

# **JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

## **REGULAR MEETING City Council of the City of Calumet City Cook County, Illinois**

**MARCH 27, 2025**

### Public Comment

George Grenchik 457 Freeland Avenue commented regarding the event held at the Calumet City Training Center and how great of a time everyone had.

George Grenchik requested the financial items on the agenda be more transparent, so the residents are clear on what's being paid.

George Grenchik thanked Alderman Navarrete and Alderman Patton for being conscientious, for having the highest level of integrity, for their high – level of expertise and dedication that they brought to the office. George Grenchik stated they have been mentioned in unfair ways often times from the hair because of their integrity, and expertise.

### Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:07 p.m. in a regular meeting on March 27, 2025, with Mayor Thaddeus Jones present and presiding.

### ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 7

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

Also present were: City Clerk Dr. Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, Fire Chief Bachert, Police Chief Kolosh, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, Deputy Clerk II Quentin Dailey, City Attorney Mark Sterk, and Economic Development Val Williams.

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

### Approval of Minutes

March 13, 2025: Regular City Council Meeting

### Approval of Minutes

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Williams to approve the minutes as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE**

A. ESDA February 2025 Report

RE: Emergency Services & Disaster Agency (ESDA) February 2025 Report.

B. Investment Policy (Amended)

RE: Treasurer Tarka submitting the Investment Policy for the City of Calumet city, effective January 1, 2025, and the 99th Quarterly Investment Report. (Amended)

C. Revenue & Expenditure Status Report  
February 2025

RE: Treasurer Tarka submitting the Revenue & Expenditure Status Report for the month of February 2025.

Approval of Informational Items to be  
Accepted and Placed on File

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Williams to approve informational items to be accepted and placed on file as amended.

### **NEW BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS**

#1: Approve Residential Parking Sign  
(Amended)

Approve Resident parking sign to be placed in front of 406 Webb St. Direct Public Works to install sign specific to the address. (Amended to Include Address)

Approval of New Business  
Items

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Patton to approve new business items.

### **ROLL CALL**

YEAS: 7

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner,  
Patton, Smith

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **BUILDING PERMITS**

1063 Cleveland Privacy Fence

2nd Ward

406 156th Place Privacy Fence

5th Ward

431 Gordon Privacy Fence

1st Ward

Approval of Building Permits

Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Navarrete to approve Building Permits.

### **ROLL CALL**

YEAS: 7

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner,  
Patton, Smith

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Alderwoman Wilson Left Meeting

Alderman Wilson left the Regular City Council meeting at 6:16 p.m.



Class 8 Designation and Enterprise Zone  
Request for 185 Plummer

Nicolas McIntyre and Ryan Marks commented regarding Vesco Industries Inc.'s need for a larger warehouse. Mr. Marks advised they will be manufacturing Overhead Crane Operators. The company plans to invest 1.5 million dollars into the facility.

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

Res.#1 Resolution Approving A Class 8  
Designation and Enterprise Zone  
Incentives

A resolution approving a Class 8 Designation and Enterprise Zone Incentives for 185 Plummer.

(Res.#25-10)

(See Attached 3A)

Ord.#2 An Ordinance Amending Chapter  
18 of The Municipal Code

An Ordinance amending Chapter 18 of Municipal Code of The Calumet City Cook County, Illinois.

(Ord. #25-01)

(See Attached 3B)

Res.#3 A Resolution for compliance with  
the Illinois Truth in Taxation Act

A Resolution of the City of Calumet City for compliance with the Illinois Truth in Taxation Act for the 2024 Tax Levy collected in 2025 relating to the Corporate Fund, the Library Fund, the IMRF Pension Fund, The Police and Fire Pension Funds and the Debt Service Funds.

(Res.#25-11)

(See Attached 3C)

Ord.#4 An Ordinance Abating Taxes to  
Pay the Principal Interest for Series  
2023B

An Ordinance abating the taxes hereto levied for the year 2024 to pay the principal of and interest of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023B, of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois.

