

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**APRIL 26, 2012**

Public Forum

The following individuals spoke before the public forum held at 7:30 p.m.

Deborah Shegog, 561 Forsythe Avenue, congratulated City Clerk Nyota T. Figgs on receiving the award for the 2012 Women of Excellence.

She also announced that Albert J. Shegog Christian Academy and T. F. North High School in conjunction with Alderman Collins, the Figgs Foundation and Eureka Chapter #87 will be hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual W.O.W. Health/Education Walk-a-thon on Saturday, May 5, 2012 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at T. F. North, 755 Pulaski Road.

Danielle Powell Watts, regarding the shooting and the ruling from the State's Attorney on her son Stephon Watts.

Domingo Hernandez, 551 Forsythe Avenue, regarding an accident regarding his truck being hit on his block and residents cars having valid city stickers on them.

Sharon Carney, 452 Garfield, regarding Crime Free Housing ordinance.

Ms. Powell, 541 Forsythe Avenue, regarding boycott local business owners in Calumet City on Monday, April 30, 2012 to support view of Stephon Watts death.

Randy Velasquez, 1395 Wentworth Avenue, Calumet City Youth Organization, thanking the city for their continued support for their organization and invited all elected officials to attend opening day on Saturday, May 5, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Downey Park.

## CALL TO ORDER

### Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers in a regular meeting on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 7:45 p.m. with Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

### ROLL

PRESENT	7	ALDERMEN:	Schneider, Wosczynski, Jones, Wilson, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Montana, City Engineer Roberts, Fire Chief Galgan, Deputy Chief Banske, CED Coordinator Gigliotti, Assistant Chief Zorzi and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

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

### Moment of silence

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush asked for a moment of silence for former 7<sup>TH</sup> Ward Alderman Cindi Pallick.

### Approval of minutes

Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve the minutes of April 12, 2012 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

### Finance

Alderman Wosczynski: "On Monday, April 23, 2012 there was a Finance Committee meeting held in the City Council Chambers at 6:35 p.m. In attendance were Alderman Wosczynski, chairman, Alderman Manousopoulos, member, Alderman Wilson, member. Also attending were Alderman Schneider, Alderman Jones, Alderman Munda, Alderman Collins, Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, City Clerk Figgs, Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Horvath, the public and the press.

Discussion was held regarding the newly negotiated and revised proposal for the Dolfin, Inc. agreement. Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to recommend the agreement from Dolfin, Inc. be approved at the Special Meeting, April 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The three finance committee members were in favor the contract.

After discussion regarding the approval of the agreement with Sungard Public Sector, Inc. the committee entered into executive session at 7:19 p.m. and entered back into open session at 7:26 p.m. The mayor will get in touch with Sungard Public Sector, Inc. to have them attend a Finance Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

<u>Public Safety</u>	Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.
<u>Public Utilities</u>	Alderman Jones had no report.
<u>Ord. &amp; Res.</u>	Alderman Collins had no report.
<u>H.E.W.</u>	Alderman Schneider had no report.
<u>Permits &amp; Licenses</u>	Alderman Wilson had no report. I would like to make some comments. I understand that Ms. Watts is grieving. I want to make it clear to everyone that I am not in favor of any boycott or any measure that would hurt our economic base in Calumet City or the business community. As the former finance committee chairman, it has always been my mission to help our community as far as the finances so that we could have a healthy, vibrant city. I urge everyone to continue to shop Calumet City. I am not in favor of any boycott or any other demonstration that would hurt our residents or our business community. I felt it necessary to make it clear at this time.”
<u>Public Works</u>	Alderman Munda had no report.

## **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

<u>Mayor’s Report</u>	Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush recognized Marcus Evans who was appointed the State Representative in the 33 <sup>rd</sup> District. Welcome to our meeting.
<u>Marcus Evans address City Council</u>	At this time in the meeting Marcus Evans addressed the City Council.
<u>Congratulations City Clerk</u>	Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush congratulated City Clerk Figgs on her award for Women of Excellence.
<u>Approve block party/152nd Place - 8/4/12</u>	Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to approve a Block Party on 152 <sup>nd</sup> Place between Lincoln & Freeland Avenue on Saturday, August 4, 2012 from 12 noon to 7 p.m. Also to notify the proper public safety personnel and direct the sewer maintenance department to provide barricades and trash receptacles to 321-152nd Place on Friday, August 3, 2012.
	<u>MOTION CARRIED</u>
<u>No Parking - 925 Harding</u>	Alderman Schneider moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to direct the City Attorney to amend the parking ordinance by adding a “No Parking” in front of 925 Harding Avenue.
	<u>MOTION CARRIED</u>
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Earth Day</u>	Alderman Wosczynski announced 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Public Works will pick up items that are placed in the alley.

