

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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

NOVEMBER 22, 2021

Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:03 p.m. in a regular meeting on November 22, 2021, with Mayor Thaddeus Jones, present and presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: None

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

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

Public Forum

Diane J. Rybicki 1341 Burnham Ave. had comments regarding loud music on her block and requested to find the location of the music.

Deviate from Regular Order of Business

Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to deviate from the regular order of business at 6:09 p.m. to enter into Executive Session.

Closed Session

The City Council met in closed session from 6:09-7:43

MOTION CARRIED

City Clerk Figgs Excused from Executive session

City Clerk Figgs was asked to be excused out of Executive Session from 6:10- 7:43

Return to Regular Order of Business

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Williams to return to the regular order of business at 7:43 p.m.

Alderman Patton was left out of the Executive session.

ROLL CALL

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Alderman Gardner announced on Tuesday, November 23rd his office will have Tax levy and Revenue information. Resident with any concerns or questions can contact his office at 708-891-8195

Public Safety

Alderman Williams had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderman Smith announced there will be a meeting on November 29th please continue to call his office with any concerns and questions.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Tillman announced Ordinance & Resolutions meeting will be at the next available date.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Wilson announced Permits & Licenses meeting will be announced.

Public Works

Alderman Navarrete reported there will be a Public Services leaf program coming soon on December 3, 2021.

Alderman Navarrete announced the leaf program will be extended for residents that call the office for pick up.

Alderman Navarrete asked residents to place leaf bags at the end of their parkway and next to their garbage.

Alderman Navarrete announced if you have any concerns about the leaf program please call Public Works. 708-891-8160.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

City Clerk

No report

Treasurer Tarka

No report

Alderman Gardner

Alderman Gardner thanked the 5th Ward residents for attending the turkey giveaway.
Alderman Gardner announced he has turkeys at his office if there is anyone in need of a turkey please contact his office. at 708-891-8195.

Alderman Williams

Alderman William gave honor to God and thanked the residents for attending the 3rd & 4th Ward turkey giveaway.
Alderman Williams announced on December 18, 2021, the Santa toy giveaway will take place along with Alderman Tillman and Mayor Jones.
Alderman Williams announced if you want to volunteer please call his office at 708-212-2240.

Alderman Tillman

Alderman Tillman thanked residents for attending the turkey giveaway.
Alderman Tillman thanked Alderwomen Wilson & Director Sheryl Tillman for assistance with the turkey giveaway
Alderman Tillman announced on December 6, 2021 3rd & 4th Ward Townhall meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Downey Park 300 Jeffery Ave.
Alderman Tillman announced that donations can now be collected.
Alderman Tillman announced donation boxes are located throughout City City you can put your donation in there.

Alderman Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete thanked the Residents for the Walk in the Ward Event.
Alderman Navarrete Congratulated Officer Newberg on his retirement.

Alderman Wilson

Alderman Wilson wished a Happy Birthday to her son Chase.
Alderman Wilson thanked Mayor & her colleagues for a wonderful presentation and blessings today at City hall.
Alderman Wilson thanked the residents for coming out today in droves for the turkey, chicken, and food box giveaway.
Alderman Wilson announced there will be a president block club breakfast the second week in December information will be announced.
Alderman Wilson wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Alderman Smith

Alderman Smith thanked the residents for attending the turkey giveaway.
Alderman Smith announced on December 7, 2021, at 6:00p.m there will be a Townhall meeting at 1250 Superior.
Alderman Smith announced on December 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m there will be a Townhall meeting at Public Safety Training Center 24 State.
Alderman Smith announced the 7th Ward Newsletter is out residents will be receiving them in the mail soon.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

A. City Clerk Figgs

B. City Treasurer

C. City Treasurer

Accept & place on file

RE: Submitting Revenue Report October 2021.

RE: submitting Quarterly Investment report ending September 30, 2021

RE: Submitting Revenue & Expenses status report for September 2021.

Alderman William moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to accept items A-C and place them on file

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

1): Approve to change the Thursday, December 23, 2021, Regular.

City Council meeting.

Approve to change the Thursday, December 23, 2021, Regular City Council meeting to Monday, December 20, 2021.

2): Approve the hiring of five (5) personnel of the current firefighter eligibility.

Approve the hiring of five (5) personnel of the current firefighter eligibility list for the replacement of retired members of Calumet City Fire Department. Note: The hiring of five additional firefighters will put the CCFD back to full staff.

3): Approve the donation of the two-story FireBlast Training Simulator Trailer

Approve the donation of the two-story FireBlast Training Simulator Trailer Vin # 1F9KE532XD1395036 (purchased with grant money in 2013) to South Holland Fire Department for continued training use.

4): Approve to Ratify the previous action taken at the November 8, 2021, meeting.

Approve to Ratify the previous action taken at November 8, 2021, meeting and previous board vote to authorize litigation against the clerk to preserve city records.

5): Approve the blocking off of Wentworth avenue on December 4, 2021, for the Calumet Memorial Park District tree lighting.

Approve the blocking off of Wentworth avenue on December 4, 2021, for the Calumet Memorial Park District tree lighting program; shut down Wentworth Ave from 153st to Memorial Drive (Approximately One (city 1 Block) from 11 am to 9 pm for their annual tree lighting event; further direct Public works to provide barricades and ESDA to provide traffic control from 11 am to 9 pm

Approve New Business items #1 - #5

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve new business items #1 – 5 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6

Aldermen: Tillman, Wilson, Gardner, Smith, Williams

NAYES: 0

Aldermen: None

ABSENT: 1

Aldermen: Patton

BUILDING PERMITS

- 1. New Fence Construction
None
- 2. New Garage Construction
None

ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance to amend

Approve to amend the parking ordinance to add 402 Manistee Ave. to the handicap parking list and direct Public Works to place a handicap parking sign with an address in front of the home. (See attached page 5A)

(Ord # 21-47)

MOTION

Adopt Ordinance and Pass Resolutions.

CARRIED

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to adopt Ordinances and pass Resolutions #1 as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
 NAYS: 0
 ABSENT: 1

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

FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1): Approve the reclassing of the motion passed at the July 23rd meeting for software upgrades and professional services.

Approve the reclassing of passed at the July 23rd meeting for software upgrades and professional services from Central Square (SunGard); authorize the City Treasurer to \$91,765.50 remit payment and charge account #01028-55120.

#2): Approve the 36-month term contract with Cogent Communications

Approve the 36-month term contract with Cogent Communications for City Hall; authorize the City Treasurer's office to remit monthly payment of \$1,425.00 and charge account #01099-5220.

#3): Approve the 36-month term contract with Cogent Communications for the Police Department.

Approve the 36-month term contract with Cogent Communications for the Police Department City; authorize the City Treasurer s office to remit s monthly payment of \$1,425.00 and charge account #01099-52020.

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

ORDINANCE NUMBER .21-47

**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
NYOTA T. FIGGS, City Clerk
DEJUAN GARDNER
MICHAEL NAVARRETE
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 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:

402 Manistee Avenue

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.

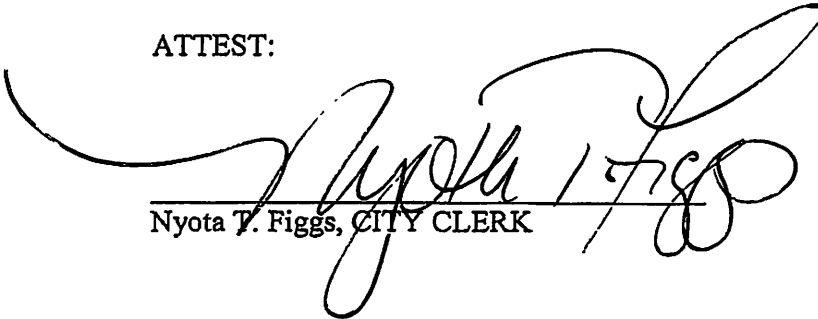
ADOPTED this 22 day of November, 2021, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

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

APPROVED by the Mayor on November 22, 2021.


Thaddeus Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:


Nyota T. Figgs, CITY CLERK

#4): Approve the purchase of City Clerk Calendars for the calendar the year 2022

Approve the purchase of City Clerk Calendars for the calendar the year 2022; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to WDB marketing of \$2,450.00 and charge account #01029-53200.

#5): Approve City Clerk Nyota T. Figgs membership to Municipal Clerk Institute for the 2022 year

Approve City Clerk Nyota T. Figgs membership Municipal Clerk Institute for the 2022 year; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment of \$75 to the Municipal Clerk Institute and charge account #01022-52350.

#6): Approve payment for the Calumet City Industrial Park Utility Improvements;

Approve payment for the Calumet City Industrial Park Utility Improvements; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Mott MacDonald of \$28,602.79 and charge account #01099-52600.

#7): Approve payment request for invoice #21070194;

Approve payment request for invoice #21070194; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Robinson Engineering in the amount of \$7,377.00 and charge account #01099-52600.

8): Approve truck repairs for the following vehicles:

Approve truck repairs for the following vehicles: authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to RUSH in the amounts listed and charge account #01041-54140.

Dump Truck #12(Model 7400 SFA 4X2 Vin#9237) \$9,405.15
Dump Truck #18(Model 7400 SBA 6x4 Vin#7604) \$10,807.83
Dump Truck #19(Model 7400 SBA 6x4 Vin#7616) \$5,220.39

#9: Approve payment to Benford Brown & Associates.

Approve payment to Benford Brown & Associates for invoice #14206; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$14,685.60 and charge account #01099-52610.

#10) Approve payment for continuous work on the training tower

Approve payment for continuous work on the training tower; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to South Suburban Welding & Fabricating Co. of \$6,400.00 and charge account #06617-55135.

#11): Approve Farnsworth

Approve Farnsworth Group to perform survey, engineering design, and construction engineering services for the Huntington Drive Water Main Interconnect project. The fee for said services shall be \$137,000.00; further direct City Treasurer to remit payment from the account (Maint. Svc-Mains/Valves/Hydrants) Account#03036-52349.

#12): Approve costs payable to South Suburban Land Bank

Approve costs payable to South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority (SSLBDA) for reimbursement for the acquisition of 757 River Oaks Drive (former Toys-R-Us/Aronson Furniture), of \$11,489.01 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account#01085-55108.

#13): Approve costs payable to South Suburban Land Bank

Approve 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), in the amount of \$11,766.80 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01085-55108.

#14): Approve costs payable to South Suburban Land Bank

Approve costs payable to South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority (SSLBDA) for reimbursement for the acquisition of 626 River Oaks Drive (Former Walgreens), in the amount of \$11,951.07 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01085-55108.

#15): Approve payment to Lexitas

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

#16): Approve Payroll

Approve Payroll (\$791,063.52)

17): Approve Emergency Bill Listing

Approve Emergency Bill Listing (\$3,410.00)

18): Approve Bill Listing

Approve Bill Listing (\$1,436,127.47)

Approve financial items #1 -18

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve financial items #1 - #18

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Smith, Wilson, Tilman, Gardner, Smith

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Patton

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Statement

Mayor Jones Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
Mayor Jones announced Holiday Tree Lighting on December 3, 2021.
Mayor Jones announced police hiring.
Mayor Jones Thanked Alderman Wilson, Val William, and the Police and Fire Department.
Mayor Jones announced there will be a Cook County meeting on December 9th, 2021.
Mayor Jones announced that Calumet City received one million dollars in Grants to rebuild Burham Ave.
Mayor Jones announced new improvements for Calumet City Alley pavement and streets improvements.
Mayor Jones announced City Council meeting will change from December 23, 2021, to December 20, 2021, M

Alderman Smith

Alderman Smith announced the 7th Ward Newsletter is out residents will be receiving them in the mail.

Alderman Gardner

Alderman Gardner reported State Representative Marcus Evans contributed Turkeys to give away to the residents.

Alderman Williams

Alderman Williams wished residents a Happy Thanksgiving.

Alderman Wilson

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Alderman Wilson reminded residents to save December 4, 2021, for
CMPD Thanksgiving dinner.

Alderman Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete Wished residents a Happy Thanksgiving.

Ken City Engineer

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ADJOURNMENT

An adjournment was at 8:01 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Gardner,
seconded by Alderman Wilson


Myota T. Figgs, City Clerk

F/A