

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**JULY 23, 2009**

Public Comment The following individuals spoke before the public forum held at 7:30 p.m.

Augie Garcia, Bagley's Clubhouse, advised of their annual Dunk Tank Charity Event on Saturday, August 15, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m..

Stevon Grant, spoke on behalf of an organization called the Support Group 501C3 Corporation and the objective is education and after school programs.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers in a regular meeting on Thursday, July 23, 2009 at 7:32 p.m. with Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, present and presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: 7 ALDERMEN: Gonzalez, Wosczynski, Jones, Wilson, Munda (7:36 p.m.),  
Manousopoulos, Collins  
ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: None

Also present were City Clerk Dooley, City Treasurer Tarka, City Attorney Montana, City Engineer Wiedeman, Communications Director Schneider and Deputy Clerk Bonato.

There being a quorum present, the meeting was in order.

Approval of minutes Alderman Gonzalez moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve the minutes of 7/8/08, 7/9/09 & 7/16/09 as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

### Finance

Alderman Wilson: A Finance Committee of the Whole meeting was held on July 16, 2009 in the City Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 6:24 p.m. The agenda was the overview of the 2009/2010 appropriation ordinance. The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be on Monday, July 27, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. The public hearing on the appropriation ordinance will be Wednesday, July 29, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. immediately following will be a Special Meeting to adopt the ordinance at 7:00 p.m.

### Public Safety

Alderman Wosczyński had no report.

### Public Utilities

Alderman Gonzalez had no report.

### Ord. & Res.

Alderman Jones had no report.

### H.E.W.

Alderman Munda had no report.

### Permits & Licenses

Alderman Collins had no report.

### Public Works

Alderman Manousopoulos had no report.

## CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

### Mayor - report

Mayor Michelle: On Tuesday, August 4, 2009, is the National Night Out Against Crime. The police department will be hosting a walk through the first ward at 6:30 p.m. at Memorial Park, 612 Wentworth Avenue. All residents are encouraged to attend to stand against crime in the community.

Since 2006 the Mainstreet Organization of Realtors has filed four separate lawsuits in federal court challenging the city's Point of Sale Inspection Ordinance. In each case the city has prevailed. The sole purpose of the Point of Sale Ordinance is to ensure that whenever a building is sold it is in compliance with the city's building and zoning codes. This benefits not just the buyer but the entire community. The Realtors either didn't understand that point or just didn't care.

At the recommendation of the city's attorneys we deferred enforcement of the Point Sale Ordinance. However, in light of the latest ruling on May 15, 2009 upholding the ordinance, the city will reinstate enforcement of the ordinance beginning August 1, 2009.

Celia Gregg  
the  
Memorial  
Celebration/July 25,  
2009

Alderman Gonzalez moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson, to have Harrison Street at the corners of Sibley and Garfield and the corner of Harding and Garfield on Saturday, July 25, 2009 from 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. for the Annual Friends and Family Community Celebration for the Celia Gregg African Methodist Episcopal Church. Also to direct the Sewer Maintenance Department to provide barricades and trash receptacles and notify the proper public safety personnel.

MOTION CARRIED

Ald. Wosczyński -  
email  
report

Alderman Wosczyński encourages her residents to contact her office at 891-8192 or her at [mwosczyński@calumetcity.org](mailto:mwosczyński@calumetcity.org) regarding any services or issues in the ward.

Attend Neighborhood  
Watch Meetings

Alderman Wosczyński encourages residents to attend Neighborhood Watch Meetings. Zone 11 and Zone 12 have a meeting on the first Monday of the month at the police stations downstairs.

Designate handicap  
parking spaces at  
police station

Alderman Wosczyński moved, seconded by Alderman Gonzalez, to designate two (2) handicap parking spaces along side the police station on Manistee Avenue just north of 154<sup>th</sup> Street. Also, to designate the spaces with striping the area and amend the handicap parking ordinance to reflect same.

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Tarka left  
meeting

City Treasurer left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Ald. Jones - report

Alderman Jones thanked the residents on the block of Luella for their patience in dealing with a problem house at 327 Luella Avenue. He also thanked the Cook County Sheriff Department and John Ward for working with the residents.

Approve Jeffery Ave.  
block party - 6/25/09

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson, to approve a block party on Jeffery Avenue for Saturday, July 25, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and direct the Sewer Maintenance Department to provide barricades and trash receptacles and notify the proper public safety personnel.

MOTION CARRIED

Approve Madison  
Ave, block party/  
8/8/09

Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson, to approve a block party on Madison Avenue on Saturday, August 8, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and direct the sewer maintenance department to provide barricades and trash receptacles and notify the proper public safety personnel.

MOTION CARRIED

**Regular Mtg. 7/23/09**

Approve Harbor Ave. block party - 8/1/09 Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson, to approve a block party on Saturday, August 1, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and direct the Sewer Maintenance Department to provide barricades and trash receptacles and notify the proper public safety personnel.

MOTION CARRIED

Approve Jones Foundation Community Cookout 8/1/09 Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson, to direct the Sewer Maintenance Department to provide a list of items that were emailed to their office for the Jones Foundation Community Cookout Event on Saturday, August 1, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Downey Park Fieldhouse and notify the proper public safety personnel.

MOTION CARRIED

Treas. Tarka returned to meeting City Treasurer Tarka returned to the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Register for book bags Alderman Jones announced that Monday, July 27, 2009 is the last day for residents to register for book bags. Contact his office at (708) 891-8193.

8/1/09 HIV Aids Walk Alderman Jones announced the HIV Aids Walk on Saturday, August 1, 2009 at T. F. North High School from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For more information contact his office at 891-8193.

Prepare specifications for alleys within the triangle of Pulaski Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Gonzalez, to direct the City Engineer to prepare bid specifications and advertise for bid for the alleys within the triangle of Pulaski Road, Michigan City Road and Jeffery Avenue, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:7 ALDERMEN: Wosczynski, Jones, Wilson, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins, Gonzalez  
NAYS; 0 ALDERMEN: None  
ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

Approve block party/ 155<sup>th</sup> Place - 8/15/09 Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve a block party on 155<sup>th</sup> Place from Forsythe Avenue to Wentworth Avenue on Saturday, August 15, 2009 and direct the Sewer Maintenance Department to provide trash receptacles and barricades. Also to direct the police department to provide the Dunk Tank and Nascar (if available) and the fire department to provide the Smoke House and Fire Truck and notify the proper public safety personnel.

MOTION CARRIED

**Regular Mtg. 7/23/09**

Approve block party/ 155<sup>th</sup> St. - 8/29/09 Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve a block party on Saturday, August 29, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and the closing of 155<sup>th</sup> Street and Forsythe Avenue between State Line and Forsythe Avenue and direct the Sewer Maintenance Department to provide trash receptacles and barricades. Also, to direct the police department to provide the Nascar (if possible) and the fire department to provide the Smoke House and notify the proper public safety personnel.

MOTION CARRIED

Prepare "No Parking" signs/Forsythe Ave. btwn. Pulaski & 157<sup>th</sup> Street Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance regarding "No Parking" signs on Forsythe Avenue between Pulaski Road and 157<sup>th</sup> Street and the cross streets over Forsythe Avenue, which have the turn around/culdesacs and have the turn around curbs painted yellow.

MOTION CARRIED

Parking concerns/ Forsythe Avenue Alderman Munda moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson, to direct the Department of Inspectional Services to inspect Forsythe Avenue between Pulaski Road and 157<sup>th</sup> Street and submit a recommendation regarding parking concerns on Forsythe Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

Prepare specs/tree removal Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson, to direct the Purchasing Director to prepare specifications for tree removal. Specifications should be as follows: under 8 to 10 inches round, 18-24 inches, 24-30 inches, 30-40 inches and 40 inches rounds and just stumps and authorize the City Clerk to advertise for bid.

MOTION CARRIED

Ald. Gonzalez left meeting Alderman Gonzalez left meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Amend handicap parking ordinance/ adding 651 Buffalo Alderman Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to direct the City Clerk to amend the handicap parking ordinance by adding: 651 Buffalo Avenue.

MOTION CARRIED

Install temporary speed bumps/ Superior Avenue (667 Superior) Alderman Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to install temporary speed bumps at the exit of the alley on Superior Avenue, right near 667 Superior, alley north of Pulaski Road, across from T. F. North High School and direct the Purchasing Director and Public Works Commissioner to obtain an estimate for purchasing temporary asphalt speed bumps.

MOTION CARRIED

Ald. Gonzalez returned to mtg. Alderman Gonzalez returned to the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

**Regular Mtg. 7/23/09**

Prepare ordinance/  
Attorney  
No Parking sign  
on Regency Ct. Alderman Collins moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczynski, to direct the City to amend the ordinance for No Parking on Regency Court, just east of Huntington Drive and direct the public works department to post signs.

MOTION CARRIED

Council meeting  
attendance Alderman Collins apologized for his absence from the last council meeting due to having emergency dental work.

Tree trimming/  
sidewalk repair  
lighting issues Alderman Collins encourages residents to contact his office at 891-8197 regarding tree trimming, sidewalk repair or lighting issues.

Alley grading Alderman Collins advised residents if they are having any issues regarding alley grading contact his office at 891-8197.

Crime in area Alderman Collins encourages residents to be vigilant to address crime in the area.

Nuisance home Alderman Collins advised residents if there is a nuisance home, noise or possible criminal activity or maintenance of cutting lawn contact his office at 891-8197.

Thank residents  
attending celebration Alderman Collins thanked residents for participating in the Seventh Ward Celebration on July 3, 2009. He thanked all the elected officials that attended and the police and fire departments for their participating and equipment they provided.

Bingo event - 7/31/09  
Park of River Oaks Alderman Collins announced that he will be at the Park of River Oaks on July 31, 2009 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for a Bingo Event.

Town Hall Mtgs. Alderman Collins encourages residents to participate in the monthly town hall meetings. They are every third Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is August 19, 2009.

Visit 7<sup>th</sup> Ward  
website Alderman Collins encourages residents to visit the seventh ward website: [www.calumetcity7thward.org](http://www.calumetcity7thward.org) for more information.

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

Jessica Gray/  
thanking ESDA Dept. Thanking the ESDA Department for their assistance.

St. Andrew Church/  
thanking ESDA Dept. Thanking the ESDA Department for their assistance.

City Clerk Dooley/  
submitting monthly  
report Submitting Monthly Report for the month of June, 2009.

**Regular Mtg. 7/23/09**

Chicago Metropolitan Agency/re: CMAP water review RE: CMAP Water Quality Review.

ComEd/changes in notice recipient RE: Changes in Formal ComEd Notice Recipient; Annexation Process Reminder.

City Treas. Tarka/re: investment report RE: Investment Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2009.

LaToya Jones/re: Cook County Tax Reactivation Project RE: Cook County Tax Reactivation Project.

Accept place on file Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Gonzalez, to accept the communication and place on file.

MOTION CARRIED

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Accept Zoning Bd. Finding of Fact/750 May Street Accept the Zoning Board's Finding of Fact and Recommendations for rezoning of the property at 750 May Street and direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance for the next meeting.

Accept Zoning Bd. Finding of Fact/south side of Sibley btwn. Campbell & Marquette Avenue Accept the Zoning Board's Finding of Fact and Recommendations for the rezoning of the rezoning of properties fronting upon the south side of Sibley Boulevard between Campbell and Marquette Avenue.

Approve block party/ 405-155th Street 8/15/2009 Approve the block party on August 15, 2009 for 405-155th Street and close off 155<sup>th</sup> Street between Price Street and Freeland Avenue. Also to direct the Sewer Maintenance to provide barricades and trash receptacles and also to notify the proper public safety personnel. (10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.)

Refer to City Atty. - Dawson v. Calumet City case Refer to City Attorney - United States District Court Northern District of Illinois Eastern Division - Thomas Dawson, Plaintiff v. P.O. Mason #200 and P.O. Sigts #237, individually, and Town of Calumet City, Defendants.

Approve new business items Alderman Manousopoulos moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve new business items as presented.

**Regular Mtg. 7/23/09**

ROLL CALL

YEAS:7 ALDERMEN: Wilson, Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins, Gonzalez,  
Wosczynski, Jones  
NAYS: 0 ALDERMEN: None  
ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

**BUILDING PERMITS**

FENCE - PERMIT (VARIANCE)

545 Gordon - 1<sup>st</sup> Ward  
417 Chappel - 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward  
1700 Sibley - 4<sup>th</sup> Ward  
444-156th Pl. - 5<sup>th</sup> Ward  
1120 State Line Rd. - 5<sup>th</sup> Ward

Approve building Alderman Gonzalez moved, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve building permits as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

Ord. #1: handicap parking, by adding: Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, by adding: 614 Price, 421 Garfield and 541-155th Place. 614 Price, 421 Garfield & 541-155<sup>th</sup> Place (see attached page 8A) (Ord. #09-31)

Ord. #2: handicap parking, by deleting: Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, by deleting: 213-155th Place. (see attached page 8B) (Ord. #09-32)

Res. #3: approving Real Estate Sales Contract - 618 Gordon Resolution approving a Real Estate Sales Contract for the property at 618 Gordon Avenue. (see attached page 8C) (Res. #09-43)

Res. #4: approving Real Estate Sales Contract - 439-155th Resolution approving a Real Estate Sales Contract for the property at 439-155th Street. (see attached page 8D) (Res. #09-44)

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Res. #5: approving Real Estate Sales Contract - 566 Freeland (Res. #09-45) Resolution approving a Real Estate Sales Contract for the property at 566 Freeland Avenue. (see attached page 9A)

Res. #6: approving Class 8A @ 1777 River Oaks Drive Resolution approving a Class 8A for the property at 1777 River Oaks Drive.

Refer Resolution #6 to City Attorney Alderman Jones moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to refer Resolution #6 to the City Attorney.

MOTION CARRIED

Pass Resolutions/ Adopt Ordinances Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Gonzalez, to pass the Resolutions and adopt the Ordinances as presented, without the necessity of prior posting.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:7 ALDERMEN: Munda, Manousopoulos, Collins, Gonzalez, Wosczyński, Jones, Wilson  
NAYS: 0 ALDERMEN: None  
ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Remit payment/ Janice Jasieniecki Authorize the City Treasurer to remit buy-back for Janice Jasieniecki in the amount as stated in the communication.

Accept contract/ AT & T Centrex Accept the contract with AT & T for the city's Centrex Service for the next 36 months and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$1,697.97 a month to be charged to account #01-99-2-020 and authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary documents.

Remit payment/ Edward Magdaz Authorize the City Treasurer to remit buy-back for Edward Magdaz in the amount as stated in the communication. (confirming action previously approved on 7/9/09 council meeting)

Remit payment/ Meade Electric/ \$6,823.00 Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Meade Electric Company in the amount of \$6,823.00 for relocation of street pole at 154<sup>th</sup> Street and Muskegon; to be charged to MFT account #040-07-2-451.

Remit payment/ Robinson Engineering/ \$8,721.50 Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Robinson Engineering in the amount of \$8,721.50 for engineering services for Pump Station Rehabilitation; to be charged to account #115-35-5-600.

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Remit payment/Robinson Engineering Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Robinson Engineering in the amount of \$20,764.00 for plans and specifications for the outside & inside of elevated tanks; to be charged to account #115-35-5-600.  
ing/\$20,764.00

Remit payment/Robinson Engineering Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Robinson Engineering in the amount of \$5,000.00 for engineering services for Sibley Boulevard & Exchange Avenue (temporary traffic signals); to be charged to account #117-10-5-115.  
ing/\$5,000.00

Approve payroll Approve payroll (\$1,048,386.29)

Approve bill listing Approve bill listing (\$430,865.52)

Approve legal bill listing Approve legal bill listing (\$161,574.39)

Pay off Early Retirement/IMRF Direct the City Treasurer and Finance Director to pay off the Early Retirement Obligation to IMRF up to 3 million dollars by way of a loan from Bond Funds; to be repaid within three years, which will save the city approximately \$1,280,000.00.

Approve the Blue Cross & Blue Shield Health Insurance Renewal Approve the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Health Insurance Premium Renewal for August 1, 2009 to July 31, 2010 for the PPO Policy, HMO policy and HMO Blue Advantage.

Waive bidding order (1) sump pump Metropolitan Waive the bidding process, as it is a single source vendor, and approve the ordering of one (1) permanent sump pump for the Sewer Pumping Station in the amount of \$29,800 from Metropolitan Pump; to be charged to account #030-36-5-126.

Amend motion/ regarding sump pump/Metropolitan Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Wosczyński, to amend the motion regarding ordering of sump pump for the Sewer Pumping Station in the amount of \$29,800 from Metropolitan Pump; to be charged to account #030-36-2-345.

#### ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7 ALDERMEN: Manousopoulos, Collins, Gonzalez, Wosczyński, Jones, Wilson  
Munda

NAYS: 0 ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

Delete motion/ pay off Early Retirement /IMRF Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Gonzalez, to delete the motion to direct the City Treasurer and Finance Director to pay off the Early Retirement Obligation to IMRF up to 3 million dollars by way of a loan from Bond Funds; to be repaid within three years, which will save the city approximately \$1,280,000.00 for further review.

MOTION CARRIED

**Regular Mtg. 7/23/09**

Approve financial matters/authorize City Treasurer to remit payment

Alderman Gonzalez moved, seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos, to approve financial matters as presented and amended and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to the appropriate account.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7 ALDERMEN: Collins, Gonzalez, Wosczynski, Jones, Wilson, Munda, Manousopoulos  
NAYS: 0 ALDERMEN: None  
ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: None

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 8:10 p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Gonzalez and seconded by Alderman Manousopoulos.

MOTION CARRIED

Gloria L. Dooley, City Clerk

/r