



# **Regular City Council Meeting**

City of Calumet City, Illinois

Thursday, January 09, 2025

6:00 PM

## **AGENDA**

To participate in the Public Comment for this meeting, email your comment to [mayorjones@calumetcity.org](mailto: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, January 9, 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 December 12, 2024

B. Regular City Council Meeting December 23, 2024

C. Special Meeting December 30, 2024

### **6. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

- Finance ----- Ald. Gardner
- Public Safety ----- Ald. Williams
- Public Utilities ----- Ald. Wilson
- Ordinance & Resolution ----- Ald. Tillman
- Health, Education & Welfare ----- Ald. Navarrete
- Permits & Licenses ----- Ald. Patton
- Public Works ----- Ald. Smith

### **7. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

- Mayor Jones
- Alderman Navarrete
- Alderwoman Wilson
- Alderman Tillman
- Alderman Williams

Alderman Gardner  
Alderman Patton  
Alderman Smith

**8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE**

**9. NEW BUSINESS - ACTION ITEMS**

1. The following veto message is being issued for ordinance

Mayor Thaddeus Jones, with powers described in section 2-194 of the City of Calumet City ordinance do hereby issue a Veto of the motion made by Alderman Patton and Seconded by Alderman Gardner. As a strong advocate of workers' rights, I am vetoing the ordinance the City Council adopted at the December 30, 2024 meeting opting out of the Cook County Paid Leave for All Workers Act. While we offer strong benefits to City employees, I do not support any measure which could be construed to limit or infringe on the rights of our union employees or other City workers. Cook County's law seeks to protect working families. I do not support opting out of those protections, so the opt out ordinance is hereby vetoed.

2. Motion authorizing City Engineer to work with CED and Public Works to prepare River Oaks West Pond Improvements for bid. The project will restore stormwater storage in the ponds and reconstruct failing outfalls as required by the MWRD for current and future developments that the ponds serve as the stormwater facility. The project will utilize \$1,000,000 of DCEO funding for construction through appropriation HD 240375 grant number 971-42086-4900-4121 (Calumet City No. G-122).
3. Motion authorizing City Engineer to work with CED and Public Works to prepare River Oaks Watermain Replacement and Elevated Tank Improvements at River Oaks for bid. The project will replace watermain infrastructure nearing the end of its useful life and improve watermain operational efficiency. The project will utilize \$1,000,000 of DCEO funding for construction through appropriation HD 240375 grant number 971-42092-4900-9221 (Calumet City No. G-127).
4. Motion to approve Airy's Inc. in the amount of \$602,829.00 to provide construction services for the Arthur Street Water Main Improvement project. This project will be partially funded in the amount of \$380,000 through ARPA funds awarded by the County of Cook per Assistance Listing Number 21.027.

**10. NEW BUSINESS - BUILDING PERMITS - NEW FENCE**

1. 353 Bensley Ave Privacy Fence 4th Ward

**11. NEW BUSINESS - BUILDING PERMITS - SOLAR PANELS ON GARAGE VARIANCE**

1. 426 Webb Solar Panels On Garage Variance 5th Ward

**12. NEW BUSINESS - RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

1. A RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF THE LIFE OF JESSE ELSTON

2. A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY'S PRAYERS AND SUPPORT FOR THORNTON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR CASSANDRA ELSTON JESSE ELSTON AND FAMILY IN THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE OF JESSE ELSTON
3. A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CLASS 8 DESIGNATION AND ENTERPRISE ZONE INCENTIVES FOR 1401 RIVER OAKS DRIVE (INVESTOR REAL ESTATE GROUP, LLC)
4. A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CLASS 8 DESIGNATION AND ENTERPRISE ZONE INCENTIVES FOR 1050-1088 SIBLEY BLVD (INVESTOR REAL ESTATE GROUP, LLC)
5. A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO AND SUPPORTING A REWEVAL OF THE CLASS 6B INCENTIVE FOR 1551 REGENCY COURT

### **13. NEW BUSINESS - FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #255256) for Project #0210862 Pace Bus Station, in the amount of \$28,294.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #04007-52600.
2. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #257112) for Project #02401519.001 USEPA AOC, in the amount of \$59,262.50 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #03036-52600.
3. Motion to approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice #65658, in the amount of \$6,777.30, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.
4. Motion to approve payment to Track N Trap for invoice 1692 Dec 1st-15th Wildlife Services. Direct Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$5,550 from account #01060-52487.
5. Motion to approve payment to Gregory Ramon Design Studio Inc. (Invoice #1232), for concept design services for Cafe Borgia in the amount of \$13,888.99, and direct City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52600.
6. Motion to approve payment to Hoosier Printing for January 2025 Newsletter, in the amount of \$52,106.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52351.
7. Motion to approve payment to Peterson, Johnson & Murray for invoice numbers 143800, 143801, 143802, 143803 & 143804 in the amount of \$22,678.51; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$22,678.51 and charge account number # 01025-52200.
8. Motion to authorize the City Treasurer to reclass the water department levee maintenance expenses totaling \$365,371.47 posted to expense account 03036-53450 to the 2023A Capital Project Fund expense account 12607-53450 Levee Maintenance. Further authorize the City Treasurer & City Engineer authority to sign off on bond documentation authorizing the transfer of bond monies totaling \$365,371.47 to reimburse the Water Fund.
9. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #257451) for Project #024MUN0222 Miscellaneous Engineering Services, in the amount of \$812.50 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52600.

10. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #257446) for Project #024MUN0222 Misc. Engineering Services for August 2024, in the amount of \$26,408.50 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52600.
11. Motion to approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Air One Equipment Inc. in the amount of \$10,495.00. This is for new bunker gear for the new hires. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06617-55131.
12. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #257447) for Project #024MUN0222 Misc. Engineering Services - City Alley Programming Phase 6, in the amount of \$8,894.60 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52600.
13. Motion to approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to R & G Repair Maintenance & Welding Services, Inc. in the amount of \$36,551.20. This is for continuous work at the training center. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06617-55135.
14. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #257448) for Project #024MUN0222 Misc. Engineering Services - Stormwater and Drainage Phase 7, in the amount of \$3,458.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #03036-52600.
15. A motion is needed to approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to R & G Repair Maintenance & Welding Services, Inc. in the amount of \$53,179.16. This is for continuous work at the training center. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06617-55135.
16. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #257449) for Project #024MUN0222 Misc. Engineering Services - Water System Phase 10, in the amount of \$15,182.25 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #03036-52600.
17. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #257450) for Project #024MUN0222 Misc. Engineering Services - Sewer System Phase 11, in the amount of \$23,602.02 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #03036-52600.
18. Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit quarterly payments to KS State Bank Government Department according to the American Capital Finance Services Lease \$416,371.00, for (8) police interceptor utility vehicles. The expenditure \$37,865.58 to be posted to equipment leases account number #01060-55125.
19. Motion to approve payment to Patrick W. Walsh, Attorney at Law, for services rendered to the Calumet City Board of Fire and Police Commissioners in the amount of \$6,770.84; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Patrick W. Walsh, Attorney at Law, in the amount of \$6,770.84 to be charged to account #01091-52325.
20. Motion to approve payment to Complex Network Solutions for invoice 2027; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$14,994.98 and charge account #01069-55100.
21. Motion to approve payment for American Printing for \$5,949.02. Direct Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52351.

- 22. Motion to approve the Postage Machine Lease agreement (36 months) with Quadient, in the amount of \$7,607.52 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payments from account #01099-52030.
- 23. Motion to approve payment to Patrick W. Walsh, Attorney at Law for the invoices listed below;; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the total amount of \$64,517.46 and charge account #01099-55120.

- Invoice #3098 - \$555.44
- Invoice #3102 - \$420.00
- Invoice #3106 - \$375.00
- Invoice #3155 - \$472.01
- Invoice #3158 - \$1,020.00
- Invoice #3162 - \$13,520.85
- Invoice #3168 - \$1,779.45
- Invoice #3173 - \$2,687.50
- Invoice #3174 - \$1,819.72
- Invoice #3175 - \$8,685.81
- Invoice #3176 - \$13,520.85
- Invoice #3177 - \$395.83
- Invoice #3178 - \$790.00
- Invoice #3179 - \$1,000.00
- Invoice #3180 - \$2,312.50
- Invoice #3181 - \$15,162.50

- 24. Approve Payroll (\$994,847.52)
- 25. Approve Emergency Bill List (\$1,790.75)
- 26. Approve Bill List (\$668,857.00)

**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, January 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., is at 12:00 NOON, Thursday, January 16, 2025.