SPECIAL MEETING **HELD ON MARCH 4, 2021 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS** 204 PULASKI ROAD, CALUMET CITY, ILLINOIS

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment received via email.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:

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ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Swibes, Tillman, Williams, Gardner

Patton, Smith (6:06).

ABSENT:

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ALDERMEN:

NONE

Also present were Mayor Michelle Qualkinbush, City Clerk Nyota Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Administrator William Murray, and Mayors Assistant Rose Bonato.

Police Update On Crime Trends Police Chief Fletcher and Deputy Chief Kolosh updated the City Council on major crime stats from 2019 and the first few months of 2020. Chief Fletcher stated that the City was part of the vertical prosecution list with the Cook County State's Attorney which targets the drivers of violence in towns, including juvenile, who are most involved in carjacking crimes.

There was a lengthy discussion relative to carjacking crimes, the use of the coalition of all south suburban towns, the FBI, Chicago Police Department and States Attorney's office, known as the Greater South Suburban Auto Task Force. Other items discussed, overweight truck enforcement, installation of speed cameras, expansion of shot spotter technology, mental health issues and crime, utilization of crime trends to deploy policing plans for summer and how the justice reform bill will impact the Police Department.

Amendment to Sign Ord.

Discussion was held on amendment the sign ordinance for certain Sign businesses with awnings. Mayor Michelle cautioned aldermen not to adopt an ordinance which would be difficult to enforce. The City Council requested information on how many businesses this would affect prior to voting on an amendment.

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Tillman, to recommend the drafting of an amendment to the sign ordinance to waive inspection fee.

All present agreed.

Amendment to Point of Sale Ord. requirements

Discussion was held on the possible amendment to Chapter 14, Section 14-1; new owner required to submit cash escrow/certified funds when previous owner did not comply.

Mayor Michelle requested Alderman Tillman, Chairman of Ordinance & Resolution Committee to discuss this at a future meeting, after researching if this is impacting properties from being researching properties from being renovated.

<u>Adjournment</u>

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Smith, to adjourn at 6:41 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

City Clerk