

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
City Council of the City of Calumet City
Cook County, Illinois

NOVEMBER 24, 2025

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:04 p.m. in a regular meeting on November 24, 2025, with Mayor Thaddeus Jones present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 6 ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Phillips.

ABSENT: 1 ALDERMEN: Nelson

Also present was City Clerk Dr. Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, Police Chief Kolosh, Fire Chief Bachert, City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey, Director of Economic Development Christina Signorelli, Economic Development Val Williams, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, Attorney Mark Sterk and Attorney Dominick Lanzito, and City Engineer Ken Chastain.

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Tillman, to approve the following minutes as presented:

11/13/2025 Regular Mtg.

11/19/2025 Special Finance Committee of the Whole Mtg.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Deviate

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Tillman to deviate from the regular order of business for discussion and action on new business item #1 regarding the Bridge Loan and new business item# 2 regarding the Wentworth Woods development at 6:04 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Presentation

Finance Director John Kasperek gave a brief explanation on new business item #1 regarding the Bridge Loan application that included the Calumet City Library. Finance Director Kasperek announced that the county only sent 78 percent of Calumet City's allotment. Calumet City received \$5,100,000.00 and \$313,000.00 is for Calumet City Library's portion.

Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones stated that he gave the library a \$1,000,000.00 grant; once that money is received from the State of Illinois we have a resolution that will come before the city council that the \$200,000.00 owed will come from that \$1,000,000.00.

Library Director Rita Mayfield stated that she has the grant documents here tonight and she needs the mayor to sign off on the library budget.

Approval of Loaning \$313,000.00 to
The Calumet City Library Fund

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey to approve the loaning of \$313,000 to the Calumet City Library Fund from the City's Corporate Fund. The City Treasurer will co-ordinate with the Library Executive Director to transfer the Funds. The Library Fund will repay the amount borrowed from the proceeds they get from the second installment of the 2024 real estate tax levy collected in 2025/2026. Further, the Treasurer is permitted to transfer said funds at his discretion to repay the City for the amount borrowed (\$313,000).

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Phillips
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMAN: Nelson

MOTION CARRIED

Wentworth Woods Development
Agreement

Finance Director John Kasperek spoke to the Wentworth woods project and reported bond funds could be used for this project.

Attorney Dominick Lanzito reported on the process and plans for Wentworth Woods.

Mayor Jones thanked Alderman Gardner for his assistance with the Land Bank.

Alderman Gardner inquired if a developer came before the council.

Attorney Dominick Lanzito stated there is a Purchasing and Sale Agreement with the Developer Larger than Life.

Alderman Gardner stated "I hope that things will be on the up and up with this Project."

Wentworth Woods Development
Agreement Approval

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey to approve the Wentworth Woods development agreement for Farnsworth for site planning, infrastructure and engineering; further direct the city treasurer to issue payment in the amount of \$265,000 from the 2023 bond issue (economic development); further direct the mayor to sign and execute the agreement.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Phillips
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMAN: Nelson

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE

#3): A Resolution Approving the Term Sheet and Authorizing the Purchase

(Res.#25-58)

Approval of Resolution for 200 Gold Coast Lane

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

A Resolution approving the term sheet and authorizing the purchase of 200 Gold Coast Lane and 225 Gold Coase Lane, Calumet City.

(See Attached Page 3A)

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey to approve a Resolution approving the term sheet and authorizing the purchase of 200 Gold Coast Lane and 225 Gold Coase Lane, Calumet City.

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Phillips

ALDERMEN: None

ALDERMAN: Nelson

MOTION CARRIED

ESDA Director Promotion

Mayor Jones commented regarding Ashley Allen being the first African American Woman ESDA Director and the council take a picture with Director Allen.

Police Chief Kolosh promoted Ashley Allen to ESDA Director and gave her the oath of office.

#1): A Resolution Consenting and Supporting a Class 8 Incentive

(Res.#25-59)

426 Burnham Avenue Adam Dotson

A Resolution consenting to and supporting a renewal of the Class 8 Incentive for 426 Burnham Avenue (Calumet Dockside Services, LLC)

(See attached page 3B)

Adam Dotson reported that Calumet Dockside Services, LLC is the definition of a mom-and-pop organization that has been loyal to Calumet City for many years.

Adopt Ordinances and Pass Resolutions

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey, to pass resolutions #1 presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Phillips

ALDERMEN: None

ALDERMAN: Nelson

MOTION CARRIED

Return to Regular Order of Business

Alderwoman Phillips moved, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey to return to the regular order of business at 6:31 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

**THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY
COOK, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION
NO.25-58**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TERM SHEET AND
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 200 GOLD COAST LANE AND
225 GOLD COAST LANE, CALUMET CITY**

**THADDEUS JONES, Mayor
DR. NYOTA T. FIGGS, City Clerk**

**DEJUAN GARDNER
SHALISA D. HARVEY
MIACOLE NELSON
MELISSA PHILLIPS
DEANDRE TILLMAN
RAMONDE WILLIAMS
MONET WILSON
Aldermen**

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CALUMET CITY
Cook County, Illinois

RESOLUTION NO.25-58
A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TERM SHEET AND
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 200 GOLD COAST LANE AND
225 GOLD COAST LANE, CALUMET CITY

WHEREAS, Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois (the "City") is a home rule municipality pursuant to Section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, Calumet City, in the County of Cook, State of Illinois, is a home rule unit of government, and has the power to purchase real property; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Land Bank Authority has acquired 200 Gold Coast Lane (PIN 30-20-116-035-0000) and 225 Gold Coast Lane (PIN 30-20-116-037-0000) in Calumet City ("Subject Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Land Bank Authority has offered to sell the Subject Property to Calumet City for fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000); the terms of said offer are attached herein as Exhibit A ("Term Sheet"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it to be in the best interests of its citizens and residents to approve the Term Sheet purchase of 200 Gold Coast Lane and 225 Gold Coast Lane, Calumet City 60409.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois by and through its home rule powers as follows:

SECTION ONE: The City hereby incorporates all of the recitals above into this Resolution as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION TWO: The Mayor and City Council hereby approve and accept the Term Sheet attached herein as Exhibit A. The Mayor or his designee are hereby authorized to facilitate payment and execute any documents, necessary to carry out the terms of Exhibit A and complete the purchase of said Subject Property for fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), including but not limited to the execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement and all related ancillary documents to complete the closing, subject to review and revision by the City Attorney.

SECTION THREE: If any provision of this Resolution or application thereof to any person or circumstance is ruled unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Resolution that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and each invalid provision or invalid application of this Resolution is severable.

SECTION FOUR: Where the conditions imposed by any provisions of this Resolution are more restrictive than comparable provisions imposed elsewhere in any other local law, ordinance, resolution, rule or regulation, the regulations of this Resolution will govern.


SECTION FIVE: The City Clerk shall publish this Resolution in pamphlet form.

SECTION SIX: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 24th day of November, 2025, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent	Present
Gardner	X			
Harvey	X			
Nelson			X	
Phillips	X			
Tillman	X			
Williams	X			
Wilson	X			
(Mayor Jones)				

APPROVED by the Mayor on November 24, 2025.


Thaddeus Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:

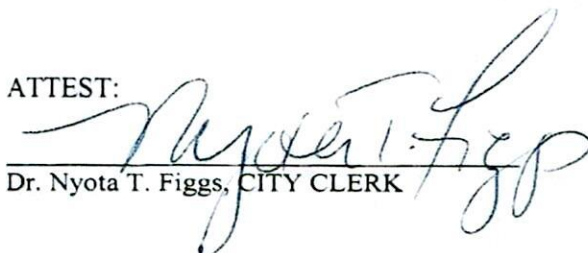

Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, CITY CLERK

EXHIBIT A (TERM SHEET)

Cook County Land Bank Authority ("CCLBA")

Term Sheet



1. Property: 200 Gold Coast Lane, Calumet City, IL 60409
225 Gold Coast Lane, Calumet City, IL 60409
2. PIN(S): 30-20-116-035-0000
30-20-116-037-0000
3. Purchaser: Name: City of Calumet City
Address: 204 Pulaski Road, Calumet City, IL 60409
Contact: Christina Signorelli
Phone: 708-891-8139

Email: csignorelli@calumetcity.org
4. Purchaser's Attorney: Name: Dominick L. Lanzito
Address: 1804 North Naper Boulevard, Suite 350
Phone: (630) 614-7611
Email: dlanzito@ottosenlaw.com
5. Purchase Price: \$15,000
6. Proposed Municipal Use for Property: Wentworth Woods Development
7. Financing: The Purchaser (check one) (☐) will or (☐) will not obtain financing to purchase the Property. Lender:

CCLBA will have the right to terminate this transaction upon any material change in how the purchase of the Property is being financed. Any such change will be permitted only with CCLBA's express authorization.
8. Property Sold As-Is: Each Property sold by CCLBA is sold on an "as is" basis with no express or implied warranties as to condition.
9. Contract of Purchase and Sale: Upon the execution and delivery of this Term Sheet by both Seller and Purchaser (collectively, "Parties"), Seller will have its attorneys prepare, and send to Purchaser, a Purchase Agreement. Such Purchase Agreement shall be consistent with these terms and shall include other material terms and conditions of the sale yet to be agreed to by the Parties, including, without limitation, representations and warranties mutually acceptable to the Parties. The Purchaser shall have **seven (7) business days** from the date the Purchaser receives the Purchase Agreement to return a signed Purchase Agreement to the Seller's attorneys. Electronic copies are acceptable. Notwithstanding any other provision, if a signed Purchase Agreement is not returned within **seven (7) business days**, the terms set forth in this Term Sheet and the Purchase Agreement shall expire.
10. Contingent on Acquisition: CCLBA (check one) (☒) has, (☐) has not, acquired the Property.

If CCLBA has not yet acquired the Property, CCLBA's obligation to close on the Property is contingent upon CCLBA's acquisition of the Property prior to ____NA____ ("Acquisition Deadline"). If, at any

time, CCLBA notifies Purchaser that CCLBA will not be acquiring the Property prior to the Acquisition Deadline, this Term Sheet and the Purchase Agreement shall be null and void. The Acquisition Deadline may only be extended by mutual agreement by the Parties in writing.

11. Closing Location and Period: The closing of the purchase and sale (the "Closing") shall take place no later than thirty (30) days (the "Closing Date") at a mutually agreeable time at the offices of the CCLBA or as otherwise agreed to by the Parties in writing.
12. Transfer Taxes; Prorations and Closing Costs: Purchaser will shall pay the costs of any transfer/inspection fees and taxes due for Seller's acquisition and sale of the Property. Notwithstanding any local custom, Purchaser shall record the deed and pay all associated costs. Seller represents that property taxes have been voided through the year of Seller's acquisition. However, any taxes that have accrued between the year of Seller's acquisition and the Closing will be Purchaser's responsibility to pay. Seller will not provide a tax proration at Closing.
13. Post-Closing Security. CCLBA currently has a contract with Door & Window Guard Systems, Inc. ("DAWGS") to secure the Property while it is vacant. The rates for maintaining the DAWGS system after Closing are attached to this Term Sheet. Pursuant to local ordinance, Purchasers are obligated to keep the Property secured at all times after Closing until the property is re-occupied. Purchaser agrees to secure the Property after closing as follows:

____ Keep and maintain the current DAWGS system at the attached rates.
____ Discontinue and replace the DAWGS system.
__X__ Not applicable
14. Termination: Unless the Parties have made and entered into a Purchase Agreement, Seller shall have the right to withdraw its acceptance of the terms in this Term Sheet. If the Seller exercises this option, this Term Sheet shall be deemed null and void and neither party shall have any further duties or obligations under this Term Sheet. If Seller withdraws acceptance of this Term Sheet, Seller agrees to refund the originating Party any Application Fee paid as part of this transaction. Neither Party shall be entitled to any monetary or legal damages as a result of termination.

If this term sheet correctly reflects your understanding of our mutual intent with respect to certain principal terms and conditions of the proposed sale of the Property, please indicate by signing this Term Sheet and returning the same to the undersigned.

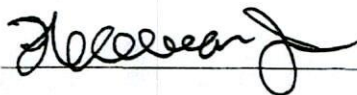
Cook County Land Bank Authority
("CCLBA")

By: _____

Name: Jessica Caffrey

Title: Executive Director

Purchaser:

By:  _____

Name: Thales in Jones

**THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY
COOK, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION
NO. 25-59**

**A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO AND SUPPORTING A REWEAL
OF THE CLASS 8 INCENTIVE FOR 426 BURNHAM AVENUE**

(Calumet Dockside Services, LLC)

**THADDEUS JONES, Mayor
DR. NYOTA T. FIGGS, City Clerk**

**DEJUAN GARDNER
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RESOLUTION NO. 25-59

**A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO AND SUPPORTING A REWEAL
OF THE CLASS 8 INCENTIVE FOR 426 BURNHAM AVENUE**

WHEREAS, Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois (the "City"), is a home rule municipality pursuant to Section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities of the City of Calumet City desire to promote businesses as part of its economic development strategy; and

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities have received a request from Calumet Dockside Services, (the "Developer") seeking the City's support and consent for the filing of its renewal application for its Class 8 Tax Incentive related to the property located at 426 Burnham Avenue, Calumet City, Illinois (the "Property"), with a legal description attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Property is situated within the Calumet Region Enterprise Zone and has been designated by the City as eligible for, and approved by, the Cook County Assessor for, Class 8 property tax incentives designed to encourage redevelopment ("Incentives"); and

WHEREAS, the Property was originally eligible for a Class 8 designation as the building had been abandoned for more than twenty-four (24) consecutive months; and

WHEREAS, Developer currently operates a watercraft business at 426 Burnham Avenue;

WHEREAS, Developer currently employs two (2) full-time employees on-site; and

WHEREAS, the continuation of Incentives are essential for the Developer to remain a viable local business, the loss of such designation would result in increased business expenses and ultimately force Developer to cease business operations; and

WHEREAS, without the Class 8 designation, Developer is unlikely to continue to operate at his current location and the closing of the business would result in the Property becoming vacant; and

WHEREAS, the absence of the Incentives would render the Developer's business model unsustainable, making renewal of the designation critical for the ongoing economic viability of Developer's operations at the Property; and

WHEREAS, the City supports the Developer's efforts to renew and maintain the Class 8 Tax Incentive for the Property, recognizing that the continued business operations at the site will contribute to the economic strength and vitality of Calumet City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois by and through its home rule powers as follows:

Section 1. The City hereby incorporates all of the recitals above into this Resolution as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The City hereby supports and consents to the filing of an application for a Class 8 renewal classification for the Property.

Section 3. The Class 8 Tax Incentive for the Subject Property is necessary to maintain occupancy of the Subject Property by the Developer, and that occupancy and use of the Subject Property is beneficial to the City's economy; and

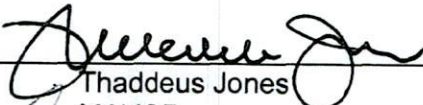
Section 4. That the City Clerk shall certify a copy of this Resolution and send a certified copy to the office of the Assessor of Cook County.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 24th day of November, 2025, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent	Present
Gardner	X			
Harvey	X			
Nelson			X	
Phillips	X			
Tillman	X			
Williams	X			
Wilson	X			
(Mayor Jones)				

APPROVED by the Mayor on November 24, 2025


Thaddeus Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:


Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, CITY CLERK

EXHIBIT A

LOTS 1, 2, 3 AND 4 IN BLOCK 1 IN FORD CALUMET HIGHLANDS ADDITION TO WEST HAMMOND, A SUBDIVISION IN THE SOUTHEAST $\frac{1}{4}$ OF THE NORTHEAST $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 15, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PINS: 30-07-217-012, 30-07-217-013, 30-07-217-014, 30-07-217-015

Commonly known address: 426 Burnham Avenue

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

- A. Letter of Resignation

RE: Firefighter/Paramedic Antonio Welsch letter of resignation from the Calumet City Fire Department.
- Fire Chief Bachert

Fire Chief Bachert commented regarding Antonio Welsch’s relocation to New Orleans Fire Department and commended him on his hard work while working with the Calumet City Fire Department.
- Alderman Gardner

Alderman Gardner expressed gratitude to Antonio Welsch for his tenure in Calumet City and requested he receive a resolution.
- Accept & Place on File

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderwoman Phillips, to accept item A and place on file also to direct the City Attorney to draft a resolution for Antonio Welsch thanking him for his service.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

- 3): Direct the City Attorney to Draft An Amended Handicap Ordinance

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 550 Calhoun Avenue.
- 4): Direct the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners to Offer Conditional Employment

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 Antonio Welsch.
- 5): Award the Settlement Agreement With Brianna McNeal

Approve the settlement agreement with Brianna McNeal and to direct the City Treasurer to issue payment as directed by the agreement.
- 6): Approve Children’s Home Center Daycare Recruitment

Approve Children's Home Center Daycare community recruitment outing at the corner of Sibley and Torrance on December 10th, 2025, from 3PM - 5PM. (Pending police and insurance approval).
- Approve New Business Items

Alderwoman Phillips moved, seconded by Alderman Tillman to approve items #3 - #6 as presented.

ROLL CALL

- AYES: 6

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Phillips
- NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None
- ABSENT: 1

ALDERMAN: Nelson

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

FENCE VARIANCE

WARD

267 Prairie Ave.

3rd Ward

Approve Permits

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Williams, to approve the building permits as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Phillips

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMAN: Nelson

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE

#2): A Resolution Establishing Fees (Removed)

A Resolution establishing fees for the city's interest application form (IAF for Economic Development (Removed))

Motion to Enter Into Closed Session

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderwoman Wilson to enter into closed session to discuss employment of a specific individual at 6:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Phillips

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMAN: Nelson

MOTION CARRIED

Executive Session

The council met in executive session from 6:40 p.m. to 7:13 p.m.

Return to Regular Order of Business

Alderwoman Phillips moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to return to the regular order of business at 7:13 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Jones Left The Regular City Council Meeting

Mayor Jones left the Regular City Council Meeting by 7:13 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Alderman Williams Present and Presiding over the Regular City Council Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Alderman Ramonde D. Williams present and presiding over the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:13 p.m.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1): Approve Payment to Kenneth Jones

Approve the buyback for Kenneth Jones as shown in the communication.

#2): Approve Payment to Erica France Jenkins

Approve the buyback for Erica France Jenkins shown in the communication.

- #3): Approve Payment to Elevated Safety Solutions Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Elevated Safety in the amount of \$6,153.94. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06617-55100. This expenditure is for tech rescue supplies.
- #4): Approve Payment to Motorola Solutions Approve the purchase of ALPR hardware and equipment from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$33,749.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$33,749.00, to be charged to 06860-57117 (Federal Asset Forfeiture - Law Enforcement Equipment).
- #5): Approve Payment to Motorola Solutions Approve the purchase of ten (10) ALPR cameras from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$29,000.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$29,000.00, to be charged to 01060-52493 (Organized Retail Crime Grant).
- #6): Approve Payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. Approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$19,836.19 for corporate legal services dated November 7th, 2025, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025-52200.
- #7): Approve Payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. Approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$22,988.33 for legal services November 7th, 2025, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025- 52200.
- #8): Approve Payment to Motorola Solutions Approve payment to Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$10,400.00 for the Device Licensing Fee; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$10,400.00 to be charged to 01060-52430.
- #9): Approve Payment to Farnsworth Group (Invoice# 264647) Approve payment to Farnsworth Group Invoice number 264647 for Project number 02500104.001 Calumet City Misc. Site Reviews 2025 and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$606.25 and charge account # 01099-52600.
- #10): Approve Payment to Farnsworth Group (Invoice #264693) Approve payment to Farnsworth Group Invoice number 264693 for Project number 02500105.001 Calumet City Misc. Site Reviews 2025 and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$2,073.75 and charge account # 01099-52600.
- #11): Approve Payment to Farnsworth Group (Invoice #264648) Approve payment to Farnsworth Group Invoice number 264648 for Project number 02500104.001 Calumet City Misc. Site Reviews 2025 and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$500.00 and charge account # 01099-52600.
- #12): Approve Payment to Farnsworth Group (Invoice #262555) Approve payment to Farnsworth Group Invoice number 262555 for Project number 02500104.001 Calumet City Misc. Site Reviews 2025 and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$612.50 and charge account # 01099-52600.
- #13): Approve Payment to Farnsworth Group (Invoice #264457) Approve payment to Farnsworth Group Invoice number 264457 for Project number 02500103.001 Calumet City Misc. Site Reviews 2025 and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$1,800.00 and charge account # 01099-52600.

#14): Approve Payment to Farnsworth Group (Invoice #264474)

Approve payment to Farnsworth Group for Invoice number 264474 for Project number 02500103.001 Calumet City Misc. Site Reviews 2025 and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$3,093.75 and charge account # 01099-52600.

#15): Approve Payment to Farnsworth (Invoice #264442)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #264442) for Project #02500992.001 Sewer and Stormwater Capital Improvement Action Plan - Planning and RFP Development (Area 2), in the amount of \$103,700.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #12607-52136.

#16): Approve Payment to Farnsworth (Invoice #264472)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #264472) for Project #02500103.001 Misc. Engineering Services, in the amount of \$9,838.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52600.

#17): Approve Payment to Farnsworth (Invoice #264729)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #264729) for Project #02500103.001 Cook County Project Phase 10 Misc., in the amount of \$21,832.50 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52600.

#18): Approve Payment to Farnsworth (Invoice #264728)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #264728) for Project #02500103.001 Misc. Engineering Services, in the amount of \$14,573.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52600.

#19): Approve Payment to Farnsworth (Invoice #264725)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #264725) for Project #02500103.001 Misc. Engineering Services, in the amount of \$17,178.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52600.

#20): Approve Payment to Farnsworth (Invoice #264569)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #264569) for Project #02500103.001 Misc. Engineering Services, in the amount of \$26,913.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52600.

#21): Approve Payment to Farnsworth (Invoice #264475)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #264475) for Project #02500103.001 Misc. Engineering Services, in the amount of \$26,913.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52600.

#22): Approve Payment to o Calumet City Plumbing (Invoice #69632)

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #69632 (Emergency Water Main Leak Repair - Dolton Ave. & Paxton Ave.), in the amount of \$15,511.00, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#23): Approve Payment to o Calumet City Plumbing (Invoice #69679)

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #69679 (Main Sewer and Storm Collapse - 156th St. & Wentworth), in the amount of \$11,538.00, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#24): Approve Payment to o Calumet City Plumbing for (Invoice #69587)

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #69587 (Water Main Break in Parkway - 1491 Freeland), in the amount of \$6,134.49, authorize the city treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

Approve Financial Items #1-24

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderwoman Wilson with discussion to approve financial items 1-24 and to take #6 and 7 separately.

Withdrawal of Motion Made By
Alderman Tillman

Alderman Tillman withdrew his motion to approve financial items #1-24.

Withdrawal of Second Made By
Alderman Wilson

Alderman Wilson withdrew her second with discussion to approve financial items #1-24.

#24): Approve Financial items #1- 5 and
#8-24

Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Phillips, to approve financial items #1- 5 and #8-24 and as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Phillips
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMAN: Nelson

MOTION CARRIED

Approve Financial Items #6 and 7 As
Presented

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Harvey to approve financial items #6-7 and as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4
NAYS: 2
ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Tillman, Williams, Gardner
ALDERMEN: Wilson, Phillips
ALDERMAN: Nelson

MOTION CARRIED

#25): Approve 11/7/25 Payroll
(\$1,036,415.39)

Alderman Harvey moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson with discussion to approve payroll.

Discussion

Alderman Wilson stated that she requested the council table payroll due to there being questions and concerns about employee's payroll showing multiple positions and multiple amounts. Alderman Wilson reported that she asked the Mayor what his son Thaddeus Jones Jr does to receive over \$3000.00 each pay period. Alderman Wilson stated she was advised by the Mayor that Thaddeus Jones Jr. helps with the summer help and delivers meals to the seniors. Alderman Wilson stated she also inquired about Juel Stanleys pay as well. Alderman Wilson stated she is not comfortable approving this entire payroll. Alderman Wilson stated for the record she is in favor of tabling the payroll until the council can receive a very direct answer on why people's payroll isn't lining up.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4
NAYS: 2
ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Tillman, Williams, Phillips
ALDERMEN: Wilson, Gardner
ALDERMAN: Nelson

MOTION CARRIED

#25): Approve 11/21/25 Payroll
(\$1,055,313.46)

Alderwoman Harvey moved, seconded by Alderman Tillman to approve payroll.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4
NAYS: 2
ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Tillman, Williams, Phillips
ALDERMEN: Wilson, Gardner
ALDERMAN: Nelson

MOTION CARRIED

#26): Approve 11/21/25 Bill Listing
(\$1,195,794.98)

Alderwoman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to remove Café Borgea, and Bills Grill, and to table Benford Brown and Associates pending the contract, the Senior Dinner pending documentation and information, the check to Craig Harper for \$650.00 pending documentation and information, Boarding Glass, all Tree Trimming bills, and the Cadillac repairs pending documentation.

Alderman Gardner

Alderman Gardner stated for the record until we get more transparency; I won't be supporting these bill listings.

Alderwoman Harvey moved, seconded by Alderwoman Phillips to approve the Bill Listing and tabling the necessary corrections.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5
NAYS: 1
ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Phillips
ALDERMEN: Gardner
ALDERMAN: Nelson

MOTION CARRIED

**REPORTS OF STANDING
COMMITTEES**

Finance

Alderman Williams had no report.

Public Safety

Alderman Gardner had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderwoman Phillips had no report.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Tillman had no report.

H.E.W

Alderwoman Wilson thanked the residents for joining Health Education and Welfare, Tomorrow's Youth Foundation, Calumet City Chargers, Lenita Lacor, M and J's Breakfast House and the Sister Girl Network for participating in providing meals for the people in "Tent City"

Alderwoman Wilson announced that Health Education and Welfare will have a meeting before Christmas.

Alderwoman Wilson would like residents that would like to sign up for the Toy Drive to call her at (708)-586-4990 and or email monet@alderwomanwilson.com

Permits & Licenses

Alderwoman Harvey had no report.

Public Works

Alderwoman Nelson was absent.

Mayor Jones Veto Message

Mayor Jones
VETO MESSAGE TO THE
CITY OF CALUMET CITY COUNCIL

Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-45 and Section 2-194 of the City of Calumet City Municipal Code of Ordinances, I hereby veto the below listed motions from the November 13, 2025 City of Calumet City Regular City Council Meeting agenda:

1. Motion to direct City Treasurer to approve the bill list as amended and permanently delete the following: Three (3) Senior Ambassadors (remove) and Taylor Media.
2. Three Senior Ambassadors veto message: At a time when seniors are suffering more than the average family, this action goes against the City's policy to support our senior community. This action goes against the values of Senior Action Committee and is mean spirited. Additionally, the action taken violates the Salary Ordinance for the 2026 year and does not amend the Salary Ordinance or reference the Salary Ordinance 25-19 "Salaries of Officials."
3. Taylor Media veto Message: The action taken at the November 13, 2025 violates the Illinois Prompt Payment Act and payment for services rendered. Therefore, this action is vetoed, in order to avoid any liability to the City for timely paying for services previously rendered. Further, the treasurer shall issue payment to avoid liability for the City.

I veto the afore-mentioned motions, which concern the expenditure or appropriation of City money and may create liability against the City, because the City's corporate authorities needs more time to thoroughly deliberate their impact on the City and its residents prior to a premature vote thereon.

CONCLUSION

As Mayor, I have the authority to veto any motion that provides for the expenditure of City funds or that creates liability against the City. 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-45. For the reasons stated above, I hereby return the above-referenced motions with my written objections in the form of veto, and I disapprove the motions in their entirety. 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-45.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Alderwoman Harvey – 1st Ward

Alderwoman Harvey wished everyone a Happy Safe Thanksgiving.

Alderwoman Wilson – 2nd Ward

Alderwoman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to override the Mayor's veto message (seen above).

Alderman Tillman Discussion

"I kind of want to have a discussion on it just to explain why I think we actually have to override the veto and counselor you can chime in here. So, the council approved the bill list and amended to remove the Senior Ambassadors so that was the full motion. The motion was to approve the bill list and remove the three Senior Ambassadors. If he vetoes our motion essentially no longer approves that bill list and it doesn't actually direct pay the Senior Ambassadors, it just resets it all. So, it's a line down here that says I further direct the Treasurer to issue payment; I don't know if that's proper you can't use a veto to make a no vote into a yes vote.

Attorney Sterk stated that he agrees with Alderman Tillman.

Alderman Tillman stated "so, procedurally I think we should override the veto and then we can have further discussion to see where the Mayor is trying to go with this."

Alderman Tillman – 3rd Ward

Alderman Tillman wished everyone in the 3rd ward a Happy Thanksgiving.

Alderman Williams – 4th Ward

Alderman Williams gave honor to God. Alderman Williams thanked everyone that volunteered for the 12th annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Bernadine Manor. Alderman Williams thanked Thorton Township Supervisor Napoleon Harris for providing food boxes. Alderman Williams wished Calumet City Happy Thanksgiving.

Alderman Gardner – 5th Ward

Alderman Gardner wished the residents of Calumet City and the council a Happy Thanksgiving.

Alderwoman Nelson– 6th Ward

Alderwoman Nelson was absent.

Alderman Phillips– 7th Ward

Alderwoman Phillips wished the 7th ward residents and the entire Calumet City a Happy Thanksgiving.

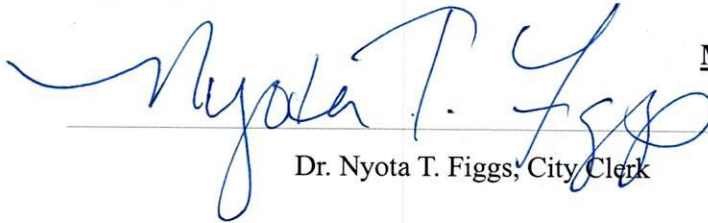
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderwoman Wilson

Alderwoman Wilson would like Calumet City residents to put a dollar on a credit card and download the Tribune; she stated there are some very interesting things about Calumet City that the residents need to be aware of.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 7:58 p.m., on a motion by Alderwoman Phillips, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey.


Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

MOTION CARRIED

/jkc