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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
CALUMET CITY

Nyota T. Figgs
City Clerk

TO: MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of the City Council is being called for Thursday, November 19, 2026, at 6 p.m. to be held in the City Council Chambers at 204 Pulaski Road. The agenda is as follows:

1. Discussion and/or action regarding the passing of the City budget

A. The current status of the City budget, reasons for the delay, outstanding matters, and anticipated approval timeline.
B. Selection of three available dates to reconvene discussions with the Finance Director, City Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, and Legislative Counsel to review the matters outlined below and any additional matters affecting the City's 2027 fiscal-year-end budget.
C. Review, consideration, and possible amendment and/or passage of Ordinances No. 26-17 and No. 25-09.
D. Review of all outstanding union contracts and an assessment of what the City of Calumet City can financially afford before resuming negotiations.
E. Selection of three appropriate dates for meetings between the City Council and the Mayor's Office, with proposed dates to be forwarded to the unions to commence contract negotiations.
F. Request that the appropriate departments provide to City Council with a comprehensive report of all non-union positions, including:
    1. Position titles and employee names.
    2. Applicable account numbers from which salaries are paid.
    3. Current salaries and any adjustments.
    4. Cost-of-living (CPI) increases.
    5. Base salaries before longevity payments.
    6. Longevity payments and any other applicable compensation.
G. The legality of hiring employees while a hiring freeze is in effect, including applicable policies, procedures, and authorization requirements.

2. Discussion and/or action regarding Department Staffing and Payroll Concerns

A. Staffing shortages across City departments, including vacant positions, operational impacts, recruitment efforts, and plans to address staffing needs.
B. Input and recommendations from the Finance Department, financial advisors, department heads, and other appropriate personnel.

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C. Payroll concerns, including payroll expenses, procedures, financial controls, outstanding questions, and whether further investigation or legal action may be warranted.

3. Discussion and/or action regarding the City Attorney and Legal Expenses

A. A review of current legal representation assigned responsibilities, and associated costs.
B. Identifying opportunities to reduce legal expenses.
C. Eliminating unnecessary or duplicative legal services, where appropriate.
D. Evaluating the restructuring of legal representation to improve efficiency and reduce costs.
E. Determining what changes can legally be implemented.
F. Establishing a plan for implementing appropriate changes with guidance and recommendations from Legislative Counsel.

4. Discussion and/or action regarding the Economic Development Director search and Department updates

A. The current status of the Economic Development Director search.
B. The anticipated timeline for filling the position.
C. The steps necessary to complete the hiring process.
D. An update from the appropriate department head regarding current projects, initiatives, work completed, ongoing efforts, and future plans.

5. Discussion and/or action regarding the Creation and enforcement of City ordinances

A. Consistent enforcement of City ordinances throughout Calumet City.
B. A motion directing Legislative Counsel to review and prepare amendments to Article IV, Sections 2-237 and 2-238.
C. A request for department heads to provide regular updates and reports to the City Council at monthly meetings regarding enforcement activities, departmental responsibilities, and outstanding matters.
D. Business gaming machines, including applicable ordinances, safety requirements, licensing, compliance, inspections, and enforcement. Ongoing burglaries and public safety concerns, including prevention strategies, investigations, enforcement efforts, and additional measures necessary to protect residents and businesses.
E. Loitering in front of businesses, including lawful enforcement options and measures to protect business owners, employees, customers, and residents.

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F. A motion directing Legislative Counsel to review and prepare amendments to existing gaming ordinances, including requirements for gaming machine security and business safety

6. Motion to Approve City Clerk Figgs to produce renewals for licenses purposes (pet, vehicle, etc.) from the appropriate software (SunGard/Central Square) whichever is beneficial to the collection of fees; direct IT to assist in the process of the renewals.

7. Approve City Clerk Figgs to create, process and disseminate renewals for business licenses and contractors for the year 2027 according to the ordinance.

8. Direct IT to provide City Clerk Figgs with contact information: name, number, email of all requested software and companies used to conduct business for the Office of the City Clerk (including but not limited to SunGard, Central Square, GovQA, Muni Code, DACRA etc.).

9. Direct IT to provide City Clerk Figgs Administrative access to all software's requested related to the Office of the City Clerk (including but not limited to SunGard, Central Square, GovQA, Muni Code, DACRA etc.).

10. Discussion and/or action regarding River Oaks Mall – Litigation and Financial Impact

A. The City's involvement in any current or pending lawsuits.
B. Any related state proceedings involving property taxes.
C. Any potential eminent domain actions or related proposals.
D. The City's legal and financial position regarding these matters.
E. Potential financial implications and impacts on Calumet City taxpayers.

11. Discussion and/or action regarding the Green Alley Program

- A comprehensive list of previously completed projects.
- Eligibility requirements for participating properties and locations.
- Available funding and budget allocations.
- A list of proposed and future projects.
- Current status of projects already approved or under consideration.
- Anticipated project timelines.

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12. City Vehicle Ordinances and Departmental Vehicle Needs – Discussion and/or action regarding:

A. Enforcement of existing vehicle-related ordinances and ongoing violations.
B. The current availability and condition of City-owned vehicles.
C. Identification of departments with vehicle shortages or operational needs.
D. Plans to address departmental vehicle requirements and ensure appropriate use and enforcement.

13. Discussion and/or action regarding Clerk's Office operations,

A. The continued involvement of C. Jones in managing or overseeing portions of the City Clerk's Office.
B. Clarification of assigned responsibilities, authority, administrative duties, and the appropriate chain of command within the Clerk's Office.
C. Ensuring that the City Clerk has appropriate administrative oversight and authority over the operations of the office

14. Motion to approve $1000.00 payment for 2nd Ward breakfast event. Please direct the city Treasurer to remit payment to M&J In the amount of $1000, from account # 01099-52723. Receipts will be supplied to the Treasurer's Office upon completion.

15. Motion to approve $1000 payment for food for the 2nd Ward senior holiday event. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to the Lab Chicago, from account number 01099-52723. Receipts will be supplied to the Treasurer's Office upon completion.

Part and/or all the meeting may be held in Executive Session

Cc: Mayor Jones
Alderpersons
G. Tarka
Department Heads
Corporate Counsel.

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NOVEMBER 12, 2026

CITY OF CALUMET CITY COUNCIL, ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS
SPECIAL MEETING
THRUSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M.

A Special Meeting is being called for ~~Monday~~ Thrusday, November 19, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. to be held at City Hall, 204 Pulaski Rd, Calumet City, IL.

CALL SHEET

We, the majority of the undersigned Aldermanic officials agree to;

A Special Meeting is being called for Thursday, November 19, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. to be held at City Hall, 204 Pulaski Rd, Calumet City, IL.

1st Ward Shalisa Harvey _____

2nd Ward Monet Wilson _____

3rd Ward DeAndre Tillman _____

4th Ward Ramonde Williams _____

5th Ward DeJuan Gardner _____

6th Ward Miacole Nelson _____

7th Ward Melissa Phillips _____

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