

## **JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### **City Council of the City of Calumet City Cook County, Illinois**

**JULY 11, 2024**

##### Public Comment

Don Horbath 50-year Calumet City resident commented regarding the property tax bill he received that increased from \$2,900.00 to \$8,000.00 this year. Mr. Horbath stated his home is only 1100 square feet. Mr. Horbath stated he does not want move but if he doesn't pay the \$8,000.00 he knows he will be put out of his home. Mr. Horbath asked Mayor Jones if he plans to help the residents. Mr. Horbath stated he is a veteran and he fought for this country he doesn't deserve high property taxes. Mr. Horbath suggested that a class action lawsuit is filed; started by the Mayor.

Wanda Smith 1424 Pulaski Rd commented regarding being an African American business owner that has been seeking a grant from the city; but has been unsuccessful. Wanda Smith stated that she came to city hall to speak with Mayor Jones and was told she would need to call for an appointment instead of being given an appointment while she was there. Wanda Smith reported the 2<sup>nd</sup> ward needs assistance and she would like to see all wards treated fairly. Wanda Smith commented regarding Alderwoman Wilson doing her part to make sure the 2<sup>nd</sup> ward residents get what they need; Wanda Smith requested that Mayor Jones do what he was elected to do.

Larry Andrews co-founder of Calumet City Thunderbolts commented regarding needing the support of the residents and the city council.

Rochelle Marchalay of 365 Campbell Avenue commented regarding the United Campbell Block Club celebration being held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August and not the 12<sup>th</sup> August.

Manuel Torross 502 Buffalo Avenue commented regarding his tax bill increasing to \$4,400.00. Manuel Torross reported that he has 5 children to take care of and he cannot afford to pay that amount. Manuel Torross stated he expected to see more Spanish people in the meeting because his neighbors are upset as well. Manuel Torross requested Mayor Jones help reduce taxes.

Mike (Coach and Mentor of Calumet City Thunderbolts) thanked the Police Department for protecting the youth of Calumet City. Mike thanked Calumet Memorial Park District and School Board for supporting the Thunderbolts. Coach Mike stated he would love the support of Calumet City's city council.

Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:06 p.m. in a Regular meeting on July 11, 2024, with Mayor Jones present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 7

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

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, Economic Development Val Williams, Director Sheryl Tillman, City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey, Director Banskee, Deputy Chief Bendinelli, Finance Director John Kasperek, Engineering Consultant Matt Buerger, Attorney Don Lanzito, City Attorney Sterk, Water Commissioner Gerry Surufka.

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

Pastor Fluker

Pastor Fluker announced he is running for Secretary of the Church of God and Christ for the General Council of Elders and Pastors. Pastor Fluker would like the residents to come out and support him and his wife at the rally being held tonight at 52 Sibley Blvd at All Nations of Chicago.

Prayer

Pastor Fluker led the City Council in prayer.

Motion to Deviate from the Regular Order of Business

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderwoman Wilson to deviate from the regular order of business for the purpose of presentations at 6:09 p.m.

Design Studio Inc. Presentation

Gregory Ramon from Design Studio Inc gave a presentation regarding the Shoppers World location from a architectural stand point. Mr. Ramon discussed the existing conditions of the project, the overall goals, the concept design, and the next steps.

Alderman Gardner Entered Council Chambers

Alderman Gardner entered the Regular City Council meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones reported he has solicited financial assistance from the Governor for the Shoppers World Project.

Finance Director John Kasperek

Finance Director John Kasperek reported on the budget process and discussed the Finance Committee of the Whole meetings that have been scheduled.

Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones commented regarding the tax bills homeowners are receiving in the mail. Mayor Jones stated the City of Calumet City does not have a tax increase in this budget. Mayor Jones stated he will



be presenting a bill in Springfield to address the tax increase.

Return to the Regular Order of Business

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Patton to return to the regular order of business at 6:33 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

June 24, 2024: Special Meeting

June 27, 2024: Regular City Council Meeting

Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Tillman to approve the minutes as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance

Alderman Gardner had no report.

Public Safety

Alderman Williams was absent.

Public Utilities

Alderdwoman Wilson reported there will be a Public Utilities meeting held on the first available date in August; residents will be notified.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Tillman reported on the resolution on tonight's agenda protesting Cook County Assessor Property Tax Increases for Calumet City and the South Suburban communities and asked for the resident's support.

