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

FEBRUARY 23, 2012

Public Forum

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

Darron Jackson, 1886 Haymarket Road, Chicago, regarding the February 1 Shooting death of Stephon Watts and the status of the investigation.

Kim Dixon Johnson, 1039 Wentworth Avenue, thanking the Calumet Memorial Park District for developing a kids park. Also discussed was youth facilities in Calumet City, senior citizen vehicle sticker sales and training of police officers with dealing with individuals with mental health issues.

George Grenchik, 457 Freeland Avenue, commend Alderman Collins on his statement and comments at the last council meeting regarding the death of Stephon Watts.

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers in a regular meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 7:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 6	ALDERMEN:	Schneider, Wosczyński, Jones, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins
ABSENT: 1	ALDERMAN:	Wilson

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Odelson, City Engineer Roberts, Police Chief Gilmore, Fire Chief Galgan, Deputy Chief Banske and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

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

Approval of minutes

Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to approve the minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Alderman Wosczyński: “On Wednesday, February 22, 2012 there was a Finance Committee Meeting of the Whole held in the City Council Chambers at 7:13 p.m. In attendance were Alderman Wosczyński, chairman, Alderman Manousopoulos, member, Alderman Wilson, member. Also in attendance were Alderman Schneider, Alderman Munda, Alderman Collins, Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, City Clerk Figgs, Finance Director Kasperek, Police Chief Gilmore, CED Director Gigliotti, the press and the public.

The topics were City Treasurer Report. He was not present. Finance Director Report by John Kasperek, Economic Incentive Agreement Napleton Cadillac by James Gigliotti. A motion was made to enter Executive Session for matters qualifying for closed session.

Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, no action was taken. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. A copy of the minutes are available in the City Clerk’s Office.

Public Safety

Alderman Manousopoulos: “A Public Safety Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012. Discussion was held regarding state law changes of the testing and hiring for the fire department. A copy of the minutes are available in the City Clerk’s Office.

Public Utilities

Alderman Jones had no report.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Collins had no report.

H.E.W.

Alderman Schneider: “Thank you Mayor. February is American Heart Month. Cardiovascular diseases are the number one cause of death in Illinois. Healthy living habits can be key to a healthy heart. Healthy habits such as eating a well balanced diet, getting regular physical exercise and managing personal stress can significantly reduce risk of having a heart attack, a stroke and heart disease.

For additional information about heart disease it can be found on the website of the American Heart Association at www.heart.org or by calling the Greater Chicagoland office at (312) 346-4675.”

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Wilson was absent.

Public Works

Alderman Munda: “Thank you Mayor. I met with the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners and they are working diligently to keep the city clean after the snow and keeping the neighborhoods picked up. All our programs the city have are not running due to the season. The next thing coming up will be the spring cleanups run by the various aldermen. Also the concrete program will be upon us. Any resident who would like to get their concrete repaired, please contact your aldermen to be placed on the list.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor’s report

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “I would like to remind the aldermen that the city engineer is looking for sidewalk lists. Please submit the lists as soon as possible before the program starts.

2/21/12 - Public Safety
Committee of Whole

As a point of clarification from the Public Safety Committee of the Whole held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012. The Police and Fire Commission is working with John Broihier, Attorney for the Illinois Fire and Police Commission to update the rules and regulations for our police and fire commission. Upon completion, it will be sent to the City Attorney for review.

Refer Public Act 097-0251
City Attorney & Fire Chief

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Collins, to refer Public Act 097-0251 to the City Attorney and Fire to review the new law which changes the firefighter examination/testing and how to administer the eligibility list and make recommendations to the Police & Fire Commission for compliance.

MOTION CARRIED

Amend handicap parking

Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to amend the handicap parking ordinance by deleting the following locations: 605 Forsythe Avenue, 611 Forsythe Avenue and 616 Ingraham Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

Installation of pole camera
@ Harrison & Wilson &
Harrison & Garfield

Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to direct the police department to determine the feasibility and the cost of installing the pole camera at Harrison & Wilson and pole camera at Harrison & Garfield, in partnership with the Calumet Memorial Park District and report the findings and costs at the next city council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

VFW Post 8141 - Spaghetti
dinner - 2/29/12

Alderman Schneider announced that VFW Post 8141 located at 664 Hirsch Avenue will have a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dinner is \$6.50 and includes bread, salad and all you can eat spaghetti. For more information contact at (708) 862-7913.

2012 Health & Fitness Expo 2/25/12 @ Sandridge Alderman Schneider announced that the Calumet Memorial Park District is hosting the 2012 Health & Fitness Expo on Saturday, February 25, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Sandridge Fitness Center at 600 Oglesby. All residents are encouraged to attend. For more information contact (708) 862-0880 or visit mycmpd.com. It is a free community event.

Keep cars off streets during heavy snowfall Alderman Wosczyński encourages residents to keep streets clear of the cars during heavy snowfall.

Neighborhood Watch Mtg. Alderman Wosczyński encourages residents to attend Neighborhood Watch Meetings. Contact the police department for more information regarding time and location.

Black History Month Alderman Jones encourages residents to visit museums or attend community events during Black History Month.

Thornton Township event 2/24/12 - Black History Alderman Jones announced that Thornton Township will be having an event for Black History Month on Friday, February 24, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 14323 S. Halsted, Riverdale, Illinois. He encourages residents to attend the event.

Meet Congressman Jackson on 2/25/12 @ 1906 Sibley Alderman Jones announced that on Saturday, February 25, 2012 at 1906 Sibley Boulevard from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Alderman Jones and Congressman Jackson will be available for residents to meet.

Third Ward volunteer mtg. Alderman Jones announced his office held a 3rd Ward Volunteer meeting regarding residents getting involved in 2012 programs. Volunteer meetings are the second Saturday of every month. Contact his office at (708) 891-8193 and a list of events will be provided.

He encourages residents to get involved in ward activities and volunteer for community organizations.

Comcast Care Days Alderman Jones encourages his colleagues if they have any projects that Comcast could work on April 21, 2012 is National Volunteer Day. Comcast and his office will have volunteers. They have contacted public works to organize ward cleanups.

Legislative breakfast 3/14/12 @ Children's Home Alderman Jones announced a Legislative Breakfast at Children's Home Center at 1652 Dolton Road. Anyone interested in attending contact (708) 891-6240 to register for breakfast.

The topic is early childhood education summit. This is the program in conjunction with the daycare providers with Congressman Jackson's office. The breakfast is Wednesday, March 14, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and encourages his colleagues to attend.

Early Voting begins
2/27/12

Alderman Jones announced Early Voting for the March 20, 2012 primary election begins on Monday, February 27, 2012. He encourages all Calumet City residents who want to early vote to go Dolton Public Library, 14037 Lincoln Avenue and Faith Family Future Center at 16931 South Park Avenue, South Holland.

Deputy Registrar classes

Alderman Jones announced his office held a Deputy Registrar class and he registered 1,652 people. The last day to register to vote was February 21, 2012.

Alderman Jones stated that residents could come to the City Clerk's Office to register to vote after the March 20, 2012 primary election.

Property tax bill

Alderman Jones stated that the state passed a property tax bill keeps the property taxes at a level. Contact his office regarding specifics of the bill at (708) 891-8193.

Recite pledge of allegiance
again

Alderman Munda requested his colleagues to recite the Pledge of Allegiance due to the fact at the last meeting it was interrupted by several spectators who were shouting out and drowning out the pledge. He stated they had a right to speak out but not during the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

(At this time in the meeting the city council recited the Pledge of Allegiance in honor of our country and the men and women who died to protect the freedom and rights)

Sidewalk list

Alderman Manousopoulos requested residents to contact his office at (708) 891-8196 regarding being placed on the sidewalk repair list.

Youth Summit @ T.F.
North - April 13 & 14

Alderman Collins announced on April 13 & April 14, 2012 he will hosting a Youth Summit at T.F. North High School. There will be various speakers. The purpose is to educate youth regarding responsibility. Information will be going out to the residents and students.

Youth Pride Essay
Competition

Alderman Collins announced the third annual Youth Pride Essay Competition. The top 15 winners city wide he will be taking them to the Bulls v. Dallas Maverick game on April 21, 2012. He encourages parents to allow students to participate. He also encourages administrators to pass the information on to the students.

Thanks residents @ Garden
House

Alderman Collins thanked the residents of 1370 Ring Road & 1380 Ring Road for coming out to bingo.

Alderman Collins said hello to residents of Garden House and for supporting the event

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

United States Senate/
congratulating fire dept.

Congratulating the Calumet City Fire Department for receiving a \$40,500 award from the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency.

CED Coordinator/Fair
Housing Administrator
Gigliotti/re: homeowner
relief program

RE: Homeowner Relief Program Information.

Accept & place on file

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

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Release title
vehicle police dept.

Requesting the City Clerk to release title on a 2004 Chevrolet Impala (2441) from the police department and remove from the city insurance.
(surplus vehicle to be sold)

Granting permission
St. Victor annual fest
July 26-July 29, 2012

Granting permission for St Victor Parish to hold its annual fest on Thursday, July 26, 2012 through Saturday, July 29, 2012.

Approve new business

Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve new business as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Ald. Wosczyński -statement

Alderman Wosczyński: "On item #2, I spoke to Alderman Schneider with regard to St. Victor annual fest. He assured me that there will be security and the neighbors will be notified as to the event as it didn't state in the communication. With that stipulation I will be able to vote for the event. I wanted to clarify my vote for the record."

