

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

NOVEMBER 12, 2020

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:01 p.m. in a regular meeting on November 12, 2020 with Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

6

ALDERMEN: Swibes, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton (6:04), Smith

ABSENT:

1

ALDERMAN: Navarrete

Also present was City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, Police Chief Fletcher, Fire Chief Bachert, City Administrator William Murray, Street, Alley, Water and Sewer Comm. B. Manousopolous, Director Inspectional Services Sheryl Tillman, Economic Director Joe Wiszowaty, Mayor's Assistant Rose Bonato.

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

Approval of Minutes

None

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Alderman Patton had no report.

Public Safety

Alderman Williams had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderman Swibes 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

Mayor Michelle reminded residents to take the COVID pandemic seriously, wear mask, wash hands, limit travel and please follow the state guidelines.

Alderman Swibes – 2nd Ward

Alderman Swibes thanked the City Council for participating in the Halloween Run.

Alderman Tillman – 3rd Ward

Alderman Tillman thanked the department heads for attending the virtual town hall meeting and informed resident that all future meeting will be virtual until the ban is lifted.

Alderman Williams – 4th Ward

Alderman Williams gave honor to God, and informed resident of the 4th Ward Food Drive giveaway at Ginger Ridge on Saturday November 21, 2020 from 11:30 – 12:30 contact his office 708-891-8104 or 708-212-2240 for questions.

Alderman Gardner – 5th Ward

Alderman Gardner reminded 5th Ward residents to wear a mask and practice social distancing. He encouraged residents to continue to call his office with questions or concerns.

Alderman Smith – 7th Ward

Alderman Smith reminded residents of the Food Basket give away to call his office 708-891-8197 or email asmith@calumetcity.org to participate.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

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| A. | <u>Comcast</u> | RE: Xfinity Channel line-up |
| B. | <u>PACE</u> | RE: Suburban Service Regional
ADA Paratransit Budget |
| C. | <u>City Treasurer Tarka</u> | RE: Revenue & Expense Report
July & August 2020 |
| D. | <u>City Clerk Figgs</u> | RE: Revenue Report October 2020 |

Accept & place on file

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Tillman, to accept item A though D and place on file.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

1): Approve and confirm the placement of permanent speedbumps on old 159th St.

Approve and confirm the placement of permanent speedbumps on old 159th St.; direct Public Works to post appropriate signs on 159th St. from Wentworth Ave. to Burnham Ave.

2): Refer the following lawsuits to the City Attorney: Safety Specialty Insurance and Safety National Casualty Corp. v. Calumet City and Lemon v. Calumet City.

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3): Authorize Robinson Engineering to advertise for bids for the City Wide Sewer Televising and Lining Spot Repair for the City of Calumet City.

No action was taken on #3.

Approve New Business

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Smith, to approve items #1& #2 as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

NEW FENCE **WARD**
616 Forsythe 1st Ward
1112 Lucas 2nd Ward

Approve Permits

Alderman Swibes moved, seconded by Alderman Patton, to approve the building permits as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE

#1): Ordinance Amending Handicapped Parking Ordinance Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois Handicapped Parking by adding: 206 157th St.

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(Ord. #20-51)

(See attached page 3A)

#2): Resolution Authorizing The Sale Of Property Commonly Known As 1719 River Oaks Drive In The City Of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois

Resolution Authorizing The Sale Of Property Commonly Known As 1719 River Oaks Drive In The City Of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois.

(Res. #20-67)

(See attached page 3B)

#3): Resolution Honoring The Life And Memory of Rolanda J. Flynn.

Resolution Honoring The Life And Memory of Rolanda J. Flynn.

(Res. #20-68)

(See Attached page 3C)

THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE
NUMBER

20-51

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE
OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH, Mayor
NYOTA T. FIGGS, City Clerk

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

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ORDINANCE NO.: 20-51

**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 adding the following language to subsection G (Signed areas) to read, as follows:

206 157th St.

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.

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

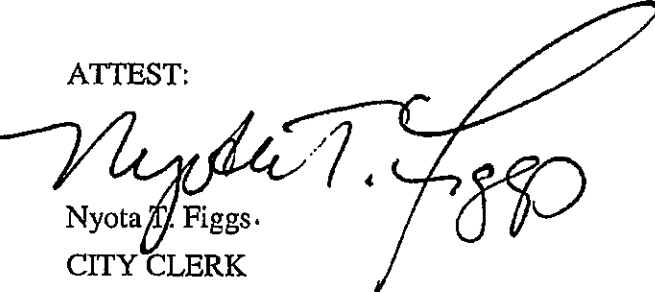
	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Navarrete			x	
Swibes	x			
Tillman	x			
Williams	x			
Gardner	x			
Patton	x			
Smith	x			
(Mayor Qualkinbush)				
TOTAL	6		1	

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this 12th day of November 2020.


Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush

MAYOR

ATTEST:


Nyota T. Figgs
CITY CLERK

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

**RESOLUTION
NUMBER 20-67**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE
OF PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS
1719 RIVER OAKS DRIVE IN THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**MICHELLE MARKIEWICZ QUALKINBUSH, Mayor
NYOTA T. FIGGS, City Clerk**

**DEJUAN GARDNER
MICHAEL NAVARRETE
JAMES PATTON
ANTHONY SMITH
MARY E. SWIBES
DEANDRE TILLMAN
RAMONDE WILLIAMS
Aldermen**

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RESOLUTION NO. 20-67

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS
1719 RIVER OAKS DRIVE IN THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois; and is a home rule unit of local government; and

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City ("Calumet City"), with the assistance of the South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority ("SSLBDA"), intends to acquire the real property ("Subject Property") located within Calumet City which is commonly known as 1719 River Oaks Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Subject Property will first be acquired by the SSLBDA and the subsequently transferred to the City; and

WHEREAS, the SSLBDA requires that the City provide funds as mortgagor of a loan to the SSLBDA in order to facilitate the SSLBDA's acquisition of the Subject Property; and

WHEREAS, subject to and following the City's successful acquisition of the Subject Property, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City ("Calumet City") further desire to sell the Subject Property to a 79th St BBQ Calumet City, Inc. ("Developer") as further outlined below; and

WHEREAS, Developer has agreed to deposit funds in the amount of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) with the City to be used to cover the costs associated with the acquisition of the Subject Property by the SSLBDA as well as the purchase price to be paid by the Developer to the City for the Subject Property; and

WHEREAS, the Subject Property is being acquired and sold by Calumet City in order to promote economic development and the public health, safety and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, in the exercise of Calumet City's home rule powers as follows:

SECTION 1: The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2: Subject to attorney review, and contingency on the City acquiring the Subject Property from the SSLBA, the Mayor and City Council hereby authorize the sale of the Subject Property substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions of a Real Estate Contract between Calumet City and 79th St. BBQ attached hereto as Exhibit "A" as determined by the Mayor.

SECTION 3: The Mayor, City Clerk and City Attorney are authorized to execute any documents necessary to complete the sale of the Subject Property.

SECTION 4: If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this resolution.

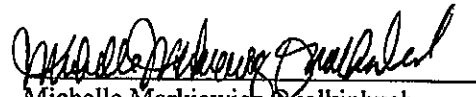
SECTION 5: All resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6: This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

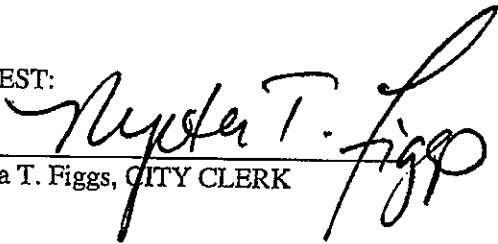
ADOPTED this 12 day of November, 2020, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
GARDNER	X			
NAVARRETE			X	
PATTON	X			
SMITH	X			
SWIBES	X			
TILLMAN	X			
WILLIAMS	X			
(MAYOR QUALKINBUSH)				

APPROVED by the Mayor on November 12, 2020.


Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush
MAYOR

ATTEST:


Nyota T. Figgs, CITY CLERK



A resolution

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

Presented by City Clerk Nyota T. Figgs *on* November 12, 2020

Whereas, Rolanda J. Flynn (affectionately known to her close friends and family as Necie) was born in Chicago, Illinois on November 10, 1959 as the eighth child of Roland and Myrtle Flynn; and

WHEREAS, Necie attended Saint Brendan and St. Margaret of Scotland for elementary school, and Longwood High School in Chicago and Dorchester High School in Boston. Demonstrating a very high aptitude for studying and learning, Necie also excelled outside the classroom. Not only a varsity volleyball player and a cheerleader, Necie set her sights on a career as a dancer, model and actress very early. By the time she graduated from high school at the early age of sixteen, Necie had already been featured in several television commercials and was invited to audition for a talent agency in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, choosing to stay in Chicago, Necie co-founded the Nubian Cultural Dance Theatre with her sisters Jamila, Bambade (deceased) and Toni. Together they dazzled audiences around Chicago and the Midwest with original dance routines grounded in the West African tradition. Each having their own special talent, Necie was known for having the fastest feet. In addition to dancing, Necie followed in the footsteps of her father and older sisters and commenced undergraduate studies at Chicago State University where she majored in Marketing and Communications. As a freshman, and still only sixteen, Necie choreographed and produced fashion shows that attracted the attention of many in the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, Necie began working early as a clerk in the ER at Rush Presbyterian Medical Center in 1979. It was there that she would meet the father of her beloved daughter, Bianca, but also where she would witness the painful results of drastic healthcare disparities in the African American community and discover her true calling – health care research – to which she dedicated the remainder of her professional life. Over the years, Necie rose through the ranks at Rush Presbyterian and would become a trusted leader, recruiter and research coordinator for several groundbreaking clinical trials in preventive medicine; and

WHEREAS, viewing her job not only as a service to science, but also as a service to the community, Necie spearheaded a neighborhood outreach program that would introduce Rush Presbyterian Preventive Medicine Clinical Research throughout the south and west side of Chicago. She was the first at Rush to push for commercials on Black radio stations throughout Chicago. She was the first to set up in-clinic screenings where potential participants could learn about their disease, and trials that may be of interest. Moreover, before there were clinics in Walgreens, Necie was the first to coordinate with the nearby Walgreens on 87th and Ashland where recruiters from Rush would set up every other weekend to give free blood pressure, diabetes and cholesterol screenings. She received many awards for her contributions from churches and community organizations throughout the city including a "Community Leadership Award" for her work coordinating with the National Kidney Foundation; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Necie and her daughter Bianca moved to Calumet City, Illinois. Her daughter attended Thornwood High School, was a member of the Track and Field for both the school and the Stealth Bombers Track Club and became a park supervisor for the Calumet City Memorial Park District in 2000. Necie was a proud parent and supported all of her daughter's endeavors by volunteering for many track meets and various programming at the Park District. With a warm heart, Necie welcomed many of Bianca's friends and other kids from the neighborhood into her home where they knew they could eat and have safe fun. To many, she was a surrogate mother and mentor; and

WHEREAS, continuing to challenge herself in her career, in 2005, Necie became the Project Director for the SELECT study, which tested the efficacy of Vitamin E, Selenium and other drugs to prevent prostate cancer. She was responsible for managing the budget, recruiting participants, monitoring their vitals and managing the data collected. Her contributions to the study were ultimately recognized in a publication of the study's findings in a peer reviewed medical journal; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Necie joined the medical research team at the University of Chicago Medical Center focusing on cancerous blood disorders, where she continued to build upon her experience as an innovator in clinical research and to be recognized for her contributions in medical publications. It was during her time at the University of Chicago that many of her life dreams would come to fruition. In 2010, Necie was able to purchase a home in Calumet City, enabling her to host ever larger family gatherings, and decide to resume her studies and complete her undergraduate degree and a graduate certificate at Ashford University in 2012. Her goal was to become a hospital director to guide health policy toward equity and justice; and

WHEREAS, when she was not busy saving lives, being published in medical journals, or studying for school, Necie could be found out with friends every weekend on the dance floor at the "Cotton Club" or the "Fifty Yard Line" where she was known to dance until the club shut down the next morning. Her friends say that they will remember her smile, her energy and her ability to light up a room; and

WHEREAS, fiercely dedicated to her family, Necie is known for her forgiveness and generosity, hosting large family events, grilling for every outdoor holiday, concocting addictive barbecue sauce and preparing macaroni salad that was too spicy to eat; and

WHEREAS, preceding her in death is her mother, Myrtle Katherine Flynn, father, Roland Flynn Sr, and her sister Bambade Shakoor-Abdullah. Left to mourn her passing is her daughter, Bianca Q. Flynn, three grandchildren, Jadya Goshay, Rylan Scott and Payton Davis, her sisters Julia Ross, Jamila Rashid and Antonia Flynn, her brothers Roland Flynn Jr., Guillermo S. Flynn, Melvin Flynn and Juan Flynn, and a host of nieces and nephews.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, by and through its Home Rule Powers, as follows:

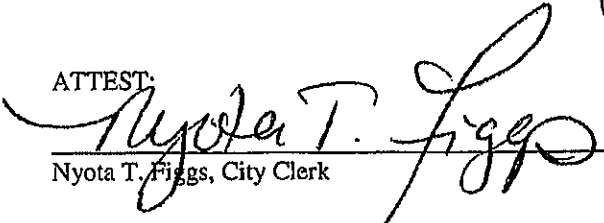
Section 1. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on behalf of themselves and the entire community, do hereby extend their sincere thanks and appreciation to Rolanda J. Flynn for her many years of dedicated and excellent service and extend their deepest condolences to Rolanda J. Flynn's family and friends on her passing.


Section 2. That the City Clerk be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the family of Rolanda J. Flynn.

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

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois on this 12th day of November 2020.

ATTEST:


Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk


Michelle Markiewicz Qualkin, Mayor

Adopt Ordinances and Pass Resolutions

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Smith, to adopt ordinances and pass resolutions #1 - #3 as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6

ALDERMEN: Swibes, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMAN: Navarrete

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1): Approve maintenance of the Elgin Pelican Street sweeper

Approve maintenance of the Elgin Pelican Street sweeper; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Standard Equipment Company in the amount of \$6081.62 and to charge account #01041-54150.

#2): Approve purchase of new signs for Calumet City Street & Alley Department

Approve purchase of new signs for Calumet City Street & Alley Department; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Newman Signs, Inc. in the amount of \$8,537.83 and charge to account #01041-53410.

#3): Accept the lowest bid from bid opening held October 15, 2020 for emergency demolition of 515 Paxton Ave. due to unsafe, unsanitary conditions

Accept the lowest bid from bid opening held October 15, 2020 for emergency demolition of 515 Paxton Ave. due to unsafe, unsanitary conditions; direct City Treasurer to award the bid and remit payment to Holland Asphalt in the amount of \$8,600.00 and to charge account #12507-52645.

#4): Authorize the City Treasurer to pay the Community Grant Awards for FY-2021

Authorize the City Treasurer to pay the Community Grant Awards for FY-2021 to the following organization and direct City Treasurer to remit payment upon completion of the appropriate documentation by the awardees:

- American Legion Post 330 \$10,000.00 (01099-52665)
- V.F.W. Post 8141 \$10,000.00 (01099-52664)
- Calumet City Resource Center \$5,000.00 (01099-52662)
- Calumet City Historical Society \$5,000.00 (01099-52666)
- Ginger Ridge/McKinney Center \$2,500.00 (01099-52701)
- Tomorrows Youth Foundations (Chargers) \$2,500.00 (01099-52702)

#5): Approve purchase of seventy (70) Body 3 cameras for the Police Department

Approve purchase of seventy (70) Body 3 cameras for the Police Department at a cost of \$338,809.00 with a 5 year payment schedule; direct City Treasurer to remit 1st installment payment for the first year to Axon in the amount of \$99,649.00 and to charge account #06860-57117. (1505 account)

#6): Approve the purchase of twenty-two (22) sets of ballistic vests

Approve the purchase of twenty-two (22) sets of ballistic vests to replace vests scheduled to expire; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Ray O' Herron Company in the amount of \$16,435.00 and charge to account #01060-55115 (Ballistic Vests).

#7): Approve the purchase and application of police graphics to 2020 police vehicles

Approve the purchase and application of police graphics to 2020 police vehicle purchases; authorize City Treasurer to remit payment to Roeda Signs in the amount of \$11,061.00 and charge to account # 01060-55100.

8): Approve purchase of 2021 African American Month Calendars

Approve purchase of 2021 African American Month Calendars; direct City Treasurer to remit payment to Halo Branded Solutions in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 and to charge account #01099-52681.

#9): Approve the renewal proposal for the City's Excess Workers Compensation Insurance and annual service fee

Approve the renewal proposal for the City's Excess Workers Compensation Insurance and annual service fee as presented by our broker, Alliant/Mesirow Insurance Services, and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Alliant/Mesirow Insurance Services in the appropriate amount of \$130,974.00; from account # 01050-52131.

Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Alliant/Mesirow Insurance Services in the appropriate amount of \$25,000 from account # 01050-52271 and authorize the Mayor or her designee to sign and execute the agreement.

#10): Approve bill listing

Approve bill listing (\$1,510,660.21).

#11): Approve emergency bill listing

Approve emergency bill listing (\$590.00)

#12): Approve payroll

Approve payroll (\$778,119.29).

Approve financial items #1- #10

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Patton, to approve financial items #1- #12 as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Turkey Give- Away

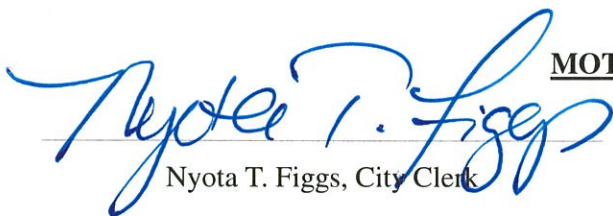
Alderman Tillman reminded the 3rd Ward residents to call his office if they needed a turkey

Food basket Give-Away

Alderman Smith informed residents of the Food basket Give Away and instructed residents to call his office to obtain a food basket.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 6:12 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman.



Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

MOTION CARRIED