H.E.W

Alderman Navarrete reported he will be scheduling meetings with the Superintendents of schools and the Library to address any concerns or issues they might have.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Patton reported there will be a Permits and Licensing meeting held in conjunction with the Finance committee.

Public Works

Alderman Smith had no report.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Ald. Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete commented regarding calls he is receiving from residents about the tax bill increase. Alderman Navarrete invited 1<sup>st</sup> ward residents to the VFW on August 07, 2024 at 664 Hirsh Ave at 6:00 p.m.; the topics will be development in the 1<sup>st</sup> ward and property taxes. Alderman Navarrete thanked the Mayor's office and the Clerk's office for helping coordinate the Shepard's Fest.

Ald. Wilson

Alderdwoman Wilson would like residents to contact her at [monet@alderwomanwilson.com](mailto:monet@alderwomanwilson.com) or call her at (708) 586-4990.

Alderwoman Wilson thanked Public Works and Director Tillman for their hard work. Alderwoman Wilson commented regarding the Department of Justice Committee in the 2<sup>nd</sup> ward and discussed where the taxes are coming from and what they are intended to be allocated. Alderwoman Wilson thanked the Outreach Program. Alderwoman Wilson stated that she will fight for taxes to be reduced, capped, and then frozen. Alderwoman Wilson announced that on July 13, 2024 there will be an in person registration for the Calumet City Chargers. July 14, 2024 Alderwoman Wilson will be the host of Donna Millers Hats Off to Women's Empowerment. July 15, 2024 Alderwoman Wilson will go live on Facebook and announce The Vision of We nominees; on Saturday August 17, 5 nominees will receive a Lifetime Achievement Award at the VFW. July 20<sup>th</sup> Alderwoman Wilson stated she will be in Vegas honoring her sons for receiving a Lifetime Achievement award from President Biden. On August 03, 2024 Alderwoman Wilson is having an event at 79<sup>th</sup> Street BBQ from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. please bring school supplies for entry.

Ald. Tillman

Alderman Tillman thanked the residents that came out to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ward meeting; if anyone would like a recap of the meeting it is posted on Alderman Tillman's Facebook page. Alderman Tillman announced the next 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ward meeting will be held at Downey Park fieldhouse on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Alderman Tillman would like 3<sup>rd</sup> ward residents to come to the Dolton Exchange meeting being held at the Calumet City Training Center on State Street on July 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Alderman Tillman announced the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ward Back to School event on August 17<sup>th</sup> at noon; volunteers are welcome.

Ald. Williams

Alderman Williams gave honor to God and thanked the residents that came out to the Shred Event at Green Oaks. Alderman Williams thanked the residents that came out to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ward townhall meeting at Downey Park. Alderman Williams reported that his property taxes have increased as well and that we will all be fighting together. Alderman Williams announced that Calumet City taxes have not increased in years.

Ald. Gardner

Alderman Gardner thanked all the staff and residents for supporting him with the loss of his grandmother. Alderman Gardner reported that he is being affected by the tax hike as well and he will join the fight with the residents and the Mayor. Alderman Gardner thanked Public Works for the work that's been done in the 5<sup>th</sup> ward. Alderman Gardner stated in the near future he will be holding a townhall and Tax Appeal meeting. Alderman Gardner would like 5<sup>th</sup> ward residents to call his office if any assistance is needed at (708) 891-8195

Ald. Patton

Alderman Patton thanked everyone that came out to the 6<sup>th</sup> ward meeting held on 163<sup>rd</sup> and Shirley; Alderman Patton would like to be contacted at (708)-891-8196 with any issues.



Ald. Smith

Alderman Smith requested residents contact his office at (708) 891-8197 or email him [asmith@calumetcity.org](mailto:asmith@calumetcity.org) regarding any issues with vacant properties. Alderman Smith announced the 7<sup>th</sup> ward townhall meeting will be held July 20, 2024 at DA's Banquet Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Alderman Smith stated he will be setting up a series of Tax Appeal events.

Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones stated that Calumet City did not have anything to do with the property taxes being raised. Mayor Jones reported he will direct the city attorney to file a class action lawsuit against Cook County and the Cook County Assessor Fitz Kaegi.

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

A. Pace Routes 349 and 359

RE: Detour notice for Pace Routes 349 and 359 effective Thursday, July 4th, 2024 only due to the Blue Island Fourth of July parade.

Approval of Informational Items to be Accepted And Placed on File

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

#1: Approve River Oaks Redevelopment

Approve River Oaks West Redevelopment Concept Package Presentation.

#2: Approve Simeon Alumni Association's Use of Sears Parking Lot

Approve the Simeon Alumni Association request to utilize the Sears Parking Lot dated for July 20, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m..

#3: Approve Morgan Park Alumni Use of Sears Parking Lot

Approve the Morgan Park High School Alumni Association request to utilize the Sears Parking Lot dated for August 10, 2024.

#4: Approve Blue & Gold Group Use of Sears Parking Lot

Approve the Blue & Gold Group request to utilize the Sears Parking Lot dated for September 1, 2024 from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

#5: Approve Drafting of Handicap 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 359 Prairie Avenue.

#6: Approve Amending of Handicap 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 107 Highland Street.

#7: Approve Drafting of Handicap 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 588 Greenbay Avenue.

#8: Approve Residential Only Sign

Direct Public Works to install a resident only sign with address in front of 306 Saginaw.

#9: Approve Drafting Amended Ordinance

Direct the city attorney to draft an amended ordinance to include the property at buddy bear for the installation of noise ordinance signs at the entrance and exit signs of the location.

#10: Approve Drafting of an RFQ for a Headhunter

Direct the city attorney to draft a RFQ for a headhunter to direct a search for a community and economic development director for the city of calumet city.

Approval of New Business Items

Alderman Smith motioned seconded by Alderman Gardner to approve new business items as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7

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

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUILDING PERMITS**

Privacy Fence

427 Merrill Fence	3rd Ward
532 Webb Street Fence	6th Ward
1534 Burnham Fence	7th Ward
1233 Arthur Fence	7th Ward

Approve Building Permits

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE**

Res.#1 Resolution for the Life of Mary Lee Gardner  
(Res.#24-22)

A resolution in memory of the life of Mary Lee Gardner.  
(See attached page 6A)

Res.#2 Resolution Protesting Tax Increases

A resolution protesting Cook County Assessor Property Tax Increases

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

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-22**

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**A RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF THE LIFE OF  
MARY LEE GARDNER**

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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. 24-22**

**A RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF THE LIFE OF  
MARY LEE GARDNER**

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City declares June 23<sup>rd</sup> Mary Lee Gardner day in the City of Calumet City, IL

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

WHEREAS, the community mourns the untimely and unfortunate death of Mary Lee Gardner on June 23, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Mary Lee Gardner was born on July 10, 1925, in Walnut Grove, Mississippi to Sarah Robinson and Henry Gardner, and was the oldest of three siblings; Mattie, Cora, and Sylvester; and

WHEREAS, Mary became the legal guardian for her sister Cora, who was afflicted with a disability, and took exceptional care of her sister; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 1945, Mary and Obie Gardner got married and shortly thereafter moved to Chicago in June 1947 with Mary's sister Cora; and

WHEREAS, after coming to Chicago, Mary worked as a private homemaker at the Belmont Hotel and the Evans Food Company where she retired in 1988 after working 21 years. Mary was renowned for her dedication and work ethic by her supervisors and coworkers; and.

WHEREAS, in Chicago, Mary joined first joined the Tried Stone Baptist Church, and subsequently joined Starlight St. James M.B. Church, where Mary served on the Usher Board, as Board President, on the Willing Workers Club, and on the Mother's Board; and



WHEREAS, Mary received several plaques and awards in commemoration for her spectacular service, including the 1998 award for the Longest Standing Member Award; and

WHEREAS, Mary was dedicated steward of God and loved serving the Church and her community, including baking delicious cakes and homemade rolls for the Church Teas, Banquets and Dinners, and participating in missions to feed and clothe the homeless at 47<sup>th</sup> and Vincennes Ave in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Mary and Obie were married for 66 years and had 10 children, 3 boys and 7 girls; and

WHEREAS, Mary relished preparing large meals and teaching her children by example through assigning each of them individual household duties; and

WHEREAS, Mary was also very caring and gracious, known to have welcomed many of her children's friends into the family and showing them her trademark southern hospitality; and

WHEREAS, Mary loved going on Saturday outings with the family to the Riverview Amusement Park, Starved Rock, the Zoo, the Planetarium, Museums, and picnics; and

WHEREAS, commencing in the 1980's, Mary created a family club called "It's A Family Affair Club," which partook in club activities included Family Reunion Picnics, Bus Trips, Christmas Banquets, outings, celebrating birthdays, and doing community outreach activities; and.


WHEREAS, Mary was very loved and well-respected by her family, friends, co-workers, and members of the community and leaves a lasting legacy that will live on for generations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City hereby acknowledge and establish June 23<sup>rd</sup> of each year as Mary Lee Gardner day in the City of Calumet City. We further extend our sincerest condolences to Mary Lee Gardner's friends and family, and extend our sincere gratitude for the life and legacy of Mary Lee Gardner.

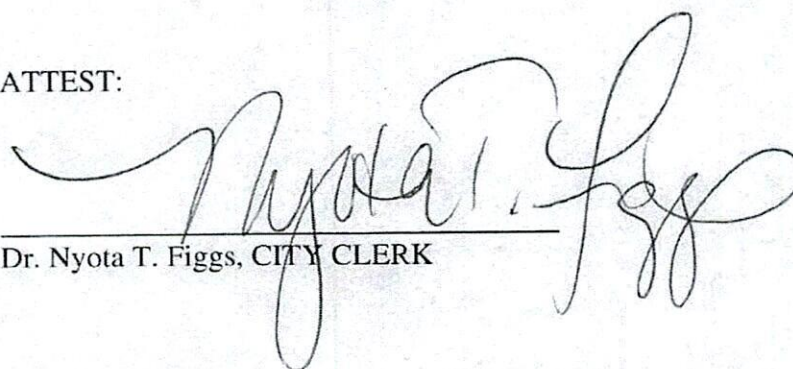
**ADOPTED** this 11th day of July 2024, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	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 July 11, 2024.

  
Thaddeus Jones  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Dr. Nyota T. Figs, CITY CLERK



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

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-23**

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**A RESOLUTION PROTESTING COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR  
PROPERTY TAX INCREASES FOR CALUMET CITY AND THE  
SOUTH SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES**

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

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Res.#24-23  
Regular City Council Meeting July 11, 2024



**RESOLUTION NO. 24-23**

**A RESOLUTION PROTESTING COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR  
PROPERTY TAX INCREASES FOR CALUMET CITY AND THE  
SOUTH SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES**

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, the City of Calumet City is committed to advocating for the well-being and prosperity of its residents and those of the greater South Suburban communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Calumet City hereby express their strong opposition to the recent property tax increases imposed by the Cook County Assessor's Office; and

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

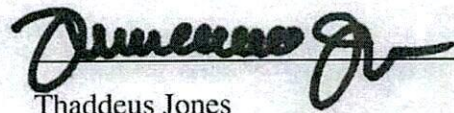
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of City of Calumet City is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Cook County Assessor's Office, the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and the Office of the Governor of Illinois to ensure that the voices of South Suburban homeowners are heard and considered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



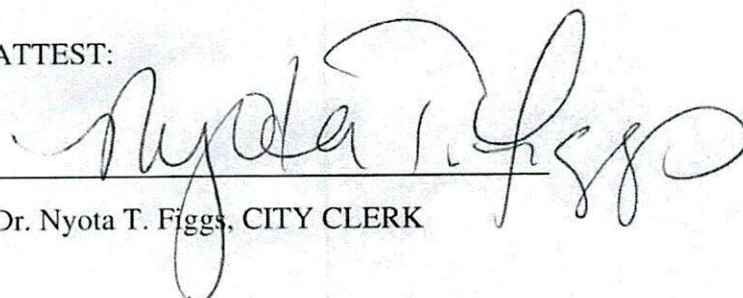
**ADOPTED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	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 July 11, 2024.

