

SPECIAL MEETING

**HELD ON JANUARY 28, 2024, IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
204 PULASKI ROAD, CALUMET CITY, ILLINOIS**

CALL TO ORDER The Special Meeting was called to order at 2:57 p.m. by Mayor Jones.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: 0 ALDERMEN: NONE

ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: NONE

Also present were Mayor Jones, City Clerk Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, Deputy Clerk Jessica Coffee, City Attorney Michael Kasper.

PUBLIC COMMENT Hope Dixon Sutton of 456 Manistee and owner of 455 Oglesby commented on an email she received regarding the meeting at approximately 11:19 a.m. She polled each of her neighbors and none were made aware of the meeting. Mrs. Sutton is trying to figure out what is happening; she wants to make sure no one is being pushed out of their wards. Mrs. Sutton commented on the towing of cars because there isn't any signage saying NO Parking at the corner of Manistee and Sibley. Mrs. Sutton suggested posting temporary signs so the residents and their visitors can be informed. Mrs. Sutton commented on complaints made regarding the overgrowth on her neighbor's property. With no result. Mrs. Sutton commented on the alley grading machine being broken and how her alley is not safe to walk down. Mrs. Sutton ended by saying that she would like for us all to get along and work together.

Mayor's Report Mayor Jones announced that every 10 years the council has to re-district the wards according to the census.

Mayor Jones "For the record Madam Clerk, this meeting was posted at 1:30 p.m. on Friday January 26th• This is a Special Meeting of the City Council, the agenda was posted at 1:30 p.m. we will give you a copy of this it was posted for the record can you please call the roll Madam Clerk?"

City Clerk Figgs "If you're addressing me I thought I called the roll already."

Mayor Jones " Do you have the City Treasurer added to the roll Madam Clerk?"

City Clerk Figgs "Yes I have everybody that's present and since you addressed me I'm going to address you back; the email that you sent to the Aldermen asking them for changes was sent to them at 10:10 p.m. so the agenda couldn't have been posted."

Mayor Jones "Madam Clerk we're not going to argue here is a copy for your records. We are going to move on with the agenda."

City Clerk Figgs "I don't need it I'm aware that it wasn't posted correctly."

Mayor Jones "For the record the agenda was posted at 1:30 p.m. January 26 the next item on the agenda is the Public Hearing and the redistricting of the wards; we will turn that over to Mike Kasper."

Attorney Kasper City Attorney Mike Kasper gave a lengthy description of the redistricting process. Attorney Kasper advised that ward line changes would immediately change but the representation would remain the same throughout the term.

2nd Ward Resident A resident from the second ward attempted to ask a question and was told by Mayor Jones the public comment portion had passed.

Alderman Navarrete Alderman Navarrete reminded the Mayor that we were on item 3 on the agenda which is the Public Hearing portion.

Attorney Kasper Attorney Kasper offered to answer the resident's question.

2nd Ward Resident The 2nd ward resident inquired about the attorney's credentials and firm.

Alderman Gardner Alderman Gardner requested the new maps include the main and side street names.

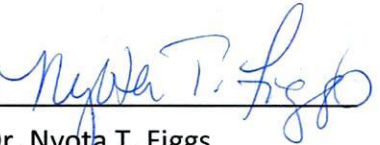
Attorney Kasper Attorney Kasper stated the new draft would take about a week and

he would include the street names. Attorney Kasper stated that a vote would not be taken today due to the changes requested by the Aldermen.

Adjournment

Alderman Smith moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Gardner at 3:17p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

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Dr. Nyota T. Figgs

City Clerk