



Regular City Council Meeting

City of Calumet City, Illinois

Thursday, August 14, 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. Thursday, August 14, 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. Finance Committee of the Whole July 21, 2025
- B. Finance Committee of the Whole July 22, 2025
- C. Special City Council Meeting July 23, 2025
- D. Regular City Council Meeting July 24, 2025
- E. Special Meeting Public Hearing July 28, 2025
- F. Special Meeting July 28, 2025
- G. Special City Council Meeting July 30, 2025

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

- A. Paycor presentation regarding potential HR Module and Payroll system for the Calumet City.
- B. Treasurer Tarka submitting the 101th Quarterly Investment Report.
- C. Findings by City Engineer of Warrant Analysis to examine placement of stop signs at Wentworth Avenue and 157th Street authorized July 25, 2025 by City Council.
- D. Detour notice for Pace Route 353 effective Monday, July 8, 2025, due to road construction.

7. NEW BUSINESS - ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to approve overtime for Public Works for the Calumet City Recycling Event on Saturday, August 16th.
2. Motion to approve overtime for Public Works for the following events that took place already.
 - 1.) 6th and 7th Ward cookout, Sunday, July 27, 2025
 - 2.) 2nd Ward Back to school event, Saturday, August 2, 2025
 - 3.) Jazz on the Grass event, Thursday, August 7, 2025
3. Motion to approve overtime for Public Works for the 3/4th ward cookout event on Saturday, August 16, 2025.
4. Motion to Approve and Direct Public Works to Install Resident Only Parking Signs with Address at the following:
605 Marquette
610 Marquette
614 Marquette
610 Muskegon
5. 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 233 Warren Street.
6. Motion to authorize city attorney to engage in negotiations with local school district attorneys regarding IGA for crossing guard program.

8. NEW BUSINESS - BUILDING PERMITS - NEW FENCE

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| 1. | 515 Hirsch Ave | Privacy Fence | 1st Ward |
| 2. | 706 Greenbay Ave | Privacy Fence | 1st Ward |
| 3. | 704 Pulaski Road | Privacy Fence | 7th Ward |
| 4. | 542 Manistee | Privacy Fence | 2nd Ward |
| 5. | 426 Saginaw | Privacy Fence | 2nd Ward |
| 6. | 595 Exchange Ave | Privacy Fence | 2nd Ward |

9. NEW BUSINESS - BUILDING PERMITS - FENCE VARIANCE

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| 1. | 40 Schrum | Variance Privacy Fence | 6th Ward |
| 2. | 953 Wentworth Ave | Chain Link Variance Fence | 5th Ward |

10. NEW BUSINESS - RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

1. A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO AND SUPPORTING A REWEVAL OF THE CLASS 8 INCENTIVE FOR 803 RIVER OAKS DRIVE (ANDY'S HOT DOGS)

2. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY TERMINATING 2016 DEBT SERVICE FUND AND TRANSFERRING THE BALANCES THEREIN INTO THE GENERAL CORPORATE FUND
3. AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE X, DIVISION 1 SECTION 2-953 OF THE CALUMET CITY MUNICIPAL CODE – CONDUCT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS
4. A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND CLASS 8 DESIGNATION FOR 1625 BURNHAM (TEKEI'S TURKEYS, LLC)
5. AN ORDINANCE RE-ZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1077 159th STREET, CITY OF CALUMET CITY, ILLINOIS
6. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE IN THE B-2 SERVICE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR A GASOLINE FUEL STATION AT 1077 159th STREET, CITY OF CALUMET CITY, ILLINOIS

11. NEW BUSINESS - FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Motion to approve payment for past due water bill at 630 Calhoun Ave - for emergency CC-RAP assistance - in an amount not to exceed \$268.35 and direct City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52729.
2. Motion to approve CC-RAP assistance and direct the Water Department to install a 3/4 inch smart water meter and SmartPoint device at 365 Oglesby.
3. Motion to approve payment to Law Offices of Franks, Kelly, Matuszewich, and Andrlle, PC for invoice #13018; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$8,765.63 and charge account #01025-52200 or add the appropriate legal account.
4. Motion to approve payment to Law Offices of Franks, Kelly, Matuszewich, and Andrlle, PC for invoice #13010; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$9,875.15 and charge account #01025-52200 or add the appropriate legal account.
5. Motion to approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$43,398.83 for legal services dated May 13, 2025, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025-52200.
6. Motion to approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$25,736.06 for corporate legal services dated May 13th, 2025, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025-52200.
7. Motion to approve the attendance of Alderwoman Wilson to attend the 54th Annual Legislative Conference on 09/24-09/28, direct the City Treasurer to issue a check to Alderwoman Monet S. Wilson in the amount of \$3500 from #01010-52300 for registration and tickets, travel, hotel, and per diem. Receipts will be provided upon return.(Initial request made 6/24/2025)

Further, to direct the city treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$4,786.73 to Noma Hotel XXXVII Owner Marriot Washington, DC for lodging for Mayor Thaddeus Jones from the Mayor's expense line item and account #01021-52300

8. Motion to approve the buyback for Wendy Hernandez-Velasquez as shown in the communication.
9. Motion to approve the buyback for Kim Owens as shown in the communication.
10. Motion to approve the buyback for Bernadette Fortuna as shown in the communication.
11. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #262576) for Project #02401619.001 Paxton Avenue Drainage Improvements, in the amount of \$9,821.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01110 55157.
12. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #262575) for Project #0240355.00 Arthur Street WM, in the amount of \$21,150.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #03036-55162.
13. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #262458) for Project #02401519.001 USEPA AOC (NOV), in the amount of \$12,368.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #03036-52600.
14. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #262369) for Project #02500992.001 Sewer and Stormwater Capital Improvement Action Plan, in the amount of \$98,950.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #12607-52136.
15. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #262356) for Project #0241128 166th Street Improvement City Management Assistance, in the amount of \$9,863.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #03036-55162.
16. Motion directing Treasurer Tarka to remit payment to Farnsworth Group, Inc., in the amount of \$3,790.22, from account #01099-52736, *Cook County Invest in Cook* funded Phase I preliminary engineering services provided for the Michigan City Road Trail project from 2/22/25 to 6/30/25. Work completed during this period includes project coordination, submittal of an alternative analysis project technical memorandum, and project closeout. Since Cook County has decided to abort this project, this invoice will be the final invoice for the project.
17. Motion to approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice #68746, in the amount of \$6,691.03, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 03036-52349
18. Motion to approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #68745, in the amount of \$9,349.63, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349
19. Motion to approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice #68742, in the amount of \$18,440.45, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account # 03036-52349
20. Motion to approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice 68741, in the amount of \$6,200.56, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349
21. Motion to approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #68607, in the amount of 14,840.25, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

22. Motion to approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #68486 in the amount of \$7,598.60, authorize the city treasurer to remit payment from account 03036-52349
23. Motion to approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #68101, in the amount of \$11,428.50, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.
24. Motion to amend the approved motion from July 25, 2025, moved by Alderman Williams and seconded by Alderwoman Wilson to reflect the budget account number as follows:

Motion to Charge invoice #A20250283 to the 2023 bond account #12707 52472 and direct the City Treasurer to issue payment to Alliance Environmental in the amount of \$7,225.00.
25. Motion to approve cost payable to Keystone Cooperative Inc. (INV# 3402590), in the amount of \$5,157.13. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01099-52009.
26. Motion to approve costs payable to Lyons-Pinner Electric, in the amount of \$10,298.05 (INV# 31704). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 04007-52447.
27. Motion directing Treasurer Tarka to remit payment to Farnsworth Group, Inc., in the amount of \$2,061.15, from account #04007-52600, General Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Account for Construction Engineering for the 157th Street and Wilson Avenue Project. Billing Backup is attached to Invoice #262553. This work has been completed and was inspected per MFT guidelines during construction. Attached is FGI Invoice 262553.
28. Motion directing Treasurer Tarka to remit payment to Gallagher Asphalt Corporation, in the amount of \$229,018.91, from account #04007-52454, General MFT Account for Pay Estimate #4 and Final for the 157th Street and Wilson Avenue Reconstruction/Resurfacing Project. The following documents are attached for reference (1) Engineer's Pay Estimate #4 and Final for \$229,018.91 – IDOT has Reviewed and Approved (2) Request for Approval of Change of Plans – IDOT has Reviewed and Approved (3) Gallagher Asphalt Corporation Invoice 5 and Final for \$229,018.91 (4) Gallagher Asphalt Corporation's and their Subcontractor's Final Waivers of Lien. This work has been completed and was inspected per MFT guidelines during construction.
29. Motion directing Treasurer Tarka to remit payment to Farnsworth Group, Inc., in the amount of \$69,530.00 from account #04007-52600, General Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Account for the Preliminary Engineering for the 2025 MFT General Maintenance Program. This amount is shown on the attached, IDOT-Approved General Maintenance Program paperwork for the Preliminary Engineering portion. FGI invoice 262580 is also attached showing the final billed amount for Preliminary Engineering.
30. Motion to approve payment to Central Square for invoice #443116; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$7,740.00 and charge account #01028-52335.
31. Motion to approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to R & G Repair Maintenance & Welding Service Inc., in the amount of \$19,040.92. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06617-55135. This is for continuing work on the training tower.

