

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

**REGULAR MEETING
City Council of the City of Calumet City
Cook County, Illinois
JANUARY 25, 2024**

Public Comment

Tasha Holloway of the 2nd ward sent prayers to the City Clerk Dr. Figgs and asked everyone in the audience to send her prayers as well. Tasha Holloway thanked Alderwoman Wilson and Alderman Gardner for checking on her family during the snowstorm. Tasha Holloway announced that her pipes were frozen and she still has water leakage. Tasha Holloway works with Jackson Hewitt during tax season and offered IRS tax loans to residents still needing to repair their homes. Tasha Holloway stated that she is tired of being put in the middle as a resident when her taxes have increased.

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 January 25, 2024, with Mayor Thaddeus Jones present and presiding.

Alderman Tillman

Alderman Tillman requested that Alderman Navarrete and Alderman Patton advise the council why they were unable to be present in the chambers.

Alderman Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete announced he was traveling for a work.

Alderman Patton

Alderman Patton announced he was traveling for work.

Approval Remote Attendance

Alderman Smith moved, Alderman Gardner seconded to admit via remote participation Alderman Navarrete and Alderman Patton at 6:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Smith
ALDERMEN: NONE
ALDERMEN: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 7

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: Navarrete (via zoom), Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton (via zoom), Smith

ALDERMEN: NONE

Also present was City Treasurer Tarka, Police Chief Kolosh, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, Deputy Clerk II Quentin Dailey, Public Works Deputy Commissioner Scott Nnmah, Deputy Commissioner Zach

Qualkinbush, Fire Chief Bachert, Assistant Fire Chief Bendinelli, Attorney Mike Stillman. Engineer Consultant Matt Berger, Economic Development Don Alesky, and Economic Development Val Williams.

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

Prayer

Pastor Stokes led the City Council in prayer.

Moment of Silence

There was a moment of silence for Alderman Tillman's Grandfather Lorenzo Washington at 6:09 p.m.

Presentation from Cook County
Government Association Representative

Shawn Hallinan from the Cook County Clerks office gave a presentation on the programs the County Clerk's office is offering.

Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones presented City Treasurer Tarka with the EPA Green Power sign and thanked him for all of his hard work.

City Treasurer Tarka

City Treasurer Tarka thanked Mayor Jones and the Council.

Approval of Minutes

December 21, 2023: Special Meeting
December 28, 2023: Regular City Council Meeting
January 11, 2024: Regular City Council Meeting

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Patton 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 had no report.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Tillman reported the Ordinance regarding Barbershops and Beauty Shops has been amended and will be on the next agenda.

H.E.W

Alderwoman Wilson reported on the Youth Violence Mentor/Mentee Luncheon and thanked Tomorrow's Youth Foundation for the partnership. Alderwoman Wilson announced Health Education and Welfare will be holding a meeting on January 31, 2024 and she would like the HR Director to be present to explain who has access to the City Clerk's medical records. Alderwoman Wilson wished City Clerk Dr. Nyota T. Figs a speedy recovery and gave get well wishes.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Smith reported there has been 250 2024 applications

submitted on the Business License website thus far. Alderman Smith would like all Businesses to start the process of obtaining their 2024 Business License.

Public Works

Alderman Navarrete had no report.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Ald. Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete announced that he is excited to work with CMAP and thanked the residents who participated.

Ald. Wilson

Alderwoman Wilson announced the 2nd ward meeting will be held February 07, 2024 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Higher Ground Church. Alderwoman Wilson thanked all the residents that came to Don Pedros and participated in Cocktails and Conversations. Alderwoman Wilson announced she has been nominated for an award by SHE SHINES. Alderwoman Wilson will reopen the Street Light List; please call (708) 526-4990 to have your street added to the list, that will be sent to the Mayor's office.

Ald. Tillman

Alderman Tillman thanked the city for the condolences.

Ald. Williams

Alderman Williams gave honor to God and announced that the 3rd and 4th meeting will be held February 05, 2024 at Downey Park at 6:30 p.m. Alderman Williams would like 4th ward residents to contact him at 708-891-8194 with any concerns.

Ald. Gardner

Alderman Gardner invited 5th ward residents to contact him with any concerns at (708) 891-8195.

Ald. Patton

Alderman Patton had no report.

Ald. Smith

Alderman Smith announced the 7th ward monthly townhall will be held the 3rd Saturday of February on the 17th at DA's Banquet Hall. Alderman Smith apologized for missing last weeks meeting.

Alderman Patton

Alderman Patton left zoom at 6:36 p.m.

City Engineer Consultant Presentation

Matt Berger gave updates on Calumet City's current engineering projects.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

A. Commendation Letter for Deputy Chief Bendinelli

RE: Letter from Representative Robin L. Kelly commending Deputy Chief Bendinelli on the completion of the Executive Fire Officer Program.

B. Captain Bryant's Letter of Retirement

RE: Captain Bryant's letter of retirement.

C. Shawn Halligan Presentation

RE: Presentation by Shawn Halligan, Cook County Government Intergovernmental team, Cook County Board President office.

D. Urban Area Security Initiative Award

RE: Urban Area Security Initiative ("UASI") Award.

Approval of Informational Items to be Accepted And Placed on File

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

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

#1: Grant Agreement between the State of Illinois and Calumet City

Approval to enter a Grant agreement between the State of Illinois and the City of Calumet City.

#2: Amend the Handicap Parking Ordinance

Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to amend the handicap parking ordinance to approve and remove a handicap pole located at 613 455 Ingraham.

#3: Intergovernmental Agreement between South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority and Calumet City

Approval to enter into an intergovernmental agreement between the South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority and the City of Calumet City for the acquisition of certain properties through abandonment proceedings.

Approval of New Business Items

Alderman Williams motioned seconded by Alderman Smith to approve new business items.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6

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

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: NONE

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Patton

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

NONE

Alderwoman Wilson

Alderwoman Wilson left the Regular City Council meeting at 6:40 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE

Res.#1 Resolution Regarding the

A Resolution approving the submission of an application by the City

Community Development Block Grant

(Res.#24-01)

Res.#2 Resolution Regarding the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Grant (Tabled)

Res.#3 Resolution Regarding Gupta Properties (Tabled)

Res.#4 Resolution Regarding 1674 Park Avenue (Tabled)

Approve Resolutions and Ordinances

FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1: Payment to Law Offices of Ancel Glink

#2: Payment to Lyons-Pinner Electric

#3: Payment to Total Property Management

#4: Payment to Total Property Management

#5: Payment to Total Property Management

of Calumet City for a project to be funded by the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program (Capital Improvements) for the 2024 CDBG Program Year.

(See attached page 5A)

A Resolution accepting the \$375,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. (Tabled)

A resolution accepting the letter from GUPTA properties acknowledging the IDNR grant and reasonable offer to the City of Calumet City for the purchase of the property. (Tabled)

A resolution regarding 16174 Park Avenue, Calumet City, Illinois. (Tabled)

Alderman moved, seconded by Alderman Smith, to pass the Resolutions and adopt the Ordinances as presented.

Approve payment to The Law Offices of Ancel Glink, P.C for legal services occurring in December 2023, in the amount of \$16,504.21 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account 01025 52200.

Approve cost payable to Lyons-Pinner Electric (18354A), in the amount of 8,643.64. Please direct City Treasurer to remit payment from account 04007-52449.

Approve cost payable to Total Property Management (CC-094), in the amount of \$5,483.60. Please direct City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01099-52642.

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**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION
BY THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY FOR A PROJECT TO BE FUNDED BY
THE COOK COUNTY BUREAU OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM
(CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS) FOR THE 2024 CDBG PROGRAM YEAR**

Resolution No. 24-01

Proposed Project

*River Drive – from 159th to north and Little Calumet River to the South
Water Main Replacement Project*

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois (the “City”) is a home rule municipality pursuant to section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs (the “Home Rule Powers”); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City (the “Corporate Authorities”) recognize the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is authorized under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act (HCDA) of 1974, as amended; and

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

Section 1. That a request is hereby made to the County of Cook Illinois for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for program year 2024 in the amount of \$400,000.00 for the following construction phase of the project:

- *This proposed project consists of the removal of an existing water main that has exceeded its useful life and now subject to replacement. Along with water main removal and replacement, the project also includes construction of new valves and fire hydrants. Existing residential services will be disconnected from existing main and reconnected to the new main - restoration of construction site included.*
- *Construction Funding Requested is in the amount of \$400,000.00 as identified in the Municipality’s CDBG 2024 program year application.*
- *The City will provide the engineering match to the funding request proposed as identified in Section 3 as follows.*

Section 2. That the Mayor of the City of Calumet City is hereby authorized to sign the application and various forms contained therein, make all required submissions, and do all things necessary to complete the application for the funds requested in Section 1 of this Resolution, a copy of which application is on file with the City Clerk.

Section 3. That the Mayor of the City of Calumet City is hereby authorized to certify that engineering design, engineering construction, and construction matching funds (*in the amount of \$80,000.00 – 20%*) which have been identified (as supporting its project as set out within its application) will be made available upon the approval of the project by the County of Cook, Illinois, or the prorated share thereof.

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Res.#24-01

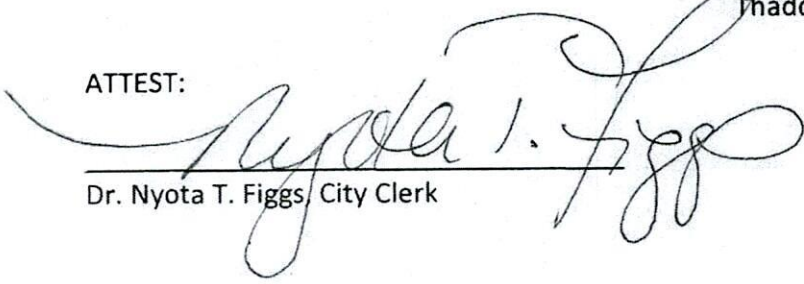
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, by and through its Home Rule Powers, as follows:

- Section 1.* That the above recitals and legislative findings are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.
- Section 2.* If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity hereof shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution.
- Section 3.* All ordinances, resolutions, motions, or orders in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.
- Section 4.* This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

APPROVED by the Mayor and City Council, Cook County, Illinois on this 25th day of January, 2024.


Thaddeus M. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dr. Nyota T. Figs, City Clerk

- #6: Payment to Total Property Management Approve cost payable to Total Property Management (CC-082), in the amount of \$5,454.40. Please direct City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01099-52642.
- #7: Payment to Republic Services Approve payment cost payable to Republic Services (0721-007657090), in the amount of \$8,054.56. Please direct City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01041-52141.
- #8: Payment to Republic Services Approve cost payable to Republic Services (0721-007764905), in the amount of \$7,177.28. Please direct City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01041-52141.
- #9: Payment to Lyons- Pinner Electric Approve cost payable to Lyons-Pinner Electric (18614A), in the amount of 5,334.09. Please direct City Treasurer to remit payment from account 04007-52449.
- #10: Payment to Lyons- Pinner Electric Approve cost payable to Lyons-Pinner Electric (18357A), in the amount of 6,064.72. Please direct City Treasurer to remit payment from account 04007-52449.
- #11: Payment to Lyons- Pinner Electric Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing (61131), in the amount of \$7,721.76. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 03036-52101.
- #12: Payment to Lyons- Pinner Electric Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing (61129), in the amount of \$5,476.88. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 03036-52101.
- #13: Payment to Lyons- Pinner Electric Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing (61133), in the amount of \$13,817.38. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 03036-52101.
- #14: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing (61132), in the amount of \$5,957.81. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 03036-52101.
- #15: Payment to Olivia Perry Approve buyback for Olivia Perry due to moving to a part time position with the City of Calumet City; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount listed in communication and charge account #01060-51179.
- #16: Payment to Complex Solutions Approve the installation of upgraded cameras to the pole camera located in the area of Dolton Rd and Luella Ave by Complex Network Solutions in the amount of \$10,534.26; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Complex Network Solutions in the amount of \$10,534.26 to be charged to account 01060-52336.
- #17: Payment to CDS Office Technologies Approve the purchase and installation of computers and printers in newly acquired police vehicles by CDS Office Technologies in the amount of \$14,948; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to

CDS Office Technologies in the amount of \$14,948.00 to be charged to account 01060-55114.

#18: Payment to Chicago Communications

Approve the purchase and installation of police vehicle equipment in two (2) 2023 Ford Police Interceptors by Chicago Communications in the amount of \$20,313.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Chicago Communications in the amount of \$20,313.00 to be charged to account 01060- 55100.

#19: Payment to Graceland Development Ltd.

Approve payment to Graceland Development Ltd. in the amount of \$200,000.00 for the Chicago Strike Force 2024 Facility Lease; direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Graceland Development Ltd. In the amount of \$200,000.00 to be charged to account 06860-57116 (Federal Seized Assets – Law Enforcement Building).

#20: Payment to Ancel Glink

Approve payment to Ancel Glink for legal services provided in December 2023 in the amount of \$5,892.25 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account 01025- 52200.

#21: Payment to Mike Harle Installations

Approve the installation of new flooring by Mike Harle Installations in the amount of \$6,648.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Mike Harle Installations in the amount of \$6,648.00 to be charged to account 01060- 52345.

#22: Payment to Vigilant Solutions

Approve the annual payment to Vigilant Solutions for the commercial LPR data access in the amount of \$11,675.00; authorize the City Treasure to remit payment to Vigilant Solutions in the amount of \$11,675.00 to be charged to account 01060-52430.

#23: Payment to Farnsworth

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #248454) for Project #0210804, in the amount of \$71,285.02 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account 03036 53450.

#24: Payment to Ashlaur Construction

Approve payment to Ashlaur Construction for Inspectional Services Building Project in the amount of \$15,700.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account 01099-52640.

#25: Payment to Fire Service

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Fire Service in the amount of \$12,150.53. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06617-54150. This expenditure is for annual maintenance and repairs to Squad 12.

#26: Payment to Air One Equipment

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Air One Equipment in the amount of \$6,440.00. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06617-55100. This expenditure is for new hoses.

#27: Payment to South Suburban Mayors and Management Association

Approve payment to South Suburban Mayors and Management Association (SSMMA) for 2024 Membership Dues (invoice #2024-009); authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$30,416.00 and charge account #01085- 52350.

#28: Payment to Peterson, Johnson and Murray

Approve payment to Peterson, Johnson & Murray for the invoices below in the amount of \$22,008.80 and authorize City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment and charge account #01025-52200. Invoice 141965 - \$5,909.81 Invoice 141966 - \$1,848.00 Invoice 141967 - \$91.77 Invoice 141968 - \$567.00 Invoice 141969 - \$42.00 Invoice 141970 - \$126.00 Invoice 141971 - \$2,247.00 Invoice 141972 - \$105.00 Invoice 141973 - \$9,959.22 Invoice 141974 - \$105.00 Invoice 141975 - \$105.00 Invoice 141976 - \$105.00 Invoice 141977 - \$105.00 Invoice 141978 - \$105.00 Invoice 141979 - \$105.00 Invoice 141980 - \$483.00.

#29: Payment to RMUS LLC

Approve payment to RMUS LLC for the purchase of a drone; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$15,254.48 and charge account 06617-55135. These funds will be reimbursed back to the account through a UASI grant.

#30: Payment to Farnsworth

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #248686) for Project #0211048, in the amount of \$9,750.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account 01099 52600.

#31: Payment to Farnsworth

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #247529) for Project #023MFT0020.01, in the amount of \$7,021.52 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account 04007 52468.

#32: Payment to Securitas Technology

Approve payment to Securitas Technology Corporation for the software upgrade and installation; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$10,122.25 and charge account #01028-55141.

#33: Payment to Complex Network Solutions

Approve the installation of a new pole camera, to be located in the area of Luella Avenue and Patricia Place, by Complex Network Solutions in the amount not to exceed \$31,000.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Complex Network Solutions in the amount not to exceed \$31,000.00 to be charged to account 01060-52336.

#34: Payment to Gordon Flesch Company, Inc

Approve the proposal and agreement with Gordon Flesch Company, Inc for added printers to be located at City Hall; authorize the City Treasurer to remit a monthly payment in the amount of \$122.73 for a 60-month term and charge account #01023-52340.

#35: Approve Payroll (\$975,539.85)

Approve Payroll (\$975,539.85).

#36: Approve Emergency Bill Listing (\$7,285.00)

Approve Emergency Bill Listing (\$7,285.00).

#37: Approve Bill Listing (\$853,640.70)

Approve Bill Listing (\$853,640.70)

Approve Financial Items

Alderman Gardner seconded by Alderman Smith motioned for the approval of financial matters.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 2

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

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ald. Williams

Alderman Williams gave condolences to Alderman Tillman and his family.

Ald. Gardner

Alderman Gardner congratulated Captain Derek Bryant and thanked him for his service with the Calumet City Fire Department Alderman Gardner expressed condolences to Alderman Tillman's family.

Ald. Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete expressed his condolences to the Tillman family.


Alderman Smith

Alderman Tillman announced that the Townhall meeting will be 10:00 a.m. to noon. Alderman Smith expressed condolences to the Tillman family.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 6:45p.m., on a motion by Alderman Williams seconded by Alderman Smith.

MOTION CARRIED



Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk