

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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

SEPTEMBER 8, 2022,

Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:12 p.m. in a regular meeting on September 8, 2022, with Mayor Thaddeus Jones, present and presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: 1 ALDERMEN: Patton excused absence.

Also present was Deputy Clerk Frances Anderson City Treasurer Tarka, Police Chief Kolosh, Attorney Townsend, Fire Chief Bachert Director Economic Development Val Williams, Director Building & Zoning Sheryl, Tillman, and Office Manager Cleo Jones.

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

Prayer

Pastor Courtland Stokes led City Council in prayer.

Public Forum

No Public Comment.

Senator L.G. Sims

Senator Sims announced his office will be donating 1.2 million dollars in funds to support Violence Prevention and Youth Development Services.

Approval of Minutes

Committee of the Whole Meeting August 8, 2022  
Committee of the Whole Meeting August 15, 2022  
Regular City Council Meeting August 25, 2022  
Committee of the Whole Meeting August 27, 2022

Deviate from Regular Order of Business

Alderman Smith moved seconded by Alderman Williams to approve minutes as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Return to Regular Order of Business

Alderman Wilson moved seconded by Alderman Williams to enter executive session from the regular order of business at 6:46 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Alderman Wilson moved Seconded by Alderman Smith to return to the regular order of business at 7:29 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Finance

Alderman Gardner reported Calumet City received 34 million dollars in grant funds for housing, repairs, and services.

Public Safety

Alderman Williams had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderman Patton was absent

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Tillman reported there will be an Ordinance & Resolution meeting forthcoming.

Health, Education & Welfare

Alderman Wilson reported there will be a finance workshop and more information to come.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Smith had no report.

Public Works

Alderman Navarrete reminded residents that Newsletter will be coming out.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Alderman Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete informed the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward there will be a Back-to-School Event from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on September 21, 2022, at Wentworth Intermediate School 530 Superior Ave.

Alderman Navarrete reported Superintendent 155 School board J. Zoda erased the deficiency at New Pavilion.

Alderman Wilson

Alderman Wilson thanked the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward residents and all the Department Heads for attending the town hall meeting.

Alderman Wilson Informed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month there will be a town hall meeting at 24 State St. at the Training Center.

Alderman Wilson thanked Public Works for Stop signs, and Speed bumps.

Alderman Wilson the Police Department.

Alderman Tillman

Alderman Tillman informed residents on October 3at, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. there will be a Town hall meeting at 300 Jeffery Ave.

Alderman Williams

Alderman Williams on September 9, 2022, there will be a Tax appeal workshop from 5:30-

7:30 p.m. at Calumet City Library.

Alderman Williams thanked the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward for a successful Back-to-School Event.  
Alderman Williams thanked Public Works.

Alderman Gardner

Alderman Gardner informed residents that the October Feast will be held on October 1, 2022, at Jesus Shepherd of Soul.  
Alderman Gardner reminded residents to contact his office for more information.

Alderman Gardner thanked Public Works for traffic safety.

Alderman Gardner reminded residents to continue to cut grass and weeds.

Alderman Smith

Alderman Smith reported there will be a Permits & Licenses meeting forthcoming.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE**

Accept Sergeant Hladek's letter of retirement

RE: Accept Sergeant Hladek's letter of retirement

EMMA confirmation of the City of Calumet City's audited financial statements for 4-30-21

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Farnsworth Group Paxton Avenue stormwater draining findings and recommendations

RE: Farnsworth Group Paxton Avenue stormwater draining findings and recommendations.

Accept & place on file

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to accept items A-C, and place them on file.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1) Approve to direct our City Attorney, Farnsworth Group and Public Works Commissioner to prepare a Request for Proposal for the collection and disposal of solid waste. January 1, 2023.

Approve to direct our City Attorney, Farnsworth Group, and Public Works Commissioner to prepare a Request for Proposal for the collection and disposal of solid waste; further Direct the City Administrator to advertise said notice as current contract extension expires on January 1, 2023.

2) Approve to direct the Farnsworth

Approve to direct the Farnsworth group and City engineers to implement the

group and City engineers to implement the findings for the Paxton Avenue

findings for the Paxton Avenue Stormwater drainage finds recommendations and to submit a cost estimation to the city council for approval of work on Paxton Avenue (4<sup>th</sup> Ward.

3) Approve Acknowledgment of the retirement of Sergeant Ray Hladek years of service to the City of Calumet City.

Approve Acknowledgment of the retirement of Sergeant Ray Hladek years of service to the City of Calumet City; further, request city place recommendation letter in Sgt Hladek file for his dedication to the residents of Calumet City.