(Ord.#25-02)

(See Attached 3D)

Ord.#5 An Ordinance Abating Taxes to  
Pay the Principal Interest for Series  
2017A

An Ordinance abating the taxes hereto levied for the year 2024 to pay the principal of and interest of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017A, of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois.

(Ord.#25-03)

(See Attached 3E)

Ord.#6 An Ordinance Abating Taxes to  
Pay the Principal Interest for Series  
2015B

An Ordinance abating the taxes hereto levied for the year 2024 to pay the principal of and interest of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015B, of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois.

(Ord.#25-04)

(See Attached 3F)

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

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**RESOLUTION  
NO. 25-10**

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**A RESOLUTION  
APPROVING A CLASS 8 DESIGNATION AND ENTERPRISE ZONE  
INCENTIVES FOR 185 PLUMMER  
(THE BOGEY CLUB, LLC)**

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

**DEJUAN GARDNER  
MICHAEL NAVARRETE  
JAMES PATTON  
ANTHONY SMITH  
DEANDRE TILLMAN  
RAMONDE WILLIAMS  
MONET WILSON  
Aldermen**

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Prepared by: Peterson, Johnson, and Murray, LLC,  
1301 W. 22nd Street – Ste. 500  
Oak Brook, Illinois 60523



CALUMET CITY  
Cook County, Illinois

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-10**

**A RESOLUTION  
APPROVING A CLASS 8 DESIGNATION AND ENTERPRISE ZONE  
INCENTIVES FOR 185 PLUMMER  
(THE BOGEY CLUB, LLC)**

**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 City seeks to promote new investments, as part of its economic development strategy, and encourage the creation of new job opportunities for City residents and sources of revenue for the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City seeks to encourage the continued investment and redevelopment of the property at 185 Plummer Avenue, Calumet City.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, THAT shall be, and is hereby, adopted as follows:

Section 1.     BACKGROUND.

A.     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.

B.     The Bogey Group, LLC is purchasing 185 Plummer Avenue. ("Redevelopment Property") for redevelopment and use by tenant Uesco Industries, Inc. ("Developers")

C.     The Subject Property has been vacant since June 2024. The estimated/target occupancy/production date is October of 2025. By the time the Developers are able to make the necessary capital improvements and utilize and occupy the property the property will have been abandoned for more than twelve (12) months.

D.     The Developers, the Bogey Group, LLC and Uesco Industries, Inc., have proposed to redevelop the Property for industrial use. The redevelopment of the property is estimated to be at least \$645,000 in initial capital improvements (the "Project"). The building interior will be renovated, the office area will be remodeled, extensive electrical and mechanical repairs and improvements will be made, and the recessed dock will be restored by digging out the fill and making it operable again. If necessary the roof will be replaced at an additional estimated cost of \$100,000. Furthermore, the developer will invest in two permanent cranes, a paint booth, a foundation and runway for the business.



E. Developers' Project will create ten (10) new full-time jobs in Cook County.

F. The Property is located in the Calumet Region Enterprise Zone and is currently designated as an area by the City to be eligible for and approved by the Cook County Assessor for the Cook County Class 8 property tax incentives to promote redevelopment projects ("*Incentives*"). The Developer desires to obtain Incentives for the Property.

G. The City seeks to encourage the redevelopment of vacant buildings and promote new businesses as part of its economic development strategy, which will create new job opportunities for City residents and sources of revenue for the City.

H. The City is willing to assist the Developer by obtaining Incentives for the Property as of the Effective Date.

I. The Corporate Authorities, after due and careful consideration, have concluded that a Class 8 Tax Incentive for the Subject Property is necessary and in the best interest of the City in order to promote the redevelopment and use of the Subject Property, which will in turn promote the public health, safety, and welfare and serve the best interests of the City and its residents.

Section 2. CLASS 8 TAX INCENTIVE APPROVAL.

The Mayor and City Council find that:

1. the Redevelopment Property is appropriate for a Class 8 Tax Incentive benefits pursuant to the Cook County Real Property Classification Ordinance, as amended;
2. the Class 8 Tax Incentive for the Redevelopment Property is necessary to encourage redevelopment and occupancy of the Redevelopment Property by the Developer, and that occupancy and use of the Redevelopment Property for the commercial purposes proposed in the Redevelopment Agreement is necessary and beneficial to the City's economy; and
3. the Mayor and the City Council approve, support and consent to the Class 8 Tax Incentive for the Redevelopment Property.

Section 3. RECORDATION.

The City Clerk is hereby directed to record a certified copy of this Resolution in the Office of the Cook County Recorder against the Redevelopment Property. Developer will bear the full cost for such recordation.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Resolution will be effective upon passage by the City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2025, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent	Present
Gardner	X			
Navarrete	X			
Patton	X			
Smith	X			
Tillman	X			
Williams	X			
Wilson			X	
(Mayor Jones)				

**APPROVED** by the Mayor on March 27, 2025.

  
Thaddeus Jones  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Dr. Nyota T. Eggs, CITY CLERK



## **EXHIBIT A**

### **Redevelopment Property Legal Description**

Commonly known address: 185 Plummer Avenue, Calumet City, Illinois, 60409

LOTS 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 AND 21 IN BLOCK 3 IN SNYDACKER AND AMB'S ILLINOIS ADDITION TO HAMMOND, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST FRACTIONAL 1/4 AND THE NORTHEAST FRACTIONAL 1/4 LYING SOUTH OF THE GRAND CALUMET RIVER, ALL IN SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 15 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TOGETHER WITH ALL THAT PART OF THE 16 FOOT WIDE VACATED ALLEY LYING SOUTHWESTERLY OF LOTS 15, 16, 17, 18 AND 19 AND LYING NORTHEASTERLY OF LOTS 20 AND 21, ALL IN BLOCK 3 IN SNYDACKER AND AMB'S ILLINOIS ADDITION TO HAMMOND, AFORESAID, AS VACATED BY ORDINANCE RECORDED JULY 31, 1997 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 97556652.

#### **Property Index Numbers:**

30-08-202-001-0000  
30-08-202-002-0000  
30-08-202-003-0000  
30-08-202-004-0000  
30-08-202-005-0000  
30-08-202-006-0000  
30-08-202-019-0000  
30-08-202-020-0000



**RESOLUTION 25-11**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ILLINOIS TRUTH IN TAXATION ACT FOR THE 2024 TAX LEVY COLLECTED IN 2025 RELATING TO THE CORPORATE FUND, THE LIBRARY FUND, THE IMRF PENSION FUND, THE POLICE AND FIRE PENSION FUNDS AND THE DEBT SERVICE FUNDS.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 35 ILCS 200/18-60 provides that the City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois shall determine the amounts of money, exclusive of election costs, estimated to be necessary to be raised by taxation for the tax year 2024 collected in 2025 upon the taxable property of the City of Calumet City; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/18-60, the City Council of the City of Calumet City on July 15th, 2024 approved and authorized the public display of a City of Calumet City Corporate Fund, a City of Calumet City Library Fund, a City of Calumet City IMRF Pension Fund, and a City of Calumet City Police and Fire Pension Funds Budget prepared in tentative form for said City for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2024 and ending April 30, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the budgets for said City of Calumet City Corporate Fund, City of Calumet City Library Fund, City of Calumet City IMRF Pension Fund, and City of Calumet City Police and Fire Pension Funds (hereinafter referred to as the Corporate & Special Purpose Funds) were adopted by the City Council of the City of Calumet City at a legal meeting held on the 29th day of July, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Calumet City has Debt Service Funds created for the payment of outstanding general obligation bonds and notes; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with said budgets and general obligation bond and note ordinances, the following amounts of money, in the aggregate, are estimated to be necessary to be raised by taxation for the 2024 tax year upon the taxable property of the City of Calumet City;

