

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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

DECEMBER 08, 2022

Public Comment

Several Park Harbor Residents commented about their current living conditions; Park Harbor residents listed issues: Residents have been without water and/or lights since October 5, 2022. Residents have had unclear communications with Inspectional. Residents commented on the increase in shootings in the area. Residents have been receiving notices of eviction from Dominick Lanzito. Resident are asking for the city’s help.

Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:05 p.m. in a regular meeting on December 8, 2022, with Mayor Thaddeus Jones present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 7

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

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: NONE

Also present was City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Townsend, Police Chief Kolosh, Fire Chief Glenn Bachert, City Administrator Jaffrey, City Engineer Ken Chastain, Deputy Clerks Jessica Coffee, Quentin Dailey, Economic Development Department Val Williams, Don Aleksy, Public Works Zachary Qualkinbush, Jerico Thomas, Attorney Pat Walsh

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

Prayer

Pastor Stokes led the City Council in prayer.

Approval of minutes

November 21, 2022: Regular City Council Meeting
November 22, 2022: Special Meeting

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to approve the minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Alderman Gardner had no report.

Public Safety

Alderman Williams had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderman Patton reported that Navarrete and he will be calling a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss Public Works and Utilities.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Tillman reported on the Committee of the Whole meeting on December 5, 2022 where the council discussed Ordinances and Resolutions to address Park

Harbors and Park of River Oaks issues.

H.E.W

Alderman Wilson reported that a meeting will be called the week of December 19th for the Academic Enrichment Program.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Smith had no report.

Public Works

Alderman Navarrete wanted to remind the residents that the Leaf Program is still going on.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Ald. Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete thanked the residents who participated in the Spaghetti Dinner that took place at the V.F.W. Alderman Navarrete thanked the History Club and Mr. Webb who served at the V.F.W.

Ald. Wilson

Alderman Wilson congratulated the first husband of the second ward for receiving a Southland reward. There is also a youth basketball camp on December 11, 2022 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for boys ages 10 – 17. On December 12, 2022 the 2nd ward will have a Holiday giveaway for the 2nd ward residents. There is a fundraiser for Harley 8-month-old from the 2nd Ward on Monday December 19th at 10 a.m. to noon at M&J.

Ald. Tillman

Alderman Tillman thanked everyone who came out to the 3rd and 4th ward meeting and received donation boxes. Alderman Tillman invited the 3rd and 4th ward to the annual toy giveaway for Calumet City residents.

Ald. Williams

Alderman Williams thanked all the residents who participated in this past week's events. Alderman Williams invited the children of Calumet City to the 3rd and 4th Ward annual toy giveaway.

Ald. Gardner

Alderman Gardner wants residents to check on their neighbors and make sure that they have food and toiletries. Alderman Gardner would like residents to contact his office with any concerns.

Ald. Patton

Alderman Patton reported on the Ordinance regarding the snow route. Alderman Patton advised that the streets in the 6th ward are narrow and its hard for the trucks to get through.

Ald. Smith

Alderman Smith invited residents to the Monthly Town Hall meeting on 12/17/2022 at 10:00 am to noon. Alderman Smith wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

A. FOIA REPORTS

RE: Christopher Clark submitting weekly reports summarizing all FOIA's for the period of November 20 – November 26, 2022.

B. PRAIRIE STATE COLLEGE

RE: Prairie State College Spring 2023 EMT Academy Flyer.

C. PRAIRIE STATE COLLEGE

RE: Prairie State College Spring 2023 BOF Academy Flyer.

D. REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

RE: Treasurer Tarka submitting October 2022 Revenue & Expenditure Reports.

E. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

RE: Legislative Report on the 102nd General Assembly End of Veto Session.

F. 2023 SENATE CALENDAR

RE: Illinois Senate 2023 Session Calendar.

Approval of Informational Items to be Excepted And Placed on File

Alderman Gardner moved seconded by Alderman Smith to approve informational items to be excepted and placed on file.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

#1: Approve handicap pole

Approve the application request for a handicap pole to be located at 488 Price Avenue.

#2: Approve handicap pole

Approve the application request for a handicap pole to be located at 1124 Harding Avenue.

#3: Approve 2023 Court Calendar

Approve the 2023 City of Calumet City Court Hearing Calendar.

#4: Approve residential only sign

Approve Public Works to install a resident only parking sign with the address in front of 418 Saginaw.

#5: Approve residential only sign

Approve Resident Parking Only sign to be placed front of 231 156th Street.

#6: Approve residential only sign

Approve Resident Parking Only sign to be placed in front of 237 157th Street.

#7: Approve Led Service Line Project bid

Approve The City Council finds that the bid of Five Star Energy Services for the first phase of the City's Lead Service Lines Replacement Project was not responsive in that the bidder failed to perform the mandatory procedures of the bid instructions with respect to disadvantaged business enterprises, and therefore awards the project bid to Calumet City Plumbing as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$3,997,699.50.

#8: Approve residential only sign

Approve Public Works to install a resident only parking sign with the address in front of 1514 Kenilworth Drive.

Approval of New Business Items

Alderman Wilson motioned seconded by Alderman Gardner to approve new business items.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7

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

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT:

ALDERMAN: None

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

Privacy Fence

329 152nd Place Privacy 1st Ward

New Garage Construction

None

Approve Building Permits

Alderman Navarrete moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson, to approve the building permits as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7

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

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMAN: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolutions and Ordinances

Res.#1 Honoring the Life of Mercedes Mallate

Resolution honoring the life and achievements of Mercedes Mallate and offering our sincere condolences to her family.

(Res.#22-61)

(See attached page 4A)

Res.#2 Direct City Attorney to draft Resolution

Motion to direct attorney to draft Resolution thanking Great Cities Institute for work creating the Burnham Avenue Revitalization Plan and recognition of the grant dollars that have been awarded utilizing information and exhibits of the plan.

Approval Resolutions and Ordinances

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to pass Resolutions as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7

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

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMAN: None

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1: Payment to Civic Plus

Approve payment to CivicPlus LLC for Municode Meetings Annual Renewal (invoice #247289) from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$7,400.00 and charge account #01029- 53200 (Licensing and Regulatory).

#2: Payment to Crowe LLP

Approve the Audit Engagement Letter dated August 2, 2022 prepared by Crowe, LLP, Independent Member of Crowe Global, Oak Brook Terrace, IL 60181, for a one-year contract for the audit of the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022; and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the Engagement Letter documents presented and authorize the Treasurer to remit payment to Crowe, LLP, for services rendered to be paid from account number 01099-52610.

#3: Payment to Joshua Mckenzie

Approve buyback for Joshua McKenzie due to their resignation from position with the City of Calumet City; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount listed in communication and charge account #01041-51950.

#4: Authorize transfers

Authorize the City Treasurer to transfer \$750,000 from the Ambulance/Paramedic Fund to the Police Pension Fund and transfer another \$500,000 from the Ambulance/Paramedic Fund to the Fire Pension Fund. These contributions by the City will be counted towards the City's required pension contributions to the pension funds for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2023 Below will be the required transfers to be posted to the books of the City.

AMBULANCE/PARAMEDIC FUND

Transfer to the Police Pension Fund - \$750,000.00

Cash-Ambulance/Paramedic Fund - \$750,000.00

Transfer to the Fire Pension Fund - \$500,000.00

Cash - Ambulance/Paramedic Fund - \$500,000.00

POLICE PENSION FUND

Pension Contributions \$750,000.00

Transfer from the Ambulance/Paramedic Fund - \$750,000.00

FIRE PENSION FUND

Pension Contributions - \$500,000.00

Transfer from the Ambulance/Paramedic Fund - \$500,000.00

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-61

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF MERCEDES
MALLETTE**

**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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RESOLUTION NO. 22-61

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF MERCEDES
MALLETTE**

WHEREAS, Mercedes Mallette began her journey as a social change advocate when she organized a boycott at Grant Elementary School; she refused to send her son to kindergarten in a Willis Wagon (trailer). Working with her neighbors in Rockwell Gardens Public Housing Project she served as founding member and treasurer of the first Credit Union in the nation for public housing to give tenants an apartment for after school programs and resident activities;

WHEREAS, in 1961, she and her husband bought a home in the far south community of Maple/Morgan Park She continued her involvement in education issues and community activities. An activist she was deeply involved in the civil rights movement, and member of Operation Breadbasket (now known as Operation PUSH), she joined the political education and research divisions.

