

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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

SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

Public Comment

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

Darryl Jester, 660 Escanaba, regarding cost of legal fees, crime issues and hiring more police officers.

Stevon Grant, 1645 Harbor, regarding crime issue and police response.

Miacole Nelson, 1333 Mackinaw Avenue, regarding preparation of ordinances and resolutions, crime issues, community development and hiring more police officers.

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 7:43 p.m. in a regular meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2016, with Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 7

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

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

Also present were City Clerk Figs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Odelson, Fire Chief Galgan, Police Chief Fletcher, ESDA Director Chiaro, Purchasing & Personnel Director Patton, Assistant to Mayor Perez, Inspectional Services Director Tillman, Deputy Director Gomez, Public Works Commissioner Manousopoulos, Housing Director Tyler and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

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

Approval of minutes

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to approve the minutes of 7/28/16, 8/8/16 and 8/11/16 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Alderman Wosczyznski had no report.

There will be a Finance Committee Meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. and the agenda will be forwarded to the City Clerk.

Public Safety

Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderman Jones had no report.

Members of the public utilities committee, we have three items, so we would like to call a meeting and will send out dates. The proposed dates are September 21 and September 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.”

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.

Mayor's report

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “I appreciate all the residents who came here this evening to speak. I have heard what you said.

I would like to correct one resident this evening, I did not say I had someone in custody, because I am not the police chief or the police department.

It was the police department who said that had someone in custody. If you would like to view the press conference. I welcome you to do to the Facebook page. It is on there and welcome to review the comments that were stated so we all get it correct.

There was a lot of interesting numbers proposed out here this evening. A lot comments made this evening. All I ask in fairness, I hear what you say, you want us to be accountable.

If you need information please ask for it ahead of time so that you are not misstating numbers or incorrect numbers. Again, let's get it fair is all I am asking.

It is not a question or answer period, it is a time for you to state your concerns and I have heard you concerns. Thank you Mr. Jester and Coach Mia for coming forward and letting us hear your concerns and do welcome public participation.

Mayor's report - cont'd)

Although we don't always seem to get it, accept that wonderful time of the year which we are in. I thank you all for coming.

I will respond to both of you in writing and welcome you to come and speak at any time to me."

City Clerk Figgs - report

City Clerk Figgs: "I would like the 207 residents who participated in the Amnesty Day. I would like to remind the residents that signed up for the Rain Barrel giveaway on Tuesday, September 13, 2016.

Please contact the clerk's office and you have to be on the list in order to receive your free barrel. If the list is full, then you can be placed on the list for a delivery to your home."

Treasurer Tarka - report

City Treasurer Tarka: "We are bringing a program that I used to do while I was an Alderman. This Saturday I will be having Treasurer Tarka's Bike Rodeo Registration.

It will be a family bike ride. Every year the Calumet City Police Department comes upon 100's of bicycles that were stolen or lost by individuals in our community and they can't return to their rightful owners because they are not registered.

I am going to be out there this coming Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Castaways Parking lot on Sibley Boulevard.

We will have some of our police department registering bicycles, so if something does happen to your bike and we find it, it can be returned to its rightful owner.

There will be a fun bicycle path Treasurer Hunt down the bike path. There will be food and prizes and fun for the entire family.

Look in your mailbox as a flyer with more information will be sent to residents.

As I spoke to a majority of you, during the course of the week I was prepared to make a recommendation for the auditor, for the city's books.

But due to the fact that we received some communication from one of the bidders, I am suggesting that we refer to the Finance Committee meeting of Tuesday, that Alderman Wosczyński will call.

So if we can refer financial item #16 to the Finance Committee. Thank you."

Mayor's report

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "I forgot to mention our Congressman Robin Kelly asked that I let our residents know that she will be hosting a Veteran's Housing Symposium on Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the Rodack East Side Public Library, 3710 E. 107th Street, Chicago, IL.

Speakers from the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs, the Cook County Assessor's Office and others will talk about the latest housing programs and property tax benefits for veterans as well as recent initiatives to reduce homelessness among veteran's living in Illinois.

For more information contact at (708) 679-0078."

Ald. Schneider

Alderman Schneider thanked all the residents for attending the annual Labor Day Parade on Monday.

Alderman Schneider thanked all the participants of the 34 annual half marathon and 5K on Sunday. There would about 300 participants.

