

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

**OCTOBER 24, 2019**

Public Comment

The following individuals addressed the City Council during the public forum held at 7:30pm:

Sharon Carnie, 452 Garfield Ave. regarding tree cutting and ward maintenance.

Joe Balkis, 117 155<sup>th</sup> St. regarding union strikes/minimum wage.

Mira Miletich, 618 Exchange Ave. regarding property inspections.

Roberta Jones 645 Wentworth Ave. regarding signs for dog waste and vacant property.

Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 7:46 p.m. in a regular meeting on October 24, 2019 with Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 7 ALDERMAN: Navarrete, Swibes, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith.

ABSENT: 0 ALDERMAN: NONE

Also present was City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Mike Smith, Police Chief Fletcher, Fire Chief Bachert, Economic Director Joe Wiszowaty, Inspectional Services Director Sheryl Tillman, Mayor's Assistant Bonato and City Administrator William Murray.

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

Approval of minutes

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Tillman, to approve the October 10, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting minutes as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance

Alderman Swibes 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 Qualkinbush Mayor Michelle advised of City Council Committee appointments for informational purposes and no action was necessary on this.  
(See attached 2A)

City Treasurer Tarka City Treasurer Tarka reported that field work with auditors was finished today and they are on schedule to complete FY19 by the end of the year.

Ald. Navarrete-1<sup>st</sup> Ward Alderman Navarrete thanked the City Chamber of Commerce and library for support of Burnham Revitalization Program. Alderman Navarrete reported there will be a 7p.m. Town Hall Meeting November 20, 2019 at the VFW hall located on 664 Hirsch.

Ald. Swibes-2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Alderman Swibes informed residents of her phone number 708-891-8192. Alderman Swibes introduced herself and offered to speak with a resident after the council meeting regarding concerns.

Ald. Tillman-3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Alderman Tillman informed residents there will be a Town Hall meeting on November 4, 2019 at 6:30p.m. 2025 Dolton Rd., where there will be a discussion on sustainable storm water to address flooding in the area. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward newsletter will be mailed out soon.

Ald. Williams-4<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Williams gave honor to GOD. Alderman Williams thanked residents, sponsors, Mayor Michelle, and alderman for support of the Sweetest Day event held at Bernadine Manor where a good time was had by all. Alderman Williams informed residents of the annual trunk or treat October 31, 2019 4:30p.m. at 1255 Superior where they are also looking for volunteers to decorate their cars.

Alderman Gardner – 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Gardner encouraged 5<sup>th</sup> Ward residents to please continue to come out to the Crime Watch Meetings at 6:30p.m. every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday monthly at 24 State St. Police and Fire Training Facility. Alderman Gardner reminded residents to be looking out for the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Newsletter.

Ald. Patton – 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Patton reported the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward sidewalk repair list has been submitted to the City Engineer. Alderman Patton informed residents to call his office at 708-891-8196 if they would like their sidewalks repaired and he will put them on the list.

Ald. Smith-7<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Smith informed resident there will be a document shredding and electronics recycling event sponsored by Alderman Smith, 34<sup>th</sup> State Representative Nick Smith, Alderman Swibes, and Alderman Williams at the Public Safety Training Center 24 State St. on November 16, 2019. Alderman Smith informed residents to call his office 708-891-8197 or email [asmith@calumetcity.org](mailto:asmith@calumetcity.org) to request holiday baskets. Alderman Smith encouraged residents to please continue to report suspicious activity and vacant properties to the ward office.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CALUMET CITY



MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH

"AN ILLINOIS CERTIFIED CITY"

October 10, 2019

TO: MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH

I am herewith submitting for your information, the Aldermen herein appointed, to serve on the following committees, effective immediately:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

James Patton, Jr., chairman  
Ramonde Williams  
Mike Navarrete

PUBLIC SAFETY

Ramonde Williams, chairman  
James Patton, Jr.  
Mike Navarrete

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Mary Beth Swibes, chairman  
Ramonde Williams  
James Patton, Jr.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mike Navarrete, chairman  
DeJuan Gardner  
DeAndre D. Tillman

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

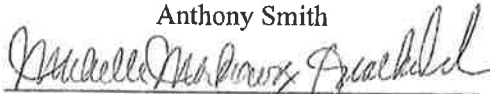
DeAndre D. Tillman, chairman  
Mary Beth Swibes  
Anthony Smith

PERMITS & LICENSES

Anthony Smith, chairman  
DeJuan Gardner  
DeAndre D. Tillman

HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE

DeJuan Gardner, chairman  
Mary Beth Swibes  
Anthony Smith

  
Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE**

- A. Comcast RE: Xfinity Channel line-up.
- B. Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. RE: Notice of Compliance No. 94885
- C. Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. RE: Advising of Gelita Cease & Desist Order
- D. Robinson Engineer RE: Advising all Alderman to submit lists for the 2019/2020 Sidewalk Concrete Repair Program

Accept & place on file

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

#1: Approve Professional Engineering Services for the IEPA loan

Approve Professional Engineering Services Lead Service for the IEPA loan for and Line Replacements in the amount of \$40,000; authorize City Treasurer to payment in 4 installments of \$10,000 from the upgrade of water and sewer account # 03036-55126.

Approve Items #1

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

**ROLL CALL**

YEAS: 7  
NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Swibes, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith  
ALDERMEN: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

#2: Table approval of temporary speed bumps

Table approval of temporary speed bumps to be placed at the following locations until next season: Prairie Ave. between Harding and Steward Ave.; direct Public Works to install.

