

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**OCTOBER 24, 2024**

Public Comment

Director Tillman of the Department of Inspectional Services introduced the new Health Inspector for Calumet City Dejuan Stanley.

Dejuan Stanley Health Inspector for Calumet City thanked the city for having him and assured the council he will make sure all businesses are healthy and up to code.

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 October 24, 2024, with Mayor Jones present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 7

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson (6:11 p.m.), Tillman, Williams, Gardner (6:06 p.m.), Patton, Smith (6:25p.m.).

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

Also present was City Clerk Dr. Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, Police Chief Kolosh, Fire Chief Bachert, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, Deputy II Quentin Dailey, Attorney Dominick Lanzito, Chaplain Pastor Stokes, Director Sheryl Tillman, City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey.

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

Alderman Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete apologized for the late review of the minutes and requested the September 26, 2024 minutes be amended to reflect Alderman Smith as the Public Works Chairman. Alderman Navarrete requested the discussion with the City Engineer regarding the rejection of the Street Beatification Bid from Shelton Landscaping to be noted as an inquiry and not a concern for the September 26, 2024 minutes. Alderman Navarrete also noted that he was absent during the vote for appointment of the library board members at the October 24, 2024, meeting and he would like the minutes to reflect his absence.

Approval of Minutes

September 23, 2024: Special Meeting  
September 26, 2024: Special Meeting  
September 26, 2024: Regular City Council Meeting  
October 10, 2024: Regular City Council Meeting

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Navarrete moved, seconded by Alderman Williams to approve the amended minutes.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance

Alderman Gardner had no report.

Public Safety

Alderman Williams had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderwoman Wilson announced the Public Utilities Committee will have a meeting as soon as its feasible for all the members.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Tillman reported there was an Ordinance and Resolution meeting held on October 22, 2024, to discuss the Elected Official Salary Ordinance where the Aldermen present decided to decline any change. Alderman Tillman reported that IMRF eligibility was also discussed at the meeting and per that discussion IMRF for Elected Officials is now on tonight's agenda.

H.E.W

Alderman Navarrete had no report.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Patton requested a zoom link for an upcoming zoom meeting on October 25, 2024, with the City of Calumet City and business license holders.

Public Works

Alderman Smith was absent.

Prayer

Pastor Stokes led the City Council in prayer and invited residents to participate in the city's prayer line on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m.

Motion to Enter Into Closed Session

Alderman Tillman, seconded by Alderman Patton to enter into executive session at 6:14 p.m. to discuss compensation of employees and officials.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Alderman Patton Discussion

Alderman Patton asked Mayor Jones if it was feasible for all matters to be handled in one executive session instead of possibly having to go back into executive session later on in the meeting.

Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones reported there is a visitor specifically here for the executive session portion.

Executive Session

The council met in Executive Session from 6:14 p.m. to 7:06 p.m.

Return to the Regular Order of Business

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Williams to return to the regular order of business at 7:06 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Deviation from the Regular Order of Business

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Williams to deviate from the regular order of business to discuss a resolution authorizing a settlement agreement with Mohammed Abdallah and 59<sup>th</sup> property llc. and an Ordinance amending Chapter 2-39 of the Calumet City Municipal Code – Mayor Eligibility.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion Regarding Settlement Agreement with Mohammed Abdallah and 59<sup>th</sup> Property llc.

Attorney Dominick Lanzito led a discussion regarding 473 Burnham and announced that Mohammed Abdallah was present without his attorney but that he would still be able to answer the councils' questions. Attorney Lanzito commented regarding the location where the gas station would be built and advised that everything would be newly built. Attorney Lanzito reported the Resolution would include a Class 8 for the parcel. Attorney Lanzito reported that there would be a sales tax sharing agreement for 4 years or up to \$100,000.00 for the convenient store. Attorney Lanzito reported there would not be a sharing agreement for the motor fuel tax. Attorney Lanzito commented regarding the litigation ending because passing this resolution would rectify the special use and the zoning issues.

Alderman Tillman

Alderman Tillman inquired about discussing 473 Burnham in an open forum opposed to in executive session due to there still being pending litigation.

Attorney Lanzito

Attorney Lanzito stated any settlement would need to be approved in an open meeting.

Alderman Tillman

Alderman Tillman cautioned the council when it comes to asking questions because there is active litigation on 473 Burnham.

Alderman Williams

Alderman Williams commented regarding the design in the current presentation, and reported it's not the design he previously received.

Mohammed Abdallah

Mohammed Abdallah reported to the council that everything will be built from the ground up at 473 Burnham.

Alderman Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete will email any questions he has to the City Attorney's due to him being leery about Mr. Abdallah's open litigation against the city. Alderman Navarrete gave a refresher

regarding the Burnham Plan. Alderman Navarrete reported he has received zero support over the past year for a gas station to be placed on Burnham from his residents.

Approval to Table a Resolution Authorizing a Settlement Agreement with Mohammed Abdallah And 59th Property, LLC.

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to table the Resolution authorizing a settlement with Mohammed Abdallah and 59<sup>th</sup> Property LLC.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 4  
NAYS: 3  
ABSENT: 0

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Article 2, Section 2-39 the Calumet City Municipal Code – Mayor Eligibility

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Article 2, Section 2-39 the Calumet City Municipal Code – Mayor Eligibility.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 3  
NAYS: 4  
ABSENT: 0

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

**MOTION FAILED**

Mayor Jones

“This doesn’t preclude me from running for Mayor of Calumet City. As many of you know state statute passed in 2021 states that no municipality can prevent a sitting member of the General Assembly from running for office. So tonight, the City Council chose not to uphold the statute even though changes were made at the City Council meeting. So tonight, that fails. That has no bearing on myself or anyone else running for Mayor of Calumet City.”

Return to the Regular Order of Business

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Patton to return to the regular order of business at 7:29 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Ald. Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete announced the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> ward will have a Harvest Fest at Commissioners Park from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. there will be vendors, music, fun, and games. Alderman Navarrete would like residents to attend the Spaghetti Dinner at the VFW from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on October 30<sup>th</sup> at 664 Hirsh.

Ald. Wilson

Alderwoman Wilson invited everyone to the Harvest Fest being held at Commissioners Park at 1000 Memorial Drive from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on October 26, 2024. Alderwoman Wilson thanked Alderman Patton for donating pumpkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> ward residents for donating candy, and City Clerk Dr. Nyota T. Figgs for her support and donations. Alderwoman Wilson reported there will be a resource table with school supplies and coats for kids while supplies last. Alderwoman Wilson will be supporting Calumet City Memorial Park Districts Trunk or Treat on Halloween at Sandridge. Alderwoman Wilson announced the last night of CMPD's Haunted House is October 26, 2024.

Ald. Tillman

Alderman Tillman thanked Public Works and the Department of Inspectional Services departments for responding quickly to any 3<sup>rd</sup> ward issues and concerns.

Ald. Williams

Alderman Williams gave honor to God. Alderman Williams announced there will be no 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ward townhall meeting in the month of November due to the election. Alderman Williams reported the next 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ward townhall meeting will be held December 04, 2024 at Downey Park at 6:30 p.m. Alderman Williams invited residents to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ward annual Trunk or Treat at Caroline Sibley on October 31, 2024 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Alderman Williams announced that FEMA will be back in town sometime in November.

Ald. Gardner

Alderman Gardner thanked Thorton Township, Calumet City Treasurer Gerry Tarka, Calumet City Clerk Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, and 6<sup>th</sup> ward Alderman Patton for attending the Property Tax Forum. Alderman Gardner would like residents to join him on a 3-mile nature walk with the forest preserve on November 09<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; flyers will be posted.

Ald. Patton

Alderman Patton commented regarding phone calls received from residents inquiring about the Sidewalk Program list. Alderman Patton stated he was able to speak to the engineer before the meeting and received some clarity on the program's start date and funding.

Ald. Smith

Alderman Smith announced the 7<sup>th</sup> ward meeting will be held Saturday November 16, 2024, at DA's Banquet Hall from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Alderman Smith would like 7<sup>th</sup> ward residents to start submitting holiday turkey request. Alderman Smith would like residents to contact his office with any questions or concerns regarding vacant properties at (708) 891-8197 or email at [asmith@calumetcity.org](mailto:asmith@calumetcity.org).

Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones reported Robin Kelly invited Calumet City residents to her 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District Housing Expo on Saturday October 26,

2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at South Suburban College. Mayor Jones invited residents to a Veterans Day event being hosted by the city at the Calumet City Library on November 08, 2024. Mayor Jones announced Halloween hours for the City of Calumet City from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mayor Jones thanked staff, the Clerk, Treasurer and Aldermen for attending and participating in the Senior Prom.

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

- A. Investment Report RE: Investment Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2024.
- B. Investment Report RE: Investment Report for the quarter ending September 30, 2024.
- C. Emergency Services & Disaster Agency RE: Emergency Services & Disaster Agency (ESDA) September 2024 Report.
- D. OS Strategies July 2024 Newsletter. RE: OS Strategies July 2024 Newsletter.
- Approval of Informational Items to be Accepted And Placed on File Alderman Patton moved seconded by Alderman Smith to approve informational items to be accepted and placed on file.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- #1: Direct City Attorney to Amend Handicap Parking Ordinance Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to amend the handicap parking ordinance to approve and add a handicap pole to be located at 284 Prairie Ave.
- #2: Authorize the Chief of Police to Advertise Employment Opportunities Authorize the Chief of Police to advertise employment opportunities for lateral hire police officers. Lateral hire applicants shall meet the qualifications outlined in the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Calumet City and the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 1.
- #3: Approve Possession of Bogdanovich. Canine Nicco Approve the relinquishment of possession of Bogdanovich. Canine Nicco has been deemed no longer fit for public service. This is in accordance with the Police Dog Retirement Act (510 ILCS 82/5).
- #4: Approve River Oaks Interconnect Bidder Direct City Council to award the River Oaks Interconnect to the lowest responsible bidder Airy's Construction in the amount of \$233,449.00. The construction will be funded through DCEO SD240417 in the amount of \$100,000 with the balance from the City water and Sewer fund pending completion of legal review.

#5: 2024 Sidewalk Replacement Program Award

Award Contract for the 2024 Sidewalk Replacement Program in the estimated amount of \$313,852.50 to Davis Concrete Construction Co. pending completion of legal review.

#6: Approve Access Agreement (Amended)

Approve access agreement (pending legal) review with OAI to work with Public Works to provide landscape services and landscape training at the Shirley, Yates and Superior stormwater basins. OAI is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides stormwater and green infrastructure landscape services, training, and job recruitment services. Funds to be utilized are through OAI's High Bridge Program. (Amended)

#7: Authorize Agreement with Farnsworth Group

Authorizing Mayor to execute agreement with Farnsworth Group in the amount of \$79,400 for Paxton Avenue Drainage Improvements. Construction will be partially funded through \$100,000 of funding through the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) through DCEO appropriation 971-42037-4900-4219 toward improvements on Paxton Avenue.

Approval of New Business Items As Amended

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Tillman to approve new business items as amended.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUILDING PERMITS**

Privacy Fence

560 Paxton Privacy 3rd ward  
1377 Mackinaw Privacy 7th ward

Approve Building Permits

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve the building permits as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE**

Res.#1 Resolution Authorizing Settlement Agreement

A Resolution Authorizing a Settlement Agreement with Mohammed Abdallah and 59th Property, LLC.

(Tabled)

(Tabled)

Ord.#2 Ordinance Amending Calumet City Municipal Code

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Article 2, Section 2-39 the Calumet City Municipal Code – Mayor Eligibility.

(Motion Failed)

(Motion Failed)

Res.#3 Resolution for Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

A Resolution for the adoption of the update of the Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

(Res.#24-43)

(See attached page 8A)

Res.#4 Resolution for the Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation

A Resolution to amend an increase to \$930,000 from \$825,000 in the Motor Fuel Tax appropriation for 2024 general maintenance. The increase comes from additional sidewalk replacement program quantities added by the city after the initial resolution was passed.

(Res.#24-44)

(See attached page 8B)

Res.#5 Resolution in Memory of the Life of Leonard Kieltyka

A Resolution in Memory of the Life of Leonard Kieltyka.

(Res.#24-45)

(See attached page 8C)

Res.#6 Resolution Regarding the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund - Mayor

A Resolution Relating to Participation by Elected Officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund – Mayor

(Tabled)

(Tabled)

Res.#7 Resolution Regarding the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund - Aldermen

A Resolution Relating to Participation by Elected Officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund – Aldermen

(Tabled)

(Tabled)

Approval to Table Resolution Regarding Elected Officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund for Mayor and Aldermen

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderwoman Wilson to table the participation of elected officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund for Mayor and Aldermen.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Res.#8 Resolution Celebrating Robert Johnson

A Resolution Celebrating Robert Johnson, Father of Library Board member Camella Johnson.

Res.#9 Resolution Celebrating Life of Veorleen Fountain

A Resolution celebrating the life of Veorleen Fountain, sister of ESDA director Ken Jones.

Res.#10 Resolution Celebrating Life of Lori Wilcox (Amended)

A Resolution celebrating the life of Lori Wilcox, former Chicago Heights Clerk and First African American Chicago Heights Committeewoman. (Amended)

(Res.#24-46)

(See attached page 8D)



## RESOLUTION 24-43

### ADOPTION OF THE UPDATE OF THE COOK COUNTY MULTI- JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

**WHEREAS**, the City of Calumet City recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Calumet City recognizes the importance of reducing or eliminating vulnerability to disasters caused by natural hazards for the overall good and welfare of the community, and

**WHEREAS**, on October 10, 2000, the U.S. Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (“Act”) which provides the legal framework for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) mitigation, planning requirements for state, local, and tribal governments as a condition of mitigation grant assistance emphasizing the need for pre-disaster mitigation of potential hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects, the Act requires jurisdictions to prepare and adopt a hazard mitigation plan to identify and address certain vulnerabilities that exist prior to and during a disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, FEMA supports pre- and post-disaster grant funding through the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant program, which has as a condition of funding eligibility, a requirement for jurisdictions to prepare and adopt a hazard mitigation plan; and

**WHEREAS**, to maintain continued eligibility for FEMA mitigation grant assistance programs the Act requires a hazard mitigation plan be updated every five years; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Act’s requirements, 125 Cook County jurisdictions engaged in the FEMA-prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare the 2024 Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and its associated local hazard mitigation plan annexes; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 Plan has been approved by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region V; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

1. The City of Calumet City hereby accepts, approves and adopts in its entirety, Volume 1, the Countywide Mitigation Actions in Volume 2; and the City of Calumet City Jurisdictional Annex of Volume 2 of the 2024 Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
2. The City of Calumet City will continue to participate in updating and revising the 2024 Plan, with another plan review and revision occurring within a five-year cycle. Designated staff will provide annual progress reports on the status of implementation of the 2024 Plan to the president of the City Council.

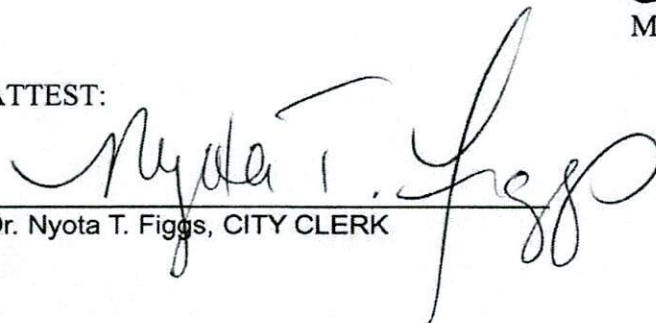
**ADOPTED** this 24th day of October 2024, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	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 October 24, 2024.

  
Thaddeus Jones  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, CITY CLERK

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

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-45**

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**A RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF THE LIFE OF LEONARD  
KIELTYKA**

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**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 NO. 24-45**

**A RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF THE LIFE OF LEONARD  
KIELTYKA**

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City ("City") is an Illinois home rule unit of local government; and

WHEREAS, the City has lost a valued member and leader of the City and its community on October 4, 2024 with the untimely and unfortunate death of Leonard Kieltyka at the age of 86 years old; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Kieltyka was born on June 4, 1938; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Kieltyka attended Chicago Vocational High School, and subsequently served in the United States Army from 1958 to 1960; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 1972, Leonard Kieltyka began his distinguished career with the Calumet City Police Department, which includes serving as a patrol officer, a youth officer, a crime prevention officer, an accident investigator, and achieving the rank of sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and subsequently culminating to his promotion to Chief of Police in May of 1993; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious career in the Calumet City police department, Leonard Kieltyka, colloquially known as "officer friendly," left an indelible mark of the Calumet City community; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Kieltyka was instrumental in establishing the police cadet program, supervised the juvenile division, served as the commanding officer of training and crime prevention, as the director of administrative services, and as the commander of the patrol division; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Kieltyka received numerous awards and recognitions from several community groups for his service, including being honored as Calumet City's Officer of the Year in 1975; and

WHEREAS, after 23 years of venerable service, Leonard Kieltyka retired from the Calumet City Police Department in 1995; and

WHEREAS, during his off time, Leonard Kieltyka enjoyed fishing, playing pool, wood working, horseback riding, golfing, and snow skiing; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Kieltyka is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Joyce Kieltyka, his daughters Lorri (Mark) Hart, and Lisa (Steve) Belli, his sisters Joyce (Rich) Przybyslawski, and Diane (Jay) Stanwich, his sister-in-law Gerry Kainrath, his grandchildren William, Joshua, Christopher, Zachary and Connor, and his several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, the death of Leonard Kieltyka has left the City and the community deeply saddened.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City hereby extend our sincerest condolences to Leonard Kieltyka's family and friends, and extend our sincere gratitude for the life, legacy, and contributions of Leonard Kieltyka to the City and its community.

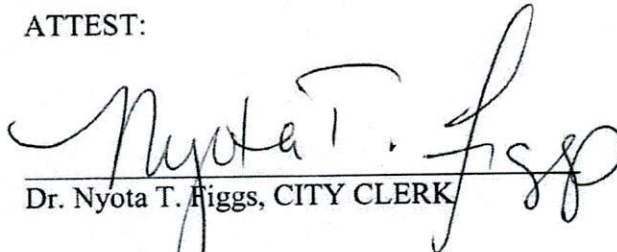
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Patton	X			
Smith	X			
Tillman	X			
Williams	X			
Wilson	X			
(Mayor Jones)				

**APPROVED** by the Mayor on October 24, 2024.

  
 Thaddeus Jones  
 MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
 Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, CITY CLERK

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

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-46**

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**A RESOLUTION FROM THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY  
HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LORI WILCOX**

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

**DEJUAN GARDNER  
MICHAEL NAVARRETE  
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**Aldermen**

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## **RESOLUTION NO. 24-46**

### **A RESOLUTION FROM THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LORI WILCOX**

**Whereas**, the City of Calumet City is deeply saddened by the recent passing of Lori Wilcox, a dedicated public servant, trailblazer, and advocate for civic engagement, whose contributions have left an indelible mark on our community and the Southland at large; and

**Whereas**, in 2011, Lori Wilcox made history as the first elected City Clerk of the City of Chicago Heights, a position she held with distinction, grace, and unwavering commitment. Her election not only broke barriers but also inspired countless individuals by showing that perseverance and dedication to service can indeed change the course of history; and

**Whereas**, shortly after being elected, Lori Wilcox demonstrated her passion for community upliftment by partnering with various organizations to host Educational, Political, Empowerment, and Mentoring Seminars. These initiatives promoted Civic Engagement, encouraging residents to be informed and active participants in their government, thus empowering them to shape the future of their communities; and

**Whereas**, Lori Wilcox was a lifelong learner and scholar, holding a Bachelor of Arts from Western Illinois University, an ABA Approved Post-Bachelor Paralegal Certificate from Roosevelt University Chicago, a Master of Education from AIU, and having pursued a Doctorate of Education – Ministry Leadership from Liberty University. Her thirst for knowledge and commitment to personal growth exemplified her belief in education as a tool for both personal and communal transformation; and



**Whereas**, the City of Calumet City is deeply saddened by the recent passing of Lori Wilcox, a dedicated public servant, trailblazer, and advocate for civic engagement, whose contributions have left an indelible mark on our community and the Southland at large; and

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**Whereas**, Lori Wilcox was not only a trailblazer in her professional career but also a champion for equality and representation. She made history once again as the second African American Democratic Committeewoman of Bloom Township, serving her constituents with integrity, passion, and a steadfast commitment to justice and equity; and

**Whereas**, Lori Wilcox was a pillar in everything she strived to do. Whether in her professional endeavors, community work, or personal interactions, she embodied the virtues of leadership, compassion, and humility. Her warm, kindred spirit, coupled with her vibrant voice, resonated deeply with all who had the privilege of knowing her, and her presence will be greatly missed across the Southland; and


**Whereas**, Lori's legacy will continue to live on through the countless lives she touched, the community she strengthened, and the example she set for future generations to follow. Her efforts to uplift and empower others have created a lasting impact, and her memory will forever be cherished by those who knew and loved her;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City express their sincere gratitude to Lori Wilcox and recognize her commitment to the South Suburban Community, City, and the public.

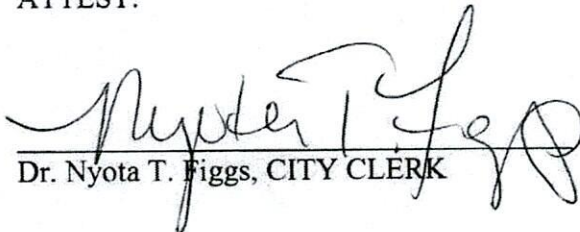
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Patton	X			
Smith	X			
Tillman	X			
Williams	X			
Wilson	X			
(Mayor Jones)	X			

**APPROVED** by the Mayor on October 24, 2024.

  
Thaddeus Jones  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, CITY CLERK

Police Chief Kevin Kolosh  
Reading of Leonard Kieltyka  
Resolution and Moment of Silence

Police Chief Kevin Kolosh read the Resolution for the Memory of Leonard Kieltyka and requested a moment of silence.

Approval of Resolutions

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to adopt Resolutions 3,4,5, and 10 as amended.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

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

ALDERMEN: None

ALDERMEN: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#1: Payment to Ancel Glink, P.C.

Approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$23,261.93 for corporate legal services dated Oct 7, 2024, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025-52200.

#2: Payment to Ancel Glink, P.C.

Approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$22,406.68 for legal services dated Oct 7, 2024, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025-52200.

#3: Payment to Peterson, Johnson & Murray

Approve payment to Peterson, Johnson & Murray for invoice numbers 143548, 143549, 143550, 143551, 143552, 143553, 143554 & 143555 in the amount of \$49,329.87; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$49,329.87 and charge account number #01025-52200.

#4: Payment to Cook County Sheriff's Police Training Academy

Approve the tuition payment for two (2) new hires who are in the police academy; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Cook County Sheriff's Police Training Academy in the amount of \$6,500.00 to be charged to account #01060-52390.

#5: Payment to Clean Cut Tree Service

Approve cost payable to Clean Cut Tree Service for Invoice 8769, in the amount of \$87,000.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52122.

#6: Payment to Clean Cut Tree Service

Approve cost payable to Clean Cut Tree Service for Invoice 8745, in the amount of \$15,080.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52122.

- #7: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 64771, in the amount of \$21,792.50; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52101.
- #8: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 64691, in the amount of \$7,366.40; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.
- #9: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 64775, in the amount of \$10,413.52; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.
- #10: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 64768, in the amount of \$6,215.60; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.
- #11: Payment to Core & Main Approve cost payable to Core & Main for Invoice V802916, in the amount of \$9,950.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-53408.
- #12: Payment to Lyons-Pinner Electric Approve cost payable to Lyons-Pinner Electric, in the amount of \$5,853.20 (INV# 30493). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #04007-52449.
- #13: Payment to Lyons- Pinner Electric Approve cost payable to Lyons-Pinner Electric, in the amount of \$7,136.99 (INV# 19847). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #04007-52449.
- #14: Payment to Lyons- Pinner Electric Approve cost payable to Lyons-Pinner Electric, in the amount of \$11,280.78 (INV# 19889). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #04007-52449.
- #15: Payment to Holland Asphalt Services Inc. Approve cost payable to Holland Asphalt Services, Inc., in the amount of \$5,900.00 (INV#2024-242). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01041- 52343.
- #16: Payment to Holland Asphalt Services Inc. Approve cost payable to Holland Asphalt Services, Inc., in the amount of \$9,270.00 (INV #2024-243). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01041- 52343.
- #17: Payment to Complex Network Solutions Approve payment to Complex Network Solutions for proposal No. EL10102024\_02; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$33,325.68 and charge account #12707-55120.
- #18: Payment to Prompt IO Approve payment to Prompt IO for Sept/Oct monthly fee services, Invoice 4689 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$6,900.00 from account #01099- 52990.
- #19: Payment to D.A.'s Banquets and Events Approve donation in the amount of \$1,000 from Farnsworth in regard to the Senior's Senior Prom, as deposited by the Finance department;

A motion to pay D.A.'s Banquets and Events for the added attendees for the Senior's Senior Prom (55 years of age and older) to be held on Saturday, October 19, 2024, in the amount of \$1,000 in this regard; and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$1,000 utilizing account number #01099-52729 (Mayor Neighborhood Development Fund).

#20: Payment to National Wash Authority

Approve payment to National Wash Authority (dba Midwest Mobile Washers) in the amount of \$44,700 for water reservoir cleaning and to remit payment from water and sewer Maintenance of Reservoir Account 03036-52332.

#21: Payment to Pipe View America

Approve payment to Pipe View America for the Emergency Cleaning and Televising; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$106,085.35 from account 12607-52136 (Capital Infrastructure Bond).

#22: Payment to Track N Trap

Approve payment to Track N Trap for October 1st-15th wildlife services. Invoice #1684. Direct Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$7,325 from account #01060-52487.

#23: Payment to Public Response Group (PRG)

Approve payment to Public Response Group (PRG) for invoice 24-899 for \$8,912.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52351.

#24: Table Payment to Anthony Bass

Approve the agreement between the City of Calumet City and Attorney Anthony Bass in the amount of \$15,000 per month for services related to housing, land bank, etc; further direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Attorney Bass monthly until December 31, 2024. (Tabled)

Approve the Tabling of the Agreement with Anthony Bass as well as Payment to Anthony Bass

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Williams to table the agreement between the City of Calumet City and Attorney Anthony Bass in the amount of \$15,000 per month for services related to housing, land bank, etc; further direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Attorney Bass monthly until December 31, 2024.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#25: Approve Payroll (\$1,014,902.78)

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#26: Approve Emergency Bill Listing (\$4,786.75)

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#27: Approve Bill Listing (\$1,245,001.46)

Approve Bill Listing as amended (\$1,245,001.46).

Alderman Navarrete Discussion

Alderman Navarrete inquired about the payment to Prompt IO. Alderman Navarrete would like to know if the invoice to be paid on tonight's agenda is a separate matter from the legal opinion Alderman Patton and Alderman Tillman requested in the October 10, 2024 for the same company. Alderman Navarrete would like to know what Prompt IO does.

Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones advised the invoices that are being paid on this agenda are from the current contract not a new one. Mayor Jones reported Prompt IO is the city's messaging system.

Alderwoman Wilson

Alderwoman Wilson would like to know if the texting system is for the Aldermen to use as well when they have events.

Juel Stanley

Juel Stanley Director of Operations retorted that the texting system is citywide and for city events.

Alderman Navarrete and Alderwoman Wilson

Alderman Navarrete and Alderwoman Wilson would like to have the Harvest Festival sent out to the residents on the texting system.

Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones instructed the Director of Operations Juel to get the information and flyer for the Harvest fest from the Aldermen.

Approve Financial Items

Alderman Gardner seconded by Alderman Smith motioned for the approval of Financial Matters number #1-23 and 25-27.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderwoman Wilson

Alderwoman Wilson announced the 2<sup>nd</sup> ward meeting will be held November 06, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. please call 708-586-4990 if you should have any questions or concerns. Alderwoman Wilson would like residents to be mindful of their children during the Halloween holiday. Alderwoman Wilson reported on the fun time she had at the Senior Prom and commended the city for the event.

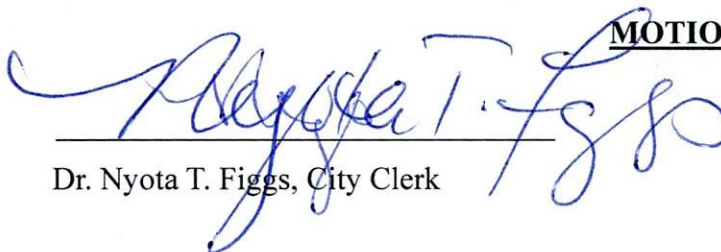
Alderman Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete would like an update on the CCRAP program.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment was at 7:54 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Wilson seconded by Alderman Smith.

**MOTION CARRIED**



Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk