

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**AUGUST 08, 2024**

Public Comment

Nina Johnson 113 Detroit Street requested a copy of the Mayor's Tax proposal.

Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. in a regular meeting on August 08, 2024, with Mayor Jones present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 7

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson Tillman, Williams (6:20 p.m.), Gardner Patton, Smith.

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

Also present was Police Chief Kolosh, Fire Chief Bachert, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, Chaplain Pastor Stokes, Economic Development Val Williams, Director Sheryl Tillman, City Director Banskee, City Engineer Matt Buerger.

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

Prayer

Pastor Stokes led the City Council in prayer.

Approval of Minutes

July 24, 2024: Finance Committee of the Whole  
July 25, 2024: Regular City Council Meeting  
July 25, 2024: Special Public Hearing Meeting  
July 26, 2024: Special Meeting  
July 29, 2024: Special Meeting

Approval of Minutes

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Mayor Jones Report

Mayor Jones commented regarding the Tax Plan and dared the council not to vote for the plan to provide the residents with relief.

Finance

Alderman Gardner reported on the July 29, 2024 Special meeting where the 2024-2025 Appropriation was passed along with the 2024-2025 Salary Ordinance.

Public Safety

Alderman Williams had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderwoman Wilson had no report.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Tillman had no report.

H.E.W

Alderman Navarrete had no report.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Smith had no report.

Public Works

Alderman Navarrete had no report.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Ald. Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete announced the 1<sup>st</sup> ward townhall meeting will be held August 28, 2024 at the VFW at 664 Hirsh Avenue at 6:00 p.m. Alderman Navarrete invited all residents to attend Shepards Fest at Our Lady of Knocks address 497 163<sup>rd</sup> street from August 15<sup>th</sup> to August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Ald. Wilson

Alderwoman Wilson thanked the residents who helped her celebrate 90 days of her birthday. Alderwoman Wilson also thanked everyone who attended the Vision of We Event on Saturday August 03, 2024. Alderwoman Wilson announce the 2<sup>nd</sup> ward BLOC meeting will be held on August 10, 2024 at 1424 Pulaski at the home of Wanda Smith there will be several guest in attendance. Alderwoman Wilson inquired about Alleys being completed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> ward through the Green Alley project since her ward was the hardest ward hit during the September 17, 2023 storm. Alderwoman Wilson invited everyone to the Vision of We Award Ceremony at the VFW at 664 Hirsch Ave at 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. tickets are \$35.00. Alderwoman Wilson invited everyone to the Back-to-School Event being held August 31, 2024 at New Life Covenant of Calumet City at 415 Saginaw.

Ald. Tillman

Alderman Tillman thanked the residents that came to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ward townhall meeting at Downey Park for the month of August. Alderman Tillman announced there will not be a September townhall meeting; the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ward will have Block to Block meetings the entire month of September; monthly townhall meetings will resume the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of October. Alderman Tillman announced the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ward Back to School event will be held August 17, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Downey Park address 300 Jeffrey Avenue.



Ald. Williams

Alderman Williams thanked the residents that came to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ward meeting and reported that their concerns are being addressed. Alderman Williams announced Pace Bus is hiring please contact his office at (708) 212-2240 or 708-891-8194. Alderman Williams announced an Expungement Seminar at Covenant Church of South Holland on August 10, 2024.

Ald. Gardner

Alderman Gardner announced the 5<sup>th</sup> wards Family Fun Fest is currently being planned. Alderman Gardner would like any 5<sup>th</sup> ward residents with any questions or concerns to contact him at (708) 891-8195.

Ald. Patton

Alderman Patton commented regarding the process for asking a question in this Administration versus the last Administration. Alderman Patton would like for residents to contact him with any questions or concerns at 708-891-8196 or [jpatton@calumetcity.org](mailto:jpatton@calumetcity.org).

Ald. Smith

Alderman Smith announced the 7<sup>th</sup> wards monthly townhall meeting from 10:00 a.m. to noon on August 17, 2024. Alderman Smith gave condolences for a previous business owner in Calumet City Mr. Berlacky who owned a business at 148 156<sup>th</sup> Street. Alderman Smith announced he will be giving away school supplies on August 24, 2024 at School Board 157 back to school event. Alderman Smith would like residents with any questions or concerns to contact him at 708-891-8107 or email at [asmith@calumetcity.org](mailto:asmith@calumetcity.org).

Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones thanked Congresswoman Robin Kelly for supporting Hoover Schrum School and awarding them a 1.7-million-dollar grant.

City Engineer Matt Buerger

Matt Buerger reported on the Green Alley Project; there are currently 4 alleys out for bid. Matt Buerger gave an update on the construction going on in the city.

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

A. Matteson Fire Department

RE: The Village of Matteson and the Matteson Fire Department extending their sincere appreciation to Deputy Chief Peter Bendinelli for assisting with the recent train derailment incident.

B. Mercury Grant Update

RE: Mercury Weekly Grant Update for July 31, 2024.

C. Track N' Trap Report  
July 16-July 31, 2024

RE: Track 'n Trap Wildlife Control report for the period of July 16 - July 31, 2024.

Approval of Informational Items to be Accepted And Placed on File

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

#1: Approve Drafting of Resolution

Direct the City Attorney and our Economic Development Department to draft a resolution to Governor Pritzker and the State of Illinois to borrow \$40 million dollars from the closing fund for the shopper's world project to develop hotels, restaurants, condos and a living facility in Calumet City.

Approval to Draft a Resolution

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Patton to direct the City Attorney and our Economic Development Department to draft a resolution to Governor Pritzker and the State of Illinois to borrow \$40 million dollars from the closing fund for the shopper's world project to develop hotels, restaurants, condos and a living facility in Calumet City.

Alderman Patton Discussion

Alderman Patton confirmed the request to have the Resolution drafted does not mean the council is agreeing to any terms.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

#2: Approve Financing Plan for New Police and Fire Station

Direct the City Attorney, Economic Development Department, Finance director and City Treasurer to begin the financing plan for construction of a New Police and Fire Station.

Approval for Finance Plan for a New Police and Fire Station

Alderwoman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to direct the City Attorney, Economic Development Department, Finance director and City Treasurer to begin the financing plan for construction of a New Police and Fire Station.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

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

**MOTION CARRIED**



#3: Approve Financing Plan for New Public Works Facility

Direct the City Attorney, Economic Development Department, Finance director and City Treasurer to begin the financing plan for construction of a New Public Works Facility.

Approval for Finance Plan for a New Public Works Facility

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Navarrete to direct the City Attorney, our Economic Development Department, Finance director and City Treasurer to begin the financing plan for construction of a New Public Works facility.

Alderman Navarrete Discussion

Alderman Navarrete commented regarding a grant that was previously announced to build a new public works. Alderman confirmed this finance plan will incorporate that grant.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

#4: Approve Drafting Resolution to Governor JB Pritzker

Direct the City Attorney and our Economic Development Department to draft a resolution to Governor JB Pritzker and the State of Illinois to borrow \$20 million dollars for the construction of the indoor/outdoor water park. This facility will feature 208 Hotel rooms, indoor water facility, rooftop lounges and provide tax benefits to the City of Calumet City and the State of Illinois once constructed.

Approval to Draft a Resolution to Governor JB Pritzker

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Patton to direct the City Attorney and our Economic Development Department to draft a resolution to Governor JB Pritzker and the State of Illinois to borrow \$20 million dollars for the construction of the indoor/outdoor water park. This facility will feature 208 Hotel rooms, indoor water facility, rooftop lounges and provide tax benefits to the City of Calumet City and the State of Illinois once constructed.

Alderman Patton Discussion

Alderman Patton commented regarding the resolution request being a possible duplicate.

Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones confirmed the request to draft a resolution to borrow funds is a duplicate.

Withdrawal of Motion

Alderman Patton withdrew motion.

Withdrawal of Motion

Alderman Smith withdrew 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.

Removal of Item #4 from the Agenda

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to remove the motion to direct the City Attorney and our Economic Development

Department to draft a resolution to Governor JB Pritzker and the State of Illinois to borrow \$20 million dollars for the construction of the indoor/outdoor water park. This facility will feature 208 Hotel rooms, indoor water facility, rooftop lounges and provide tax benefits to the City of Calumet City and the State of Illinois once constructed from the agenda.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

#5: Approve Drafting of RFP

Direct the City Attorney, our City Engineers and our Economic Development Department to draft an RFP for the demolition of the Sears Building to make room for the construction of an indoor/outdoor water park facility in the City of Calumet City.

