



Regular City Council Meeting

City of Calumet City, Illinois

Monday, November 24, 2025

6:00 PM

AGENDA

To participate in the Public Comment for this meeting, email your comment to mayorjones@calumetcity.org. Please limit the comment to 300 words and be sure to identify yourself and address. Comments must be submitted no later than 1:00 p.m. Monday, November 24, 2025.

Meetings shall be open to the public but limited to participation due to social distancing; at capacity, no additional public will be allowed. Meetings are televised on the government access channel (Channel 4 for Comcast users.)

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular City Council Meeting November 13, 2025

B. Special Finance Committee of the Whole November 19, 2025

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

A. Firefighter/Paramedic Antonio Welsch letter of resignation from the Calumet City Fire Department.

7. NEW BUSINESS - ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to approve the loaning of \$313,000 to the Calumet City Library Fund from the City's Corporate Fund. The City Treasurer will co-ordinate with the Library Executive Director to transfer the Funds. The Library Fund will repay the amount borrowed from the proceeds they get from the second installment of the 2024 real estate tax levy collected in 2025/2026. Further, the Treasurer is permitted to transfer said funds at his discretion to repay the City for the amount borrowed (\$313,000).
2. Motion to approve the Wentworth Woods development agreement for Farnsworth for site planning, infrastructure and engineering; further direct the city treasurer to issue payment in the amount of \$265,000 from the 2023 bond issue (economic development); further direct the mayor to sign and execute the agreement.

3. Motion to 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 550 Calhoun Avenue.
4. Motion to direct the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners to offer conditional employment to the next eligible candidate on the hiring list and to direct the Board to make the necessary hiring to reflect the resignation of Firefighter/Paramedic Antonio Welsch.
5. Motion to approve the settlement agreement with Brianna McNeal and to direct the City Treasurer to issue payment as directed by the agreement.
6. Motion to approve Children's Home Center Daycare community recruitment outing at the corner of Sibley and Torrance on December 10th, 2025, from 3PM - 5PM. (Pending police and insurance approval)

8. NEW BUSINESS - BUILDING PERMITS - FENCE VARIANCE

1. 267 Prairie Ave. 3rd Ward

9. NEW BUSINESS - RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

1. A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO AND SUPPORTING A REWEAL OF THE CLASS 8 INCENTIVE FOR 426 BURNHAM AVENUE (Calumet Dockside Services, LLC)
2. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FEES FOR THE CITY'S INTEREST APPLICATION FORM (IAF) FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
3. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TERM SHEET AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 200 GOLD COAST LANE AND 225 GOLD COAST LANE, CALUMET CITY

10. NEW BUSINESS - FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Motion to approve the buyback for Kenneth Jones as shown in the communication.
2. Motion to approve the buyback for Erica France Jenkins shown in the communication.
3. Motion to approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Elevated Safety in the amount of \$6,153.94. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06617-55100. This expenditure is for tech rescue supplies.
4. Motion to approve the purchase of ALPR hardware and equipment from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$33,749.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$33,749.00, to be charged to 06860-57117 (Federal Asset Forfeiture - Law Enforcement Equipment).
5. Motion to approve the purchase of ten (10) ALPR cameras from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$29,000.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$29,000.00, to be charged to 01060-52493 (Organized Retail Crime Grant).

6. Motion to approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$19,836.19 for corporate legal services dated November 7th, 2025, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025-52200.
7. Motion to approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$22,988.33 for legal services November 7th, 2025, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025-52200.
8. Motion to approve payment to Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$10,400.00 for the Device Licensing Fee; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$10,400.00 to be charged to 01060-52430.
9. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth Group Invoice number 264647 for Project number 02500104.001 Calumet City Misc. Site Reviews 2025 and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$606.25 and charge account # 01099-52600.
10. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth Group Invoice number 264693 for Project number 02500105.001 Calumet City Misc. Site Reviews 2025 and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$2,073.75 and charge account # 01099-52600.
11. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth Group Invoice number 264648 for Project number 02500104.001 Calumet City Misc. Site Reviews 2025 and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$500.00 and charge account # 01099-52600.
12. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth Group Invoice number 262555 for Project number 02500104.001 Calumet City Misc. Site Reviews 2025 and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$612.50 and charge account # 01099-52600.
13. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth Group Invoice number 264457 for Project number 02500103.001 Calumet City Misc. Site Reviews 2025 and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$1,800.00 and charge account # 01099-52600.
14. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth Group for Invoice number 264474 for Project number 02500103.001 Calumet City Misc. Site Reviews 2025 and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$3,093.75 and charge account # 01099-52600.
15. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #264442) for Project #02500992.001 Sewer and Stormwater Capital Improvement Action Plan - Planning and RFP Development (Area 2), in the amount of \$103,700.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #12607-52136.
16. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #264472) for Project #02500103.001 Misc. Engineering Services, in the amount of \$9,838.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52600.
17. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #264729) for Project #02500103.001 Cook County Project Phase 10 Misc., in the amount of \$21,832.50 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52600.

18. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #264728) for Project #02500103.001 Misc. Engineering Services, in the amount of \$14,573.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52600.
19. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #264725) for Project #02500103.001 Misc. Engineering Services, in the amount of \$17,178.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52600.
20. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #264569) for Project #02500103.001 Misc. Engineering Services, in the amount of \$26,913.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52600.
21. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #264475) for Project #02500103.001 Misc. Engineering Services, in the amount of \$11,857.50 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52600.
22. Motion to approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #69632 (Emergency Water Main Leak Repair - Dolton Ave. & Paxton Ave.), in the amount of \$15,511.00, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.
23. Motion to approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #69679 (Main Sewer and Storm Collapse - 156th St. & Wentworth), in the amount of \$11,538.00, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.
24. Motion to approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #69587 (Water Main Break in Parkway - 1491 Freeland), in the amount of \$6,134.49, authorize the city treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.
25. Approve 11/7/25 Payroll (\$1,036,415.39)
26. Approve 11/21/25 Payroll (\$1,055,313.46)
27. Approve Bill List (\$1,195,794.98)

11. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance ----- Ald. Williams
 Public Safety ----- Ald. Gardner
 Public Utilities ----- Ald. Phillips
 Ordinance & Resolution ----- Ald. Tillman
 Health, Education & Welfare ----- Ald. Wilson
 Permits & Licenses ----- Ald. Harvey
 Public Works ----- Ald. Nelson

12. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Jones
 VETO MESSAGE TO THE

CITY OF CALUMET CITY COUNCIL

Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-45 and Section 2-194 of the City of Calumet City Municipal Code of Ordinances, I hereby veto the below listed motions from the November 13, 2025 City of Calumet City Regular City Council Meeting agenda:

1. Motion to direct City Treasurer to approve the bill list as amended and permanently delete the following: Three (3) Senior Ambassadors (remove) and Taylor Media.
2. Three Senior Ambassadors veto message: At a time when seniors are suffering more than the average family, this action goes against the City's policy to support our senior community. This action goes against the values of Senior Action Committee and is mean spirited Additionally, the action taken violates the Salary Ordinance for the 2026 year and does not amend the Salary Ordinance or reference the Salary Ordinance 25-19 "Salaries of Officials."
3. Taylor Media veto Message: The action taken at the November 13, 2025 violates the Illinois Prompt Payment Act and payment for services rendered. Therefore, this action is vetoed, in order to avoid any liability to the City for timely paying for services previously rendered. Further, the treasurer shall issue payment to avoid liability for the City.

I veto the afore-mentioned motions, which concern the expenditure or appropriation of City money and may create liability against the City, because the City's corporate authorities needs more time to thoroughly deliberate their impact on the City and its residents prior to a premature vote thereon.

CONCLUSION

As Mayor, I have the authority to veto any motion that provides for the expenditure of City funds or that creates liability against the City. 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-45. For the reasons stated above, I hereby return the above-referenced motions with my written objections in the form of veto, and I disapprove the motions in their entirety. 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-45.

Alderwoman Harvey
Alderwoman Wilson
Alderman Tillman
Alderman Williams
Alderman Gardner
Alderwoman Nelson
Alderwoman Phillips

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. ADJOURNMENT

The deadline for submission in writing to the City Mayor for consideration at its next regular meeting of Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., is at 12:00 NOON, Thursday, December 4, 2025.