

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**NOVEMBER 21, 2011**

Public Forum

The following individuals spoke before the public forum held at 7:33 p.m.:

James Gigliotti, Department of Community & Economic Development, regarding the \$200,000 USEPA Cleanup Grant Application. The application will be submitted on November 28, 2011.

**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 Monday, November 21, 2011 at 7:35 p.m. with Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	6	ALDERMEN:	Schneider, Wosczyński, Jones, Wilson, Munda, Collins
ABSENT:	1	ALDERMAN:	Manousopoulos

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Bruen, City Engineer Wiedeman, Finance Director Kasperek, Fire Chief Galgan, Police Chief Gilmore, Community Development Director Gigliotti and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

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

Approval of minutes

Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve the minutes of November 10, 2011 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance Alderman Wilson had no report.

Public Safety Alderman Wosczynski had no report.

Committee changes Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “We will be looking at some committee assignments. If anyone has any wishes or wants to change committees, I would appreciate the input to take into consideration. Hopefully by the next meeting, we will have the committees together. Alderman Schneider has been here a week or two and he will not be the chairman of public utilities at this point. Anything that the aldermen would like to submit, please submit in a timely fashion to make this committee changes”

Ord. & Res. Alderman Jones had no report.

H.E.W. Alderman Munda had no report.

Permits & Licenses Alderman Collins was absent.

Public Works Alderman Manousopoulos was absent.

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “Alderman Manousopoulos has an excused absence this evening. Alderman Collins has a function this evening and will be a few minutes late.”

## CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor’s report Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: “I would just like to say thank you to Mayor Polk from the Village of Burnham. I went out to a ribbon cutting for their new street lighting project on Burnham Avenue. They have new street lights and new decorative sidewalk lights. There is a bonfire out there and a lot of the residents came out. I encourage all of our residents as you are traveling Burnham Avenue to work or to the train to take note of the nice project that they have.

The Village of Burnham used stimulus monies to do this. Just a shout to our neighbors out north. Good job and our residents will benefit as well.”

Ald. Schneider Alderman Schneider announced next Wednesday, November 30, 2011 the V.F..W. Post 8141 will be having their Spaghetti Dinner. Dinners are served from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$6.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children.

The Ladies Auxiliary will also have a bake sale and all the proceeds going toward cancer research. The V.F.W. is located in the first ward at 664 Hirsch Avenue and they have a spaghetti dinner every fifth Wednesday of the month. For more information contact (708) 862-7913.

Sounds of the Season/  
St. Victor - 12/4/11

Alderman Schneider announced at St. Victor the South Suburban College music department and the South Suburban Coral will be performing at 553 Hirsch on Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. The 11<sup>th</sup> annual celebration features the sounds of the season with performances of Christmas music of and for all ages. Admission is free. For more information contact the South Suburban College music department at (708) 596-2000.

Calumet Memorial Park  
District sponsor needy  
families

Alderman Schneider announced that the friends and staff from the Calumet Memorial Park District sponsor needy families for the holidays. The families are recommended by the local schools social workers.

Donations to the program are being accepted. Donations can be dropped off at the Memorial Park Business office at 626 Wentworth Avenue or the Sandridge Community Center, 600 Oglesby. Donations accepted until December 16, 2011. For more information contact Briana at (708) 862-0880.

Ald. Collins entered mtg.

Alderman Collins entered the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Ald. Wosczyński - report

Alderman Wosczyński thanked the Chief Gilmore for attending the Second Ward Town Meeting on November 16, 2011.

There was a representative from Commissioner Larry Rogers, Board of Review present and residents were able to fill out forms for a possible tax break.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Food Drive

Alderman Wosczyński announced that the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive is in progress thru November 30, 2011. Residents are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items. All donations will go to the needy of Calumet City.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Toy Drive

Alderman Wosczyński announced the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Drive starting December 1, 2011. New toys and like, new toys are accepted. Residents are encouraged to participate.

Donations can be dropped off at Bank Financial, 1901 Sibley Boulevard, Harris Bank, 555 Burnham Avenue and First Savings of Hegewisch, 1100 Sibley Boulevard.

Happy Thanksgiving

Alderman Wosczyński wished all the residents a Happy, and healthy Thanksgiving and spend time with your families.

Ald. Jones - report

Alderman Jones thanked the residents who participated in the leaf program and remind residents that the leaf pickup for the third ward is on Fridays until the first snow.

Third Ward toy/coat drive Alderman Jones announced his office in conjunction with Mattel Toy Co. and Destiny Dental will be collecting toys and coats starting November 21, 2011 for needy families this holiday season.