Approval to Draft an RFP for Demolition

Alderman Navarrete moved, seconded by Alderman Patton to direct the City Attorney, our City Engineers and our Economic Development Department to draft an RFP for the demolition of the Sears Building to make room for the construction of an indoor/outdoor water park facility in the City of Calumet City.

Alderman Navarrete Discussion

Alderman Navarrete would like to strike the language “to make room for the construction of an indoor/outdoor water park facility in the City of Calumet City” from the motion.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

#6: Approve Purchase and Sale Agreement (Tabled)

Authorize the Mayor to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement and all other required ancillary documents, subject to the City Attorney’s review, for the purchase of 500 River Oaks Drive (a/ka Shoppers World), for a purchase price of \$600,000 payable in two equal annual payments of \$300,000. (Tabled)

#7: Approve Purchase and Sale Agreement (Tabled)

Authorize the Mayor to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement and all other required ancillary documents, subject to the City Attorney’s review, for the purchase of 555 Burnham Avenue (PIN 30-08-308-035) and PINS 30-07-415-024 through 30-07-415-029, for a purchase



price of \$199,000, subject to the City addressing all past due property taxes. (Tabled)

#8: Approve Sexual Harassment Policy (Tabled)

Approve the City of Calumet City Sexual Harassment Policy. (Tabled)

Approval to Table Items 6,7, and 8

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Navarrete to table items 6,7, and 8.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#9: Approve Annual Block Party 700 Block of May Street

Approve and provide street blockade for the 700 block of May Street on Sat August 17, 2024 from 10A to 7P for annual block party.

#10: Approve Amplified Music 124 157<sup>th</sup> Street

Approve backyard party at 124 157th St. on August 10th, 2024 with amplified music from 4 p.m. to 11:30p.m.

#11: Approve Block Party 300 Ruth Street

Approve block party in the 300 Ruth St. on August 31st, 2024 with street closure and amplified music from 2p.m to 10.pm. Direct public works to provide trash receptacles and barricades.

#12: Approve 156<sup>th</sup> Place Wentworth Study/Review

Direct city engineer to conduct warrant study/review of intersection of 156th Place & Wentworth.

#13: Approve Environmental Testing at Sears Mall Property

Authorizing City Engineer to perform environmental testing and prepare bid documents for the demolition of the City-Owned River Oaks Sears Mall Property.

#14: Approve Drafting of Handicap Ordinance

Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to amend the handicap parking ordinance; direct Public Works to remove the handicap pole located at 757 Greenbay.

Approval of New Business Items #9-14

Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Patton to approve new business items #9-14.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUILDING PERMITS**

None

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE**

Ord.#1 Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Property (Tabled)

An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Real Property Commonly Known as 96 River Oaks Drive and 15901 and 1385 Torrence Avenue through Eminent Domain. (Tabled)

Res.#2 Resolution Participating in the Kroger Opioid Settlement

A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the City of Calumet City's Participation in the Kroger Opioid Settlement.

(Res.#24-25)

(See attached page 8A)

Ord.#3 Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Property (Tabled)

An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Real Property Commonly Known as 96 River Oaks Drive and 15901 and 1385 Torrence Avenue Through Eminent Domain. (Tabled)

Ord.#4 Ordinance Directing Local Tax Reimbursement (Tabled)

An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Funds and Directing Local Tax Reimbursement. (Tabled)

Res.#5 Resolution For Cook County Treasurer Fritz Kaegi

A Resolution requesting that Cook County Treasurer Fritz Kaegi consider Calumet City residents appeal to his office to reassess Calumet City properties and provide taxpayer relief

(Res.#24-26)

(See attached page 8B)

Approval to Table Ordinances

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Patton to table Ordinances 1,3, and 4.

**ROLL CALL**

YEAS: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Approval of Resolutions

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Williams to pass Resolutions 2 and 5 as presented.

