

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

**REGULAR MEETING
City Council of the City of Calumet City
Cook County, Illinois
December 9, 2021**

Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:09 p.m. in a regular meeting on December 9, 2021, with Alderman Ramonde Williams present and presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 6 ALDERMEN: Navarrete Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Smith

ABSENT: 1 ALDERMEN: Patton (excused)

Also present was City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Engineer Ken Chastain, Police Chief Kolosh, Fire Chief Bacherti Building & Zoning Sheryl Tillman, Director Economic Development Val Williams, Deputy Clerk Frances Anderson.

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

Prayer Pastor Stokes led the City Council in prayer.

Public Forum

Diane J. Rybicki 1341 Burnham Ave, Commented regarding loud music on her block and requested Calumet City Police continue to find the location of the music.

Wanda Corban 101 155th Commented regarding Mental Illness programs.

Dole Landry 724 Florida st. Commented regarding Casino in Homewood, Police abuse in Homewood, with concerns about Walgreens closing in the 2nd Ward due to a high percentage of prescribed medication.

Socorro Evans 891 Buffalo 6th Ward regarding Lincoln Elementary School Community Coordinator for Hispanic families would like for city council to help with bridging the gap between the Hispanic and African Americans in Calumet City.

Approval of Minutes

Regular City Council Meeting, October 14, 2021
Regular City Council Meeting, October 28, 2021
Special Meeting October 31, 2021

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson to table minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

Finance Alderman Gardner had no report.

Public Safety Alderman Williams had no report.

Public Utilities Alderman Smith had no report.

Ord. & Res. Alderman Tillman had no report.

Permits & Licenses Alderman Wilson had no report.

Public Works Alderman Navarrete had no report.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

City Clerk Figgs City Clerk Figgs reported minutes to be table due to unsigned documents from the Mayor's office.
The City Clerk reported minutes to have to pass in chronological order.
The city Clerk reported minutes will be presented on January's agenda.

City Treasurer No report

Alderman Navarrete Alderman Navarrete reported his Vision Action Plan for 2022 will be announced in the upcoming year.
Alderman Navarrete announced there will be a walk the ward after the New Year.

Alderman Wilson Alderman Wilson thanked everyone for attending the Tree Lighting on December 3, 2021
Alderman Wilson announced on December 18, 2021, at 11 am there will be an Adult giveaway at 600 Oglesby Ave Sandridge Community Center.

Alderman Williams Alderman Williams gave honor to God.
Alderman Williams thanked everyone for attending the Tree Lighting on December 3, 2021.

Alderman Williams announced that 3rd & 4th Ward Alderman Tillman toy decoration will be held on December 11, 2021, at 11 a.m at 1801 Sibley.
Alderman Gardner Alderman Gardner thanked everyone for attending the Tree Lighting on December 3, 2021.
Alderman Gardner reminded residents to continue to call Public Works for leaves to pick up.
Alderman Gardner reminded 5th Ward residents to continue to call his office at 708-891-8195 with concerns and complaints.

Alderman Tillman

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Alderman Smith

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Alderman Smith reported December 20, 2021, the 7th Ward Townhall meeting will be canceled.

Alderman Smith announced that City Hall Newsletter will be going out next week.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

None

NEW BUSINESS

1)Approve the 2022-2023 Holiday Calendar.

Approve the 2022-2023 Holiday calendar dates for the City of Calumet City.

2)Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for handicap parking sign

Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance Approve Abram Anderson’s application for a handicap parking sign for 402 Manistee Ave

3) Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for handicap parking sign

Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance approving Janie M. Ravin-McKee’s application for a handicap parking sign for 274 Paxton Ave.

4). Direct the Police & Fire commission to promote two (Sergeants

Direct the Police & Fire commission to promote two (2) Sergeants from the current eligibility list.

5) Approve “Residential Parking Only”

Approve the request for a handicap sign and posting at 620 Mackinaw.

6) Approve “Residential Parking Only”

Approve the “Residential Parking Only” sign in front of 301 157th St.; direct Public Works to install the sign on Lincoln St. side.