32. Motion to approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to R & G Repair Maintenance & Welding Service Inc., in the amount of \$10,544.00. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06617-55135. This is for continuing work on the training tower.
33. Motion to approve costs payable to West Side Tractor Sales, in the amount of \$7,320.00 (INV # RA2146-2). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01099-52990.
34. Motion to approve costs payable to West Side Tractor Sales, in the amount of \$7,908.50 (INV #RA2146-1). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01099-52990.
35. Motion to approve the purchase of a new vehicle for the Police Department, as listed in the attached communication, from Terry's Ford in the amount of \$50,034.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Terry's Ford in the amount of \$50,034.00 to be charged to account #06960-57117 (State Asset Forfeiture - LE Equipment).
36. Motion to approve the purchase and installation of emergency equipment in CCPD Unit 25F241 and Unit 25F910 to be performed by Chicago Communications in the amount of not to exceed \$38,534.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Chicago Communications in the amount of not to exceed \$38,534.00, to be charged to account #06860-571178 (Federal Asset Forfeiture - Law Enforcement Equipment).
37. Motion to approve the installation of LPRs to be performed by Lyons Pinner in the amount of \$19,976.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Lyons Pinner in the amount of \$19,976.00, to be charged to account #06860-571178 (Federal Asset Forfeiture - Law Enforcement Equipment).
38. Motion to renew the annual Law Enforcement Software subscription with Vector Solutions in the amount of \$5,125.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Vector Solutions in the amount of \$5,125.00 to be charged to account #01060-52430.
39. Motion to direct the City Treasurer to issue the first installment payment for the Lateral hire Incentive to Officer V. Nunez in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Calumet City and the Fraternal Order of Police, payment to be charged to account #01060-52437 (Recruitment & Retention Grant).
40. Motion to approve the purchase of two (2) LPRs from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$15,705.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$15,705.00, to be charged to account #01060-52493 (ORTC Grant).
41. Motion to approve payment to Public Response Group (PRG) for invoice 25-318 for \$7,500 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52351.
42. Motion authorizing Treasurer Tarka to remit payment to the United States Army Corps. of Engineers (USACE) in the amount of \$15,500 from account #12607-53450, Capital Project Bond 2023A for Phase I Feasibility work on the USACE Section 205 Structural Flood Risk Management Project for the Levee along the Little Calumet River as stated in the Cost Share Agreement between the City and USACE.
43. Motion authorizing Treasurer Tarka to remit payment to the United States Army Corps. of Engineers (USACE) in the amount of \$30,000 from account #12607-53450, Capital Project

Bond 2023A for Phase II work on the USACE Section 205 Structural Flood Risk Management Project for the Levee along the Little Calumet River as stated in the Cost Share Agreement between the City and USACE.

44. Motion to approve payment to Municipal Systems LLC (DACRA Tech) for invoice DT 2025-07-022. Authorize City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$5,691.00 and charge account number 01029-52126.
45. Motion to award a design/build contract to Roeda Signs of Lynwood, Illinois to design & construct monument signs at 4 locations along Burnham Avenue to designate the roadway as the Burnham Avenue Heritage Corridor in the amount of \$116,078.00. This project is funded by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) through the Rebuild Illinois Main Streets/Rebuild Downtowns Grant program. No City funds are expected to be used for this project. The contract to be awarded was selected through competitive bidding based on both fee and experience. There will be a total of six signs, and the monument signs will be located at Harding, Memorial, Pulaski and Michigan City Road—all along Burnham Drive. The City will have full approval authority on the design and appearance of the signs. Construction is expected to be completed by 12/31/25. (Proposal attached.)
46. Motion to approve payment to WDB Marketing #10305 authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$1,635.00 and charge account #01010-52323.
47. Motion to approve payment to Petes Fresh Market for invoice #07; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$940.00 and charge account #01099-52724.
48. Motion to approve payment to Michael Smith for invoice #15 authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of 15 and charge account #01099-52724.
49. Motion to approve payment to Education depo #7005 authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$1,773.50 and charge account #01099-52724.
50. Motion to approve payment to Dino Jump for invoice #230725; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$1,008.95 and charge account #01099-52724.
51. Motion to approve payment to Calumet Memorial Park District #01 authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$225 and charge account #01099-52724.
52. Approve Payroll (\$1,171,385.34)
53. Approve Emergency Bill List (\$5,807.75)
54. Approve Bill List (\$1,381,747.67)

12. 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

13. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

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

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

16. ADJOURNMENT

The deadline for submission in writing to the City Mayor for consideration at its next regular meeting of Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., is at 12:00 NOON, Thursday, August 21, 2025.