**ROLL CALL**

YEAS: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

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

**MOTION CARRIED**



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THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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RESOLUTION  
NUMBER 24-25

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY'S  
PARTICIPATION IN THE KROGER OPIOID SETTLEMENT

THADDEUS JONES, Mayor  
DR. NYOTA T. FIGGS, City Clerk

DEJUAN GARDNER  
MICHAEL NAVARRETE  
JAMES PATTON  
ANTHONY SMITH  
DEANDRE TILLMAN  
RAMONDE WILLIAMS  
MONET WILSON

Aldermen

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-25**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE KROGER SETTLEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois ("**City**") is a home rule municipality organized and operating 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is authorized to enter into contracts (65 ILCS 5/2-2-12); and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council (the "Council") finds that there is an epidemic of opioid addictions, overdoses and deaths that presents a hazard to the public health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council finds that the opioid epidemic has specifically impacted the City of Calumet City and its citizens and has caused the City of Calumet City to suffer a public nuisance and other injuries and damages; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council is of the opinion that the opioid epidemic is directly related to the increasingly widespread misuse of powerful opioid medications; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council is also of the opinion that manufacturers, distributors, and certain retailers of opioid medications caused the opioid epidemic through their unlawful acts and commissions, including, but not limited to, the false, deceptive and unfair marketing of prescription opioids and/or the illegal diversion and/or distribution of prescription opioids; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council finds that the unlawful acts and omission of the manufacturers, distributors, and certain retailers of opioid medications has injured and damaged the City of Calumet City; and



**WHEREAS**, the State of Illinois has entered into a National Opioids Settlement (“Settlement”) with Kroger, a retailer of opioid medications; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has been invited to participate in the Settlement; and

**WHEREAS**, the corporate authorities of the City find that it is necessary and in the best interests of the health, welfare and safety of the City and its residents to participate in the Settlement.

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

**Section 1.**     **RECITALS.**     The foregoing recitals and all exhibits attached to this Resolution are incorporated as though fully set forth herein.

**Section 2.**     **PARTICIPATION APPROVED.**     The Settlement documents attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A are hereby approved, subject to City Attorney review, and the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute the Settlement documents on the City’s behalf, and the Mayor is authorized to take all actions necessary to implement and enforce the terms of the Settlement.

**Section 3.**     **SUPERSEDER.**     All ordinances, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed only to the extent they conflict with this Resolution.

**Section 4.**     **SEVERABILITY.**     If any part, subsection, or clause of this Resolution is deemed unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining sections, subsections, and clauses not affected thereby shall remain fully valid and enforceable.

**Section 5.**     **EFFECTIVE DATE.**     This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

PASSED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois

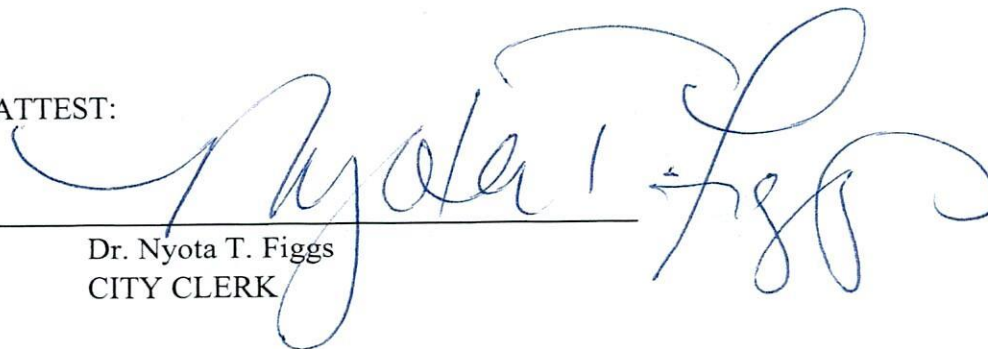
this 8th day of August, 2024, pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
Gardner	X			
Navarrete	X			
Patton	X			
Smith	X			
Tillman	X			
Williams	X			
Wilson	X			
(Mayor Jones)				
TOTAL				

**APPROVED** by the Mayor on August 08, 2024.

  
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Thaddeus Jones  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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Dr. Nyota T. Figgs  
CITY CLERK



**Exhibit A**

**Settlement Documents Containing Documentation to Participate in the National Opioids  
Settlement Agreement with Kroger**

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

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-26**

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**A RESOLUTION PROTESTING COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR  
PROPERTY TAX INCREASES AND SUBMITTING REQUEST  
TO HAVE CALUMET CITY PROPERTIES REASSESSED**

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**THADDEUS JONES, Mayor  
DR. NYOTA T. FIGGS, City Clerk**

**DEJUAN GARDNER  
MICHAEL NAVARRETE  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 24-26**

**A RESOLUTION PROTESTING PROPERTY TAX INCREASES  
AND REQUEST FOR CALUMET CITY PROPERTIES TO BE  
REASSESSED**

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City and the surrounding South Suburban communities have historically been home to hardworking families and individuals who contribute significantly to the cultural and economic fabric of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, recent Cook County property tax bills have brought record-high hikes, placing an undue burden on South Suburban homeowners, with the median bill experiencing unprecedented increases; and

WHEREAS, these property tax increases are severely affecting low-income areas, exacerbating financial struggles and threatening the stability and prosperity of these communities; and

WHEREAS, minority homeowners and first-time homeowners in these regions are disproportionately impacted, as they often have fewer resources to absorb such significant financial burdens; and

WHEREAS, increased property tax bills are extremely detrimental to the Southland, posing a risk to the ability of residents to maintain homeownership, potentially leading to higher rates of foreclosure and displacement; and

WHEREAS, data from the Cook County Treasurer's Office indicates that Black South Suburban communities are seeing property tax increases of 30%, with some communities experiencing increases of over 80%; and

WHEREAS, such drastic increases threaten to destabilize these communities as homeowners struggle to keep up with the rising costs, potentially leading to a decline in property values and overall economic health of the region; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, July 22, 2024, the City of Calumet City held a property tax forum where nearly 826 residents attended. Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi attended as well. Residents asked two questions (1) can the assessor extend the payment deadline beyond August 1, 2024, and (2) can the assessor consider re-assessing Calumet City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Calumet City hereby request that the Cook County Assessor (1) can the assessor extend the payment deadline beyond August 1, 2024, and (2) can the assessor consider re-assessing Calumet City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Calumet City calls upon the Cook County Assessor's Office to reconsider these tax increases and seek alternative solutions that do not disproportionately burden minority and low-income homeowners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Calumet City urges the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the State of Illinois to take immediate action to address and mitigate the adverse impacts of these property tax increases on South Suburban communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of City of Calumet City is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Cook County Assessor's Office, the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and the Office of the Governor of Illinois to ensure that the voices of South Suburban homeowners are heard and considered in future tax policy decisions.

**ADOPTED** this 08<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024, 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)				

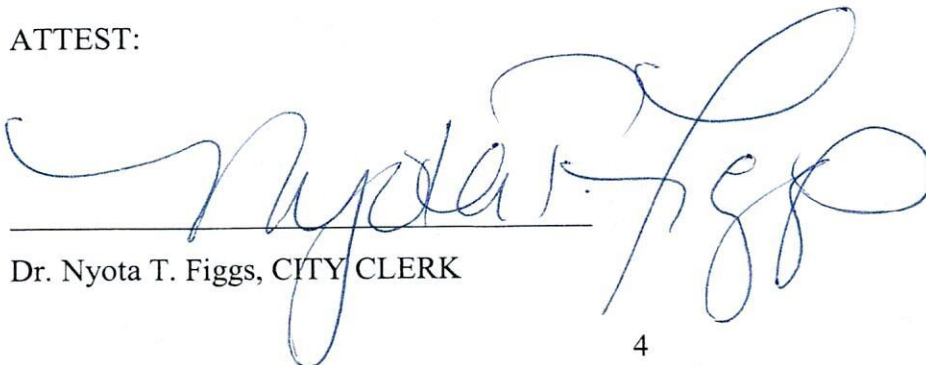
**APPROVED** by the Mayor on August 08, 2024.



Thaddeus Jones

MAYOR

ATTEST:



Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, CITY CLERK



Motion for Closed Session

Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Tillman to enter into executive session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss employment of certain individuals and possible and pending litigation.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Executive Session

The council met in Executive Session from 7:00 p.m. to 7:14 p.m.

Return to the Regular Order of Business

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to return to the regular order of business at 7:19 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Jones Apologized

Mayor Jones apologized to the council for daring them to vote against the tax plan.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#1: Reclass for Blue Cross Blue Shield

Authorize the City Treasurer to reclass Blue Cross Blue Shield expense totaling \$634,575.94 from Water Fund Account #03036-51130 to Corporate Fund 01099-51130.

#2: Payment to Illinois Public Risk Fund (Invoice #1499)

Approve payment to Illinois Public Risk Fund for invoice #1499; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$220,857.13 and charge account #01050-52131.

#3: Payment to Peterson, Johnson, & Murray

Approve payment to Peterson, Johnson & Murray for invoice numbers 143143, 143144, 143145, 143146, 143147, 143148, 143149, 143150, 143151, 143152, 143153, & 143154 in the amount of \$34,295.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$34,295.00 and charge account number #01025-52200.

#4: Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #253589)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #253589) for Project #0230475, in the amount of \$14,498.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #12607-55145.

#5: Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #253591)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #253591) for Project #0220324, in the amount of \$6,904.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52747.

#6: Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #253550)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #253550) for Project #0210804, in the amount of \$40,272.50 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #03036 53450.

#7: Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #253558)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #253558) for Project #0211565, in the amount of \$10,164.11 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52600.

#8: Payment to Core & Main (Invoice V103294)

Approve cost payable to Core & Main, for Invoice V103294, in the amount of \$125,000.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-53408.

#9: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing (Invoice 63651)

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 63651, in the amount of \$56,800.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#10: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing (Invoice 63639)

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 63639, in the amount of \$5,310.20; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52101.

#11: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing (Invoice 63645)

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 63645, in the amount of \$6,693.26; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52101.

#12: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing (63644)

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 63644, in the amount of \$14,920.96; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#13: Payment to Jasmine Moore

Approve buyback for Jasmine Moore due to their resignation from 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.

#14: Payment to Metropolitan Industries

Approve cost payable to Metropolitan Industries, Inc for Invoice INV062609, in the amount of \$85,133.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036- 52103.

#15: Payment to J& J Newell Concrete (Invoice 24-6794)

Approve cost payable to J&J Newell Concrete for Invoice 24-6794, in the amount of \$5,555.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#16: Payment to J& J Newell Concrete (Invoice 24-6797)

Approve cost payable to J&J Newell Concrete for Invoice 24-6797, in the amount of \$5,285.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#17: Payment to J&J Newell Concrete (Invoice 24-6799)

Approve cost payable to J&J Newell Concrete for Invoice 24-6799, in the amount of \$6,490.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#18: Payment to J&J Newell Concrete for Invoice 24-6809

Approve cost payable to J&J Newell Concrete for Invoice 24-6809, in the amount of \$7,098.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#19: Payment to J&J Newell Concrete (Invoice 24-6817)

Approve cost payable to J&J Newell Concrete for Invoice 24-6817, in the amount of \$6,382.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.



#20: Payment to Air One Equipment

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Air One Equipment in the amount of \$31,488.00. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #01070- 53440. This expenditure is for new replacement bunker gear for FD personnel.

#21: Payment to Total Property Management (Inv #CC-108)

Approve cost payable to Total Property Management, in the amount of \$5,483.60 (inv #CC-108). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52642.

#22: Payment to Lyons-Pinner Electric (INV# 19750)

Approve cost payable to Lyons-Pinner Electric, in the amount of \$15,031.00 (INV# 19750). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #04007-52449.

#23: Payment to Lyons-Pinner Electric (INV# 19338)

Approve cost payable to Lyons-Pinner Electric, in the amount of \$9,386.90 (INV# 19338). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #04007-52449.

#24: Payment to Sandi NK (Inv #2332)

Approve cost payable to Sandi NK, in the amount of \$6,908.40 (inv #2332). Please direct the city treasurer to remit payment from account #01041-54150.

#25: Payment to Keystone Cooperative Inc. (INV# 293650)

Approve cost payable to Keystone Cooperative Inc. (INV# 293650), in the amount of \$5,119.67. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52009.

#26: Payment to West Side Tractor Sales

Approve cost payable to West Side Tractor Sales in the amount of \$14,140.00. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52738. This amount is through Source Well and the City will be funding it through the Cares Act Funding.

#27: Payment to West Side Tractor Sales

Approve cost payable to West Side Tractor Sales in the amount of \$186,133.76. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52738. This amount is through Source Well and the City will be funding it through the Cares Act Funding.

#28: Payment to Sandi NK (Inv #1638)

Approve cost payable to Sandi NK, in the amount of \$9,202.00. (EST. #1638). Please direct the city treasurer to remit payment from account #01041-54150.

#29: Payment to Air One Equipment

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Air One Equipment in the amount of \$13,993.00. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #01070- 53440. This expenditure is for bunker gear for newly hired FD personnel.

#30 Payment for 111<sup>th</sup> IML Conference

Approve attendance of elected/appointed officials and staff to the 111th Annual IML Conference in Chicago on September 19 - 21 2024, to be held at Hilton Hotel Chicago. Further direct the City Treasurer to register and remit payment on behalf of all conference attendees charging the appropriate conference/travel line item.



Further direct the City Treasurer to remit a \$1,700.00 stipend to all attendees with the understanding that all related IML conference expenditures will be accounted for by providing receipts of same to the Treasurer's office along with the return of any monies not expended.

#31 Payment to Track N Trap (Invoice #1671)

Approve payment in the amount of \$9,350.00 to Track N Trap Invoice #1671 for July 16th-31st wildlife services; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from #01060-52487.

#32 Payment to Dance in the Parks

Approve payment to Dance in the Parks; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$750.00 and charge account #01099-52724.

#33 Payment to Pete's Fresh Market (Invoice 8157) (Removed)

Approve payment to Pete's Fresh Market for invoice 8157; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$1,500.00 and charge account #01099-52724. (Removed)

Approval to Remove Pete's Fresh Market (Removed)

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderwoman Wilson to remove payment to Pete's Fresh Market from the August 08, 2024 agenda due to it appearing on the July 25, 2024 agenda. (Removed)

**MOTION CARRIED**

#34 Amendment of Payment to Attorney Anthony Bass (Removed)

Amend the payment to the law firm of Anthony Bass as special counsel for the creation of the abandoned, foreclosed and first-time home buyers' program for the city of Calumet City; further direct the city treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$7500 every two weeks from account #01025-52200 (special legal line items) until December 31, 2024. (Removed)

Approval to Remove Amendment to a Payment for Anthony Bass (Removed)

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Patton to remove amend to the payment to the Law Firm of Anthony Bass. (Removed)

**MOTION CARRIED**

#35 Payment to Hoosier Printing (Invoice 6982)

Approve payment to Hoosier Printing (American Printing) for invoice 6982; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$15,000.00 and charge account #01099-52351.

#36: Approve Payroll (\$1,045,254.65)

Approve Payroll (\$1,045,254.65).

#37: Approve Emergency Bill Listing (\$1,731.75)

Approve Emergency Bill Listing (\$1,731.75).

#38: Approve Bill Listing (\$749,502.30)

Approve Bill Listing as amended (\$749,502.30).

Approve Financial Items

Alderman Gardner seconded by Alderman Smith motioned for the approval of Financial Matters number 1-32 and 35-38.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson, Tillman, Williams. Gardner, Patton, Smith  
ALDERMEN: None  
ALDERMEN: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Patton

Alderman Patton wished his wife Molly a Happy Anniversary.

Alderman Williams

Alderman Williams announced he is teaching Criminal Justice at South Suburban College and currently needs nine more students.

Alderman Tillman

Alderman Tillman wished his parents a Happy 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Alderman Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete respectfully requests an update on the draft for the search of the Economic Development Director.

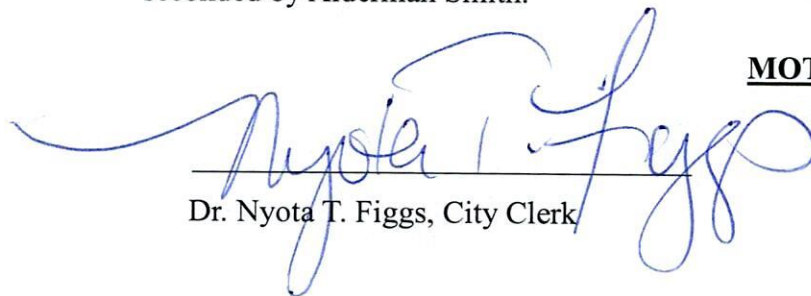
Alderwoman Wilson

Alderwoman Wilson congratulated Christopher Montgomery of New Life Covenant of Calumet City. Alderwoman Wilson announced the Back-to-School event at 415 Saginaw at 11:00 a.m. on August 31, 2024. Alderwoman Wilson would like 2<sup>nd</sup> ward residents to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> ward BLOC meeting at 1424 Pulaski Rd. Alderwoman Wilson would like residents to attend the Vision of We Awards Ceremony at the VFW address 664 Hirsch Avenue on August 17, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Alderwoman Wilson would like the residents to call Calumet City Police Department with noise complaints for Buddy Bear Car Wash.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment was at 7:29 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Williams, seconded by Alderman Smith.

**MOTION CARRIED**

  
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Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk