

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

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

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**

Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:02 p.m. in a regular meeting on September 9, 2021, with Mayor Thaddeus Jones, present and presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 6 ALDERMEN: Navarrete Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Smith  
ABSENT: 1 ALDERMEN: Patton (excused)

Also present was City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City, City Attorney Shaunta Rainez, City Engineer Ken Chastain, Police Chief Kolosh, Fire Chief Bacherti Building & Zoning Sheryl Tillman, Director Economic Development Val Williams, FOIA Officer, Christopher Clark, Media Consultant Sean Howard. Deputy Clerk Frances Anderson.

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

Public Forum

The following individual spoke at the public forum  
spokeswomen for the Democratic Women of the Southland Region presented a certificate to Calumet City Firefighters and Alderman Wilson as Heroes for their service.

Moment of Silence

The City Council observed a moment of silence for the National September 11 Memorial.

Approval of Minutes

Regular City Council Meeting, August 12, 2021  
Committee of the Whole Meeting, August 19th  
Permits & Licenses Committee Meeting August 19, 2021  
Ordinance and Resolutions Committee Meeting August 19, 2021  
Regular City Council Meeting, August 9, 2021

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

<u>Finance</u>	Alderman Gardner held a tax seminar on tax appeal on 09/7/2021 at TFN High School located at 755 Pulaski Rd. Future dates will be forthcoming for more Tax Seminars.
<u>Public Safety</u>	Alderman Williams reported applications for the Police Department will be available on September 15, 2021.
<u>Public Utilities</u>	Alderman Smith reported there will be a Public Utilities Committee meeting this month.
<u>Ord. &amp; Res.</u>	Alderman Tillman reported there was an Ordinance and Resolution meeting for Attorneys to draft motions for Business and will be presented at the next Regular Council City Meeting for approval.
<u>H.E.W</u>	Alderman Patton encouraged residents to get vaccinated.
<u>Permits &amp; Licenses</u>	Alderman Wilson reported there will be a Permits & Licenses Committee meeting in, the near future.
<u>Public Works</u>	Alderman Navarrete reported there will be a Public Works Committee meeting later in the month to discuss this fall season as well as his close-out reports.

## **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

<u>Alderman Navarrete</u>	Alderman Navarrete announced Walk the Ward will be September 18, 2021, from 11-2:00 p.m. at City Hall. Alderman Navarrete announced the 1st Ward Comprehensive Plan, which includes goals, strategy, and mission for the community as well as different resources that would bring grants, resources, and business.
<u>Alderman Wilson</u>	Alderman Wilson thanked everyone who attended the Labor Day Back to school event. Alderman Wilson announced Wentworth District #155 will host a back-to-school event on September 10, 2021. Alderman Wilson recognized the 20th Anniversary of the September 11th attacks. Alderman Wilson announced 2nd Ward Town Hall meeting will be Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the public safety training center at 24 State St. Alderman Wilson wished her husband an early Happy Birthday on September 19, 2021. Alderman Wilson announced on September 19, 2021, Calumet City Chargers Homecoming will take place at TFN H.S.
<u>Alderman Williams</u>	Alderman Williams gave honor to God. Alderman Williams announced on September 11, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. a Cook County Tax Appeal Event will be held at Thorton Township. Alderman Williams announced that the 4 <sup>th</sup> Ward clean-up will take place on September 25, 2021.
<u>Alderman Gardner</u>	Alderman Gardner announced on September 13, 2021, there will be a

Townhall meeting and conversation with the Mayor held at Jesus Shepherd of Souls located at 155th Freeland from 6-7:30 p.m.  
Alderman Gardner reminded 5th Ward residents to continue to call his office at 708-891-8195 with concerns and complaints.

Alderman Smith

Alderman Smith informed residents to continue to call his office with concerns and complaints.

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

A. Teresa A. Bishop  
expressing appreciation  
towards the Violence  
Prevention Recovery grant.

RE: Violence Prevention  
Recovery grant.

B. Order of the Cook County  
Department of Public Health  
No.2021-1

RE: Covid Mitigation;  
Effective: August 23, 2021.

C. Cook County ARPA  
Technical Assistance  
Newsletter September 2, 2021

RE: Cook County ARPA  
Technical Assistance  
Newsletter September 2, 2021

D. ComEd and Metropolitan  
Mayors Caucus Offer Grants  
to Illuminate Community  
Holiday Lighting Events.

RE: D ComEd and  
Metropolitan Mayors Caucus  
Offer Grants to Illuminate  
Community Holiday Lighting  
Events

Accept & place on file

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to accept items A-D and place them on file.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Executive Session

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson to enter into executive session for possible litigation and discussion of a specific individual.

**MOTION CARRIED**

The city council met in a closed session from 6:41 p.m.- 7:02 p.m.

Return to the Regular Order of Business

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson to return to the regular order of business.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1) Motion to approve the appointment of Frances Anderson as Deputy City Clerk for a term ending April 30, 2022.

Approve the appointment of Frances Anderson as Deputy City Clerk for a term ending April 30, 2022.

2) Revenue Report from City Clerk

Approve Revenue Report from City Clerk

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| <p><u>3) Approve and accept the resignation of Paul Freyman</u></p>   | <p>Approve and accept the resignation of Paul Freyman from employment at the Public Works Department from the City of Calumet City effective immediately.</p>                 |
| <p><u>4) Approve and accept the resignation of Joseph Dixon from the Public Works Department.</u></p>   | <p>Approve and accept the resignation of Joseph Dixon from the Public Works Department from the City of Calumet City effective immediately.</p>                               |
| <p><u>5) Approve and accept the resignation of Jason Smith from the Public Works Department.</u></p>  | <p>Approve and accept the resignation of Jason Smith from the Public Works Department from the City of Calumet City effective immediately.</p>                                |
| <p><u>6) Authorize the Police &amp; Fire Commission to hire 5 officers.</u></p>   | <p>Authorize the Police &amp; Fire Commission to hire 5 officers from the current eligibility list to attend the police training academy in October 2021 or January 2022.</p> |
| <p><u>7) Amend Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the City of Calumet City and the Board of Education of Thornton Fractional High School District 215</u></p> | <p>Amend Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the City of Calumet City and the Board of Education of Thornton Fractional High School District 215.</p>                  |
| <p><u>8) Approve Residents Parking handicap sign</u></p>  | <p>Approve James Conner 's petition for a handicap parking space in front of their residence located at 650 Freeland. (amended)</p>   |
| <p><u>9) Approve Residents Parking handicap sign</u></p>  | <p>Approve the request for a Resident Parking Only space in front of the residence located at 503 Crandon.</p>  |
| <p><u>10) Approve Residents Parking handicap sign</u></p>   | <p>Approve a request for a handicap parking space in front of the residence located at 1775 Memorial Drive.</p>   |
| <p><u>11) Approve Residents Parking handicap sign.</u></p>  | <p>Motion to approve a request for a handicap parking space in front of the residence located at 518 Crandon. (amended)</p>   |
| <p><u>12) Approve the request in renaming the intersection of Sibley and Muskegon.</u></p>  | <p>Approve the request in renaming the intersection of Sibley and Muskegon in honor of the late Bishop Renaldo James Kyles. (amended)</p>                                     |
| <p><u>13) Approve for a handicap sign</u></p>   | <p>Approve request for a Resident Parking only space in front of the residence located at 667 Exchange.</p>   |
| <p><u>14) Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance business license application procedures.</u></p>   | <p>Motion to direct the City Attorney to begin drafting an ordinance for new business application procedures.</p>   |
| <p><u>Approve New Business items #1 - #14</u></p>   | <p>Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve new business items #1 –# 14 presented.</p>   |

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6	ALDERMEN: Alderman: Tillman, Wilson, Gardner, Smith, Williams, Navarrete
NAYS: 0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT: 1	ALDERMEN: Patton

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUILDING PERMITS**

NONE

**C. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

1) Resolution Supporting the Class 8 Real Estatax Assessment Classification For 382-412 Torrence Avenue.

Resolution Supporting the Class 8 Real Estatax Assessment Classification For 382-412 Torrence Avenue.

(Res. #21-40)

(See attached page 5A )

2) Resolution Supporting the Renewal of A Class 6B Real Estate Assessment r Calumet Business Center, LLC

Resolution Supporting the Renewal of A Class 6B Real Estate Assessment Classification For Calumet Business Center, LLC.

Res# 21-41)

(See attached page 5B)

3) Resolution honoring Polish American History Month.

Resolution honoring Polish American History Month Polish Army Veterans Association Post #40 Hammond, Indiana will gather to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of their organization at the Carmelite Monastery in Munster, Indiana.

(Res. #21-42)

(See attached page 5C)

4) Resolution recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Resolution recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness month and requesting that all residents participate and honor a Breast Cancer Survivor.

( Res. # 21-43)

(See attached page 5D)

**PASS RESOLUTION**

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Tillman, to pass the resolutions and ad the ordinances as presented without the necessity of prior posting.

**ROLL CALL**

AYES: 6

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

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Patton

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Financial Matters**

1)Approve payment to Farnsworth Group

Approve payment to Farnsworth Group for final invoice of Project No: 0210749; authorize the City Treasurer to remit \$8,500.00 payment and charge account #01099-52600.

2) Approve payment to Target Solutions Learning LLC for annual service fees

Approve payment to Target Solutions Learning, LLC for annual service fees; authorize the City Treasurer to remit \$5,116.00 payment and charge line item #06607-52390.

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THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY,  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 21- 40

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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CLASS 8 REAL ESTATE  
TAX ASSESSMENT CLASSIFICATION FOR 382-412  
TORRENCE AVENUE

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THADDEUS JONES, Mayor  
NYOTA T. FIGGS, City Clerk

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

Aldermen

9th Sept.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-40

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CLASS 8 REAL ESTATE  
TAX ASSESSMENT CLASSIFICATION FOR 382-412  
TORRENCE AVENUE

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois (the "City") is a home rule municipality 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 (the "Home Rule Powers"); and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook have enacted an ordinance known as the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance, as amended from time to time (the "Classification Ordinance"), which provides for a tax assessment incentive classification designed to encourage development throughout Cook County by offering a real estate tax incentive for the development of new facilities, the rehabilitation of existing structures and the utilization of abandoned buildings in order to create employment opportunities and expand the tax base; and

WHEREAS, Little Bear Holding, LLC is the owner ("Owner") of certain parcels of property within the City commonly known as 382-412 Torrence Avenue, Calumet City, Illinois, identified by certain permanent index numbers (PINs) 29-12-223-025 through -041 and hereinafter legally described on Exhibit A, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, Owner is the applicant and has requested that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City (the "Corporate Authorities") support and consent to the Cook County

Class 8 Real Estate Tax Assessment Classification for the Property, as said term is defined in the Classification Ordinance (the "*Class 8 Tax Assessment Classification*"), and

WHEREAS, the Owner has provided an Economic Disclosure Statement to the City, and

WHEREAS, the adoption of a resolution by the Corporate Authorities is required and must be filed by the Owner with its application with the County of Cook in order for the Property to receive the Class 8 Tax Assessment Classification; and

WHEREAS, the Owner is planning to redevelop the property by constructing a new building on the Subject Property in order for the Owner to open a commercial business of a car wash, which is dependent on the approval and grant of the Class 8 Tax Assessment Classification; and

WHEREAS, the redevelopment proposed by the Owner will improve the tax base of the City, create temporary employment opportunities during construction and new permanent employment opportunities, and generate real estate tax revenues for both the City and the County of Cook, as a result of the aforesaid redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities find that the redevelopment contemplated for the Property will promote commercial growth, create new employment opportunities within the City and will expand and further diversify the tax base of the City and that without a Class 8 Tax Assessment Classification for the Property it will remain vacant and exasperate blight in the area surrounding the Property; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the viability of the facility, the creation of numerous positions in the city and to maximize the tax base of the City, the Corporate Authorities have determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the City to approve the Class 8 Real Estate Tax Assessment



Classification for the Property for the redevelopment and revitalization of the Property, pursuant to the Classification Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is to correct and replace Resolution 21-39

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, by and through its Home Rule Powers, as follows.

**Section 1.** That the above recitals and legislative findings are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.

**Section 2.** The Corporate Authorities find that the proposed redevelopment contemplated herein for the Property is necessary and appropriate and that without a Class 8 Tax Assessment Classification the Property will remain vacant and underutilized and cause the continued exasperation of blighted factors within the area surrounding the Property.

**Section 3.** The Corporate Authorities find that the Class 8 Tax Assessment Classification incentive program established by the County of Cook is necessary for the redevelopment herein contemplated to occur on the Property which is the subject of this Resolution.

**Section 4.** The Corporate Authorities support and consent to the filing of a Class 8 Tax Incentive Eligibility Application by the Owner for the Property

**Section 5.** If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution.

**Section 6.** All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

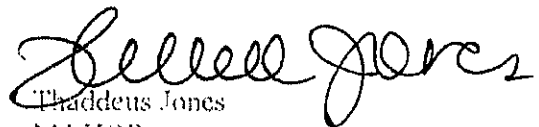
**Section 7.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law

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

this 9th day of September, 2021, pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent	Present
Gardner	x			
Navarrete	x			
Patton			x	
Smith	x			
Lillman	x			
Williams	x			
Wilson	x			
(Mayor Jones)				

APPROVED by the Mayor on **September 9**, 2021.

  
Thaddeus Jones  
MAYOR

  
ROBERT F. FIGG  
CITY CLERK

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THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY,  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 21- 41

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK  
COUNTY ILLINOIS SUPPORTING THE RENEWAL OF A CLASS  
6B REAL ESTATE TAX ASSESSMENT CLASSIFICATION FOR  
CALUMET BUSINESS CENTER, LLC

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THEADDEUS JONES, Mayor  
NYOTA T. BIGGS, City Clerk  
DEJUAN GARDNER  
MICHAEL NAVARRETE  
JAMES PATTON  
ANTHONY SMITH  
DEANDRE TILLMAN  
RAMONDE WILLIAMS  
MONET WILSON

Aldermen

RESOLUTION NUMBER 21-41

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY  
ILLINOIS SUPPORTING THE RENEWAL OF A CLASS 6B REAL ESTATE TAX  
ASSESSMENT CLASSIFICATION FOR CALUMET BUSINESS CENTER, LLC

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois (the "City") is a home rule municipality 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 (the "Home Rule Powers") and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook have enacted an ordinance known as the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance, as amended from time to time (the "Classification Ordinance"), which provides for a real estate assessment incentive classification designed to encourage development throughout Cook County by offering a real estate tax incentive for the development of new facilities, the rehabilitation of existing structures and the utilization of abandoned buildings in order to create employment opportunities and expand the tax base and

WHEREAS, Calumet Business Center, LLC (the "Owner") owns a certain parcel of property within the City commonly known as 443-445 Plummer and 443 State Street, Calumet City, Illinois, identified by a certain permanent index numbers 30-08-107-00-002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 019, 020, and 021, and hereinafter legally described as a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof (the "Property") and

WHEREAS, Owner has requested that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City (the "Corporate Authorities") support and consent to the renewal of its Cook County Class 6B Real Estate Tax Assessment Classification for the Property as said term is defined in the Classification Ordinance (the "Class 6B Tax Assessment Classification") and as originally authorized on September 14, 2000 by Resolution No. 00-57 and previously renewed by the Corporate Authorities on January 12, 2017 by Resolution No. 11-61, and

WHEREAS, the adoption of a resolution by the Corporate Authorities is required and must be filed by Owner with its renewal application with the County of Cook in order for the Property to maintain its Class 6B Tax Assessment Classification, and

WHEREAS, Owner rents the facility including to its largest tenant, Hasse Construction Co. ("Tenant"), and has added over \$100,000 in upgrades to make improvements to the building and its exterior for the purpose of allowing the Tenant to expand its office and warehouse operations and to accommodate the ten new employees it has hired, and the economic viability of these additional jobs and this improved facility is dependent on the continued Class 6B Tax Assessment Classification and

WHEREAS, to ensure the ongoing viability of the facility, the continuation of employment positions in the City and to safeguard the tax base of the City, the Corporate Authorities have determined that it is necessary and in the best interests of the City to approve the renewal of the Class 6B Real Estate Tax Assessment Classification for the Property

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, by and through its Home Rule Powers, as follows:

**Section 1.** That the above recitals and legislative findings are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof as if fully set forth in their entirety.

**Section 2.** The Corporate Authorities find that the continuing economic viability of the Property is necessary and appropriate for the community and that without a Class 6B Tax Assessment Classification the Property would be underutilized and cause blight in the area surrounding the Property.

**Section 3.** The Corporate Authorities find that the Class 6B Tax Assessment Classification incentive program established by the County of Cook is necessary for the ongoing commercial use and habitability of the Property and that the use of the Property is necessary and beneficial to the local economy.

**Section 4.** The Corporate Authorities support and consent to the renewal of the Class 6B Tax Incentive for the Property, which is legally described on Exhibit A.

**Section 5.** If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution.

**Section 6.** All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 7.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

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

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 21-42**

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**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND DECLARING  
OCTOBER AS POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN  
THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY**

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**THADDEUS JONES, Mayor  
NYOTA T. FIGGS, City Clerk  
DEJUAN GARDNER  
MICHAEL NAVARRETE  
JAMES PATTON  
ANTHONY SMITH  
DEANDRE TILLMAN  
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**Aldermen**

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Res. # 21-42

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2021- 21-43**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND DECLARING OCTOBER AS POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY**

WHEREAS, the first Polish immigrants to North America were among the settlers of Jamestown, Virginia, in the 17th century;

WHEREAS Kazimierz Pulaski, Tadeusz Kosciuszko, and others came to the British colonies in America to fight in the Revolutionary War and to risk their lives and fortunes for the creation of the United States:

WHEREAS, Polish Americans have influenced American culture in many ways: the most prominent among these is through the inclusion of traditional Polish cuisine such as pierogi, kielbasa and golabki; and

WHEREAS, events which celebrate diversity and peace contribute to fulfilling our city's and nation's great legacy of equal opportunity for all, and do so profoundly enhance our shared commitment to freedom and justice.

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

**SECTION 1:** The foregoing recitals are incorporated into and made a part of this Resolution as findings of the City Council.

**SECTION 2:** The City Council hereby declares and proclaims October as Polish American Heritage Month as they recognize and honor Polish Americans and their contributions to our culture.

**SECTION 3:** If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Resolution.



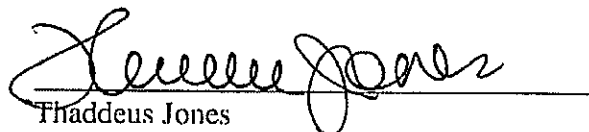
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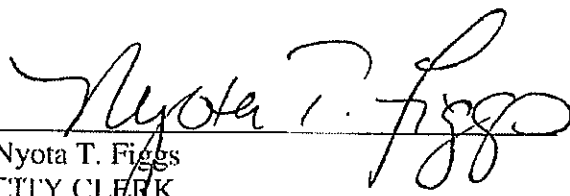
**ADOPTED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	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 September 9, 2021.

  
Thaddeus Jones  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Nyota T. Figgs  
CITY CLERK

Res. # 21-42

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

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 21- 43**

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**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND DECLARING  
OCTOBER AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN  
THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY**

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**THADDEUS JONES, Mayor  
NYOTA T. FIGGS, City Clerk  
DEJUAN GARDNER  
MICHAEL NAVARRETE  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 2021- 21-43**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND DECLARING OCTOBER AS BREAST  
CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY**

WHEREAS, the month of October has been nationally designated Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, in the United States breast cancer is the most common cancer overall for both men and women combined and women are at higher risk for both diagnoses and death; and

WHEREAS, currently 1 in 8 women in the United States will develop breast cancer sometime in her life and breast cancer is more common in African American women, compared to women of other races/ethnicities; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, an estimated 281,550 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S., along with 49,290 new cases of non-invasive (in situ) breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, about 2,650 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in men in 2021; and

WHEREAS, every year too many Americans are touched by the pain and hardship caused by breast cancer and breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among American women;

WHEREAS, in 2021, it's estimated that about 30% of newly diagnosed cancers in women will be breast cancers; and

WHEREAS, certain health behaviors help to prevent this disease, including staying at a healthy weight throughout your life and avoiding excess weight gain; engaging in moderate to vigorous physical activity several times per week; and limiting or avoiding alcohol; and

WHEREAS, screening activities like regular mammograms can help find breast cancer at an early stage when treatment is most successful and women who have regular mammograms are

more likely to have breast cancer found early, are less likely to need aggressive treatments like mastectomy and chemotherapy, and are more likely to be cured; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports these individuals and their loved ones who give their unwavering support during the most trying times, we recommit ourselves to the essential and necessary work of forging a future free from cancer in all its forms.

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

**SECTION 1:** The foregoing recitals are incorporated into and made a part of this Resolution as findings of the City Council.

**SECTION 2:** The City Council hereby declares and proclaims October as Calumet City Breast Cancer Awareness Month, as they honor all those who lost their lives to breast cancer and recognizes the courageous survivors who are still fighting this disease. The Council encourages citizens, other government agencies, private businesses, nonprofit organizations, and all other interested groups to join in activities that will increase awareness of what Americans can do to prevent breast cancer.

**SECTION 3:** If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Resolution.

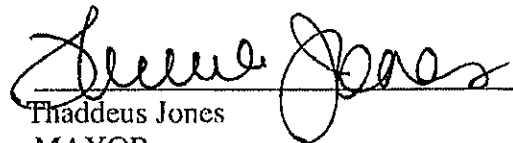
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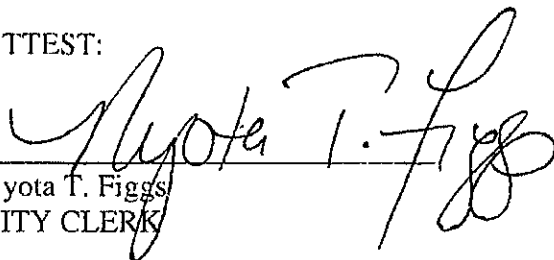
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Gardner	x			
Navarrete	x			
Patton			x	
Smith	x			
Tillman	x			
Williams	x			
Wilson	x			
(Mayor Jones)				

**APPROVED** by the Mayor on September 9, 2021

  
 Thaddeus Jones  
 MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
 Nyota T. Figgs  
 CITY CLERK

- 3) Approve payment to Air One Equipment: Approve payment to Air One Equipment for replacement bunker gear for Fire Department; authorize City Treasurer to remit \$7,363.00 payment and charge line item #01070-5344.
- 4) Approve payment to Alliance Environmental for asbestos removal Approve payment to Alliance Environmental for asbestos removal; direct City Treasurer to remit \$6,770.00 payment and charge the amount to line item number #010199-52710.
- 5) Approve payment to Municode for cloud agenda: Approve payment to Municode for cloud agenda solution; direct City Treasurer to \$9500.00 remit payment and charge account #01028-55120.
- 6) Approve payment to Benford and Brown for invoice #13120 (Forensic Audit) Approve payment to Benford and Brown for invoice #13120 (Forensic Audit) in the amount of \$7,835.80; charge to account #01099-52610.
- 7) Approve payment to Benford and Brown for invoice #14119 (Forensic Audit) Approve payment to Benford and Brown for invoice #14119 (Forensic Audit) in the amount of \$3,267.20, and charge to account #01099-52610.
- 8) Approve payment to South Suburban Welding & Fabricating Co. Inc. Approve payment to South Suburban Welding & construction of a training tower; authorize City Treasurer to remit payment and charge to line #06617-55135. \$1,143.80 Payment and to charge account # 01041-51950.
- 9) Approve buyback of Sick Days for Joseph Dickson due to his resignation Approve buyback of Vacation Days for Joseph Dickson due to his resignation; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$1,143.80 and charge account #01041-51950.
- 10) Approve buyback of Vacation Days for Joseph Dickson Approve buyback of Vacation Days for Joseph Dickson due to his resignation; authorize the City Treasurer to remit \$2,167.20 payment and to charge account #01041-51115.
- 11) Approve t payment to Patrick Walsh & Associates Approve payment to Patrick Walsh and Associates \$30,632.50 (invoice#2908) for legal services; further, direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Patrick Walsh account #01025-52200.
- 12) Approve bill listing Approve bill listing (\$466,064.46).
- 13) Approve payroll Approve payroll (\$779,724.21).
- 14 ) Approve Emergency bill listing Approve emergency bill listing(\$2,547.00)
- Approve financial items #1 Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve financial items #1 - #14

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 ALDERMEN: Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Smith, Wilson, Navarrete  
 NAYS: 0 ALDERMEN: None  
 ABSENT: 1 ALDERMEN: Patton

**MOTION CARRIED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Clerk Figgs

City Clerks Figgs appointed Frances Anderson as Deputy Clerk.

Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones appointed Jasmine Jones to the Library Board for a term to expire on April 30, 2023.

Mayor Jones appointed Debbie Sullivan to the Library Board for a term to expire on April 30, 2023.

Mayor Jones appointed Sam Williams to the Library Board for a term to expire on April 30, 2023.

Mayor Jones appointed Erica Jenkins to the Library Board for a term to expire on April 30, 2025.

Mayor Jones appointed JeTaun Russell to the Library Board for a term to expire on April 30, 2025.

City Engineer

City Engineer announced Burnham Ave and State Rd will be resurfaced from 159th St. to Burnham.

Alderman Patton

Alderman Patton announced that Cook County Treasurer announced there will only be one tax sale on November 5, 2021.

Alderman Patton encouraged all residents to continue to call his office for any questions and concerns.

Alderman Wilson

Alderman Wilson encouraged the residents to stop at all stop signs.

Alderman Smith

Alderman Smith informed residents that Vertical Farms is hiring and to call his office for employment opportunities.

**ADJOURNMENT**

An adjournment was at 7:07 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Gardner, seconded by Alderman Smith.

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Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk