



Regular City Council Meeting

City of Calumet City, Illinois

Thursday, October 08, 2026

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. Thursday, October 8, 2026.

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. Special Meeting September 22, 2026
- B. Special Meeting September 24, 2026
- C. Regular City Council Meeting September 24, 2026

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

- A. Association of Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada thanking Treasurer Tarka for his continued commitment in education and professional development.
- B. Illinois Department of Transportation notice for the authorization of funding for Project 52DG(983).
- C. This letter is to inform you that effective September 11, 2026, Firefighter/Paramedic Justin Bracken resigned from the Calumet City Fire Department after accepting employment with another department. FF/P Bracken joined the department on April 29, 2024. We would like to thank him for his service and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.
- D. Firefighter/Paramedic Jessica Morgan letter of resignation from the Calumet City Fire Department.
- E. September 2026 Monthly Report for the Water and Sewer Department.

- F. September 2026 Monthly Report for the City Administrator.
- G. September 2026 Monthly Report for the ESDA Department.
- H. September 2026 Monthly Report for the Police Department.
- I. Mike Banske, Director of Crime Free Housing Department submitting a report on the current status of the Crime Free Housing Department.
- J. September 2026 Monthly Report for the HR Department.
- K. September 2026 Monthly Report for the IT Department.
- L. The department maintained a high level of service throughout September 2026, with EMS calls representing the majority of activity at 77% of total call volume. Cooking/appliance fires continued to be the leading fire call type. General illness continues to be the leading EMS call type. Staffing remains a priority concern in effective operations. Fire & Police commission are finalizing eligibility list with potential hiring of 6 FF/PMs with potential start date in October. Post hire they will be placed in our Recruit School for 5 weeks. Equipment reports with no issues with fire apparatus receiving annual maintenance during the months of September/October.

We are in the process of closing a 2023 SAFER Grant for staffing, we received \$529,289.15 We have closed out 2024 AFG Grant for firefighter PPE receiving \$67,772.72. We have been awarded funds for the 2025 AFG Grant for firefighter PPE washers and dryers for cancer exposure reduction \$50,950.47. We have two ambulances on order in our fleet replacement cycle 1st ambulance delivery expected 01/27, total cost \$450,800.00 2nd ambulance delivery expected 01/29 , total cost \$476,130.00. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 4TH - 10TH. Calumet City Firefighters will be spending the month visiting our schools to engage students on the importance of fire safety. FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE OCTOBER 17TH : 11 AM - 2 PM. We will be hosting our annual open house at our Training Center for the months theme of "Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging Is a Superpower" Families will be able to engage with our firefighters in demonstrations of live fire, vehicle extrication, live fire with sprinkler extinguishment. Families will be engaged by our members in various fire prevention activities throughout the site. There will be various community stakeholders with tables like ComEd, NiCOR, and Orland Central Dispatch who will have an immersive dispatch experience booth. Hot dogs, popcorn and light refreshments will be served. STATEWIDE SMOKE DETECTOR BLITZ

We have teamed up with the IFSA to install smoke detectors during the month of October.

- M. City Clerk Figgs submitting September 2026 Revenue Collected Report.
- N. Hammond Water Works Department notice of new rates for water delivered to Calumet City.

7. NEW BUSINESS - ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Motion to bring back laid off workers from local 150 and direct the City Treasurer and City Finance Director to insert the salaries of said workers into the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget.

2. Motion to bring back laid off workers from local 700 and other personnel and direct the City Treasurer and City Finance Director to insert the salaries of said workers into the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget.
3. Motion to direct City Clerk Figgs, and RFP team, which includes City Clerk, Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey and Public Works Director Jerico Thomas to meet next week and present the city council with a solution and provide next steps by the next city council meeting, October 22, 2026. The present waste contract expires on December 31, 2026.
4. Approve Children's Home Center to have a Traffic Buster Recruitment Event for the purpose of promoting enrollment on October 21, 2026, from 3pm to 5 p.m. on the corner of 522 Torrence near the Walgreens Parking lot.
5. Authorize the Mayor to execute all documents necessary for the acquisition and purchase of eight (8) Ford Utility Interceptors.
6. 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 Jessica Morgan.
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8. Motion to approve an ordinance to amend the handicap parking ordinance to add a handicap pole to be located at 316 Luella Ave.
9. Motion to direct city attorney to draft a Calumet City Policy Statement errors in water or refuse billing.

8. NEW BUSINESS - BUILDING PERMITS - NEW FENCE

1. 661 Manistee Avenue Privacy Fence 2nd Ward
2. 665 Yates Avenue Privacy Fence 4th Ward
3. 360 Crandon Avenue Privacy Fence 3rd Ward
4. 315 Prairie Avenue Privacy Fence 3rd Ward
5. 322 Bensley Avenue Privacy Fence 4th Ward

9. NEW BUSINESS - RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90, ARTICLE V, DIVISION 1 OF THE CALUMET CITY MUNICIPAL CODE HANDICAPPED PARKING (389 Hoxie Avenue)
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3. A proclamation honoring Polish American History and declaring October Polish American History Month.
4. A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO AND SUPPORTING THE RENEWAL OF THE CLASS 8 INCENTIVES FOR 1 & 19 STATE STREET (CALUMET PROPERTIES, INC.)
5. A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO AND SUPPORTING A REWEWAL OF THE CLASS 8 INCENTIVE FOR 1757 RIVER OAKS DRIVE

10. NEW BUSINESS - FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Approve refund for over payment of water bill in the amount of \$24,973.60; direct City Treasurer to issue refund check to Calumet Memorial Park District from the appropriate account.
2. Motion to approve the settlement agreement for Case No. 16-CV-8510 and to direct the City Treasurer to issue payment as directed by the agreement.
3. Motion to approve the settlement agreement for Case No. 24-cv-3555 and to direct the City Treasurer to issue payment as directed by the agreement.
4. Motion to approve payment to Ottosen, DiNolfo, Hasenbalg & Castaldo in the amount of \$8,140.95 for legal services, Invoice 24240, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025-52200.
5. Motion to approve payment to Patrick W. Walsh, Attorney at Law for the invoices listed below; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the total amount of \$100,475.06 and charge account #01025-55120.
 Invoice 3287 - \$830.00; Invoice 3286 - \$1,227.27; Invoice 3285 - \$6,215.00
 Invoice 3284 - \$4,790.00; Invoice 3282 - \$20,267.50; Invoice 3281 - \$27,933.02
 Invoice 3275 - \$12,975.00; Invoice 3271 - \$2,833.33; Invoice 3270 - \$1,551.44
 Invoice 3269 - \$665.00; Invoice 3268 - \$1,000.00; Invoice 3267 - \$9,350.00
 Invoice 3266 - \$1,125.00; Invoice 3265 - \$687.50; Invoice 3264 - \$8,080.00
 Invoice 3260 - \$457.50; Invoice 3257 - \$487.50
6. Motion to approve payment to South Suburban Mayors and Management Association (SSMMA) for invoice 2026-186; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$5,500 for GIS Consortium 2026 membership dues 5/1/26-4/30/27 and charge account #01099/52353.
7. Motion to approve the buyback for Justin Bracken as shown in the communication.
8. Motion to approve cost payable to Chicago Communications LLC for invoice #365599, in the amount of \$24,883.00, authorize the city treasurer to remit payment from account 03036-54140. (11/12/2025 Installation of Equipment lights, flashers etc for 4 Ford Transit Vans for Water Service. Department, 2026 Fiscal Year)
9. Motion to approve cost payable to Artistic Holiday Design for Option 2, in the amount of \$26,029.89; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52704.

