

**SPECIAL MEETING  
HELD ON OCTOBER 22, 2024  
204 PULASKI ROAD, CALUMET CITY,  
ILLINOIS**

CALL TO ORDER    The Special Meeting of the City Council was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Ramonde Williams.

PRESENT            6        ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Patton, Smith

ABSENT:            1        ALDERMEN: Gardner

Also present were City Clerk Dr. Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, Deputy II Quentin Dailey, Attorney Sterk City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey.

Alderman Tillman  
Discussion

Alderman Tillman led a lengthy discussion regarding the history of the Elected Official salaries, there has been a request to increase the Mayor's salary from \$24,000.00 to \$74,194.000 or to \$54,000.00 and to change the position from part time to full time, and a request to increase the Alderman's salary from \$15,844.00 to \$25,844.00 made by Alderman Smith. Alderman Tillman reported in 2013 the Mayor, Treasure, and Clerk all had the same salary; in 2020 it was decided the roll of Mayor would be part time which decreased the salary. In addition, the Mayor, City Clerk Treasurer, and Alderman would receive a monthly stipend increase to \$1500.00.

Alderman Patton

Alderman Patton commented regarding the salaries being higher then just the base pay. Alderman Patton stated he feels like the compensation that is received is more than enough. Alderman Patton commented regarding the residents need for assistance at this time with property taxes.

Alderman Smith

Alderman Smith reported the salaries haven't been changed in a while and the cost of living has increased. Alderman Smith stated he agrees with increasing the Mayor's salary to \$54,000.00.

Attorney Sterk

Attorney Sterk announced the council had 180 days to make the change and that time is nearing.

Treasurer Tarka

Treasurer Tarka would like to have Section 19 amended in the Salary Ordinance to reflect a title for the level of certification to: Advanced Certified Public Funds Investment Manager. Treasurer Tarka commented that he agrees with the Mayor's salary being in line with the Clerks and the Treasurer's.

City Clerk  
Dr. Figgs

City Clerk Dr. Figgs would like the opportunity to research if Section 18 of the Salary Ordinance would need to be amended.

Alderman Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete inquired about when the Mayor's position changed from part time.

Treasurer Tarka

Treasurer Tarka commented regarding the Mayor's position being full time and not being able to participate in IMRF.

Approval to  
Amend the Salary  
Ordinance

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Tillman to increase the Mayor's salary to \$54,000.00 and change the language in Section 19 to Advanced Certified Public Funds Investment Manager and amended language if needed.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 3  
NAYS: 3  
ABSENT: 1

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

**MOTION FAILED**

Approval to  
Table IMRF  
Participation

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Patton to table the decision on IMRF participation until more clarification can be received.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 1

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

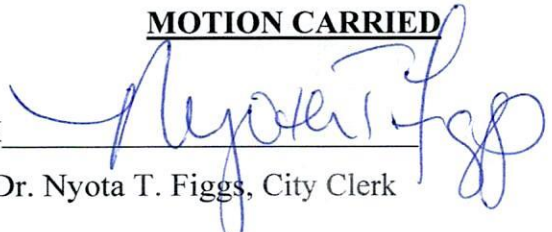
**MOTION CARRIED**

Adjournment

Alderman Patton moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Smith at 6:50 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk