

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**FEBRUARY 8, 2018**

Public Forum

The following individual addressed the City Council:

Joe Balkis 117 - 155<sup>th</sup> St. regarding on the moratorium on resale retail businesses and the minutes.

Gary Shannon 315- 157<sup>th</sup> Street regarding on parking at the schools and the minimum wage.

Darryl Jesters 660 Escanaba commended the Calumet City Police Department for their due diligence.

**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 February 8, 2018 at 7:33 p.m. with Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush present and presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: 7 ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wosczyński, Gardner, Smith, Williams, Tillman, Patton

ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: None

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, Treasurer Tarka, Purchasing/ Personnel Director Murray, Fire Chief Bachert, Chief Fletcher, and Inspectional Services Director Tillman, Deputy Director Kyles and Housing Director Tyler.

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

Approval of Minutes

9/28/17: Regular Meeting  
1/11/18: Regular Meeting  
1/25/18: Regular Meeting  
1/29/18: Special Meeting  
1/30/18: COW Meeting- Finance Committee

Approve minutes

Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Patton, to approve the minutes as so presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance

Alderman Wosczynski had no report.

Public Safety

Alderman Patton had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderman Williams had no report.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Tillman had no report.

H.E.W.

Alderman Gardner had no report.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Smith had no report.

Public Works

Alderman Navarrete had no report.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor Michelle

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner, to read a proclamation for Black History month.

Black History Month

Proclamation

MOTION CARRIED

The Black History Month Proclamation was read in its entirety.

Accept Black History

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to accept the Black History Month Proclamation as presented.

Proclamation

MOTION CARRIED

Book Presentation in  
recognition of Black History  
Month

Mayor Michelle presented a book on Benjamin O. Davis, Sr. to the Calumet City Library as part of the recognition of Black History Month. Benjamin O. Davis, Sr. was America’s first black General.

Mayor Michelle reported that the Access Channel will be featuring a presentation on the 2018 theme: “African Americans in times of War”.

Clerk Figgs thanked Mayor Michelle and the council for providing Black History calendars which are now available in the City Clerk’s office.

City Treasurer Tarka

City Treasurer Tarka commented on the success of the Socks for Vets program that was cosponsored with the City Treasurer's office and the Calumet City Cavaliers. Approximately 1000 pairs of socks will be distributed to needy Vets at the Jesse Brown VA Hospital. City Treasurer thanked everyone for their support.

Ald. Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete reported the first Town Hall meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the VFW Hall located at 664 Hirsch Avenue.

Ald. Wosczynski

Alderman Wosczynski reported St. Andrews's is holding their annual Doughnut Dance/ Paczki Ball on Saturday, February 10, 2018 from 6:30 pm- 10:30 pm. Doors open at 6 pm. Music and Polish food will be provided.

Ald. Tillman

Alderman Tillman reported he along with State Representative Marcus Evans will be hosting a Resume and Career Workshop at 2pm at Downey Park located at 300 Jeffrey Avenue on Saturday, February 17, 2018. Bring a current resume and laptop. Alderman Tillman apologized for the cancellation of the February Town Hall meeting due to the weather. The next Town Hall meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2018 at 6:30 pm at Downey Park.

Ald. Williams

Alderman Williams gave honor to God. Alderman Williams thanked the members of the Police Department that participated in the Cops v. Kids basketball game. The cop team along with Alderman Williams and Alderman Tillman won the game by one point.

Ald. Gardner

Alderman Gardner reminded 5<sup>th</sup> Ward residents the Crime Watch meetings held at the Police Station every third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. Alderman Gardner wished everyone a Happy Black History Month.

Ald. Patton

Alderman Patton stated a significant snowfall is expected overnight and cautioned residents to be advised of the snow route parking signs. Stay warm and safe. Stay inside if possible,

Ald. Smith

Alderman Smith reported the Employment Workshop for today was cancelled. Upcoming workshops are scheduled at the Calumet City Library in the Community Room from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on February 28, and March 29, 2018. Details are on the city's website. Please continue to report blighted properties that need to be addressed by the city.

Mayor Michelle

Mayor Michelle thanked the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and staff of District 157 for the drawings and letters thanking the Mayor, Police Department, City Treasurer and others for reading to their class and passing out books to the students.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FILE**

City Clerk Figgs

RE: Revenue Report for the Month of January 2018.

ISO

RE: Fire Rating for Insurance.

Comcast

RE: Channel Line-up changes.

Illinois Environmental  
Protection Agency

RE: Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste.

Accept & place on file

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner, to accept the communications and place on file.

MOTION CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**BUILDING PERMITS**

None

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

#1: Resolution of Support  
"Invest in Cook"

Resolution in Support of "Invest in Cook" Grant Application.

Pass resolution  
(Res. #18-5)

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Patton, to pass the resolution as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#3: Amend motion-  
9/20/17- correcting  
account number

Amend the September 20, 2017 motion for USecology correcting the USecology- account number for payment as follows: approve the payment of \$238,120.00 to USecology from account number 12507-52516 and to direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment.