10. Motion by the City Council authorizing Sewer and Stormwater Capital Improvement Action Plan Area 1 Sewers Project with National Power Rod Change Order 3A for the Heavy Cleaning AUP Proposal in the amount of \$32,000 to utilize specialized heavy cleaning methods to remove blockages in City Sewers in various locations in the City.
11. Motion by City Council authorizing Mayor and Clerk to utilize MFT funds for the Phase I & II engineering design services for State Street Improvements Section Number 25-00164-00-RS and execute BLR 09110 Resolution for Improvement under the Illinois Highway Code and BLR05530 Local Public Agency Engineering Services Agreement. Construction and Phase III Engineering Services will be funded by IDOT Local Project Funding (LPF) awarded the City in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.
12. Move to authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Advantage River Oaks Toyota in the amount of \$117,675.05 as required by the economic incentive agreement for the calendar year 2025 to be paid through the City's Corporate Fund and be charged to Acct. #01099-52696 Contractual Obligations. This represents the final payment per the provisions of the economic incentive agreement.
13. Motion to approve payment to Central Square for Quote #Q-272971 (Point of Sale Project); authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$17,740.00 and charge account #12707-55120.
14. Motion to approve cost payable to Holland Asphalt Services for invoice #2025-276, in the amount of \$8,385.00, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349. (11/21/2025 - St Andrews School 155th - installed sidewalk and curb, 2026 Fiscal Year)
15. Motion to approve cost payable to Holland Asphalt Services, Inc. for Quote in the amount of \$14,400.00, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01041-52341. (Quote : Grind Alley West of 1041 Forest Hill Avenue 15' X 160 /Alley)
16. Motion to approve cost payable to Holland Asphalt for invoices 2026-570, 2026,572, 2026-566, in the amount of \$18,220.00,authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52101. (sewer)
17. Motion to approve cost payable to Holland Asphalt Services for the following invoices 2026-595, 2026-598, 2026-574 and 2026-569 in the amount of \$26,080.00, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349. (water)
18. Motion to approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for the following invoices 74684, 74639, 74638, 74637, 74633, 74631 and 74634 in the amount of \$68,541.70, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349. (sewer)
19. Motion to approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for the following invoices 74685, 74689, 74679, 74681, 74686, 74635 and 74632, in the amount of \$77337.18 , authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349. (water)
20. Motion to approve costs payable to Lyons-Pinner Electric, (INV# 34909), in the amount of \$5,106.36. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #04007-52449.

21. Motion to approve costs payable to Lyons-Pinner Electric, (INV# 32441), in the amount of \$7,007.40. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #04007-52449.
22. Motion to approve costs payable to Lyons-Pinner Electric, (INV# 35109A), in the amount of \$18,706.20. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #04007-52447.
23. Motion to approve costs payable to Lyons-Pinner Electric, (INV# 33249), in the amount of \$11,165.02. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #04007-52447.
24. Motion to approve costs payable to Keystone Cooperative Inc. (Ticket #153488), in the amount of \$6,087.15 for diesel. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01099-52009.
25. Motion to approve costs payable to Keystone Cooperative Inc. (INV# 3405594), in the amount of \$5,967.26 for diesel. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01099-52009.
26. Motion to approve costs payable to Keystone Cooperative Inc. (INV# 203713938), in the amount of \$5,530.29 for gas. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01099-52009.
27. Motion to approve costs payable to Arlington Power Equipment Inc. (INVOICE ESTIMATE #436236), in the amount of \$250,866.00 for roadway salt for the winter season. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 04007-52456.
28. Approve the purchase of eight (8) 2027 Ford Utility Interceptors from Currie Motors in the amount of \$418,472.00; Authorize the City Treasurer to obtain a three-year financing agreement and remit quarterly payments according to the agreement, to be charged to account 01060-55125. Note: Currie Motors was awarded the SPC Contract for the 2027 Ford Utility Interceptors.
29. A motion is requested to approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to HFS Bureau of Fiscal Operations – GEMT in the amount of \$138,376.09. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06607-54492. This is for the supplemental invoice from 1/1/25-12/31/25 during FY 2026 quarter 3.
30. A motion is requested to approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to HFS Bureau of Fiscal Operations – GEMT in the amount of \$501,017.50. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06607-54492. This is for the year 2026, 4th quarter payment of the GEMT funds.
31. Motion to approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to EMS/MC in the amount of \$5,466.13. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06607-52485. This is for the management services for EMS billing for July 2026.
32. Motion to approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to CDW in the amount of \$6,866.88. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06607-52483. This is for the purchase of 2 laptops, mounts and power adapters for the Chief's vehicles.
33. Approve Payroll (\$974,587.99)

34. Approve Bill List (\$656,434.36)

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
City Clerk Figgs
City Treasurer Tarka
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, October 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., is at 12:00 NOON, Thursday, October 15, 2026.