



Regular City Council Meeting

City of Calumet City, Illinois

Thursday, February 26, 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, February 26, 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. Regular City Council Meeting February 12, 2026

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

7. NEW BUSINESS - ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and possible action to approve unit certification petition filed by Teamsters Local 700.
2. 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 32 163rd Place.
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 221 Warren Street.
4. *Motion by Council authorizing Farnsworth Group for a lump sum amount of \$2,500 to prepare a technical report summarizing an inventory of water and sewer infrastructure system assets.*

8. NEW BUSINESS - BUILDING PERMITS - NEW FENCE

1. 281 Stoney Island Ave 3rd Ward Privacy Fence

9. NEW BUSINESS - RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

1. RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF JESSE L JACKSON, SR. FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICA AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT
2. A RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF THE LIFE OF SAMUEL WILSON SR.
3. A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CLASS 8 DESIGNATION AND ENTERPRISE ZONE INCENTIVES FOR 1077 159th STREET (59th Property, LLC)
4. A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO AND APPROVING A CLASS 8 INCENTIVE FOR 500 RIVER OAKS DRIVE (**CALUMET CITY PARTNERS, LLC**)
5. A resolution approving reimbursement to the city for a street light pole knock down and damage release/settlement agreement in the amount of \$4,992.21 (100% city's cost).

10. NEW BUSINESS - FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Motion to approve buyback for Gerald Surufka for his unused 2025 vacation time; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment as stated in the communication.
2. Motion to approve Invoice 19283 for Benford Brown & Associates, LLC \$8400 for accounting services. Direct Treasurer to remit payment from #01099/52610
3. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265117) for Project #02500992.001 Sewer and Stormwater Capital Improvement Action Plan, in the amount of \$103,640.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #12607-55171. (The Financial CMTE made up of John Kasperek, Treasurer Traka, Deanne Jaffrey, Maria Varela, CED, Purchasing and Engineering met and discussed the process and approval before submitting to the city council. This item is approved with the correct account numbers)
4. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265891) for Project #02501151.001 Public Works Drainage and Site Work that included services associated with site design. This project is reimbursable through DCEO funding under Calumet City grant number G-141 (DCEO State Award ID: 1785-55223), in the amount of \$6,690.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01110-55208. (The Financial CMTE made up of John Kasperek, Treasurer Traka, Deanne Jaffrey, Maria Varela, CED, Purchasing and Engineering met and discussed the process and approval before submitting to the city council. This item is approved with the correct account numbers)
5. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265904) for Project #0230475.00 Lead Service Line Replacement Project - Phase II, in the amount of \$41,685.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01110-55145. (The Financial CMTE made up of John Kasperek, Treasurer Traka, Deanne Jaffrey, Maria Varela, CED, Purchasing and Engineering met and discussed the process and approval before submitting to the city council. This item is approved with the correct account numbers)
6. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265933) for Project #02501272.001 Lead Service Line Replacement - Phase III, in the amount of \$40,283.24 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01110-55145. (The Financial CMTE made up of John Kasperek, Treasurer Traka, Deanne Jaffrey, Maria Varela, CED, Purchasing and Engineering

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7. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265934) for Project #02501067.001 Wentworth Woods Development, in the amount of \$25,149.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #12707-55177. (The Financial CMTE made up of John Kasperek, Treasurer Traka, Deanne Jaffrey, Maria Varela, CED, Purchasing and Engineering met and discussed the process and approval before submitting to the city council. This item is approved with the correct account numbers)
8. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #266339) for Project #02500992.001 Sewer and Stormwater Capital Improvement Action Plan, in the amount of \$131,580.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #12607-55171. (The Financial CMTE made up of John Kasperek, Treasurer Traka, Deanne Jaffrey, Maria Varela, CED, Purchasing and Engineering met and discussed the process and approval before submitting to the city council. This item is approved with the correct account numbers)
9. Motion to approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$28,047.82 for corporate legal services dated February 9, 2026, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025-52200.
10. Motion to approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$12,123.25 for legal services dated February 9, 2026, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025-52200.
11. Motion to approve costs payable to Chicagoland Diesel, in the amount of \$9,229.27 (INV# RO 10678). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01041-54150.
12. Motion to approve payment to Cellebrite Inc. for the annual subscription in the amount of \$9,240.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Cellebrite in the amount of \$9,240.00, to be charged to account #06960-57117 (State Asset Forfeiture).
13. Motion to approve the Police Psychological Services Proposal from MHW Psychlaw Services INC. for the annual Officer Wellness Evaluation Program, in the amount of \$22,200.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to MHW Psychlaw Services Inc. in the amount of \$22,200.00, to be charged to account #06860-57119 (Federal Asset Forfeiture - Contracts for Services).
14. Motion to approve repairs to CCPD Unit 24-366 in the amount of \$13,202.01, to be performed by River Oaks L&E Auto; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to River Oaks L&E Auto in the amount of \$13,202.01 to be charged to account #01060-54152.
15. Motion to approve payment to Patrick W. Walsh, Attorney at Law, for legal services rendered to the Calumet City Board of Fire and Police Commission in the amount of \$8,095.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Patrick W. Walsh, Attorney at Law, in the amount of \$8,095.00 to be charged to account #01091-52325.
16. Motion to approve and authorize City Treasurer to make a payment to ESO Solutions Inc. in the amount of \$21,229.48; this is for the annual fee for scheduling, fire & EMS incident reporting. The line item to be used is 06607-52483.

- 17. Motion to approve payment to NAWS Animal Clinic for Spay/Neuter Surgery services from November 2025 to January 2026 in the amount of \$5,965.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to NAWS Animal Clinic in the amount of \$5,965.00 to be charged to account #01060-52487.
- 18. Motion to approve postage for 6th Ward EDDM mailings for \$773.11. Please direct the City Treasurer to make the check payable to the postmaster and draw from account #01010-52326. Upon completion, receipts and invoices will be submitted to the treasurer's office.
- 19. Motion to approve \$778.56 for 6th Ward EDDM mailers and sorting slip, sheeting and bundling. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to American Printing from account #01010-52326. Receipts and invoices will be submitted to the treasurer's office.
- 20. Motion to approve \$650 for food and supplies 6th Ward event. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Alderwoman Miacole Nelson in the amount of \$600 from account #01010-52386. Upon completion, receipts and invoices will be submitted to the treasurer's office.
- 21. Approve Payroll (\$1,055,601.73)
- 22. Approve Emergency Bill List (\$1,365.00)
- 23. Approve Bill Listing (\$309,229.84)

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
- 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, March 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., is at 12:00 NOON, Thursday, March 5, 2026.