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Ord. #1: handicap parking
by adding: 670 Wentworth,
500-156th Pl. & 731 Sibley
(Ord. #12-7)

Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, Handicap Parking, by adding: 670 Wentworth Avenue, 500-156th Place & 731 Sibley Boulevard. (see attached page 6A)

Ord. #2: handicap parking
by deleting: 139-157th St.
& 383 Hoxie Ave.
(Ord. #12-8)

Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, Handicap Parking, by deleting: 139-157th Street & 383 Hoxie Avenue. (see attached page 6B)

Adopt ordinances

Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to adopt the ordinances as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Remit payment/Lansing Fence & Holland Asphalt \$9,999.00

Authorize the removal and replacement of the existing guardrail and installation of one speed bump at the property at 2275 Harding Avenue and upon completion of the work, to direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Lansing Fence Corporation and Holland Asphalt Services, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$9,999.00; to be charged to account #010-99-2-990.

Remit payment/Alliance Environmental/\$5,870.00

Approve the removal of asbestos of the property at 119-156th Street and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Alliance Environmental in the amount of \$5,870.00; to be charged to account #118-10-5-645.

Remit payment/Holland Asphalt/\$19,600.00

Approve the demolition of the property at 301-153rd Street and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Holland Asphalt Services in the amount of \$19,600.00; to be charged to account #118-10-5-645.

Remit payment/Calumet Treasurer City Plumbing/\$6,349.00

Approve work to be done at 519 Michigan City Road and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet City Plumbing in the amount of \$6,349.00; to be charged to account #030-36-2-101.

Remit payment/Calumet City Plumbing/\$9,122.00

Approve work to be done at Sibley & Douglas and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet City Plumbing in the amount of \$9,122.00; to be charged to account #030-36-2-101.

Remit payment/Calumet City Plumbing/\$8,207.00

Approve work to be done at 645 State Street and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet City Plumbing in the amount of \$8,207.00; to be charged to account #030-36-2-101.

Remit payment/Calumet City Plumbing/\$9,572.00

Approve work to be done at 157th & Forsythe Avenue and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet City Plumbing in the amount of \$9,572.00 to be charged to account #030-36-2-101.

Remit payment/Calumet City Plumbing/\$10,982.00

Approve work to be done at Buffalo & Stewart and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet City Plumbing in the amount of \$10,982.00; to be charged to account #030-36-2-101.

<u>Approve Settlement Authority Request/Johnson v. Calumet City</u>	Approve the Settlement Authority Request in the Paul Johnson v. Calumet City Case 10 WC 29410 in the amount as stated in the communication and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment.
<u>Remit payment/Cook County Cook Treasurer/\$4,904.50</u>	Authorize the City Treasurer to issue separate checks made payable to the County Treasurer totaling \$4,904.50 for the 2011 First Installment Property Tax Bills for the properties listed in the communication and charge to the HUD Real Estate Tax account #010-01-1-117.
<u>Remit payment /State of Illinois, Dept of Commerce/ \$25,000.00</u>	Approve the return of \$25,000.00 to the State of Illinois, Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to be charged to account #010-01-1-245.
<u>Remit payment/Advanced Public Safety/\$8,452.80</u>	Approve payment in the amount of \$8,452.80 for the purchase of Spillman’s Driver’s License Scanning software and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Advanced Public Safety, Inc. and charge to the 2009 Capital Project Fund #118-60-5-130.
<u>Approve Robinson v. Calumet City</u>	Approve the settlement of Case number 11 CH 5260 Robinson v. City of Calumet City and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount as stated in the communication and charge to the appropriate account.
<u>Approve payroll</u>	Approve payroll (\$754,485.24)
<u>Approve bill listing</u>	Approve bill listing (\$109,543.73)
<u>Approve legal bill listing</u>	Approve legal bill listing (\$4,696.06)
<u>Remit payment/Ray O’Herron/\$11,038.35</u>	Approve payment to Ray O’Herron in the amount of \$11,038.35 for body armors for the police department and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-60-5-100.
<u>Remit payment/Patriot 3 \$6,222.30/</u>	Approve payment to Patriot 3 for (5) folding ballistic shields for the police department and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to account #010-60-5-100.
<u>Remit payment/Holland Asphalt/\$13,800.00</u>	Approve the demolition of the property at 321 Pulaski Road and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Holland Asphalt Services in the amount of \$13,800.00 and charge to account #118-60-5-645.
<u>Account change</u>	Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “With regard to item #12, it should reflect the 2009 Capital Project fund 118-60-5-130 and item #13 the account # should be 010-60-5-100.
<u>Approve financial matters authorize treasurer remit payment</u>	Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve financial matters as presented and amended.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3/14/12: Business to Business Summit

Alderman Jones announced on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 a Business to Business Summit at Leona’s Restaurant at 1455 Ring Road from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Contact his office at (708) 891-8193 for more information.

Employment news

Alderman Jones announced employment news. Applications are due March 1, 2012. Contact his office at (708) 891-8193 for information and to be put on email data base that allows residents that sign up regarding new employment opportunities.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 8:04 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Munda and seconded by Alderman Schneider.

MOTION CARRIED

Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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