7) Authorize Mayor to sign Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”)

Authorize Mayor to sign Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) to establish the terms by which the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, (“CMAP”) and Calumet City, (“Governmental Body”) will partner under the Safety Planning Technical Assistance (“Project”).

Approve New Business items #1 #3-7

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to approve new business items #1#3-7 as presented.

#2 New Business was removed from the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

NONE

C. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

1)An Resolution accepting a Grant Award from the United States Department of Justice (DOJ).

Resolution accepting a Grant Award from the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Cops Hiring Program (CHP) for the Hiring of Five Additional Police Officers.

(Res. #21-58)

(See attached page 4A)

2) An Ordinance Amending Certain Provisions of Chapter 90, Article V, Division.

An Ordinance authorizing the Donation of Certain Vehicle Owned by the City An Ordinance Amending Certain Provisions of Chapter 90, Article V, Division 1 of the Municipal Code of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois Governing Handicap Parking.

Ord# 21-48)

(See attached page 4B)

3) An Ordinance Authorizing the Donation of Certain Vehicle Owned by the City.

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PASS RESOLUTIONS

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson, to adopt Ordinance and pass Resolution1 -#3 as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Wilson, Gardner, Tillman, Williams, Smith, Navarrete
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMEN: Patton

MOTION CARRIED

Financial Matters

1)Approve payment for court reporting services.

Approve payment for court reporting services invoices (listed in the communication); authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Lexitas of \$1,563.40 and charge account #01022-51903.

2) Approve the costs payable to South Suburban Land Bank.

Approve the costs payable to South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority (SSLBDA) for reimbursement for the acquisition of 626 River Oaks Drive (Former Walgreens); authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment.

3) Approve the costs payable to South Suburban Land Bank.

Approve the costs payable to South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority (SSLBDA) for reimbursement for the acquisition of 308 Torrence Ave.(vacant land near Don Pedro); authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment of \$11,766.80 and charge account #01099-52645.

4) Approve the costs payable to South Suburban Land Bank.

Approve the costs payable to South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority (SSLBDA) for reimbursement for the acquisition of 757 River Oaks Drive (former Toy-R-Us/Aronson Furniture); authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment of \$11,489.01 and charge account #01099-52645.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 21- 58

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT AWARD FROM THE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COPS HIRING
PROGRAM FOR THE HIRING OF FIVE
ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICERS**

**THADDEUS JONES, Mayor
NYOTA T. FIGGS, City Clerk**

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JAMES PATTON
ANTHONY SMITH
DEANDRE TILLMAN
RAMONDE WILLIAMS
MONET WILSON**

Aldermen

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WHEREAS, Calumet City is an Illinois home rule unit of local government and operates a police department within its jurisdictional limits; and

WHEREAS, the City has elected to participate in the United States Department of Justice Cops Hiring Program and utilize grant funds related to the same.

WHEREAS, the City intends to hire five additional police officers using the grant funds and agrees to comply with all applicable grant requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Resolution as though set forth in this Section 1.

Section 2. Authorization. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to take the necessary actions to effectuate the intent of this Resolution including but not limited to the execution of necessary grant documents.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication in pamphlet form, in accordance with law.

ADOPTED this 9th day of December 2021, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent	Present
Gardner	X			
Navarrete	X			
Patton				
Smith	X			
Tillman	X			
Williams	X			
Wilson	X			
(Mayor Jones)				

APPROVED by the Mayor on December 9, 2021.


Thaddeus Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:


Nyota T. Figgs, CITY CLERK

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

ORDINANCE NUMBER 21-48

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 90, ARTICLE
V, DIVISION 1 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS GOVERNING HANDICAP PARKING**

**THADDEUS JONES, Mayor
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WHEREAS, Calumet City is an Illinois home rule unit of local government with authority to legislate in matters concerning its local government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Council approved certain petitions for handicap parking spaces and desires to designate certain locations as handicap parking only;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 90, Article V, Division 1, Section 90-317 (g) of the Calumet City Municipal Code is hereby amended to add the underlined text and locations as indicated:

Sec. 90-317. Handicapped parking.

(g) *Signed areas.* The following areas are hereby designated as restricted handicapped parking areas by the city council, and appropriate signs shall be posted clearly indicating such areas:

750 Memorial Drive

Section 2: Superseder. In the event a conflict exists between the terms of this Ordinance and any other ordinance or resolution of the City, the terms of this Ordinance shall govern.

Section 3: Severability. This Ordinance and every provision thereof shall be considered severable and the invalidity of any section clause, paragraph, sentence or provision of this Ordinance will not affect the validity of any other portion of this Ordinance.

Section 4: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication in pamphlet form, in accordance with law, and the provisions of the Calumet City's Municipal Code amended herein shall be reprinted with the changes.

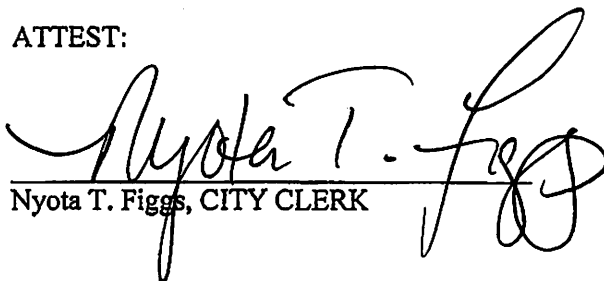
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Patton				
Smith	x			
Tillman	x			
Williams	x			
Wilson	x			
(Mayor Jones)				

APPROVED by the Mayor on December 9th, 2021.


Thaddeus Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:


Nyota T. Figgs, CITY CLERK

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

ORDINANCE NUMBER 21-49

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF
CERTAIN VEHICLE OWNED BY THE CITY**

**THADDEUS JONES, Mayor
NYOTA T. FIGGS, City Clerk**

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CERTAIN VEHICLE OWNED BY THE CITY**

WHEREAS, Calumet City is an Illinois home rule unit of local government with authority to legislate in matters concerning its local government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-76-4, the City Council is authorized to dispose of personal property owned by the City;

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the simple majority of the alderpersons holding office, certain vehicles owned by the City are no longer useful to the City and it is in the best interests of the City to donate said vehicles;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: That the Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to donate the two-story FireBlast Training Simulator Trailer to South Holland Fire Department.

Section 2: That the Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to take all necessary and reasonable steps to effectuate the intent of this Ordinance including execution of titles or other legal documentation required to transfer ownership of the city vehicle.

Section 3: Superseder. In the event a conflict exists between the terms of this Ordinance and any other ordinance or resolution of the City, the terms of this Ordinance shall govern.

Section 4: Severability. This Ordinance and every provision thereof shall be considered severable and the invalidity of any section clause, paragraph, sentence or provision of this Ordinance will not affect the validity of any other portion of this Ordinance.

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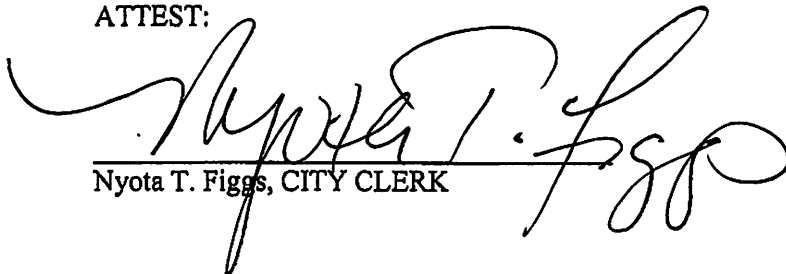
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Wilson	x			
(Mayor Jones)				

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 Thaddeus Jones
 MAYOR

ATTEST:


 Nyota T. Figgs, CITY CLERK

5) Approve \$5,000 payments each to the following nine (9) businesses for Small Business Recovery Program (CC-SBRP);

Approve \$5,000 payments each to the following nine (9) businesses for Small Business Recovery Program (CC-SBRP); authorize the City Treasurer to remit payments totaling the amount of \$45,000.00 and charge account #01099-52739. Owner Marcella Simmons of Alberta's Lillie;
Owner Jose Villanueva of Athena's Pancake House;
Owner Earlene Perdue of Perdue Holdings DBA Day 21 Sports Bar;
Owner Kiritkumar Patel of Dhyani Groceries Inc.;
Owner Keita King of Keita King Independent Comprehensive Social Service;
Owner Dolly Mansker of Mansker's Loving Daycare;
Owner Samuel Y. Dadzie of Oasis Supermarket Inc.;
Owner Brianne Blue of Herbabella LLC DBA - The Hive;
Owner Lorie Howard of Vital Health and Wellness Center Inc.

6) Approve the costs payable to South Suburban Land Bank and Development.

Approve payment. Approve the costs payable to South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority (SSLBDA) for the acquisition of 800 Riverside Drive; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment of \$13,144.00 and charge account #01099-52645.

7) Approve payment to N.E.M.R.T for annual membership fees (1/1/2022 - 1/1/2023);

Approve payment to N.E.M.R.T for annual membership fees (1/1/2022 - 1/1/2023); authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment of \$5,985.00 and charge account #01060-52390

8) Approve payment to Benford Brown & Associates.

Approve payment to Benford Brown & Associates for invoice #14209; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment of \$10,910.20 and charge account #01099-52610.

9) Approve proposal from Complex Networks Solution.

Approve proposal from Complex Networks Solution for cameras installation in the evidence building.

10) Approve payment to GovQA, LLC.

Approve payment to GovQA, LLC, for invoice #INV636; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment of \$6,000 and charge account #01099-52696.

11) Approve payment for Professional Development Classes;

Approve payment for Professional Development Classes; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to City Clerk Nyota Figgs of \$2,500.00 and charge account #010022-52300. (Note: All documentation will be submitted to the Treasurer upon completion.)

12) Approve payment to Farnsworth.

Approve payment to Farnsworth Group (invoice#229069) for Project No: 0211412.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$5,123.00 and charge account #01099-52600.

13) Approve the purchase of five (5) 2022 Ford Police Interceptors.

Approve the purchase of five (5) 2022 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles for a cost of \$211,520 from Currie Motors and authorize the City Treasurer to obtain three (3) year financing from Ford Motor Credit Company; authorize the City Treasurer to remit quarterly lease payments to Ford Motor Credit, to be charged to account 01060-55125. NOTE: Currie Motors has been awarded the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative contract for the 2022 Ford Police Interceptor Utility; authorize the Mayor to execute all documents for the acquisition of the purchase police vehicles from Currie Motors and to execute any documents for the financing of these vehicles with Ford Motor Credit Company.

14) Approve payment for Municode of \$7,200.00 for the invoices from August 1, 2021, through November 30, 2021;

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15) Approve bill listing

Approve Payroll (\$773,676.66)

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Approve Bill Listing (\$787,188.38)

Approve financial items
Removed #1-4
Removed #10&14
Amended #11

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to approve financial items #5-9
Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve financial item#6
Alderman Wilson moved seconded by Alderman Gardner to approve financial items#11-16

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 ALDERMEN: Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Smith, Wilson, Navarrete
NAYS: 0 ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT: 1 ALDERMEN: Patton

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Clerk Figgs

The city Clerk expressed her condolences to the Patton Family, John Kasperek Fireman Drew family, and Frances Anderson.

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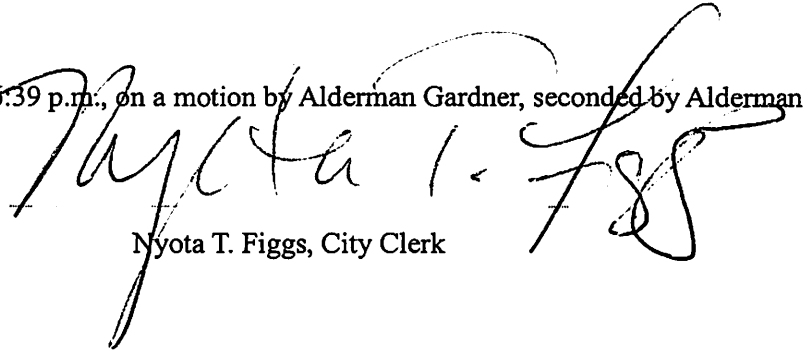
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Nyota T. Figs, City Clerk