

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**FEBRUARY 22, 2018**

Public Forum

The following individuals addressed the City Council:

Joe Balkis 117 - 155<sup>th</sup> St. regarding business incentives and minimum wage.

George Greczyk 457 Freeland regarding commending Public Works for their work during the snowfall and the recycling.

**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 22, 2018 at 7:37 p.m. with Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush present and presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: 7

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wosczynski, 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, Attorney Horvath and Inspectional Services Director Tillman and Deputy Director Kyles.

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

Approval of Minutes

2/8/18 Regular Meeting

Approve minutes

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

MOTION CARRIED

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

<u>Finance</u>	Alderman Wosczyński had no report.
<u>Public Safety</u>	Alderman Patton reported the Public Safety Committee will be meeting within the next two weeks.
<u>Public Utilities</u>	Alderman Williams had no report.
<u>Ord. &amp; Res.</u>	Alderman Tillman had no report.
<u>H.E.W.</u>	Alderman Gardner had no report.
<u>Permits &amp; Licenses</u>	Alderman Smith had no report.
<u>Public Works</u>	Alderman Navarrete commended Public Works for their work during the snowfall and discussed snow removal.

## CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

<u>Mayor Michelle</u>	Mayor Michelle thanked the Public Works commissioner/ foreman, Fire Chief and ESDA Director for their assistance with the concerns for river flooding. The new alderman were able to see how the levy, pump station and retention ponds work. Research is being conducted on an MWRD grant to put in sections of concrete levy. FEMA grants can also be researched.
<u>City Clerk Figgs</u>	Clerk Figgs reported Early Voting starts March 5 <sup>th</sup> through March 9 <sup>th</sup> - Monday through Friday 9am – 5pm, March 12 through March 16 <sup>th</sup> 9am-7pm, March 19 <sup>th</sup> 9am -7pm at the Calumet City Library located at 660 Manistee. Weekend dates are Saturday March 10 <sup>th</sup> and March 17 <sup>th</sup> 9am-5pm and Sunday March 11 <sup>th</sup> and March 12 <sup>th</sup> from 10 am- 4 pm.
<u>City Treasurer Tarka</u>	City Treasurer Tarka had no report.
<u>1<sup>st</sup> Ward Town Hall Meeting</u>	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.

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Town Hall Meeting  
Resume Workshop

Alderman Tillman reported the first Town Hall meeting of 2018 is scheduled for March 5, 2018 at 6:30 pm at Downey Park located at 300 Jeffrey Avenue. Alderman Tillman thanked everyone who participated in the Resume and Career Building Workshop held in partnership with State Representative Marcus Evans last Saturday.

Commend Departments  
for work during snowstorm

Alderman Williams gave honor to God. Alderman Williams commended Public Works and the Police and Fire Departments for a job well done during the snow storm.

Ald. Gardner

Alderman Gardner reminded 5<sup>th</sup> Ward residents to contact his office at 708/891-8195 with any questions or complaints or anything needed in the ward.

Thank Departments for  
response during heavy rains

Alderman Patton thanked Public Works Director and foreman (Billy and Paulie), Fire Department Chief Bachert and ESDA Director Chairor for taking the time with the mayor and the alderman to visit the various flood control facilities.

City Attorney to review  
Ordinance re: decorum  
during council meetings

Alderman Patton requested the City Attorney to review the ordinance pertaining to decorum at City Council meetings.

Employment Workshops

Alderman Smith reported the last Employment Workshop is scheduled for March 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 pm- 4:30 pm at the Calumet City Library in the Community Room. More information will come at a later date regarding a future Job Fair. Alderman Smith commended all of the city officials for the good job on the snow removal and keeping watch during the recent heavy rains.

Future Job Fair being  
planned

Commend departments

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FILE**

City Treasurer Tarka

RE: Revenue and Expense Report for the Month of January 2018.

Request for Proposal

RE: Advising of publishing a Request for Proposals for the redevelopment of the property at 1747 East-West Road (former Circuit City building).

Illinois Commerce Commission

RE: Reconciliation of Revenues collected under coal tar riders.

Accept & place on file

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Tillman, to accept the communications and place on file.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

#1: Tag Day request-  
Misericordia

Approve Tag Day request for Misericordia on Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28, 2018 at the following intersections: Sibley Blvd & Torrence Avenue, River Oaks Drive & Torrence Avenue and River Oaks Drive & Burnham Avenue.

Approve New Business  
item #1

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Patton, to approve the new business item #1 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**BUILDING PERMITS**

None

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

#1: Resolution thanking  
Senator Donne Trotter

Resolution thanking Senator Donne Trotter for his many years of public service.

Read the resolution in its  
entirety

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Smith, to read the resolution in its entirety.

MOTION CARRIED

Pass resolution as presented  
(Res. #18-6)

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner, to pass the resolution as presented.  
(Res. #18-6 attached as page 4 A)

MOTION CARRIED

#2 Ordinance Establishing  
Calumet City Emergency  
Telephone System Board

Ordinance Establishing the Calumet City Emergency Telephone System Board.

Pass the ordinance as  
presented.  
(Ord. #18-3)

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Patton, to pass the ordinance as presented without the necessity of prior posting.  
(Ord. # 18-3 attached as page 4 B)

**ROLL CALL**

YEAS: 7

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

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

# A resolution

Res. #18-6

adopted by *The City Council*  
*of the City of Calumet City, Illinois*



Presented by Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush on February 22, 2018

*Whereas* long time Democrat Senator Donne Trotter announced his resignation on January 19, 2018, after serving 30 years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Donne Trotter started his career with the Illinois General Assembly as a state representative in 1988 where he served until 1992; and

WHEREAS, Donne Trotter was elected as state senator in 1993; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure Senator Trotter built a record in health care and public health issues; and

WHEREAS, Senator Trotter represented Calumet City with a strong voice in Springfield and was known to call the Mayor from the senate floor to ask what he could do for Calumet City.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush and all members of the City Council, on behalf of themselves and the entire community, that we sincerely thank Senator Trotter for his service to our City and wish him a happy and healthy retirement with his wife, Rose, and their four children.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2018.

Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE  
CALUMET CITY EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD

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

SECTION 1: The Calumet City Emergency Telephone System Board will be comprised of the following listed persons:

1. The Mayor of Calumet City or designee
2. The Police Department Chief or designee
3. The Fire Department Chief or designee
4. The Director of Emergency Services and Disaster Assistance (E.S.D.A.) or designee
5. The Calumet City 9-1-1 Communications Director
6. The City of Calumet City System Manager
7. The City of Calumet City Purchasing Director

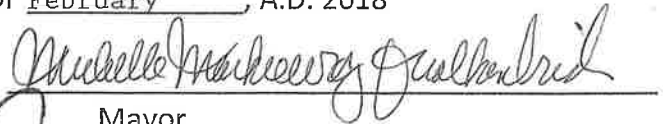
SECTION 2: That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinance in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

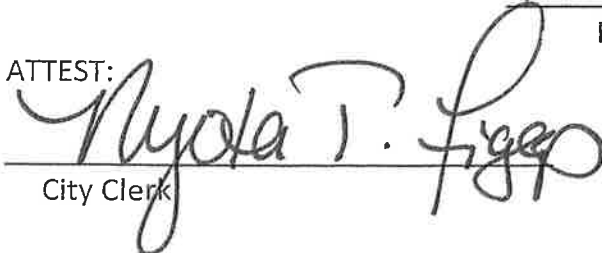
PASSED this 22nd day of February, A.D. 2018

  
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City Clerk

APPROVED BY ME THIS 22nd DAY OF February, A.D. 2018

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#1: Remit Hotel / Motel tax/ Southland Convention and Visitor's Bureau/ \$2,164.05

Authorize City Treasurer to remit to the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitor's Bureau in the amount of \$2,164.05 from Account #01099-52696 for the Hotel Accommodation Tax per our agreement.

#3: Motorola Solutions/ \$31,650.00

Authorize payment to Motorola Solutions per the attached invoice; direct City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$31,650.00 from Account #01099-52990.

Remove item #3 from agenda

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Smith, to remove item #3 from the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

#3a: Rescind July 27, 2017 motion to remit payment to Miner Electronics/\$44,890.20

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński to rescind the July 27, 2017 motion that was made to pay Miner Electronics \$44,890.20 from account #01099-52990. (This payment should be paid in part to both Motorola Solutions and Miner Electric) and should be paid by ETSB.

**ROLL CALL**

YEAS: 7

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

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

#2: Tax Increment Financing reimbursement/ Alta Equipment Co. \$28,400.00

Approve Tax Increment Financing reimbursement in the amount of \$28,400.00 to the Alta Equipment Company located at 150 State Street, Calumet City, Illinois, per the approved economic incentive agreement (Ord. #15-2); direct City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to the TIFF Account #30107-52990.

#4: Approve unused vacation time/Firefighter Fortson/ per the communication

Approve the unused vacation time for Firefighter Fortson due to the non-duty disability for the amount listed in the communication; direct City Treasurer to remit payment as per the communication.

#5: Approve bill listing (\$793,219.43)

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#6: Approve payroll  
(\$836,418.52)

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Approve items #1, 2, 4,  
5 & 6 as presented

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Patton, to accept financial items #1, 2, 4, 5 & 6 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**

CMPP Daddy Daughter Dance

Alderman Navarrete commented on the Daddy Daughter Dance.

Ald. Gardner

Alderman Gardner thanked Public Works for their efforts.

Ald. Patton

Alderman Patton thanked the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward residents for neighbors helping neighbors during the heavy snow.

Career Development Workshop  
March 29, 2018

Alderman Smith reminded everyone about the Career Development Workshop at the Calumet City Library located at 660 Manistee from 1:30 – 4:30 pm on March 29, 2018.

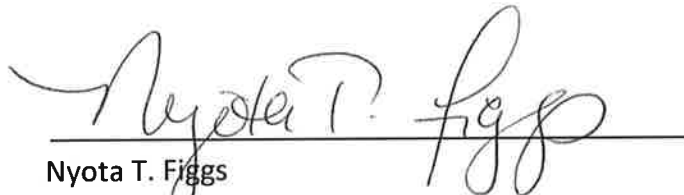
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment was at 7:53 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Tillman and seconded by Alderman Gardner.

MOTION CARRIED

  
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Nyota T. Figgs  
City Clerk