4) Approve to authorize Farnsworth Group to prepare bid documents for the reconstruction of the riser pipe at the Public Works Elevated Water Tank

Approve to authorize Farnsworth Group to prepare bid documents for the reconstruction of the riser pipe at the Public Works Elevated Water Tank.

5) Approve to direct City Attorney, City Treasurer, and City administrator to prepare a Request for Proposal for auditing services; further, direct the city administrator to advertise the same.

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6) Approve to direct City Attorney, Farnsworth, and Public works commissioner to get prepare bid documents together and solicit bids to repair the Pink Smiley Water Tower.

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Approve New Business items #1 - #6

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve New Business items #1 -#6, and presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6

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

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Patton

MOTION CARRIED

**BUILDING PERMITS**

New Fence Construction

215 Mason Privacy 5th Ward  
307 Paxton Privacy 3rd Ward

New Garage Construction

519 Escanaba Garage 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward

Alley Block

613 Memorial 1<sup>st</sup> Ward

Approve Building Permits

Alderman Navarrete, moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve Building Permits as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6

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

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Patton

**MOTION CARRIED**

**C. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

1) A Resolution honoring former Senator and Pastor of Salem Baptist Church, Rev. James T. Meeks for his life of service and congratulating him on his retirement as Pastor.

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(Res.# 22-49)

(See attached page 5A)

2) An ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 4 of the City of Calumet City Municipal Code-Approval of two Deputy Clerks in the City Clerk's office

An ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 4 of the City of Calumet City Municipal Code-Approval of two Deputy Clerks in the City Clerk's office.

(Ord # 22-16)

(See attached page 5B)

Pass Resolutions and adopt Ordinance 1-2 as presented

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to adopt Ordinance, and pass as such Resolutions and 1-2 as presented.

(Resolution 22-49) A resolution honoring former Senator and Pastor of Salem Baptist Church, Rev. James T. Meeks for his life of service and congratulating him on his retirement as Pastor. This Resolution was not provided to the Clerk's Office.

For Record Purposes

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

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**ORDINANCE NUMBER 22-16**

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2,  
ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 4 OF THE CALUMET CITY  
MUNICIPAL CODE -CITY CLERK (DEPUTY CLERK)**

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**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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ORDINANCE NO. 22-16

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV,  
DIVISION 4 OF THE CALUMET CITY MUNICIPAL CODE -  
CITY CLERK (DEPUTY CLERK)

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, it would be beneficial to the efficient operation of the City Clerk's office for the City Clerk to have the assistance of a Deputy City Clerk(s); and

WHEREAS, state law provides for the office of Deputy Clerk(s) and provides for certain duties and powers as described further below.

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

Section 1. That the Calumet City Municipal Code is hereby amended to add the underlined text and/or delete text as indicated:

**Section 2-332. Deputy Clerk; Positions Established.**

There is hereby created the positions of deputy clerk(s)s. Two (2) deputy clerks shall be appointed by the city clerk, ~~who~~ and shall be under the supervision of the clerk and ~~who~~ may be removed from office by the City Clerk.

**Section 2-333. Deputy Clerks; Statutory Duties**

The deputy clerks may execute all documents required by law to be executed by the municipal clerk and may affix the seal of the clerk wherever required. In signing any document, a deputy clerk shall sign the name of the clerk followed with the word "By" and the deputy clerk's own name and the words "Deputy Clerk". The powers and duties of a deputy clerk under this section shall be exercised only in the absence of the clerk from the place where the clerk's office is



maintained, and only when either written direction has been given by the clerk to that deputy to exercise a power or the corporate authorities have determined by resolution that the municipal clerk is temporarily or permanently incapacitated to perform that function.

When a deputy's signature is duly authorized as provided in this Section and is affixed by the deputy city clerk in the manner prescribed in this Section on any document (including but not limited to contracts, bonds, or other obligations of the municipality), the document shall have the same effect as if the document had been signed by the city clerk in person.

**Section 2-334. Deputy Clerks; Duties as Assigned by Clerk**

The deputy clerks shall perform the duties as assigned by the city clerk including but not limited to: See Job Description

**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.

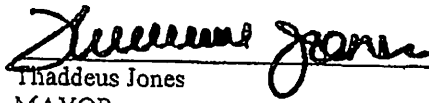
**Section 3: Severability.** This Ordinance and every provision thereof shall be considered severable and the invalidity of any section clause, paragraph, sentence or provision of this Ordinance will not affect the validity of any other portion of this Ordinance.

**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.

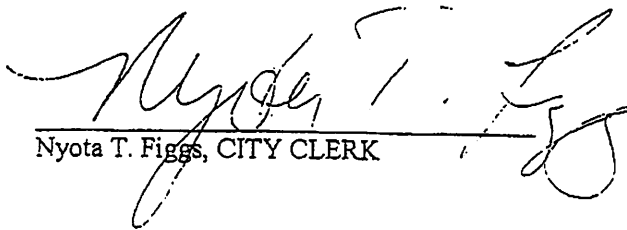
ADOPTED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	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 September 8, 2022.

