

SPECIAL MEETING
HELD ON MAY 1, 2021 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
204 PULASKI ROAD, CALUMET CITY, ILLINOIS

<u>Mayor Oath of Office</u>	Supreme Court Justice P. Scott Nevel Jr. administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Elect Thaddeus Jones.
CALL TO ORDER	The Special Meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Mayor Thaddeus Jones.
<u>Invocation</u>	Alderman Gardner introduced Pastor Courtland Stokes, who gave the invocation.
<u>City Clerk Oath of Office</u>	Supreme Court Justice P. Scott Nevel Jr. administered the Oath of Office to City Clerk Nyota T. Figgs.
<u>City Treasurer Oath of Office</u>	Supreme Court Justice P. Scott Nevel Jr. administered the Oath of Office to City Treasurer Gerald Tarka.
<u>1st Ward Alderman Oath of Office</u>	Judge D. Renee Jackson administered the Oath of Office to 1 st Ward Alderman Michael Navarrete.
<u>2nd Ward Alderman Oath of Office</u>	Judge Tiesha Smith administered the Oath of Office to 2 nd Ward Alderman Monet S. Wilson.
<u>3rd Ward Alderman Oath of Office</u>	Judge D. Renee Jackson administered the Oath of Office to 3 rd Ward Alderman DeAndre Tillman.
<u>4th Ward Alderman Oath of Office</u>	Judge D. Renee Jackson administered the Oath of Office to 4 th Ward Alderman Ramonde Williams.
<u>5th Ward Alderman Oath of Office</u>	Judge D. Renee Jackson administered the Oath of Office to 5 th Ward Alderman DeJuan Gardner.
<u>6th Ward Alderman Oath of Office</u>	Judge Jonathan Clark Green administered the Oath of Office to 6 th Ward Alderman James Patton.
<u>7th Ward Alderman Oath of Office</u>	Judge D. Renee Jackson administered the Oath of Office to 7 th Ward Alderman Anthony Smith.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: None

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka

Mayor Jones acknowledged elected officials present and thanked his family and all of his supporters.

Mayor Jones introduced his wife, children, mother, and extended family members.

Mayor Jones acknowledged the following Elected Officials in attendance:

Mayor Burnham Robert Polk
Mayor Harvey Christopher Clark
State Representative Rita Mayfield
Corrine Davis (School Board District 151)
Highway Commissioner Gary Depew
Thornton Township Frank Zuccarelli
Mayor Lynwood Jada Curry
Trustee East Hazel Crest Maureen Forte
City Clerk Lynwood Karen Wingfield-Bond
Dolton Trustee Ed Stevens
Dolton Trustee Jason House

Remarks

Remarks were made by City Clerk Figgs

Remarks

City Treasurer Tarka made the following remarks:

“Good Afternoon,
I would like to begin by acknowledging the presence of my son August and his friend Collette. Our assistant Accounting Department Coordinator Diana Gonzalez and our IT department head Rick Wachowski. Thank you all for being here today. I would also like to acknowledge my Deputy Treasurer Nicolle Rudder and our A/P clerk Bernadette Fortuna. Thank you all for what you do to keep the Finance Department and the City as a whole running smoothly. Each election that I have been involved in has its own characteristics. Its own identity. This past election is no exception. Being both “one in a long string of elections” for some and a truly historic event for

others. Certainly, this election was unique unto itself. We are 10 individuals chosen from the 36,000 residents of our City. Entrusted with this great honor to serve in the best interest of our neighbors, friends, family and the many individuals that we have yet to have the pleasure of meeting.

This responsibility, this awesome gift does not sit lightly with me. As your Treasurer, I will continue to take very seriously the trust that you the residents of the City of Calumet City have bestowed upon me.

I will never take that trust or the responsibilities of my office lightly. During this current global economic slowdown that we find ourselves in, I pledge to do everything in my power to facilitate the continued smooth operation of your municipal government and to keep our newly elected Mayor and the City Council informed as to the status of the City's finances so that together we can make responsible decisions on spending and budgeting.

We all get involved in politics because we think that we can do some good. Make a difference. So to it is with this group of individuals gathered here today for the first time. I see great potential as I look around this room. We have a good mix of bright new ideas and perspectives alongside some seasoned veterans. It's a good mix I and look forward to begin the people's work with each and every one of you here today. Truly there is much to be done.

At this time I would like to extend my hand of friendship to all of my colleagues. To those that have been here before I offer you my continued spirit of cooperation. To those of you who are newly elected I say welcome aboard! We may not always agree but we should always agree to listen to one another.

To the residents of the place that I have called home for my entire life I thank you once again for your continued support and encouragement throughout the years. As always I will do my best to serve the residents of Calumet City with dignity and integrity because you deserve nothing less.

Thanks you. "

Pledge of Allegiance

Remarks

Remarks were made by Alderman Navarrete, Alderman Wilson, Alderman Tillman, Alderman Williams, Alderman Gardner, Alderman Patton, and Alderman Smith.

Remarks

Remarks were made by Mayor Jones.

Appointment of City Officials

Mayor Jones submitting the following appointments for terms to expire April 30, 2022.

Appointing Ancel Glink P.C., City Attorneys
Appointing Deanne Jaffrey City Administrator
Appointing Randy Velazquez Street & Alley Commissioner
Appointing Kevin Kolosh Interim Police Chief
Appointing Andre Black Assistant Police Chief
Appointing Paul Condit Crime Free Housing Coordinator
Appointing Sheryl Tillman Director Inspectional Services
Appointing Sean Howard Spokesperson/Media Manager
Appointing Val Williams Grant Facilitator/Consultant

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve the appointments as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 4 Wilson, Williams, Gardner, Smith

NAYS: 0 None

PRESENT: 3 Tillman, Patton, Navarrete

MOTION CARRIED

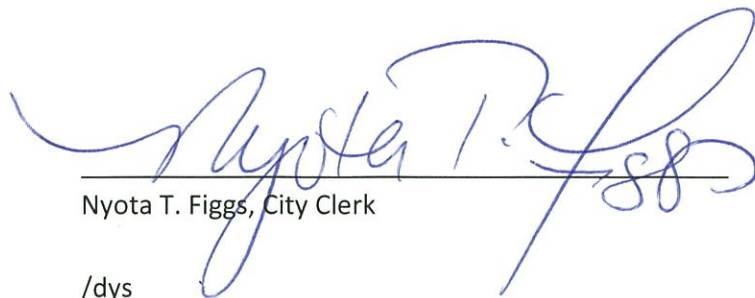
Acknowledgement of City Officials

Mayor Jones recognized the following City Officials in attendance:
Interim Police Chief Kolosh
Fire Chief Bachert
Assistant Police Chief Andre Black

Adjournment

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to adjourn at 1:40 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED



Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk
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