Clean, gently used coats and jackets and new toys for children ages 3 to 16 are being collected at 1910 Sibley Boulevard, Calumet City. Donations will be accepted from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through December 13, 2011. Contact his office at (708) 891-8193.

Illinois Hardest Hit program Alderman Jones reminded residents who would like to take advantage of the Illinois Hardest Hit program to contact his office. The program helps residents pay their mortgage if they are behind. Income requirements are needed or visit [www.illinoisshardeshitprogram.org](http://www.illinoisshardeshitprogram.org) or contact his office at (708) 891-8193.

3<sup>rd</sup> ward visiting high schools discussion HIV aides awareness Alderman Jones announced in conjunction with his office and the Clear Channel and the Illinois Broadcaster Association will be starting in January to go to high school to discuss HIV aides awareness and partnering with UIC to discuss dental hygiene. For more information contact his office at (708) 891-8193 or email him at [tjones@calumetcity.org](mailto:tjones@calumetcity.org)

Associated Firefighters of Illinois/Springfield Legislative conference 2/27/12 Alderman Jones announced his office received a letter from the Associated Firefighters of Illinois regarding elected officials attending legislative conference and be a firefighter for a day in Springfield, Monday, February 27, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All colleagues invited to attend.

Happy Thanksgiving Alderman Jones wished all residents a Happy Thanksgiving and encourage residents to help the needy of Calumet City or volunteer for an organization.

Happy Thanksgiving Alderman Wilson wished all residents a Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy families and help out the less fortunate.

Alderman Wilson announced that he looks forward to see the residents of Bernadine Manor and Ginger Ridge as he goes around to spread holiday cheer.

Amend handicap parking by adding: 507-157th St. Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to amend the handicap parking ordinance by adding: 507-157th Street.

MOTION CARRIED

Amend parking ordinance Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Collins, to amend the parking ordinance and direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance for “one way” on 157<sup>th</sup> Street at the intersections of Forsythe Avenue and 157<sup>th</sup> Street and northbound, Legion Drive where it intersects with 157<sup>th</sup> Street that is a one-way street heading eastbound.

MOTION CARRIED

<u>Leaf program</u>	Alderman Munda announced that the leaf program is in effect. He encourages residents to be patient due to the rain and to contact his office at (708) 891-8195.
<u>Attend crime meetings/ report crime</u>	Alderman Munda encourages residents to attend monthly crime watch meetings and report the crime or suspicious activity to the police department.
<u>Ald. Collins - report</u>	Alderman Collins apologizes for being late to meeting had an event at the Garden House that was pre-scheduled.
<u>Amend residential permit parking ordinance</u>	Alderman Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to amend the residential permit parking ordinance and direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance by adding three streets: Superior Avenue, Newell Avenue and Buffalo Avenue. ( Residents will be displaying purple signs)
	<u>MOTION CARRIED</u>
<u>Thank City Clerk Figgs</u>	Alderman Collins thanked City Clerk Figgs for attending and serving residents at the Park of River Oaks on Friday, November 18, 2011 and the residents for attending the potluck.
<u>Thank Garden House</u>	Alderman Collins thanked the 100 plus residents that came down to the Garden House for the potluck and thank you for supporting the event.
<u>Residents report crime</u>	Alderman Collins encourages residents to be cautious during the holiday season and to report crime or suspicious activity to the police department. He will be putting out in the 7 <sup>th</sup> Ward newsletter tips during the holiday season.
<u>7<sup>th</sup> Ward toy/coat drive</u>	Alderman Collins announced the 7 <sup>th</sup> Ward Toy and Coat Drive. Residents are encouraged to donate through the third week of December.
<u>City Hall Tree Lighting 12/25/2011</u>	Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush reminded residents about the City Hall Tree Lighting on Friday, November 25, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in conjunction with Calumet Memorial Park District. Residents encouraged to attend.
<u>Happy Thanksgiving</u>	Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush wished all the residents a Happy Thanksgiving. Residents are encouraged to donate time or canned goods during the holiday season.
<u>Happy Thanksgiving</u>	City Treasurer Tarka wished all residents a Happy Thanksgiving.
<u>Happy Thanksgiving</u>	City Clerk Figgs wished all residents a Happy Thanksgiving and safe holiday.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

City Treasurer Tarka/  
re: Investment Report

RE: Investment Report for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2011.

Police Chief Gilmore/  
re: traffic study - Harding  
& Stoney Island

RE: Traffic Study - Harding & Stoney Island.

Community & Economic  
Development Dir. Gigliotti

RE: \$200,000 USEPA Cleanup Grant.

Accept & place on file

Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to accept the communications and place on file.

MOTION CARRIED

## NEW BUSINESS

Adopt Citizen Participation  
Plan/IKE Grant Award

Alderman Wosczynski moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson, to adopt the Citizen Participation Plan as part of the IKE Grant Award for the State Street Pump Station; per Robinson Engineering.

MOTION CARRIED

## BUILDING PERMITS

GARAGE - VARIANCE  
16-167th Place - 6<sup>th</sup> Ward

Approve permits

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Munda, to approve the building permit for a garage variance at 16-167th Place, pending approval from Alderman Manousopoulos.

MOTION CARRIED

## RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Res. #1: congratulating  
Rev. Floyd & Fellowship  
Baptist Church  
(Res. #11-56)

Resolution congratulating Dr. Isaac L. Floyd and Fellowship Baptist Church, 2025-175th Street, Lansing, Illinois, on their 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. (see attached page 6A)

Res. #2: compliance  
Illinois Truth in Taxation  
Act for 2011 Tax Levy  
collected in 2012  
(Res. #11-57)

Resolution of the City of Calumet City for Compliance with the Illinois Truth in Taxation Act for the 2011 Tax Levy Collected in 2012 relating to the Corporate Fund, the Library Fund, the IMRF Pension Fund, the Police and Fire Pension Funds and the Debt Service Funds.  
(see attached page 7A)

Res. #3: congratulating  
CP Crawford on 106<sup>th</sup> b-day  
(Res. #11-58)

Resolution congratulating CP Crawford from the Victory Center of River Oaks on his 106<sup>th</sup> birthday. (see attached page 7B)

Pass Resolutions

Alderman Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson, to pass the Resolutions as presented.

#### ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Schneider, Wosczyński, Jones, Wilson, Munda, Collins  
ALDERMEN: None  
ALDERMAN: Manousopoulos

MOTION CARRIED

#### FINANCIAL MATTERS

Remit payment/Robinson  
Engineering/\$13,605.00

Approve payment to Robinson Engineering in the amount of \$13,605.00 for State Street Resurfacing Improvements and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Robinson Engineering in the amount not to exceed \$13,605.00 and charge to account #010-99-2-600.

Approve attendance/Ald.  
Wilson/March 2-6, 2012  
annual conference

Approve the attendance of Alderman Brian Wilson to the American Society for Public Administration Annual Conference on March 2, 2012 to March 6, 2012 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Alderman Wilson in the amount of \$2,000.00 for travel/hotel/expenses and \$399.00 for the conference registration fee made payable to the American Society for Public Administration; to be charged to account #010-10-2-300.

Remit payment/KRC  
Calumet City 836/  
\$47,885.71

Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to KRC Calumet City 836, Inc. in the amount of \$47,885.71 representing the city's 50% share of sales tax received by the city for the accounting period April 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011; to be charged to the Corporate Fund - Contractual Obligations line item #010-99-2-696.

Approve payroll

Approve payroll (\$772,923.47)

Approve bill listing

Approve bill listing (\$308,332.84)

Approve legal bill listing

Approve legal bill listing (\$9,037.25)

Approve financial matters  
authorize City Treasurer  
to remit payment

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

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Wosczyński, Jones, Wilson, Munda, Collins, Schneider  
ALDERMEN: None  
ALDERMAN: Manousopoulos

MOTION CARRIED

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Happy Thanksgiving

Alderman Schneider wished all the residents a Happy Thanksgiving.

Thornton Township tree  
lighting - 11/26/11

Alderman Wosczyński announced that Thornton Township will be having their tree lighting on Saturday, November 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at township hall.

Calumet City Youth  
Organization decorate  
Calumet City tree

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush: "Calumet City will have a tree at Thornton Township lighting event. The Calumet City Youth Organization will be decorating the tree. Thank you to the Calumet City Youth Organization."

Free turkey dinners  
@ Tom's Restaurant  
Thanksgiving Day

Alderman Jones announced on behalf of Alderman Manousopoulos that Tom's Restaurant will be having a free turkey dinner on Thanksgiving Day from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 836 Burnham. Includes turkey, dressing and cranberry.

Thank Commissioner  
Larry Rogers

Alderman Collins thanked Commissioner Larry Rogers and the Board of Review for bringing his staff to T. F. North and hosting the Tax Appeal Summit and offer residents a relief with their tax assessment.

Happy Thanksgiving

Alderman Collins wished all the residents of Calumet City a Happy and safe Thanksgiving.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment was at 8:07 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Wosczyński and seconded by Alderman Jones.

MOTION CARRIED

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Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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