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to table new business item #2 as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUILDING PERMITS**

NEW FENCE      WARD  
658 Buffalo Privacy      7th Ward

Approve Permits

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Tillman, to approve the building permits as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE**

Ord. #1: Ordinance Amending Handicapped Parking Ordinance Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code

(Ord.#19-54)

Ordinance Amending Handicapped Parking Ordinance Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois Handicapped Parking by deleting: 1570 State Line Rd. and 274 Paxton Ave.

(See attached page 4A)

Ord.#2: Ordinance Amending Ordinance Amending Handicapped Parking Ordinance Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code

(Ord.#19-55)

Ordinance Amending Handicapped Parking Ordinance Chapter 90 of the Municipal of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois Handicapped Parking by adding: 316 Madison Ave.

(See attached page 4B)

Pass Resolutions /Adopt Ordinances

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Smith, to pass the resolutions and adopt the ordinances as presented.

**ROLL CALL**

YEAS: 7  
NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Swibes, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith  
ALDERMEN: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#1) Approve Payment to Meats by Linz

Approve payment to Meats by Linz, Inc. in the amount of \$42,358.40 as part of the real estate sharing agreement and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment. Payment should be made from TIF#1.

#2 Amend motion on August 8, 2019 to authorize payment to PRS Consulting, LTD

Amend motion on August 8, 2019 and authorize the payment to PRS Consulting, LTD in the amount of \$2,700.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account # 30107-52125.

#3: Approve awarding removal of asbestos bid to Alliance Environmental Control to lowest bidder for 225 Gold Coast Lane in the amount of \$159,780.00

Approve awarding removal of asbestos bid to Alliance Environmental Control., the lowest bidder for 225 Gold Coast Lane in the amount of \$159,780.00 per bid opening held on October 22, 2019, in the council chambers; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account # 12507-52645. The following companies submitted a bid: M & O Environmental Company, Shawn Brown Enterprises, and Alliance Environmental Control.

#4: Approve bill listing

Approve bill listing (\$553,726.03).

#5: Approve payroll

Approve payroll (\$806,435.86).

#6: Emergency payments

Approve Emergency payments (\$1,650.00).

#7: Extraordinary Legal Fees

Approve Extraordinary Legal Fees (\$31,410.00)

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

**ORDINANCE**  
**NUMBER 19-54**

**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**

**MIKE NAVARRETE**  
**MARY BETH SWIBES**  
**DEANDRE TILLMAN**  
**RAMONDE WILLIAMS**  
**DEJUAN GARDNER**  
**JAMES PATTON**  
**ANTHONY SMITH**  
**Aldermen**

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Office of the City Clerk - 204 Pulaski Road, Calumet City, Illinois 60409**

**ORDINANCE NO.:   19-54**

**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 deleting the following language in subsection G (Signed areas), as follows:

1570 State Line Rd.

274 Paxton

**Section 2.** The Commissioner of Streets and Alleys is hereby authorized and directed to remove such 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

24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019, pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
Navarrete	X			
Swibes	X			
Tillman	X			
Williams	X			
Gardner	X			
Patton	X			
Smith	X			
(Mayor Qualkinbush)				
<b>TOTAL</b>	7			

**APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this

24th day of October 2019.



Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor

ATTEST:



Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk



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

**ORDINANCE**  
**NUMBER**

**19-55**

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316 Madison Ave.

**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.

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Navarrete	X			
Swibes	X			
Tillman	X			
Williams	X			
Gardner	X			
Patton	X			
Smith	X			
(Mayor Qualkinbush)				
<b>TOTAL</b>	7			

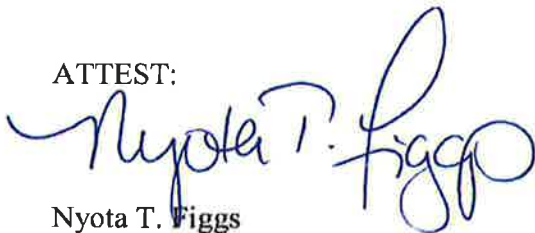
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Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush

MAYOR

ATTEST:



Nyota T. Figgs

CITY CLERK

Ord. #19-55

Approve financial items #1-#7

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Smith, to approve financial items #1 -#7 as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7  
NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Swibes, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith  
ALDERMEN: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

VFW Spaghetti Dinner

Alderman Navarrete informed the residents of the VFW Spaghetti Dinner next Thursday at 4:30pm

VFW Renovation

Alderman Navarrete informed residents that TF Vocational Center students participated in renovating the VFW with materials supplied by The Home Depot and encouraged residents to stop in to see it.

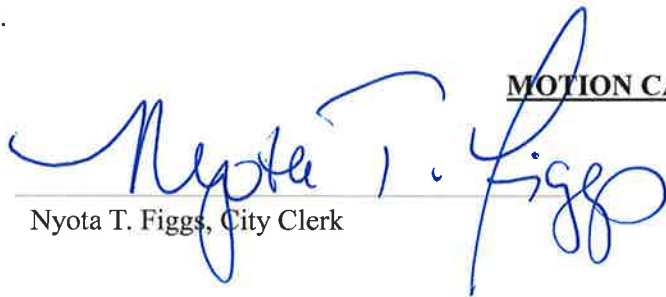
Alderman Patton Statement Re: Southland Live Casino Project

Alderman Patton went on record saying: "Last Friday the City Council voted 6-0 in favor of a resolution in support of the Southland Live Casino Project proposed in Calumet City. Unfortunately, I was traveling on business and unable to attend that meeting. Although I was unable to cast my vote on that resolution, I wanted to make sure I was on the record as 100% in support of this project. In my 7years before working in the administration and sitting on this council, I have waited for this day for a very long time."

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment was at 7:58 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Smith.

**MOTION CARRIED**

  
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Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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