

1 **BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF**
2 **CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

3 **CERTIFIED**
4 **ORIGINAL**

5 **IN RE: SPECIAL MEETING**

6 **Proposed five-year project for**
7 **replacement of lead service lines with**
8 **copper service lines utilizing the Illinois**
9 **EPA Low Interest Forgivable Loan Program.**

10 **Transcript of proceedings had in the**
11 **above-entitled matter, via Zoom Video Conference,**
12 **before MAYOR MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH and**
13 **THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Calumet City, Cook**
14 **County, Illinois, taken by Gloria J. Williams, a**
15 **Notary Public and Certified Shorthand Reporter**
16 **within and for the County of Cook, State of**
17 **Illinois, on the 7th day of January, A.D., 2021.**

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21 **REPORTED FOR EUNICE SACHS AND ASSOCIATES**
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1 **A P P E A R A N C E S**

2 **PRESENT**
3 **VIA ZOOM: MAYOR MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH**

4 **COUNCIL**
5 **MEMBERS: Ald. Michael Navarette**
6 **Ald. Beth Swibes**
 Ald. DeJuan Gardner
 Ald. James Patton

7 **ALSO**
8 **PRESENT: Ms. Nyota T. Figgs, Clerk, Calumet City**
9 **Mr. Bill Murray, Calumet City**
 Mr. Thomas Nagle, Robinson Engineering
 Mr. Erik Alvarez, Robinson Engineering

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1 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: Okay. It's 6:04 on

2 January 7, 2021, at 6:04 p.m., Special Meeting.

3 I'd like to call the meeting to order. Roll call.

4 THE CLERK: Navarette.

5 ALD. NAVARETTE: Here.

6 THE CLERK: Swibes.

7 ALD. SWIBES: Here.

8 THE CLERK: Tillman.

9 Did Tillman say something? Was
10 that Tillman? I don't --

11 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: He's got a little
12 bit of an issue going on, so he's not in yet.

13 THE CLERK: Williams.

14 (No response).

15 THE CLERK: Gardner.

16 ALD. GARDNER: Here.

17 THE CLERK: Patton.

18 ALD. PATTON: Here.

19 THE CLERK: Smith. Smith.

20 (No response).

21 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I think that's my
22 son Josie on there.

1 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: Smith's not on.

2 But we have four Aldermen, Clerk? I'm sorry.

3 THE CLERK: We do.

4 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: Thank you.

5 Okay. So, the Special Meeting --

6 Is there anybody from the public

7 who's on the Special Meeting?

8 Clerk or Bill, can you tell?

9 MR. MURRAY: I don't see anyone else or
10 anybody waiting to get in.

11 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: Okay. The item on
12 the agenda is a public hearing regarding the
13 City's proposed five-year project for replacement
14 of lead service lines with copper service lines
15 utilizing the Illinois EPA Low Interest,
16 Forgivable Loan Program. The project summary and
17 preliminary environmental impacts determination
18 document provided by the IEPA have been posted on
19 our City's website at www.calumetcity.org.

20 The Notice for the public hearing
21 was published, City Clerk; correct?

22 THE CLERK: That is correct.

1 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: The Notice says:
2 Preliminary Environmental Impacts Determination,
3 known as PEID, notice is hereby given to all
4 residents, property owners and water system users
5 of the City of Calumet City, Illinois, that a
6 public hearing will be held on January 7, 2021, at
7 6:00 p.m.

8 Due to the current COVID-19
9 Pandemic, the meeting will not be an in-person
10 public meeting; but we'll be conducting the public
11 meeting via Zoom and phone call-in. We encourage
12 all people to participate.

13 If they have questions or
14 concerns, the City will provide both online access
15 and a call-in number so that interested parties
16 may view or listen to the meeting remotely. And
17 it lists the -- Please join in the link to join in
18 the meeting. That information was posted in the
19 Meeting Notice.

20 It says: Under Project L175717
21 and 57665769, the City proposes the replacement of
22 approximately 400 lead service lines with copper

1 service lines per year for a total of five years.

2 The estimated cost for the project is \$4 million
3 per year.

4 The public Notices provided an
5 opportunity for the public to provide comments to
6 the City's proposed construction. The project
7 summary and preliminary environmental impacts
8 determination document provided by the Illinois
9 EPA is available for review at City Hall and again
10 on the website.

11 The document contains information,
12 including project costs, location, user rate
13 impacts and potential environmental impacts. The
14 Notice is to provide access to the documents and
15 to satisfy Section 662.530 of the Illinois
16 Procedures for Issuing Loans from the Public Water
17 Supply Program for the Illinois EPA.

18 These documents will be on file at
19 City Hall for 10 days after the public hearing to
20 allow for public comment. Written comments can be
21 submitted to the City Clerk's Office or directly
22 to Mr. Bill Jankowski of the Illinois EPA

1 Infrastructure Financial Assistance Section, P.O.

2 Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276.

3 Mayor and City Council, the City

4 of Calumet City.

5 So, the Notice was again published

6 in the newspaper. Again, this is to provide an

7 opportunity for the public to look at the

8 documents and to provide comment.

9 To my knowledge, obviously we

10 wouldn't know who looked online. I don't believe

11 my office or the Clerk's Office had received any

12 requests to physically come in and look at them.

13 THE CLERK: No.

14 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: Is that correct?

15 THE CLERK: That is correct.

16 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: On the call with us

17 tonight -- or Zoom meeting as well is Ed -- I'm

18 sorry. I'm getting this all wrong here -- are

19 Engineers Alvarez and Nagle from Robinson

20 Engineering.

21 I don't know if you two would like

22 to add anything to this.

1 MR. NAGLE: Mayor, I --

2 MR. ALVAREZ: Mayor, that's a good
3 summary. I think we just --

4 Sorry, Tom. I didn't mean to cut
5 you off. Go ahead.

6 MR. NAGLE: Mayor, according to the EPA
7 rules, there's a 10-day waiting period after this.
8 If they raise any comments or questions, they can
9 submit them to either Mr. Jankowski or the Clerk;
10 and the Clerk will forward it to me. We'll
11 address every comment. But there is a 10-day
12 wait. So, I just wanted you to know that, so.

13 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: And, for the
14 record, that was Tom Nagle from Robinson
15 Engineering.

16 Erik Alvarez from Robinson
17 Engineering, did you want to add anything?

18 MR. ALVAREZ: No, Mayor. Tom said
19 exactly what I was going to say. So, thank you.

20 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: Thank you.

21 Is Alderman DeAndre on the call?

22 MR. MURRAY: I don't see him.

1 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: Okay. I know -- I
2 thought -- he's texting me. So, okay.

3 Okay. So, if there's no public
4 that wishes to provide input into this, that's the
5 purpose for the hearing. I don't know if any of
6 the Aldermen have anything they'd like to add at
7 this point. Again, it's for the public to provide
8 questions or comments regarding the documents that
9 are required by the Illinois EPA.

10 So, if any of the Aldermen have
11 comments or questions, they certainly can reach
12 out to Engineer Nagle or Alvarez.

13 If no one has anything else to
14 add, then the hearing is hereby concluded.

15 And do I have a motion to adjourn
16 this Special Meeting?

17 ALD. GARDNER: So moved.

18 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: Alderman Gardner.

19 ALD. SWIBES: Second.

20 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: Seconded by
21 Alderman Swibes.

22 All in favor?

1 (In Unison) Aye.

2 MAYOR QUALKINBUSH: Meeting adjourned.

3 Thank you, guys.

4 (Proceedings concluded.)

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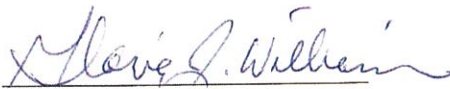
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1 STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS:
2 COUNTY OF C O O K)

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4 I, GLORIA J. WILLIAMS, a Certified
5 Shorthand Reporter of the State of Illinois,
6 County of Cook, do hereby certify that I reported
7 in shorthand the proceedings had in the
8 above-entitled matter, and that the foregoing is a
9 true and correct transcript of the proceedings as
10 appears from my stenographic notes so taken and
11 transcribed under my personal direction.

12 IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I do hereunto set my
13 hand and affix my notarial seal this 19th day of
14 January, A.D., 2021.



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