



Regular City Council Meeting

City of Calumet City, Illinois

Thursday, August 13, 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, August 13, 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 July 15, 2026
- B. Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting July 20, 2026
- C. Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting July 21, 2026
- D. Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting July 22, 2026
- E. Regular City Council Meeting July 23, 2026
- F. Special Committee of the Whole Meeting July 28, 2026
- G. Special Committee of the Whole Meeting July 29, 2026
- H. Special Committee of the Whole (Public Hearing) Meeting July 30, 2026
- I. Special Committee of the Whole Meeting July 30, 2026

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

- A. Firefighter/Paramedic Christopher Raffin letter of resignation from the Calumet City Fire Department.
- B. Congratulations on recertifying the APT US&C Certified Public Funds Investment Manager.

- C. Sewer and Stormwater Capital Plan – Sewer Cleaning and Televising Update
- D. City award of \$4 million in State Revolving Loan Funds for Lead Service Line Replacement Phase IV
- E. Sidewalk Improvement Program Instructions
- F. Resident expressing gratitude to the Calumet City Water Department for their quick action in service.

7. NEW BUSINESS - ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion to approve the request of The Calumet Memorial Park District for a 5K Walk/Run, to be held on Saturday August 22, 2026 at 9:00 AM and to approve the request of the following Departments: 5 units from ESDA, 2 police officers and vehicles to coordinate and execute the traffic safety plan, and the assistance of public works to clean and make any minor repairs needed to the streets where the race will be held. In addition to a “No parking” and event signage, barricades throughout the route, and as closing the following streets from 8:30am - 11:30am: Wentworth Avenue (east & west side) from Memorial Dr. to Michigan City Road; “NO PARKING SIGNS” & event signage and - Michigan City Road (westbound) from Stateline Road to Wentworth Ave. (street closed with barricades).
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 566 Yates Avenue.
3. Motion to authorize Mayor to sign and release the vehicle title to CCMSI on the 2025 Chevrolet Equinox LT, VIN #3GNAXHEG6SL178562, as the vehicle was declared a total loss following an accident on 7/3/2026 and authorize its removal from the city's insurance policy.
4. Motion to approve the Harper High Alumni Reunion request to utilize the Sears Parking Lot dated for August 22, 2026, from 12:00 pm to 7:30 pm.
5. Motion to approve the NALC request to utilize the Sears Parking Lot dated for September 6, 2026, from 7 am to 7:30 pm.
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 Christopher Raffin.
7. Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute a Release of Lien for a municipal lien that was recorded on January 17, 2024 for the property located at 500 River Oaks Drive, Calumet City, Illinois and to waive inspection fees for any inspection required for the sale of the property.

8. NEW BUSINESS - BUILDING PERMITS - NEW FENCE

1. 211 153rd Street Privacy Fence 1st Ward
2. 427 Merrill Avenue Privacy Fence 3rd Ward
3. 510 Price Avenue Privacy Fence 1st Ward

4. 1363 Arthur Street Privacy Fence 7th 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 (503 Oglesby Avenue)
2. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90, ARTICLE V, DIVISION 1 OF THE CALUMET CITY MUNICIPAL CODE HANDICAPPED PARKING (326 Chappel Avenue)
3. Motion by City Council authorizing Mayor and Clerk to execute MFT General Maintenance Program documentation BLR 14220 Resolution Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code, BLR14222 Local Public Agency General Maintenance Estimate of Maintenance Cost, and BLR 05520 Maintenance Engineering to be Performed by a Consulting Engineer for allocations for General Maintenance of streets and sidewalks under the Illinois Highway Code.

10. NEW BUSINESS - FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Motion to approve the severance pay for non-union layoffs as shown in the communication.
2. Motion to approve repairs to CCPD Unit 22-315 in the amount of \$11,503.00, to be performed by C.D.E. Collision Centers; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to C.D.E. Collision Centers in the amount of \$11,503.00, to be charged to account 01060-54152.
3. Motion by City Council to authorize the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Farnsworth Group for Lead Service Line Replacement Phase 4 Project for a Not to Exceed Fee of \$478,500 and all associated Illinois Environmental Protection Agency State Revolving Fund (SRF) Paperwork for the City to execute the Project Funding Agreement with IEPA. Project is funded through the IEPA SRF program in which the City is receiving \$4 million in funding with \$1.6 million in Principal Forgiveness.
4. Motion to approve payment to Ottosen, DiNolfo, Hasenbalg & Castaldo, Ltd. for legal services invoices (#23194 for \$470), (#23193 for \$282), (#22990 for \$15,236.87), (#22991 for \$70.50), (#22992 for \$258.50) & (#23192 for \$1,034) and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025-52200.
5. Motion to amend the following invoices from amount of \$195,348.54 to \$204,418.54 , 67960, 67950, 65993, 64653, 71535, 71534, 71533, 71529, 70999, 70998, 70882, 70992, 70988, 70990, 70985, 70954, 70952, 70949, 70929, 70950, 70820, 70373, 70369, 70372, 70089, 69705, 70087, and 70821

Motion to approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for all invoices, in the amount of \$204,418.54, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036 52349 (Water)

6. Motion to approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for the following invoices 73124, 73621, and 73617 in the amount of \$24,005.61, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349 (water)

7. Motion to approve payment to 911 Tech for the annual COPFTO training subscription in the amount of \$5,024.09; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to 911 Tech in the amount of \$5,024.90, to be charged to account 01060-52430.
8. Motion to approve the renewal of the Law Enforcement subscription with Vector Solutions for the period between 08-04-2026 and 08-03-2027, in the amount of \$5,637.50; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Vector Solutions in the amount of \$5,637.50, to be charged to account 01060-52430.
9. Motion to approve payment to Educational Depo #2624 and direct City Treasurer to remit payment of a check in the amount of \$3,600.65 from Acct# 01099-52728.
10. Motion to approve payment to Alderwoman Phillips for the National Night and Back to School event in the amount of \$185.90 and charge account #01099-52387.
11. Motion to rescind the prior authorizations approved on July 23, 2026, under Agenda Items 15 and 24, directing payment of Invoice No. 15 to Michael Smith in the amount of \$600 and Invoice No. 23075 to Chicago Inflatables in the amount of \$600, and to instead authorize reimbursement to Alderman DeAndre Tillman in the total amount of \$1,450 for payments personally advanced on behalf of the City, consisting of \$600 paid to Michael Smith and \$850 paid to Chicago Inflatables pursuant to the updated invoice attached hereto. Authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment and charge account #01099-52724.
12. Motion to approve payment to NAWA Animal Clinic for Spay/Neuter services rendered from April 25, 2026, to July 31, 2026, in the amount of \$5,040.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to NAWA Animal Clinic in the amount of \$5,040.00 to be charged to account 01060-52487.
13. Motion to approve the buyback for Christopher Raffin as shown in the communication.
14. Motion for approval of the **May 2026 5/3 Bank credit card charges totaling \$1,856.20** and authorization for payment.
15. Motion for approval of the **June 2026 5/3 Bank credit card charges totaling \$3,541.00** and authorization for payment.
16. Motion by Council authorizing execution of 2026 Grant Agreement Assistance Agreement from Farnsworth Group in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 to provide grant assistance, grant reporting, submissions, and to obtain agreements for DCEO and Stormwater related funding.
17. Motion to approve attendance of online courses at Liberty University for personal and professional development; direct the City Treasurer to issue payment to City Clerk Dr. Nyota T. Figgs for courses and supporting material in the amount of \$ 5,000.00 of the \$5,250.00 invoice from account #01022-52300. City Clerk Figgs will provide all verification and documentation to the Treasurer's office upon completion of payment and registration
18. Motion to approve cost payable to Henderson for the snowplow package in the amount of \$23,455.21 (QUOTE # SF-2026-02887 Revision #1). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 12707-55176. This purchase is being made through Source Well and the City will be funding it through the Cares Act Funding.

19. Motion to approve cost payable to CIT TRUCKS, LLC. for the dump truck in the amount of \$238,035.00 (QUOTE/Deal #: 31061). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 12707-55176. This purchase is being made through Source Well and the City will be funding it through the Cares Act Funding.
20. Pursuant to Ordinance 2-882, the Office of the Treasurer is authorized to make certain emergency payments as they become due to ensure the continued operation of the City. These payments must be presented to the City Council for approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Attached are the emergency payment invoices totaling **\$8,985.50** for City Council approval.

21. Approve Bill List (\$1,948,116.47)
22. Approve Payroll (\$1,155,877.22)

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
Alderman Harvey
Alderman Wilson
Alderman Tillman
Alderman Williams
Alderman Gardner
Alderman Nelson
Alderman 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, August 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., is at 12:00 NOON, Thursday, August 20, 2026.