<u>Recycling drop off April 28, 2012</u>	Alderman Wosczynski announced electronics recycling, document shredding, and paint and oil drop off on April 28, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the public works facility, 1701 Dolton Road.
<u>Flower planting - 4/28/12</u>	Alderman Wosczynski announced children's flower planting on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. All residents and their children are welcome to assist the Home Depot in planting flowers at the Calumet City Public Library.
<u>Thank elected officials attending Comcast Care Days</u>	Alderman Jones thanked Mayor Michelle, City Clerk Figgs and Alderman Collins for attending Comcast Care Days. He also thanked the volunteers that attended. Also Comcast and other organizations for their donations.
<u>Lions' Club honor firemen</u>	At this time in the meeting, Fire Chief Galgan announced that the Lion's Club honored two firefighter, Aaron Borowski and Joseph Okichich for a job well done on a call on February 17, 2012 when responding to a 34 year old patient complaining of chest pain.
<u>V.F.W. honor firemen</u>	Fire Chief Galgan announced that the V.F.W. will be honoring Brian Bonic and Tom Dukups for their bravery with an apartment fire on Paxton Avenue. The occupant made it safely to the ground with their help and the fire was extinguished.
<u>Lion's Club honor Ofc. Rivas</u>	Alderman Munda mention Officer Rivas from the police department that was honored as Office of the Year with the Lion's Club.
<u>Condolences to Pallick family</u>	Alderman Collins extended condolences to the Pallick family. He thanked former Alderman Pallick for her work on the city council and her contributions to the city.
<u>Prepare resolution/ Pallick family</u>	Alderman Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to prepare a Resolution in memory of Cynthia M. Pallick.
	<u>MOTION CARRIED</u>
<u>Congratulate winners Essay competition</u>	Alderman Collins congratulated the winners of the third annual Essay Competition. He thanked all those who participated.
<u>Thank attendees to Four Winds trip</u>	Alderman Collins acknowledge the participants of the trip to Four Wind's last Monday, especially the seniors that attended.
<u>Thank Ald. Jones</u>	Alderman Collins thanked Alderman Jones for putting together and coordinating the Comcast Day events. He thanked the staff and volunteers.

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

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Proclaiming May 2012 as “Motorcycle Awareness Month.”  
Qualkinbush/proclaiming  
May, 2012 as Motorcycle  
Awareness month

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Proclaiming May 1, 2012 as “Loyalty Day.”  
Qualkinbush/proclaiming  
May 1, 2012 as Loyalty Day

City Treasurer Tarka/re: RE: Water Rate Increase.  
Water Rate Increase

City Treasurer Tarka/re: RE: :Refuse Rate Increase.  
Refuse Rate Increase

Calumet City Fire RE: State Fire Marshal Reimbursement.  
Department/re: State Fire  
Marshal Reimbursement

Comcast/channel line-up RE: Channel line-up changes.

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ComEd/Emergency RE: ComEd Operating Protocol for Municipal Coordination of Emergency  
Preparedness & Response

Robinson Engineering/ Submitting information regarding weight limit of trucks.  
submitting weight limit  
of trucks

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Proclaiming April 21, 2012 as “Comcast Care Days.”  
Qualkinbush/proclaiming  
April 21, 2012 as Comcast  
Care Days

Accept & place on file Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to accept the  
communications and place on file.

MOTION CARRIED

## NEW BUSINESS

Refer to City Attorney/  
Embry v. Calumet City

Refer to City Attorney - Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois - Jay Embry and all similarly situated employees of the City of Calumet City, Plaintiff, v. the City of Calumet City, Illinois, a unit of local Government, and Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, in her individual capacity, George Vallis, in his individual capacity, Nick Manousopoulos, in his individual capacity, and Roger Munda, in his individual capacity, Brian Wilson, in his individual capacity Edward Gonzalez, in his individual capacity, defendants.

Approve new business

Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to approve new business as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

## BUILDING PERMITS

### FENCE - PERMITS

1351 Greenbay - 7<sup>th</sup> Ward

259 Saginaw - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward

1700 Memorial Dr. - 4<sup>th</sup> Ward

Table fence permit - 259  
Saginaw Avenue

Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to table the fence permit for 259 Saginaw Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

Approve permits

Alderman Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to approve fence permits for 1351 Greenbay and 1700 Memorial Drive.

MOTION CARRIED

## RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Res. #1: extending  
condolences to McKeever  
Family

Resolution extending condolences to the family of Charles Nelson McKeever, Jr.

Ord. #2: handicap parking  
by deleting: 416 Sibley  
(Ord. #12-16)

Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, by deleting: 416 Sibley Boulevard. (see attached page 6A)

Ord. #3: handicap parking  
by adding: 1257 Mackinaw  
(Ord. #12-17)

Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, by adding: 1257 Mackinaw Avenue. (see attached page 6B)

Res. #4: Ceding aggregate  
unused 2012 Private Activity  
Bond Volume Cap  
(Res. #12-15)

Resolution Ceding the Aggregate Remaining Unused Allocation of 2012 Private Activity Bond Volume Cap of the City of Calumet City to the Illinois Finance Authority for use by Projects in the Chicago Southland area. (see attached page 6C)

Defer Resolution #1

Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to defer Resolution #1 to the next meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Pass Resolution/Adopt Ordinances

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to pass the Resolution and adopt ordinances as read, without the necessity of prior posting.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7

ALDERMEN: Wosczynski, Jones, Wilson, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins, Schneider

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Remit payment/Calumet City Plumbing/\$7,500

Approve the emergency replacement of fire hydrant at northeast corner of 153<sup>rd</sup> Street & Price Avenue and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet City Plumbing in the amount not to exceed \$7,500; to be charged to account #030-36-2-349.

Remit payment/J & J Newell/\$6,720

Approve sewer repair at 645 State Street and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to J & J Newell in the amount not to exceed \$6,720.00; to be charged to account #030-36-2-100.

Remit payment/J & J Newell/\$5,160.00

Approve supplemental repair to Buffalo & Stewart and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to J & J Newell in the amount not to exceed \$5,160.00; to be charged to account #030-36-2-100.

Approve refund/Village South Chicago Heights/\$9,136.00

Approve the refund to the Village of South Chicago Heights in the amount of \$9,136.00 for a duplicate EVP Payment and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment; to be charged to account #115-70-5-105.

Approve attendance/Ald. Jones/ABFF Conference June 18-24, 2012

Approve the attendance of Alderman Jones to the ABFF conference on June 18-24, 2012 and direct the City Treasurer to remit \$2,378.00 to Alderman Thaddeus M. Jones for hotel/registration/expenses; to be charged to account #010-10-2-300.

Amend agreement/Lincoln Dealership

Amending the agreement with Lincoln dealership to include "In the event the Lincoln Dealership assets to a party maintaining the Lincoln franchise in Calumet City, this Agreement and its benefits may be assigned provided the successor dealership if approved by Ford Motor Company, Lincoln Division, for a Lincoln Sales and Service Agreement.

Remit payment/JM Industrial/demolition

Approve the demolition of the following properties and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to JM Industrial Services in the amount as stated: 467 Price (\$13,800), 443 Garfield (\$18,400), 546 Wentworth (\$13,400); to be charged to account #118-10-5-645.

Approve payroll

Approve payroll (\$794,780.53)

Approve bill listing

Approve bill listing (\$141,762.88)

Approve legal bill listing

Approve legal bill listing (\$71,908.43)

Approve 2012 Best House on the Block Contest/1st Ward

Approve the 2012 Best House on the Block Contest in the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward from April-October, 2012 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount not to exceed \$10,000 made payable to Neighborhoods, Inc. and charge to account #010-99-2-721 (1<sup>st</sup> Ward Neighborhood Development Program)

Approve financial matters authorize City Treasurer remit payment

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Schneider, to approve financial matters as presented and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7

ALDERMEN: Jones, Wilson, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins, Schneider, Wosczyński

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment was at 8:10 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Manousopoulos and seconded by Alderman Munda.

MOTION CARRIED

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Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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