  
Thaddeus Jones  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, CITY CLERK

(Res.#24-23)

for Calumet City and the South Suburban Communities.  
(See attached page 6B)

Res.#3 Resolution Commending Olympian  
George Conditt, IV

Resolution commending Olympian George Conditt, IV from Calumet City on his selection of playing from the Puerto Rican National Basketball Team in the 2024 Olympics.  
(See attached page 7A)

(Res.#24-24)

Approval Resolutions and Ordinances

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to adopt Resolutions and pass Ordinances as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7

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

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#1: Payment to BlueCross BlueShield of  
Illinois

Approve payment to BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois for Claims and Administrative Fees (invoice #056417137601); authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$640,367.29 and charge account #03036-51130.

#2: Payment to Law offices of Franks,  
Kelly, Matuszewich & Andrle, PC

Approve payment to Law offices of Franks, Kelly, Matuszewich & Andrle, PC for invoice #12791; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$11,793.77 and charge account #01099-55120.

#3: Payment to Patrick W. Walsh

Approve payment to Patrick W. Walsh, Attorney at Law for invoice #3139; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$30,358.74 and charge account #01099- 55120.

#4: Payment to Law Office of Anthony  
Bass

Approve payment to Law Office of Anthony Bass for the retainer fee for consulting services for June 20, 2024 - July 20, 2024, in the amount of \$15,000 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01025-52200.

#5: Payment to Air One Equipment

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Air One Equipment in the amount of \$6,003.00. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06617-55100. This expenditure is for new pickhead axes.

#6: Payment to R&G Repair  
(Invoice # 3083 & 3082)

Approve \$26,215.51 to R&G Repair (invoice # 3083 & 3082) and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #06617-55135.



RESOLUTION FOR GEORGE CONDITT  
NOT PROVIDED TO THE CLERKS  
OFFICE.

#7: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing  
(Invoice 63234)

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 63234, in the amount of \$5,435.25; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52101.

#8: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing  
(Invoice 63285)

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 63285, in the amount of \$6,996.58; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52101.

#9: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing  
(Invoice 63282)

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 63282, in the amount of \$6,724.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#10: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing  
(Invoice 63289)

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 63289, in the amount of \$7,286.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52101.

#11: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing  
(Invoice 63232)

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 63232, in the amount of \$6,805.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#12: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing  
(Invoice 63354)

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice 63354, in the amount of \$8,472.58; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#13: Payment to Metropolitan Industries,  
Inc

Approve cost payable to Metropolitan Industries, Inc. for Invoice INV063217, in the amount of \$7,700.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036- 52103.

#14: Payment to Barracuda

Approve payment to Barracuda for the Web Security Gateway renewal beginning 2024-07-08; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$6,960.00 and charge account #01028-52372.

#15: Payment to CentralSquare  
Technologies

Approve payment to CentralSquare Technologies for Renewal Order #: Q-177309 renewal from October 1, 2024, through August 8, 2025; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$35,543.75 and charge account #01028-55120.

#16: Payment to Farnsworth (Inv  
#252506)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #252506) for Project #024MUN0222, in the amount of \$28,370.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099- 52600.

#17: Payment to Farnsworth (Inv  
#252508)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #252508) for Project #024MUN0222, in the amount of \$11,803.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099- 52600.

#18: Payment to Farnsworth (Inv  
#252509)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #252509) for Project #024MUN0222, in the amount of \$7,785.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099- 52600.



#19: Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #252510)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #252510) for Project #024MUN0222, in the amount of \$38,693.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099- 52600.

#20: Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #252511)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #252511) for Project #024MUN0222, in the amount of \$25,338.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099- 52600.

#21: Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #252507)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #252507) for Project #024MUN0222, in the amount of \$5,310.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099- 52600.

#22: Payment to Deere & Company

Approve costs payable to Deere & Company in the amount of \$51,522.47(QUOTE# 31269991). 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.

Approve Financial Items #1-22

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve financial items #1-22.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

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

ALDERMEN: None

ALDERMEN: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

#23: Payment to United Campbell Block Club

Approve the payment to United Campbell Block club in the amount of \$2,000.00 for its annual block club celebration on August 12, 2024; further direct the City Treasurer to issue payment in the amount of \$2,000.00 to the United Campbell Block club from account #01099- 52729.

Alderman Gardner Discussion

Alderman Gardner commented regarding the legal opinion given to the council that general funds are not to be used for Block Clubs.

Attorney Sterk

Attorney Sterk responded if the funds are coming from the Mayor or Alderman's stipend the funds can be used for a Block Club.

Alderman Tillman

Alderman Tillman suggested the council donate items to Block Clubs and make that the policy.

Motion to Remove Payment to Campbell Block Club

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Patton to remove payment to Campbell Block Club from the July 11, 2024 Regular City Council agenda.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

#24: Payment to Tomorrow's Youth  
Foundation

Approve the social service contract with Tomorrow's Youth Foundation and issue payment in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the organization; further direct the city treasurer to issue payment from account #01099-52716.

#25: Payment to Calumet City  
Thunderbolts

Approve the social service contract with Calumet City Thunderbolts and approve payment in the amount of \$5,000.00; further direct the city treasurer to issue payment to the organization from account #01099-52705.

Aldерwoman Wilson

Aldерwoman Wilson commented regarding the Thunderbolts budgeted line-item amount for the Social Service Contract being \$2,500.00.

Treasurer Tarka

Treasurer Tarka reported that whatever amount is decided on will be the only payment issued for the Thunderbolts Social Service contract because the city is currently in a new fiscal year.

#26: Payment to Crowe, LLP

Approve the Audit Engagement Letter dated March 11, 2024 prepared by Crowe, LLP, Independent Member of Crowe Global, Oak Brook Terrace, IL 60181, for a one-year contract for the audit of the fiscal year ended April 30, 2024; and authorize the Treasurer to sign and execute the Engagement Letter documents presented and authorize the Treasurer to remit payment to Crowe, LLP, for services rendered to be paid from account number 01099- 52610.

#27: Approve Payroll (\$964,716.30)

Approve Payroll (\$964,716.30).

#28: Approve Emergency Bill Listing  
(\$16,172.00)

Approve Emergency Bill Listing (\$16,172.00).

Motion to Remove Items from the  
Emergency Bill Listing

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Patton to remove all items on the bill listing that exceed \$1,000.00 and place the items on a future bill listing. (Sound of Authority \$2,850.00, Municipal Systems \$3,000.00, Vantage Production Group \$4,500.00, Alafia Production Group \$3191.00). (\$2,631.00)



ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

#29: Approve Bill Listing as amended  
(\$719,767.84)

Approve Bill Listing as amended (\$719,767.84).

Motion to Remove Items From Bill  
Listing

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Patton to remove items from the bill listing and refer the items to the Library Board for review. (CDM Entertainment \$1100.00, Jaks Sounds \$2,400.00 and \$2,350.00, Jason Grantt \$1,100.00) (\$712,817.84)

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Approve Financial Items #24-29

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve financial items #24-29 as amended.

Withdrawal of Motion

Alderman Gardner withdrew motion to approve financial items #24-29 as amended.

Withdrawal of Motion

Alderman Smith withdrew motion to approve financial items #24-29 as amended.

Approve Financial Items #24-29 with #25,  
#28, #29 as Amended

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve financial items #24-29, with item #25, #28, #29 as amended.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete asked the Mayor to check on the purchase order he requested.

Alderman Wilson

Alderman Wilson thanked Sasha and Maria from the Mayor's office for walking her through the Sungard system. Alderman Wilson wished City Clerk Dr. Nyota T. Figs a happy belated birthday.

Alderman Williams

Alderman Williams wished the Clerk a happy belated birthday.

Alderman Gardner

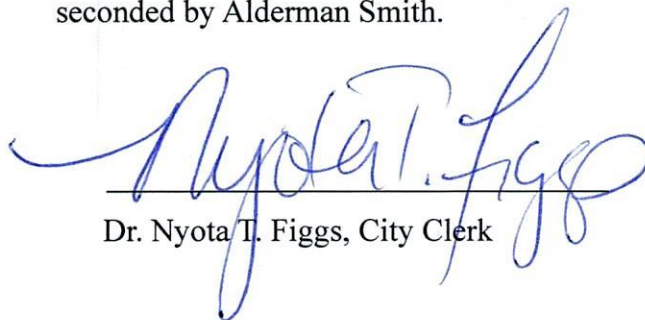
Alderman Gardner wished the Clerk a happy belated birthday.

Alderman Patton

Alderman Patton wished the Clerk a happy belated birthday.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment was at 8:05 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Gardner seconded by Alderman Smith.



Dr. Nyota T. Figs, City Clerk

**MOTION CARRIED**