WHEREAS, Citizen Information Service of Illinois had the most complete and impartial information on federal, state and local government and had developed an excellent program to teach citizens the basics of local government and the importance of citizen participation. As a result, Ms. Mallette joined and taught political education for CIS from the 1970's through 1990's and served on the CIS Board of Directors.

WHEREAS, in 1978, she was a founding member and Executive Director of the Coalition for Affirmative Public Policy, an organization founded to conduct political education classes in the Chicago area. A grant from the Illinois Humanities Council enabled the organization broaden their outreach and train community leaders to teach political education throughout the city and

suburbs. Founding the member of citizens for Self-Determination. She has received numerous awards for her work.

WHEREAS, in 1997, she was a recipient of the Nancy Jefferson Award from Citizens Information Service & League of Women Voters. Ms. Mallette is renowned for her work in political campaigns; she has held important positions in state, local and national campaigns.

WHEREAS, Including District Coordinator for Mayor Harold Washington, Community Coordinator Congressman Gus Savage, member of the Advance Team for Governor Bill Clinton and Senator Al Gore, Chief of Staff for Alderman Toni Preckwinkle, Roland Burris, and Illinois State Comptroller Daniel W. Hynes. In addition, she has worked for the Illinois Democratic Party on every State and National coordinated campaign; she was Illinois Base Vote Director for Gore 2000.

WHEREAS, Her commitment to African American political empowerment and the enrichment of our community has never wavered. Mercedes Mallette will truly be missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of Calumet City, express their sincere condolences to the family of Mercedes Mallette.

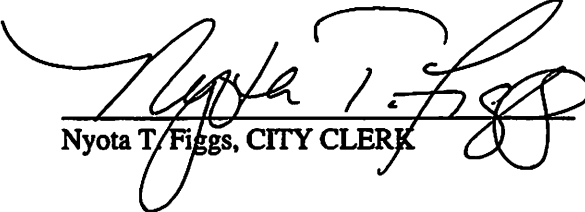
ADOPTED this 8th day of December 2022, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	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 December 8, 2022.


Thaddeus Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:


Nyota T. Figs, CITY CLERK

- #5: Payment to Co-Alliance Cooperative Inc Approve costs payable to Co-Alliance Cooperative Inc for invoice 295871, in the amount of \$5,267.85 and direct City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52009.
- #6: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing Approve costs payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice 55061, in the amount of \$8,707.95 and direct City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52101.
- #7: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing Approve costs payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice 55064, in the amount of \$5,776.50 and direct City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.
- #8: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing Approve costs payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice 54288, in the amount of \$37,910.29 and direct City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.
- #9: Payment to Complex Network Solutions Approve the upgrade to the pole camera located in the area of 157th & Price by Complex Network Solutions in the amount of \$11,500.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Complex Network Solutions in the amount of \$11,500.00, to be charged to account 01060-52336 Pole Camera.
- #10: Payment to Complex Network Solution Approve the preventative maintenance services agreement with Complex Network Solutions for the period between December 1, 2022, and November 30, 2023, in the amount of \$56,821.80; Authorize the City Treasurer to remit quarterly payments to Complex Network Solutions from account number 01060-52336.
- #11: Payment to Co-Alliance Cooperative Inc Approve costs payable to Co-Alliance Cooperative Inc for invoice 294573, in the amount of \$5,357.84 and direct City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52009.
- #12: Payment to Co-Alliance Cooperative Inc Approve costs payable to Co-Alliance Cooperative Inc for invoice 294475, in the amount of \$6,154.79 and direct City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52009.
- #13: Payment to Rush Truck Centers Approve costs payable to Rush Truck Centers for invoice 3030315421, in the amount of \$8,414.06 and direct City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01041-54150.
- #14: Payment to R.N.O.W Inc. Approve costs payable to R.N.O.W Inc. Leaf Trailer #2 for invoice 2022-64319, in the amount of \$110,033.34 and direct City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099- 52738 Cares Act Funding Expense account.
- #15: Payment to R.N.O.W Inc. Approval on November 22, 2022, City Council approved a motion to purchase a Leaf Trailer from R.N.O.W Inc. invoice #2022-64318 in the amount of \$110,033.34 and direct City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01041-55100 Equipment Purchases. The City will be using ARPA funds to pay for the Leaf Trailer and the expense should be posted to #01099-52738 Cares Act Funding Expense account.
- #16: Payment to Budd Mechanical Systems Approve the proposal from Budd Mechanical Systems for the replacement of three (3) rooftop units located at City Hall; authorize the Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$39,868.00 and charge account #01099-52640.
- #17: Payment to Gallagher Asphalt Corporation Approval to pay Gallagher Asphalt Corporation Pay Estimate #1, in the amount of \$403,974.84 from MFT/Rebuild IL Special Account funded account for the completion of the Buffalo Avenue Reconstruction Project. The Engineer's Pay Estimate was approved by IDOT on November 28, 2022, #04007-52707 (Rebuild Illinois Expense Account).
- #18: Payment to Jesus Shephard of Souls Approve \$5,000 payment to Jesus Shephard of Souls for upcoming celebrations including: Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mananitas and Mass of the Roses to be taken from Hispanic Heritage Line Item #01099-52682.
- #19: Payment to AshLaur Construction Company, Inc. Approve payment to AshLaur Construction Company, Inc. for the completion of the IT Room renovation (invoice #CAL CITY-1); authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$14,200.00 and charge account #01099-52640.
- #20: Payment to Track 'n Trap Approve payment to Track 'n Trap for invoice #1590; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$2,550.00 and charge account #01060-52487.
- #21: Payment to Track 'n Trap Approve payment to Track 'n Trap for invoice #1589; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$2,700.00 and charge account #01060-52487
- #22: Payment to ProvenIT Approve payment to ProvenIT for the 1/2/2023 to 2/1/2023 contract billing period (invoice 960835); authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$7,901.10 and charge account #01023-52340.

Approve financial items

Alderman Gardner seconded by Alderman Smith motioned for the approval of Financial Matters number 1-22.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

MOTION CARRIED

Request for a Discussion of Financial item #23

Alderman Williams seconded by Alderman Patton motioned for the discussion and approval of Financial Matter number 23. There was a brief discussion about the use of McFarland Services; Alderman Patton had questions about E.S.D.A no longer doing the job that McFarland is doing. Alderman Patton also wanted to know what role McFarland Services plays at the Police Station. Chief Kolosh reported that McFarland has been doing the job for about two years. Chief Kolosh confirmed that McFarland Services also cleans the Police Station.

#23: Payment to McFarland Services

Approve payment to McFarland Services in the amount of \$5,100.00 for services rendered in the month of November; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to McFarland Services in the amount of \$5,100.00, to be charged to account #01060-52430.

Approve Financial Item#23

Alderman Williams seconded by Alderman Patton motioned for the approval of Financial Matters number 23.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

Financial Matters 24-26

#24: Approve Payroll

Approve Payroll (\$861,716.36)

#25: Approve Emergency Billing

Approve Emergency Bill Listing (\$30,993.44)

#26: Approve Bill Listing

Approve Bill Listing (\$800,788.37)

Approve Financial Items 24-26

Alderman Williams seconded by Alderman Patton motioned for the approval of Financial Matters number 24-26.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ald. Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete reported that there will be an update regarding truck parking.

Ald. Wilson

Alderman Wilson advised residents that she does not pass out newsletters and that

she is not sure why some residents in her ward did not receive one. Alderwoman Wilson wanted to remind the residents that she is hosting an event on Dec 17, 2022. Alderwoman Wilson also wants to send prayers to residents

Ald. Tillman

Alderman Tillman had no report.

Ald. Williams

Alderman Williams wants to remind the residents of the 3rd and 4th ward Toy Drive.

Ald. Gardner

Alderman Gardner had no report.

Ald. Patton

Alderman Gardner had no report.

Ald. Smith

Alderman Gardner had no report.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 6:44 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Gardner seconded by Alderman Wilson.

MOTION CARRIED



Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk