

SPECIAL MEETING

**HELD ON February 01, 2023, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
204 PULASKI ROAD, CALUMET CITY, ILLINOIS**

CALL TO ORDER The Special Meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by Mayor Jones

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: 1 ALDERMEN: Wilson

Also present were Mayor Jones, City Clerk Nyota Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Administrator Deanne Jaffery, Deputy Clerk Jessica Coffee, Press Slowick, Police Chief Kolosh, Director Sheryl Tillman, Attorney Pat Walsh, Attorney Clarissa Townsend, and Fire Chief Bachert.

PUBLIC COMMENT Resident inquired about the Contract with Republic she stated that she is concerned about the Recycling portion of the contract the resident reported that Republic use to empty the Recycle Bins. Previously this service was apart of their monthly bill. The Resident advised that the Recycle Bins are no longer being emptied but the price has not changed on the bill. The Resident wants to know when they can expect refunds for those services.

George Gretchen 457 Freeland commented on the mayor visiting his home to discuss the contract with the Republic. Mr. Gretchen reported that he received an automated call from the mayor "ranting" about the the City's contract issues with Republic and on the call Alderman Navarrete was blamed for the Republic contract not being passed and the city possibly being infested with rats.

A Resident from the 300 block of Campbell reported that there was a article that was distributed throughout the 300 and 400 block of Campbell that advised the residents of the contract issues with Republic, it also informed the readers that their garbage might not be picked up. The Resident reported that the was the trash was in fact picked up but a lot of residents did not put their trash out because they expected it not to be picked up.

Mayor's Report Mayor Jones reported that today is the first day of Black History Month. Mayor Jones invited Residents to pick up free Black History Calendars From the Library, Schools and City Hall. Mayor Jones reported that there will be a zoom call for all of Calumet City Businesses February 03,2023.

Mayor Jones announced that after May 11th 2023 the Council will no longer be able to have zoom meetings based on the Governor's order. There are specific reasons that will allow a virtual meeting.

Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones reported that there have been a lot of misstatements regarding the purpose of this contract and where we are with it. It was said that The contract didn't go through the RFP process. There was questions regarding the timing of the RFP. The RFP was sent to Waste Management, Homewood, Republic and an Unidentified vendor. Items that were requested have been tendered to the city council.

Republic Waste Contract

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve the Waste Contract with Republic Services with the City of Calumet City beginning on January 1, 2023 to January 1, 2027. Further, to accept the financial terms of the contract and direct the Mayor to sign the contract.

Discussion on Republic Contract

Alderman Navarrete motioned for a discussion. Alderman Navarrete stated that he received an email an hour before the meeting with the documents the Council requested on January 26, 2023 at the last meeting except for a copy of the contract.

Alderman Navarrete: "Here is the RFP, the announcement of the RFP, the Amendment of the RFP and the Clarifications for October 31st, and there is a legal opinion, I do not have a copy of the contract."

Mayor Jones: "all the Council members were sent the contract."

Alderman Navarrete: I did not receive a copy of the contract, I printed out everything that was sent to me and not one of them was a contract, do you have a hard copy of the contract?"

Mayor Jones: "all the Council members were emailed the contract." If you want it after the meeting, I'll give it to you after the meeting"

Alderman Navarrete: "Can have a brief recess so that I can read the contract? So I can decide whether I want to vote on it or not. Have any of the Alderman read the contract?"

Mayor Jones: "Alderman the contract was sent."

Alderman Navarrete: Mayor I'm telling you the contract was not sent I printed out everything that was sent to me and not one of them was a contract. There was a proposal that was sent to me, a proposal is not a contract as you know.

Mayor Jones: " I know what a contract is Alderman and it was sent.

Alderman Navarrete: Ok well I requested a contract instead of a proposal which I didn't get. I printed everything that was sent to me in that large email that you sent one hour ago and this is what I have."

Mayor Jones: "Alderman we can't go, if you want a recess, I don't have the contract it was emailed to you, um we would like to go on with the meeting."

Alderman Navarrete: "Mayor, we would like to go on with the meeting?"

Mayor Jones: "So, Alderman Tillman, Alderman Tillman"

Alderman Navarrete: I would like to request a recess so that I can read the contract, have any of the Aldermen read the contract?"

Mayor Jones: "Please don't talk over me."

Alderman Tillman: "I will say a copy of the contract was sent to us; however you had to request permission, I'm not saying you're wrong at all. It was a secure email that was timed and permission had to be given to view the document. Even still if you would have gotten it you probably wouldn't have been able to read it given the length of time we were given. I am not sure if you were on the email thread."

Mayor Jones: "Well Alderman not to violate the Open Meeting Act if you wanna take a recess and read it you will have to read it in Councils Chambers because we can not go into Executive Session for this matter. On the floor right now is a motion to approve the contract, so if the Aldermen want to withdraw and take a quick recess.

Alderman Williams please withdraw your motion."

Alderman Williams: "I withdraw; motion to withdraw the acceptance of item 4."

Mayor Jones: "Alderman Smith"

Alderman Smith: "Motion to withdraw."

Mayor Jones is there a motion to take a brief recess for ten minutes for the Alderman to read the contract.

Alderman Navarrete asked for a brief recess so that he would be able to read the contract.

Recess

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve the the Council taking a recess for ten minutes.

There was a brief intermission for Alderman Navarrete to read the contract.

The Council meeting resumed.

Mayor Jones stated that the Council voted to approve Option 1 7 to 0 for a 4 year contract. Rates for waste services in surrounding areas:

Calumet City 23.19 and after a year it will increase to 27.04

South Holland 29.54 Republic Service

Dolton 23.07 Homewood Disposal

Lansing 22.80 Homewood Disposal

Riverdale 20.57 Flood Brothers

Lynwood 32.67
Homewood 24.63
Orland Park 23.20
Tinley Park 27.16

Alderman Navarrete thanked the Mayor for the ten minutes he was given to read the contract. Alderman Navarrete stated that the Contract was only emailed to Alderman Tillman for the record. Alderman Navarrete reported that at the last Regular City Council meeting the Contract was Voted down 4 to 3. Alderman Navarrete stated that there was not enough time for a competitive bid process to take place. The RFP was posted on October 24, 2022 and the submission deadline was November 15th which is less than a month which is not enough time for a competitive bid process. Alderman Navarrete stated that we will not have to wait 6 months for the RFP to be processed because the RFP is already processed.

Mayor Jones stated that for the record he did not say that it would take 6 months for the RFP to be processed he said for vendors to come out and do the RFP process.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the old Contract and the new contract and what was no longer included, Alderman Navarrete had several questions for Republic and Mayor Jones advised that his questions will not be answered tonight but at a later date.

Alderman Patton asked if the previous Contract ended on December 31,2022 or on January 31,2023?

Attorney Carissa Townsend stated that the contract ended at the end of December but Republic decided to extend the contract.

Alderman Patton also wanted to clarify that Option 1 didn't pass 7 to 0 it passed over Option 2.

Mayor Jones agreed with Alderman Patton.

Mayor Jones requested that the Roll be called, Clerk Figgs started to call the Roll and Alderman Navarrete asked if the language would be added to keep data collecting to the new contract, Mayor Jones stated they can discuss that after this meeting. Alderman Navarrete said after the vote Mayor Jones said yes Alderman Navarrete made his Vote.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 4 **ALDERMEN:** Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Smith

NAYS: 2 **ALDERMEN:** Navarrete, Patton

ABSENT: 1 **ALDERMEN:** Wilson

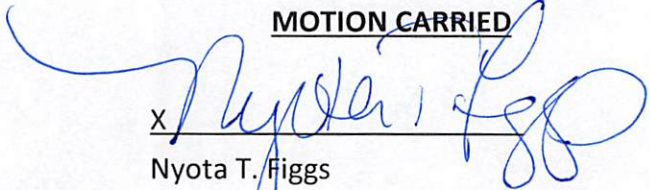
MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

Alderman Gardner moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Wilson at 7:55pm.

MOTION CARRIED

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Nyota T. Figgs
City Clerk