



Regular City Council Meeting

City of Calumet City, Illinois

Thursday, December 11, 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, December 11, 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 24, 2025

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

- A. Engineer Glenn VanSipma joined the Calumet City Fire Department on November 16, 1997. After 28 years of dedicated service to the City and residents of Calumet City, Engineer VanSipma retired effective November 20, 2025.
- B. Treasurer Tarka submitting the Revenue & Expenditure Status Reports for the months of September & October 2025.

7. NEW BUSINESS - ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Motion to change the city council meeting from Thursday, December 25th to Monday, December 22nd.
- 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 329 153rd 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 359 Madison.

4. Motion to approve the release of title for the 2012 Ford F450 (V.I.N. # 1FDUF4GT4CEC58192) MedTech Ambulance. Please advise the insurance coordinator to remove the ambulance from the City's insurance policy.

Also, an authorization is needed to approve the sale of the 2012 Ford F450 MedTech ambulance to the Village of South Holland – South Holland Fire Department.

5. Motion to approve and to authorize the Board of Fire and Police Commission to promote Firefighter Timothy Piepenbrink to the rank of Engineer due to the retirement of Engineer VanSipma.
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 promotions to reflect the retirement of Engineer VanSipma.
7. Motion to approve the contract renewal with AXON for the Officer Safety Bundle Plan, which includes software licensing renewal and equipment upgrades: authorize the Chief of Police to execute the agreement.
8. Motion authorizing Mayor, Clerk, and Treasurer to execute Final Plat of Subdivision for Wentworth Woods.
9. Motion to approve the 2026 Holiday Calendar.

8. NEW BUSINESS - BUILDING PERMITS - NEW FENCE

1. 885 River Oaks Drive 7th Ward Privacy Fence
2. 647 Buffalo Ave 7th Ward Privacy Fence
3. 313 Oglesby Ave 4th Ward Privacy Ward

9. NEW BUSINESS - FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Motion to approve the contract and payment to Paycom in the amount of \$10,749.09 for the implementation fee of the HR service system; further to direct the City Treasurer to issue payment from the 2023 IT infrastructure Bond account #12707-55120.

Authorize the Mayor to sign and execute all documents with a copy of the signed contract to provide to the city council.

2. Motion to amend the passed motion from November 19, 2025, moved by Alderman Williams and seconded by Alderman Tillman to reflect the correct account number as follows:

Motion to approve invoices and payment in the amount of \$9,000.00 to KSM from account number 01028-52335; Further direct the City Treasurer to issue payment to KSM.

3. Motion to approve the redevelopment agreement and payment to Global Water, Inc in the amount of \$150,000; further direct the City Treasurer to make payment from the 2023 Bond infrastructure and economic development line it from account #12707-52494.

4. Motion to approve payment to Greg Ramon Design Studio for Invoice#1257; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$17,037.50 for design work related to Blues Water Run from the 2023 Bond Fund/Infrastructure account #12707-52494.
5. Motion to direct the City Treasurer to issue payment for the month of October three (3) senior ambassadors in the amount of \$1200 each from account# Budget Unit : 01085-52430, the three ambassadors are: Denise Cole, Mary Ann Bieganik and Karen Oliver
6. Motion to approve payment to Dal Santo's Catering for Senior Holiday Dinner at Green Oaks of River Oaks Supportive Living (formerly Victory Centre Assisted Living) on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, in the amount of \$1,400.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52704.
7. Motion to approve payment to Benford Brown & Associated, LLC for invoice 19164, 19165, and 19166; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$8,400.00 and charge account #01099-52610. (Signed Contract)
8. Motion to approve the City Clerk's Early Voter Mailer for the March 17, 2025 Gubernatorial Primary Election; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to American Printing in the amount of \$2,582.62 from account #01022-52358 Printing/Flyer/Post City Clerk; in addition, issue payment for the United Postal Service in the amount of \$4,365.00 to apply to permit number 229 for the City Clerk's Early Voter Mailer from account #01022-52358.
9. Motion to approve the buyback for Charles Pryor as shown in the communication.
10. Motion to approve payment to CivicPlus LLC for Municode Meetings Annual Renewal (invoice #355845) from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$7,400.00 and charge account #01029-52126.
11. Motion to approve pay application 2 to Airy's Inc. for Calumet City Arthur Street Water Main Improvement, in the amount of \$298,239.43 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #03036-55139. Project has partial funding through ARPA funds from Cook County per the agreement entered into by the City with the County on October 12, 2023 allocating \$380,000 to the project.
12. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #264959) for Project #02500218.001 River Oaks Watermain and Elevated Tank Design that included services associated with design services. Project construction will be funded through DCEO infrastructure funding (Grant number G-128 upon funding release), in the amount of \$8,205.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #30707 52600.
13. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265088) for Project #02500103.001 Public Works General Assistance - General Correspondence and Bi-weekly Coordination that included services for bi-weekly project coordination meetings with the City Administrator, Public Works Commissioner, and staff to coordinate efforts associated with City infrastructure, maintenance needs, reporting, upcoming projects, as well as planned County and State Improvements, in the amount of \$6,218.17 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52600.

14. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265089) for Project #02500103.001 Public Works General Assistance - Task B - Water and Sewer Department Support that included services for Water Department assistance to discuss sewer and watermain repairs, coordinate upcoming projects, City needs to support County and State Improvements that require sewer or water advance work, in the amount of \$7,522.50 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52600.
15. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265090) for Project #02500103.001 Public Works General Assistance - Task C - Sewer and Water Atlas Updates that included services for Updates to the City GIS system and sewer/watermain atlas's associated with findings in the field and data provided by City staff. Update to the City GIS atlas's, in the amount of \$6,113.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52600.
16. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265091) for Project #02500103.001 Public Works General Assistance - Task D - 2024 Annual Consumer Drinking Quality Report that included services for the completion of the 2024 annual Consumer Drinking Water Quality Report. Review of consumer information provided by City for quality control check. Graphic design and finalization of pamphlet to provide consumer drinking water report for 2024 to City, in the amount of \$3,277.50 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52600.
17. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265092) for Project #02500103.001 Public Works General Assistance - Task E - Complete Streets Committee Meeting that included services Complete Streets quarterly meeting and assistance with guidance on Complete Street requirements per City ordinances, in the amount of \$1,993.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52600.
18. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265093) for Project #02500103.001 Public Works General Assistance - Task F - EPA Lead Sampling Assistance that included services associated with bi-yearly lead testing per state statute. Review of sampling reports and 80th percentile calculation. Assistance to Water Department in coordination and submission with IEPA. Follow up meetings with Corrosion Control actions to be required by IEPA, in the amount of \$11,141.25 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52600.
19. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265094) for Project #02500103.001 Public Works General Assistance - Task F - EPA Lead Sampling Assistance that included services associated with Planning for City FY2026 budget meetings. Compilation of potential projects for presentation at City budget preparation meetings, in the amount of \$3,918.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52600.
20. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265097) for Project #02501152.001 Green Alley Project3 that included services associated with survey and 30% design completion, (per the City Council's direction, no further work will proceed on this project until next fiscal year), in the amount of \$16,400.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #03036 52600.
21. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265099) 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 \$13,380.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52600.

22. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265100) for Project #0240355.00 Arthur Street Watermain that includes services associated with construction engineering and construction close-out, in the amount of \$10,575.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #03036 55162.
23. Motion to approve payment to True North Consultants (Inv #7987) for Proposed Wentworth Woods Development - Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) and Reporting, in the amount of \$22,850.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #12707 52494
24. Motion to approve payment to De Lage Landen Public Finance LLC (Inv #592955347) for the lease of the 2023 Yukon Denali, period 12/21/2025 - 06/20/2026, in the amount of \$7,463.88 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01021 55100.
25. Motion to amend previous City Council motion taken on November 13th, 2025, to the following amended account number: "Motion to approve payment to True North Consultants for Invoice#INV7605 - for Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment for proposed Wentworth Woods development, in an amount not to exceed \$3,750 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #12707-52494(2023B Capital Project Fund)
26. In accordance with Resolution #02-40 and the Agreement between the City of Calumet City and the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitor's Bureau (the Bureau), please authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to the Bureau in the amount of \$6,698.00 payable from Account #01099-52696.
27. Motion to approve costs payable to Republic Services, in the amount of \$7,700.50 (INV #0721-008637358). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01041-52141.
28. Motion to approve costs payable to Republic Services, in the amount of \$8,608.80 (INV #0721-008569275). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01041-52141.
29. Motion to approve costs payable to Republic Services, in the amount of \$5,088.70 (INV #0721-008647243). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01041-52141.
30. Approve Payroll (\$1,099,926.07)
31. Approve Emergency Bill List (\$4,212.50)
32. Approve Bill List (\$1,459,918.94)

10. 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

11. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

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

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

The deadline for submission in writing to the City Mayor for consideration at its next regular meeting of Monday, December 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., is at 12:00 NOON, Monday, December 15, 2025.