people who actually have a disability and actually need handicap signs. This has not been one or two calls it has been probably 12 or 13 calls. That is something I am not going to do. In most cases it shouldn't be done. I just want to make that clear. I appreciate residents calling about those issues but the handicap signs have gone through the process. That is all Mayor."

Happy belated birthday

Alderman Schneider wished happy belated 3rd birthday to his nephew Lucas.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 8:00 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Wosczynski and seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos.

MOTION CARRIED



Nyota Figgs, City Clerk

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