Alderman Schneider thanked all the departments involved in helping with the marathon 5K.

Ald. Wosczyński

Alderman Wosczyński thanked all the residents that attended your Summer Block meetings in different areas in the ward.

Alderman Wosczyński thanked all the departments that were involved in the Summer block meetings.

Alderman Wosczyński announced Neighborhood Watch Meetings 1st Monday every month at the lower level of the police department for 2nd Ward residents at 6:30 p.m.

Alderman Wosczyński thanked her family for the flowers.

Ald. Jones

Alderman Jones thanked the residents that came into ward office and called with issues. He reported 29 calls of service and resolved 19 issues

Alderman Jones announced he will be on the block of Paxton and Merrill this Saturday and Sunday. Any residents that have ward issues contact him at (708) 417-1262.

Alderman Jones announced that residents called his office asking why the public forum was not shown live. The City Council 6 month before an election will not show the public forum.

Alderman Jones announced that every council meeting, starting at the next council meeting, September 22, 2016 he will have someone video taping the public forum to make sure the resident see the public forum.

Alderman Jones stated any residents requesting a copy of the tape of the meeting contact his ward office at (708) 891-8193.

Alderman Jones thanked Police Chief Fletcher and residents of Chappel Avenue for working with the police department to resolve crime issues.

Alderman Jones stated his office established 6 block club meetings. He encourages residents to work with the police department and form block clubs in the ward to meet residents.

Alderman Jones encourages to contact the anonymous tip line 891-STOP to report crime.

Alderman Jones announced starting September 21, 2016 he will be having crime watch meetings at his office at 1910 Sibley Boulevard.

Notices will be sent out to residents that want to attend.

Alderman Jones will be having parent café. This parent café will be hosted by an organization that he will mention at the next city council meeting.

The goal is to have residents learn about city ordinances and participate in the community.

Alderman Jones announced that he received a letter from the State Treasurer about residents in Calumet City and in the district who have \$10,000.00 or plus in I-Cash and they have been unable to located them.

Anyone who is interested in learning that you have I-Cash with the Illinois State Treasurer Office contact (312) 894-2992. He will post this in the ward office for residents who qualify for this program.

Alderman Jones: "Tonight there are ordinances on the agenda that this city council spent 8 minutes on and got \$8,000.00 to pass ordinances that have been passed 13 times.

This is not only a waste of taxpayer dollars but we have passed almost 13 ordinances, if I am incorrect, I will correct myself as I check under special business.

But tonight this city council passed a term limit ordinance to limit the terms of aldermen. They are also going to put another question on the ballot for aldermen fixing the terms and salaries of aldermen.

These ordinances are on the agenda tonight, but the city council spent 8 minutes on a meeting and spent \$8,000.00 of the taxpayers hard earned money for a meeting to continue to put ordinances on the agenda."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Just a correction, Alderman Jones mentioned that the public forum is not broadcast because of the city election this evening.

The public forum is not broadcast because of the November election. It has been the past practice of this city council, probably for the entire time Alderman Jones and myself sat here.

The purpose of the public forum so the residents know is for the residents to talk to the city council, because this is a business meeting of the city council.

It is not for the residents to public on the cable channel, however, it didn't object to turning off for your election cycle as State Representative. But you object to it during the city election.

If the aldermen would like to make a motion, I don't have a problem. This has been past practice. But now alderman you are complaining."

Alderman Jones: "I am not complaining. My statement was I will video tape for the residents."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "I don't think there is a purpose."

Alderman Jones: "It is customary we also don't question residents and go back and forth and have a non-voting member of this city council go after members of the public."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Stick with the issue Alderman."

Alderman Jones: "You can't tell me what to say Mayor."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Alderman, you are addressing my comments."

Alderman Jones: "Can I finish Mayor, I am not going to interrupt you and be rude. I will finish my statement if you allow me too."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Is there a motion by the city council to air the public forum of this city, so Alderman Jones doesn't have to videotape them. How does the city council feel about this issue?"

Alderman Jones: "They don't want to do it."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Because it is your election in November alderman for state representative. Yes, that is why we are not doing it now."

Alderman Jones; "Nobody is running against me Mayor, so that is not an issue. Stick to the issue now Mayor."

Alderman Manousopoulos: "Why, all of a sudden now it is a problem. But in 20 years Alderman Jones that you sat here and we have always done it, I have been here almost 16 years.

There was never a problem. All of a sudden it has become a problem."

Alderman Jones: "I didn't say it was a problem."

Alderman Manousopoulos: "Apparently there is a problem, because all of a sudden you want to televise. In 16 years that I have been sitting here, you have never once said let's televise it.

It has been going on way before I even came on, or even before you came here. That is the way we do things."

Alderman Jones: "We have never stopped televising when there is a General Election. We always stopped televising when there is a municipal election.

Check your records alderman, because I am sure you don't have your facts."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "That is not true."

Alderman Jones: "Let me finish my statement Mayor. What I say was I will videotape the council meeting and public forum. If the council wants to vote on it that is fine.

I made a statement. What I said was a non-voting member should not question residents who pay your salary, my salary and the City Attorney's salary.

I am finished Mayor."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "The question I am asking you, if we can go back to the original question is, you don't need to have it videotaped Alderman.

The reason it is not aired this evening, because in past practice and your wrong, whenever there is a general election or a city election because the public forum is not for the public to address the public.

It is to address this city council sitting here before."

Alderman Jones: "That is not correct, Mayor."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "It is correct absolutely."

Alderman Jones: "We will get facts, because you are incorrect Mayor. We have the tapes, of course it hasn't been in 2012, before the general election Mayor.

We are in the general election Mayor. We have never cut the public forum off before the general election."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "The public forum is cut off today because of your election in November for state representative. That is why it is off today.

Why is it off then alderman, it is not 6 months before our election. It is because of November election has it has been done in the past."

Alderman Jones: "Check the facts. Why did we turn it off Mayor."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Because of the general election as we have done in past years. I just want to make it clear. You are ok with it being turned off now, but you are not ok and you want the residents to view it."

Alderman Jones; "For the record, so I don't want you stating anything that is not clear and didn't come out of my mouth.

For the record, I said I would have a video person come in and tape the public forum that is not being shown to the residents currently. That is what I said. You can do what you want and have it voted on.

I don't want you misstating anything I said. Thank you."

Ald. Williams

Alderman Williams gave honor to God.

Alderman Williams: "I want to let residents know that are watching, I was elected to make decisions, whatever they may be favorable nor not. But if you do not understand or want to know why I vote certain ways please ask me and I will explain it to you in detail.

We through around the fact word a lot tonight, I would implore residents to know the facts before making statements and listening to gibberish that hear. Know what you are saying, before you say it.

If you have a question, we can get you those numbers and those facts. I don't mean to be disrespectful to anyone, times are emotional, especially around this time of year.

We are elected to legislate and make decisions. Just be cognitive to what you are asking and what you are saying. If anyone has a question for me, or would like to speak to me about the way that I vote or something that I say, please ask me. Thank you."

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

- A:IDOT/agreement RE: Agreement for the Maintenance of Municipal Streets.
- B: Comcast Cable/updated personnel information RE: Updated personnel information.
- C: WOW Cable/changes RE: Upcoming changes.
- Village of Burnham/Joint Emergency Telephone System Board RE: Joint Emergency Telephone System Board.
- E. City Clerk Figgs/submitting monthly report Submitting monthly report for August, 2016.
- Refer 7D/Finance Comm. Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to refer communication #7D to the Finance Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

- Accept & place on file Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to accept communications #7A, #7B, #7C and #7E and place on file.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

- #1: Block streets/T.F. North Homecoming Parade 9/15/16 Requesting approval to block streets stated in the communication for the T.F. High School Homecoming Parade on Thursday, September 15, 2016; direct public works to provide barricades and notify the police & ESDA departments for their assistance.
- #2: Approve tag days/ Knights of Columbus Approve tag day request for Knights of Columbus on September 16-17, 2016 at the intersection of River Oaks Drive & Torrence Avenue. (approved by the police department)
- #3: Change Regular City Council Mtg - 11/21/16 Change Regular City Council Meeting of Thursday, November 24, 2016 to Monday, November 21, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.; due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Change Regular City Council Mtg. - 12/19/16 Change Regular City Council Meeting of Thursday, December 22, 2016 to Monday, December 19, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. due to the Christmas holiday.
- #4: Amending handicap parking ordinance Alderman Manousopoulos requesting amending handicap parking ordinance by adding 11-164th Street and 1462 State Line Road; prepare ordinance for next meeting.

- #5: Amending handicap parking ordinance Alderman Munda requesting amending handicap parking ordinance by adding 304-155th Place; prepare ordinance for next meeting.
- #6: Advising Captain Joey White, retiring 8/31/16 Advising Captain Joey White will be retiring from the Calumet City Fire Department; effective 8/31/16.
- #7: Draft RFP legal services for Calumet City Alderman Jones requesting to draft an RFP for legal services for the City of Calumet City.
- #8: Requesting RFP for accounting firm conduct forensic audit Alderman Jones requesting an RFP for an accounting firm to conduct a forensic audit of all legal bills submitted by Odelson & Sterk from 1/1/05 to 7/1/16.
- #9: Amend salary ordinance Alderman Jones requesting to amend the salary ordinance to make the position of Mayor a part-time position.
- #10: Amend salary ordinance Alderman Jones requesting to amend the salary ordinance to make the mayor's salary \$47,500.00 to include expenses and liquor commissioner salary.
- #11: Draft ordinance Alderman Jones requesting City Attorney to draft an ordinance for a "No Parking" from 416 Madison to corner; sign to be put up at 416 Madison.
- Table items #7 thru #10 Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to table items #7, #8,#9 and #10.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

Approve items #1 thru #5 Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to approve items #1 thru #5 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Prepare resolution/Joey White Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to prepare a resolution for Captain Joey White for his years of service to the Calumet City Fire Department.

MOTION CARRIED

Approve item #11
(Prepare ordinance)

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance for a “No Parking” from 416 Madison to corner.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Ord. #1: handicap parking
by adding: 425-156th Street
(Ord. #16-29)

Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, Handicap Parking, by adding: 425-156th Street. (see attached page 11A)

Ord. #2: amending salary
ordinance (Ord. #16-30)

Ordinance amending the salary ordinance to exclude any compensation to Alderman serving as Committee Chairman. (see attached page 11B)

Ord. #3: authorizing binding
referendum question limiting
terms of office for Aldermen
(Ord. 16-31)

Ordinance authorizing a binding referendum question limiting the terms of office for Aldermen in the City of Calumet City. (see attached page 11C)

Adopt ordinances # thru #3

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to adopt ordinances #1 thru #3 as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

Withdraw motion

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to withdraw the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

Adopt Ordinance #1

Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to adopt ordinance #1 as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7

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

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

Adopt Ord. #2 & #3

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to adopt Ordinances #2 and #3 as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

Alderman Jones: “City Attorney, was this ordinance posted in the City Clerk’s Office per our ordinance.”

THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE
NUMBER 16-29

**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
Aldermen

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ORDINANCE NO.: 16-29

**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:

425-156th Street

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.

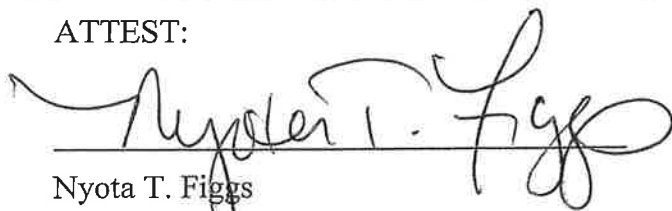
ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois this 8th day of September, 2016 pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Schneider				
Wosczynski				
Jones				
Williams				
Munda				
Manousopoulos				
Bullocks				
(Mayor Qualkinbush)				
TOTAL				

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this 8th day of September 2016.


 Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush
 MAYOR

ATTEST:


 Nyota T. Figgs
 CITY CLERK

**THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**ORDINANCE
NUMBER 16-30**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-43 FIXING THE
COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR, CITY CLERK, CITY TREASURER, AND
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH, Mayor
NYOTA T. FIGGS, City Clerk**

**SAMUEL BULLOCKS
THADDEUS JONES
NICK MANOUSOPOULOS
ROGER MUNDA
ERIC W. SCHNEIDER
RAMONDE D. WILLIAMS
MAGDALENA J. WOSZYNSKI**

Aldermen

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ORDINANCE NO. 16-30

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-43 FIXING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR, CITY CLERK, CITY TREASURER, AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois (the "City"), is a home rule municipality pursuant to Section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and as such, may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs (the "Home Rule Powers"); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City (the "Corporate Authorities") approved Ordinance Number 12-43 entitled, "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 12-40 Fixing the Compensation for the Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Aldermen of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois" (the "Salary Ordinance"), as from time to time supplemented and amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 the above recitals and legislative findings are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.

Section 2. The Salary Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 10: That each Alderman who serves in the capacity of Chairman of a standing committee shall receive ~~as~~ no additional compensation ~~the sum of \$500.00 per month~~. This Section shall not take effect until May of 2017.

Section 3. The remaining provisions and terms as contained in the Salary Ordinance are not altered, amended, or otherwise modified by this Ordinance and remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. 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.

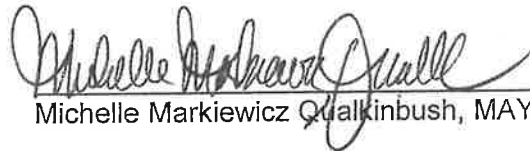
Section 5. All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

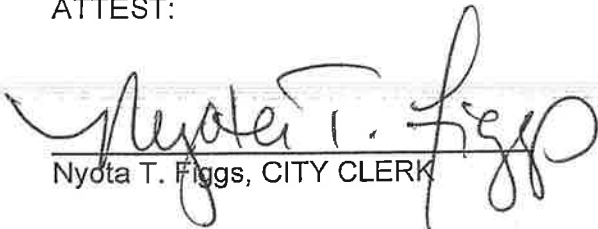
ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, this 8th day of September, 2016, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Bullocks	X			
Jones		X		
Manousopoulos	X			
Munda	X			
Schneider		X		
Williams	X			
Wosczynski	X			
(Mayor Qualkinbush)				
TOTAL	5	2		

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, on September 8, 2016.


Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Nyota T. Figgs, CITY CLERK

**THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**ORDINANCE
NUMBER 16-31**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND REQUIRING
THE SUBMISSION OF A BINDING PUBLIC QUESTION CONCERNING
LIMITING THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE OFFICE OF ALDERMAN IN
THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT OF THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF
CALUMET CITY AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON
APRIL 4, 2017**

**MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH, Mayor
NYOTA T. FIGGS, City Clerk**

**SAMUEL BULLOCKS
THADDEUS JONES
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LIMITING THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE OFFICE OF ALDERMAN IN
THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT OF THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF
CALUMET CITY AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 4, 2017**

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois; and is a home rule unit of local government; and

WHEREAS, Section 28-7 of the Illinois Election Code (10 ILCS 5/28-7) provides that in any case in which Article VII of the Illinois Constitution authorizes any action to be taken by or with respect to any unit of local government, as defined in Section 1 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution, by or subject to approval by referendum, any such public question shall be initiated in accordance with such Section 28-7, either by the governing body of the unit of local government by resolution, or by the filing with the clerk of the governmental unit a petition, signed by a number of qualified electors equal to or greater than eight percent (8%) of the total votes cast for candidates for governor in the preceding gubernatorial election, requesting the submission of the proposal for such action to the voters of the governmental unit at a regular election; and

WHEREAS, Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution authorizes a home rule municipality to provide, by referendum, for the municipality's officers, their manner of selection and terms of office; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City have determined that it is in the best interests of the City of Calumet City that there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Calumet City a public question concerning whether to impose a limitation on the terms of office of the City's Aldermen as set forth herein;

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

Section 1. That the proposition hereinafter set forth be submitted to the voters of the City of Calumet City (the "City") at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, the 4th of April, 2017, between the hours of 6:00 o'clock A.M. and 7:00 o'clock P.M. on said day (the "Election").

Section 2. That the Election shall be held in the voting precincts and at the polling places established pursuant to law for voters of the City at the Election.

Section 3. That the Cook County Clerk shall give notice of the referendum (the "Notice") by: (i) publishing the Notice once, not more than thirty (30) nor less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the Election, in a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the City; and (ii) posting a copy of the Notice at least ten (10) days before the date of the Election at their principal offices, as required by Section 12-5 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended (the "Election Code"), 10 ILCS 5/12-5.

Section 4. That the City Clerk shall post a copy of the Notice at least ten (10) days before the date of the Election at the principal office of the City.

Section 5. That the Notice published by the Cook County Clerk, in a local community newspaper having general circulation in the City of Calumet City, shall be in substantially the following form:

"NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, the 4th day of April, 2017, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois:

"Shall the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, adopt the following term limits for the Office of Alderman to be effective for and applicable to all persons who are candidates for Alderman being elected after the Consolidated Election to be held on April 4, 2017, and subsequent elections: Alderman – No person shall be eligible to seek election to, or hold the office of Alderman where that person has held the elected office of Alderman of the City of Calumet City for four (4) or more consecutive full four (4) year terms."

The polls at said election will be open at 6:00 o'clock A.M. and will continue to be open until 7:00 o'clock P.M. of that day.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Cook County Clerk

Section 6. That the ballot to be used at the Election shall be in substantially the same form as is below, and shall meet the requirements of Articles 24A, 24B or 24C of the Election Code if an electronic, mechanical or electric voting system is used at the Election:

(Face of Ballot)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

**PROPOSITION TO LIMIT THE TERMS OF OFFICE
OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY**

(INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Mark a cross (X) in the space
opposite the word indicating the way you desire to vote.

Shall the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, adopt the following term limits for the Office of Alderman to be effective for and applicable to all persons who are candidates for Alderman being elected after the Consolidated Election to be held on April 4, 2017, and subsequent elections: Alderman – No person shall be eligible to seek election to, or hold the office of Alderman where that person has held the elected office of Alderman of the City of Calumet City for four (4) or more consecutive full four (4) year terms.	YES	
	NO	

(Back of Ballot)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Official ballot for voting on the proposition to limit the terms of office of Alderman of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, at the general election held on April 4, 2017.

Precinct Number: _____

Polling Place: _____

Facsimile Signature
Cook County Clerk

Section 7. That the Election shall be conducted by the election judges appointed pursuant to law to act in the voting precincts at which said proposition shall be submitted to the voters of the City of Calumet City.

Section 8. That after the adoption hereof and not less than sixty-eight (68) days prior to the date of the Election, the City Clerk shall certify a copy hereof to the Cook County Clerk in order that the proposition set forth herein may be submitted to the voters of the City of Calumet City.

Section 9. The Election shall be held and conducted and the returns thereof canvassed, all in the manner and time as provided by the Illinois Election Code (10 ILCS 5/1, et seq.).

Section 10. That all ordinances, orders and resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 11. That this Ordinance shall be posted in one or more public areas of the City of Calumet City.

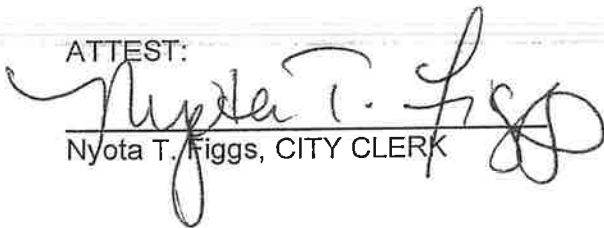
Section 12. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its adoption and approval as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 8th day of September, 2016, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Bullocks	X			
Jones		X		
Manousopoulos	X			
Munda	X			
Schneider		X		
Williams	X			
Woczynski	X			
(Mayor Qualkinbush)				
TOTAL	5	2		

APPROVED by the Mayor on September 8, 2016.

ATTEST:


 Nyota T. Figgs, CITY CLERK


 Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush
 MAYOR

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Alderman Jones, point of order, you address your questions to the chair and we decide who answers it.

I don't know if he knows the answer to that question. Point of order, you address the question to the chair please."

Alderman Jones: "You can't insert Roberts Rules of Order when I am addressing the City Attorney, Mayor."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Question to the chair, then I can ask the City Attorney to answer, if you are asking the city attorney, please."

Alderman Jones: "Mayor, by ordinance I am allowed to answer any question and direct it to anyone I want to."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Attorney Odelson, do you know the answer."

City Attorney Odelson: "Yes, I know the answer. The requirement via the title of the ordinance to the Clerk's Office was complied with."

Alderman Jones: "Thank you City Attorney."

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1: Issue Check 2016 PCOR fee/complete IRS form Authorize the City Treasurer to complete IRS Form and issue a check payable to United States Treasury for \$1,104.48 for the 2016 PCOR fee; expense will be posted to general ledger account #01099-51130.

#2: Remit payment/Calumet City Plumbing/\$5,140.00 Approve repair due to water main break and service line at 1387 Hirsch Blvd; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet City Plumbing Co. in the amount not to exceed \$5,140.00; to be charged to account #03036-52349.

#3: Remit payment/Calumet City Plumbing/\$5,932.00 Approve repair due to water main break at 1391 Hirsch Blvd; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet City Plumbing Co. in the amount not to exceed \$5,932.00; to be charged to account #03036-52349.

- #4: Remit payment/J & J Newell/\$5,090.10 Approve repair due a sewer cave-in at Sibley Blvd. & Superior Avenue; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to J & J Newell Concrete in the amount not to exceed \$5,090.10; to be charged to account #03036-52102.
- #5: Remit payment/ J & J Newell/\$9,911.00 Approve asphalt replacement at Dolton Road & Paxton Avenue due to a water main break; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to J & J Newell Concrete in the amount not to exceed \$9,911.00; to be charged to account #03036-52349.
- #6: Approve Jackson v. Calumet City settlement Approve the settlement in the matter Freddie Jackson v. Calumet City, et al, case number 15 L 11217 in the amount of \$20,000.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #01050-52270.
- #7: Remit payment/Metro Pump/\$5,000.00 Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 to Metropolitan Pump; payment for city's insurance deductible to repair damage due to a lighting strike; to be charged to account #01050-52270.
- #8: Remit payment/Lakeside Masonry/\$9,000.00 Approve change orders for work at Fire Station I and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Lakeside Masonry to increase amount to \$9,000.00; to be charged to account #06617-55103.
- #9: Remit payment/Millies Engineering/\$6,176.25 Approve payment to Millies Engineering Group in the amount not to exceed \$6,176.25 for their assistance with preparation of the RFP's for the training center direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #01070-55601.
- #10: Remit payment/Think Tank/\$9,564.66 Approve telephone system network and wiring upgrades for the police department in the amount not to exceed \$9,564.66; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Think Tank; to be charged to account #01099-55124.
- #11: Remit payment/Total Roofing/\$6,622.00 Approve roof repair to Animal Control Building in the amount not to exceed \$6,622.00 with half down upon acceptance of proposal; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Total Roofing & Construction Services, Inc.; to be charged to account #01060-52338.
- #12: Remit payment/Foster Coach/\$221,263.00 Approve purchase of new 2017 Ford F350 ambulance; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount not to exceed \$221,263.00 to Foster Coach; to be charged to account #06607-55100.
- #13: Approve buy-back/ Denise Wheaton Approve buy-back Denise Wheaton in the amount as stated in the communication upon her resignation 8/2/16; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account as stated.
- #14: Authorize Director Pur. & Personnel/execute renewal application Authorize the Director of Purchasing & Personnel to execute the renewal application with Safety National for the city's excess workers compensation.

#15: Approve agreement
Calumet City & B-P
Consultants

Approve the agreement between the City of Calumet City and B-P Consultants, Inc. as the city's lobbyist from May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount stated in the communication; to be charged to account #01099-52990 and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.

#16: Award RFP Auditing
Services

Accept the recommendation of the City Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Finance Director with respect to the selection of the firm to perform auditing services for the City of Calumet City commencing in fiscal year 2016. (Review work was not completed at the time of publication of agenda; vendor will be named at the meeting).

#17: Approve payroll

Approve payroll (\$836,123.04)

#18: Approve bill listing

Approve bill listing (\$366,155.94)

Refer item #16 to Finance
Committee

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to refer item #16 to the Finance Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

Ald Jones

Alderman Jones: "So the item is being referred to the Finance Committee, why is it being referred to the Finance Committee beyond the recommendation?"

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "I don't believe a recommendation is prepared this evening and I would like the Finance Team to give a report to the Finance Committee and Aldermen of the process and who actually submitted RFQ's. None of that was done."

Alderman Jones: "Was there a bid opening?"

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "There was a RFQ opening."

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to refer item #16 to the Finance Committee for review.

MOTION CARRIED

Approve financial matters

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to approve financial matters #1 thru #15 as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7

ALDERMEN: Munda, Manousopoulos, Bullocks, Schneider, Wosczyznski, Jones, Williams

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

Approve items #17 & #18

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to approve financial items #17 and #18 as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7

ALDERMEN: Manousopoulos, Bullocks, Schneider, Wosczynski, Jones, Williams, Munda

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Thank volunteers

Alderman Schneider thanked the volunteers and the public safety departments for their assistance with the Calumet Memorial Park District Marathon.

There was lengthy discussion regarding City Attorney preparing items for city council agenda. (Comments were not audible)

Aids Walk - 10/1/16

Alderman Jones announced the Aids Run and Walk Chicago on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at Soldier Field.

Chicago Football Classic
9/10/16

Alderman Jones announced September 10, 2016 the Chicago Football Classic which supports black colleges. Contact his office for tickets.

River Oaks Estates event
9/10/16

Alderman Jones announced a Community Event at the River Oaks Estates on Saturday, September 10, 2016 from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Disorderly House Ordinance

Alderman Jones encourages residents to contact the police department regarding disorderly house ordinance.

He thanked public works for cutting grass on the abandoned houses. He encourages residents to contact his office to report disorderly houses or abandoned properties needing grass cut.

Commend Odelson & Sterk

Alderman Munda commended Odelson & Sterk law firm for the fine job they have done for Calumet City.

Commend Ald. Bullocks

Alderman Munda commended Alderman Bullocks on chairing his first committee meeting.

Alderman Manousopoulos: "Alderman Jones stated that I tabled his motions and ordinances and sent them to committee.

I did not send them to committee Alderman Jones, I tabled them. Just looking at items #7, #8, #9 and #10. You have voted for everything here.

You have voted to retain Odelson & Sterk, you voted to pay his legal fees. You know it yourself being a law student for 12 or 15 years that you cannot change the salary ordinance in the middle of the mayor or aldermen's terms.

Therefore, all that you put on here, there is no ordinances, no amendments. There was no Ordinance & Resolution Committee meeting and this was never discussed.

You just decided today, that I am going to cut the Mayor's salary or make the Mayor's job a part-time. You know yourself as a law student that you cannot do that.

Therefore you are telling the residents that we are spending 18 million dollars or 20 million dollars that is not true.

At the last meeting, you put out a robo call saying that the Mayor and Burt Odelson use the money to pay the attorney's instead of hiring police officers.

We have more police officers today, then we ever did. Since January, I believe we hired 6 additional officers.

I meet with Police Chief Fletcher 2 or 3 times a week, we put plans together and put more white shirts on the streets.

So there are more police officers on the streets then there has every been here. What you are telling the residents, you are misleading them and lying to them."

We need more police officers, I agree, but what he is saying with his robo calls is not true. The facts are there."

Alderman Jones: "Alderman, let me commend you for being able to read. I agree with residents talking during the meeting when we are talking.

Let me just say number one, I never once at this council meeting, 18 million dollars alderman. Number two, you said I have been in law school for 12 years. Of course you can't read, because it only takes 4 years to get thru law school.

I am not going back and forth with you. I would like to finish Alderman. It is quite clear that nobody questioned you or you family alderman, we paid for your bar."

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "I want to add for clarification to this issue so that the residents know that the ordinance we passed this evening or adopted this salary ordinance will exclude the alderman committee chairman \$500.00 a month salary.

That ordinance takes effect the next term, so that doesn't effect anyone sitting here. It takes effect in the next term for whoever wins that seat.

The binding referendum question that is going on the ballot, I asked for that item to be added to the city council meeting agenda and I did because if we have term limits and I believe there should be term limits, for the record, for the Mayor's Office, there should be term limits for the aldermen.

That is why those ordinances are on the agenda. I want to make myself perfectly clear to the residents, I am sorry that Coach Mia isn't here to hear this. We ask the residents only to be respectful to us and we will respectfully answer your questions.

I was never asked the questions that you asked this evening, Mr. Jester. But I will answer them. Ask the questions before you come. We ask that you don't grandstand.

That is the purpose for that public forum not being aired. It doesn't allow anybody to grandstand. If you want to know the answer, just tell me and I won't take the time to research and find the answers for you, if you are just going to believe what people say.

It is not 18 million, we are going to get you the number, it is not one attorney. All those things are true, but people are going to believe what they want to believe. All that I am asking is, look it is that time of the year, it is that season and everyone here should be respectful to each other, especially these colleagues on the city council.

It is what it is. The story that was obviously put out to residents was true in the robo class was absolutely not true. But, I am not even going to answer those.

We are here to conduct business of this city council, we are here to conduct and pass laws and pay bills. We are not here to have these debates. I ask my colleagues to please be respectful of each other.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 8:34 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Manousopoulos seconded by Alderman Jones.

MOTION CARRIED



Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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