  
Thaddeus Jones  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Nyota T. Figgs, CITY CLERK

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

**Financial Matters**

- 1) Approve payment to Farnsworth Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #235793) for Project #0211081, of \$10,185.75, and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52600.
- 2) Approve Community Wildlife Services Approve Community Wildlife Services for July 2022 payable to Track n Trap, of \$13,900.00, and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01060-52487.
- 3) Approve costs payable to Total Property Management & Engineering Services LLC Approve to costs payable to Total Property Management & Engineering Services LLC, in the amount of \$5,552.60 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01041-52119.
- 4) Approve costs payable to Total Property Management & Engineering Services LLC Approve costs payable to Total Property Management & Engineering Services LLC, in the amount of \$5,535.20, and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01041-52119.
- 5) Approve cost payable to Lyons Electric Company Inc. Approve cost payable to Lyons Electric Company Inc, of \$13,646.50, and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #04007-52449.
- 6) Approve to authorize the City Treasurer to transfer \$444,331.73 from the Sewer User Fee bank Approve to authorize the City Treasurer to transfer \$444,331.73 from the Sewer User Fee bank account to the Water Clearing bank account to reimburse for various sewer expenditures for maintenance/repair of infrastructure posted to #03036-52349 Maintenance SVCMaints/Valves/Hydrants.
- 7) Approve costs payable to C.O.P.S. and F.I.R.E. Approve costs payable to C.O.P.S. and F.I.R.E. Personnel Testing for Law Enforcement Promotion Assessments, in the amount of \$14,400.00, and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01091-52532.
- 8) Approve cost payable to Piekarski & Sons Tree Service. Approve costs payable to Piekarski & Sons Tree Service, in the amount of \$29,995.00, and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01041-52119.
- 9) Approve costs payable to Piekarski & Sons Tree Service. Approve costs payable to Piekarski & Sons Tree Service, in the amount of \$5,240.00, and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01041-52119.
- 10) Approve to cost payable to Piekarski & Sons Tree Service. Approve to cost payable to Piekarski & Sons Tree Service, in the amount of \$6,975.00, and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01041-52119.

- 11) Approve costs payable to Calumet City Plumbing. Approve costs payable to Calumet City Plumbing, in the amount of \$6,146.00, and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #03036-52349.
- 12) Approve costs payable to Calumet City Plumbing. Approve costs payable to Calumet City Plumbing, in the amount of \$7,140.40, and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #03036-52349.
- 13) Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #235595) Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #235595) for Project #022MUN0222, of \$61,322.17 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52600.
- 14) Approve settlement agreement for Sylvia Lemon v. City of Calumet City Approve settlement agreement for Sylvia Lemon v. City of Calumet City (Case No.: 2020-L-008645); authorize the City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment listed in communication and charge account #01050-52131.
- 15) Approve Calumet City Plumbing proposal to install a new 3/4" water service from the existing B-Box Approve Calumet City Plumbing proposal to install a new 3/4" water service from the existing B-Box into the building located at 940 Sibley Boulevard, in the amount of \$9,765.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #03036-52349.
- 16) Approve settlement agreement for Roger Munda v. City of Calumet City (Case No.: 21 WC 24074) Approve settlement agreement for Roger Munda v. City of Calumet City (Case No.: 21 WC 24074); authorize the City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment listed in communication and charge account #01050-52131.
- 17) Approve Ashlaur Construction Company. Approve Ashlaur Construction Company, Inc. proposal for the proposed renovations and buildouts of rooms in Calumet City Hall, in the amount of \$39,000.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52640 (City Hall remodeling.)
- 18) Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to South Suburban Welding Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to South Suburban Welding of \$12,890.00; this is to be charged to line item #06617-55135. This is continued construction of the training center.
- 19) Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to South Suburban Welding Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to South Suburban Welding remit payment to in the amount of \$18,600.00; this is to be charged to line item #06617-55135. This again is for the continued construction of the training tower.
- 20) Approve the purchase of two (2) certified and fully trained dual-purpose police canines Approve the purchase of two (2) certified and fully trained dual-purpose police canines and the canine handler training from Advanced Detection in the amount not to exceed \$33,000.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Advanced Detection in the amount not to exceed \$33,000.00 to be charged to account #06960-57115 (State Asset Forfeiture - Training).
- 21) Approve the purchase of firearm ammunition for the Police Department Approve the purchase of firearm ammunition for the Police Department from Shore Galleries of \$15,740.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Shore Galleries in the amount of \$15,740.00 to be charged to account #01060-53311.
- 22) Approve the annual payment to Vigilant Solutions for commercial LPR data access Approve the annual payment to Vigilant Solutions for commercial LPR data access of \$11,230.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Vigilant Solutions of \$11,230.00 to be charged to account #01060-52430.
- 23) Approve settlement Approve settlement agreement for Basilios Manousopoulos v. City of Calumet City (Case Nos: 21

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WC 007519 (DOA: 3/11/2020) & 21 WC 013819 (DOA: 4/23/2021)); authorize City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment listed in communication and charge account #01050-52131.

24) Approve settlement agreement for Timothy Piepenbrink v. City of Calumet City

Approve settlement agreement for Timothy Piepenbrink v. City of Calumet City (Case Nos: 20 WC 019525 (12/08/2019) & 20 WC 019526 (1/28/2020)); authorize City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment listed in communication and charge account #01050-52131.

25) Approve settlement agreement for James Gigliotti v. City of Calumet City

Approve settlement agreement for James Gigliotti v. City of Calumet City (Case Nos: 19 WC 001796, DOA 10/12/2017); authorize City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment listed in communication and charge account #01050-52131.

Approve financial items as presented # 1-25

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve financial items #1-25 as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6

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

NAYS: 0

Alderman: None

ABSENT: 1

Alderman: Patton

26) Item # 26 was removed from the agenda

Motion to approve payment to Peterson, Johnson & Murray for invoice #137223 in the amount of \$1,155.00 and invoice #137222 in the amount of \$6,195.00; authorize City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment and charge account #01025-52200.

27)) Item # 27 was removed from the agenda

Motion to approve payment to Patrick W. Walsh, Attorney at Law for Invoice #2977; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$6,195.00 and charge account #01025-52200.

28) Approve payment to Patrick W. Walsh, Attorney at Law for Invoice #2978.

Approve payment to Patrick W. Walsh, Attorney at Law for Invoice #2978; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$6,181.00 and charge account #01025-52200.

29) Approve to authorize Farnsworth Group to prepare bid

Approve Motion to authorize Farnsworth Group to prepare bid documents for the reconstruction of the riser pipe at the Public Works Elevated Water Tank of \$13,000 and authority to solicit bids.

30) Item # 30 was removed from the agenda

Motion to approve Kreykes in the amount of \$47,500 for electrical work at 1700-167th Street; cost to be charged to DCEO rebuilding grant and charged to account #01099-52640.

31) Approve African American Historical 2023 Calendars

Approve African American Historical 2023 Calendars payable to Halo Branded Solutions, in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account 01085 52502.

32) Approve the purchase of four (4) camera replacements

Approve the purchase of four (4) camera replacements for the training center; authorize the City treasurer to remit payment to Complex Network Solutions of \$5,502.00 and charge account #06617-55135.

33) Approve Payroll (\$839,338.51)

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34) Approve Emergency Bill Listing (\$5,293.75)

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35) Approve Bill Listing (\$639,509.58)

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Approve financial items as presented # 28-29, 31-#35

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve financial items # 28-29,31-#35 as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6

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

NAY: 0

Alderman: None

ABSENT: 1

Alderman: Patton

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Wilson

Alderman Wilson reminded residents if they need sidewalk repair or tree cutting to contact her office at 708-891-8192. Or email mwilson@calumet city.org

Alderman Williams

Alderman Williams reminded residents to come out on Friday, September 9, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. to attend the Property Tax Workshop at Calumet City Public Library.

Alderman Smith

Alderman Smith informed residents on September 10, 2022, there will be a Tax Seminar held at the Police & Fire Training Center at 24 State St. at 1:00 p.m.

Alderman Smith informed residents to contact his office with any questions or concerns.

Mayor Jones

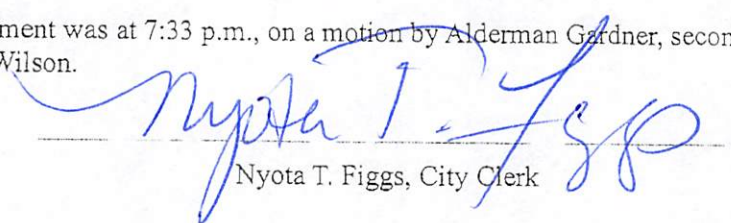
Mayor Jones announced that he will appoint Deane Jaffrey on October 13, 2022.

Mayor Jones announced on September 12, 2022, at 9:30 a.m Robin Keeley will be at the House Of Hope Church to give out information on Gun Violence.

Mayor Jones informed residents those who qualify for State refund checks they will be going out this month.

ADJOURNMENT

An adjournment was at 7:33 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Wilson.

  
Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk