



Regular City Council Meeting

City of Calumet City, Illinois

Thursday, May 08, 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, May 8, 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

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

- A. Nancy Huhra expressing gratitude to Jessica Sandoval for their service in the Clerk's Office.
- B. Mera Kordic commending Sheryl Tillman for the exceptional work, professionalism, expertise, and genuine commitment to excellence.
- C. Community and Economic Development Association (CEDA) 2025 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Scholarship Program

7. NEW BUSINESS - ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Motion to approve Resident Only Parking Sign at 130 157th St. Direct Public Works to install sign.
- 2. Motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Calumet City and the Board of Education of Thornton Fractional High School District 215 for School Resource Officer services to be performed by the Calumet City Police Department for the period between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026.
- 3. Motion to approve PRG (Public Response Group) Inc. services to provide and perform professional creative and consulting services beginning May 1, 2025 through May 30, 2026.

4. Motion to Approve and Direct Public Works to install Resident Only Parking Signs with Addresses at the following locations:
538 Exchange Ave
519 Muskegon Ave
666 Muskegon Ave
667 Muskegon Ave
660 Muskegon Ave
635 Muskegon Ave
676 Muskegon Ave
5. Motion to remove the approved ordinance for handicap parking at 360 Marquette Ave. and direct Public Works to remove the sign.
6. Motion to approve the selection of Farnsworth Group based on the recommendation of CED staff as the most qualified engineering firm in response to the City's Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) solicitation for the Phase 1 Engineering Services Reconstruction of Wentworth Avenue, in accordance with the Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) process as outlined by State and Local procurement laws. To be funded by the Surface and Transportation Program facilitated by SSMMA STP Local.
7. Motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract renewal agreement from Prompt.io for the period of May 1, 2025, to April 30, 2026.

8. NEW BUSINESS - BUILDING PERMITS - NEW FENCE

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| 1. | 405 Calhoun | Privacy Fence | 2nd Ward |
| 2. | 410 156th Place | Privacy Fence | 5th Ward |
| 3. | 618 163rd Street | Privacy Fence | 6th Ward |
| 4. | 522 Price Ave. | Privacy Fence | 1st Ward |
| 5. | 588 Mackinaw Ave | Privacy Fence | 7th Ward |
| 6. | 12 167th Place | Privacy Fence | 6th Ward |
| 7. | 293 Manistee | Privacy Fence | 2nd Ward |
| 8. | 586 Calhoun Ave | Privacy Fence | 2nd Ward |
| 9. | 348 157th Street | Privacy Fence | 5th Ward |

9. NEW BUSINESS - BUILDING PERMITS - FENCE VARIANCE

1. 40 Schrum Road Privacy Fence 6th Ward

Edward Covington is requesting council approval to erect an 8ft fence as a privacy fence.

10. NEW BUSINESS - RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

1. A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO AND SUPPORTING A REWEAL OF THE CLASS 8 INCENTIVE FOR 1250-1258 BURNHAM AVENUE (GDT Limited Partnership)
2. A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO AND SUPPORTING A REWEAL OF THE CLASS 8 INCENTIVE FOR 661 RIVER OAKS DRIVE (GDT Limited Partnership)
3. A RESOLUTION FOR NON-PARTICIPATION OF BICYCLE ACCOMMODATION IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE BURNHAM AVENUE FROM SIBLEY BOULEVARD TO 187TH STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
4. An Ordinance Approving a Sign Variance for Burlington Stores, Inc.

11. NEW BUSINESS - FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Motion to approve the buyback for Todd Sosnowski as shown in the communication.
2. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #260086) for Project #0241222 Inflow and Infiltration Control Program, in the amount of \$16,208.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52600.
3. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #260085) for Project #0240355 Arthur Street, in the amount of \$10,575.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52600.
4. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #260083) for Project #02401519.001 USEPA AOC - NOV, in the amount of \$15,373.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #03036-52600.
5. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #251911) for Project #024MUN0222.02 Calumet City Building Plan Reviews 2024, in the amount of \$5,860.25 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52600.
6. Motion to approve the annual law enforcement investigative database service with Thompson Reuters for the period between 06-01-25 and 05-31-26 in the amount of \$6,893.40; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Thompson Reuters in the amount of \$6,893.40 to be charged to account 01060-52430.
7. Motion to approve payment to Holland Asphalt Services in the amount of \$6,780.00 (INV 2025-003); authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Holland Asphalt Services in the amount of \$6,780.00, to be charged to account 01060-52345.
8. Motion to approve payment to Lexipol in the amount of \$7,472.11 for the annual law enforcement policy updates; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Lexipol in the amount of \$7,472.11 to be charged to account 01060-52430.
9. Motion to direct the City Treasurer to issue the second installment payment for the Lateral Hire Incentive to Officer Bailey 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).

10. Motion to approve the purchase and installation of emergency equipment in PD Unit 24F366, to be performed by Chicago Communications, in the amount of \$6,498.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Chicago Communications in the amount of \$6,498.00 to be charged to account 06860-5717.
11. Motion to approve payment to Central Square Technologies for invoice 436285; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$5,850.00 and charge account #01028-52335.
12. Motion to approve payment to Securitas Electronic Security, Inc for the Mitel SWA Renewal; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$6,746.07 and charge account #12707-55120.
13. Motion to authorize the City Treasurer to reclassify levee maintenance expenses totaling \$11,459.25 from the Water Fund account 03036-53450 to the 2023 A Capital Project fund account 12607-53450. Further, authorize the City Treasurer and City Engineer to execute all necessary bond documentation to transfer \$11,459.25 from the 2023A Capital Project fund to reimburse the Water Fund.
14. Motion to approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #67579, in the amount of \$5543.91, authorize the city treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52101.
15. Motion to approve payment to Lansing Sport Shop (Inv #172228) for I love Calumet City hoodies in the amount of \$3,850.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52704.
16. Motion to approve payment to Public Response Group (PRG) for invoice 25-301 for \$7,500.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52351.
17. Motion to approve cost payable to Metropolitan Industries Inc. for invoice #INV072320, in the amount of \$4,800.00; authorize the city treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52103.
18. Motion to approve payment for the venue and food for 750 people regarding the City of Calumet City Senior's Senior Prom (55 years of age and older) to be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at D.A.'s Banquets & Events; and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$15,708.75 as a deposit and remit the remaining balance in the amount of \$15,708.75 within three weeks of the October 18th event – to D.A.'s Banquets & Events – utilizing account number #01099-52704 (Fireworks/Festivals) and with a recommendation to charge qualifying residents \$20 per person to attend the event – a formal process for the collection of monies to be determined.
19. As per Ordinance No. 22-22 approved by council on October 31, 2022: "A motion to approve payment of a monthly stipend in the amount of \$100 to serve as members of the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC) for a duration of the two-year appointment (March 2025 - February 2027) and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to each member from account #01021-52079.
20. Motion to approve payment to Peterson, Johnson & Murray for invoice numbers 144435, 144436 & 144437 in the amount of \$14,279.82; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$14,279.82 and charge account number #01025-52200.

21. Motion to approve payment to Connolly Law Office, P.C. for invoice #3263, #3235, #3206, #3169, and #3032; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the total amount of \$4,384.39 and charge account #01025-52200.
22. Motion to approve payment to Nicor for 516 Harrison Ave - for CC-RAP assistance - Past due Nicor balance - in an amount not to exceed \$118.24 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52729.
23. Motion to approve payment to Nicor for 3 Jennifer Lane - for CC-RAP assistance - Past due Nicor balance - in an amount not to exceed \$1,687.84 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52729.
24. Motion to approve payment to ComEd for 516 Harrison Ave - for CC-RAP assistance - Past due ComEd balance - in an amount not to exceed \$780.76 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52729.
25. Motion to approve payment to A&D Rucker Management Corp. for Invoice#1001 - for CC-RAP assistance - Mold Remediation, Demo and Hot Water Tank Replacement, in an amount not to exceed \$12,250 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52729.
26. Motion to approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #67558, in the amount of \$5254.60, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 03036-52349
27. Motion to approve the buyback for Jesse Tate as shown in the communication.
28. Motion to approve cost payable to Roeda for invoice 153477; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$27,355.38 and charge account #01099-52990.
29. Motion to approve cost payable to Roeda for invoice 155301; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$38,745.30 and charge account #01099-52990.
30. Motion to approve payment to Track & Trap Invoice #1708 for Community Wildlife Services from April 1st - April 15th in the amount of \$7,325 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01060-52487.
31. Motion to approve payment to Honest Jeff Repairs for 1595 Kenilworth Dr. - for CC-RAP assistance - Partial Assistance for Furnace Replacement - in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52729.
32. Motion to approve payment to The City of Calumet City for 1500 Lincoln Pl. - Past due water bill - for CC-RAP assistance, in an amount not to exceed \$384.57, and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52729.
33. Motion to approve payment to ComEd for 1500 Lincoln Pl. - for CC-RAP assistance - Past due ComEd bill - in an amount not to exceed \$169, and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52729.

34. Motion to approve payment to Mr. Cooper for 1337 Hirsch Ave. - for CC-RAP assistance - Past due mortgage balance - in an amount not to exceed \$5,922.40, and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52729.
35. Motion to approve costs payable to Scot Decal Company, Inc. for the City vehicle stickers and Motorcycle plate tags, in the amount of \$6,654.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01029-53200.
36. Motion to approve payment to Benford Brown & Associates for invoice #18722; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$1,250.00 and charge account #01099-52610.
37. Motion to approve payment to Benford Brown & Associates for invoice #18641; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$1,375.00 and charge account #01099-52610.
38. Motion to approve payment to Benford Brown & Associates for invoice #18530; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$875.00 and charge account #01099-52610.
39. Motion to approve a public relations consulting contract with Sean T. Howard until May 3, 2029; authorize the City Treasurer to remit a monthly payment in the amount of \$6,100.00 and to charge account #01099-52990.
40. Motion to approve payment to DME Elevators & Lifts (Inv #04152025-885) for Gearmotor Brake, in the amount of \$4,200.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52990.
41. Approve Payroll (\$1,097,238.94)
42. Approve Emergency Bill List (\$1,536.00)
43. Approve Bill List (\$774,193.25)

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, May 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., is at 12:00 NOON, Thursday, May 15, 2025.