Refer to Finance  
Committee

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to refer financial item #3 to the Finance Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

**City of Calumet City**  
**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT**  
**"INVEST IN COOK" GRANT APPLICATION**  
**Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways - Call for Projects FY 2018**  
**Resolution No. 18-5**

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City, is applying to the County of Cook for an "Invest in Cook" grant and will commit to a 20% match of the total project cost,

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City, submits an eligible project for funding consideration that is consistent with the priorities set forth in "Connecting Cook County",

WHEREAS, the project presented consists of the installation of pedestrian lighting along Sibley Boulevard between I-94 and Torrence Avenue,

WHEREAS, the project presented expands Cook County's involvement in multimodal projects that take stock of transportation assets and measures them against community and economic opportunities,

WHEREAS, the project presented meets the specific priorities of the Invest in Cook program relative to *Transit and Traffic Flow Improvement Projects*, and

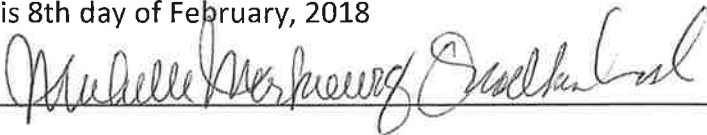
WHEREAS, it is necessary that an application be made and agreements be entered into with the County of Cook.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS follows:

1. that the City of Calumet City applies for a Cook County Department of Transportation and Highway grant under the terms and conditions of the County of Cook, and shall enter into (and agree to) the understandings and assurances contained in said application and program;
2. that the Mayor and Village Clerk of the City of Calumet City, on behalf of the City of Calumet City, execute such documents and all other documents necessary for the carrying out of said application and program; and
3. that the Mayor and Village Clerk of the City of Calumet City are authorized to provide such additional information as may be required to accomplish the obtaining of such grant and the management and facilitation of the program.

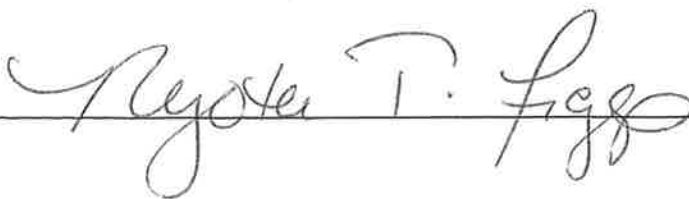
Passed this 8th day of February, 2018

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_



ATTEST:

City  
Village Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_



SEAL

Remit payment/ Johnson Controls, Inc./ \$829,933.00 Approve payment to Johnson Controls, Inc. for the Water Utility Improvements project; direct City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$829,933.00 from Account # 12307-53446.

Treasurer Tarka reported the amount of \$829,933.00 is included in the bill listing under financial item # 8.

Amend motion-8/11/17 for D Construction-correcting account number Amend the August 11, 2017 motion for D Construction correcting the account number for payment as follows: approve the payment of \$798,757.50 to D Construction from account number 01099-52689 and to direct City Treasurer to remit payment.

Remit payment/ NEMRT/ \$9,595.00 Approve payment to NEMRT; direct City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$9,595.00 to be charged to Account #01060-52390 (Training).

Remit payment/ Cleaning Specialists/ \$35,040.00 Approve contract for Cleaning Specialists; direct City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$2,920.00 a month (5/1/2017 to 4/30/18) for total of \$35,040.00 from Account #01060-52345.

Remit payment/ Kreykes Electric/ \$6,445.00 Approve payment to Kreykes Electric; direct City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$6,445.00 to be charged to the 1505 Federal account.

Award bid to Gallagher Asphalt for City Wide Resurfacing Program Accept Robinson Engineering's recommendation to award the City-Wide Street Resurfacing Improvements project to Gallagher Asphalt Corporation based on being the apparent low bidder in the amount of \$4,749,300.34; direct the City Treasurer to pay from the 2017 Bond Issue.

Approve bill listing/ (\$1,896,637.55) Approve bill listing (\$1,896,637.55)

Approve payroll/ (\$877,181.87) Approve payroll/ (\$877,181.87)

Approve items #1, 2 and 4-9 as presented Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to accept financial items #1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 as presented.

#### **ROLL CALL**

YEAS: 7 ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wosczyński, Tillman, Gardner, Williams, Patton, Smith

NAYS: 0 ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Ald. Navarette

Alderman Navarette wished his daughter a Happy Birthday!

Ald. Wosczyński

Alderman Wosczyński wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day on Ash Wednesday.

Ald. Patton

Alderman Patton wished Molly a Happy Valentine's Day.

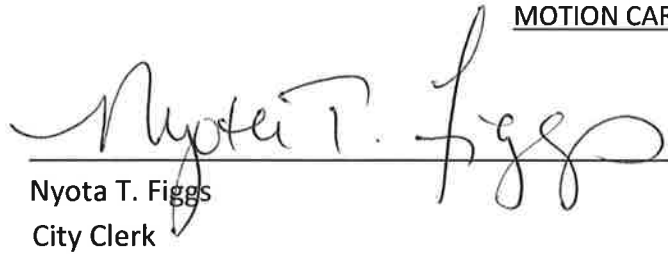
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment was at 7:54 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Wosczyński and seconded by Alderman Gardner.

**MOTION CARRIED**



Nyota T. Figgs  
City Clerk