Corporate and Special Purpose Funds Aggregate 2024 Levy:	\$ 30,495,152
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Debt Service Funds Aggregate 2024 Levy:	\$ 5,426,551
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Less-Amount of Tax Levies abated as follows:

2023B G.O. Bond	(324,900)
2017A G.O. Bond	(914,125)
2015B G.O. Bond	<u>(624,000)</u>

Anticipated Aggregate 2024 Debt Service to be extended:	<u>3,563,526</u>
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Total 2024 Property Tax Levy to be extended:	\$ <u>34,058,678</u>
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**WHEREAS**, the total amount of taxes extended for the 2023 tax year for the Corporate and Special Purposes Funds was \$30,495,152, the total amount of taxes extended for the 2023 tax year for the Debt Service Funds was \$ 3,620,189, and the total amount extended for the 2023 tax year for all the Funds was \$34,115,341; and

**WHEREAS**, it appears that by virtue of the foregoing amounts of money necessary to be raised by taxation that the 2024 tax levy for the City of Calumet City's Corporate and Special Purpose Funds is 100.00% to the amounts extended for 2023, that the 2024 tax levy for the City of Calumet City's Debt Service Funds is 98.44% to the amount extended for 2023, and that the 2024 tax levy for the City of Calumet City for all levied Funds is 99.83% to the amounts extended for 2023; and

**NOW THEREFORE BY IT RESOLVED** by the City of Calumet City Council of the City of Calumet City that the following amounts of money, in the aggregate, are hereby determined to be necessary to be raised for the 2024 tax levy upon the taxable property of the City of Calumet City:

Corporate and Special Purpose Funds Aggregate 2024 Levy: \$ 30,495,152

Debt Service Funds Aggregate 2024 Levy: \$ 5,426,551

Less-Amount of Tax Levies abated as follows:

2023B G.O. Bond (324,900)

2017A G.O. Bond (914,125)

2015B G.O. Bond (624,000)

Anticipated Aggregate 2024 Debt Service  
to be extended: 3,563,526

Total 2024 Property Tax Levy to be extended: \$ 34,058,678

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the amounts of money necessary to be raised by taxation for the 2024 tax year for the Corporate and Special Purpose Funds are 0.00% increase of the amount extended for the 2023 tax year, that the 2024 tax levy for the Debt Service Funds is a 1.57% decrease of the amounts extended for the 2023 tax year, and the 2023 tax levy for all tax levied Funds is 0..17% decrease of the amount extended for the 2023 tax year.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

PASSED by the following roll call vote this 25th day of November, 2024.

AYES: 6 Navarrete, Tillman, Williams Gardner, Patton, Smith

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Wilson

APPROVED BY ME THIS 27th DAY OF MARCH, 2025.

  
Thaddeus Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

Res.#25-11  
Regular City Council Meeting

March 27, 2025



**Ordinance No. 25-01**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18 OF MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF  
CALUMET CITY COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois (the "*City*") is a duly organized and validly existing home rule municipality created in accordance with the Illinois Constitution of 1970 (the "*Constitution*") and the laws of the State; and

**WHEREAS**, Article VII, Section 6 (c) of the Constitution provides: "If a home rule county ordinance conflicts with an ordinance of a municipality, the municipal ordinance shall prevail within its jurisdiction;" and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Cook, a home-rule county pursuant to Article VII, Section 6 of the Constitution, has proceeded to enact certain ordinances imposing certain regulations and reporting requirements to the Cook County Treasurer under Sec.2-243 of the Cook County Code pertaining to Taxing district debt and Tax Increment Financing District costs which codes conflict with the operations of the City and its ordinances all as hereinafter set forth; and, therefore, pursuant to the Constitution are not enforceable within the City boundaries.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

*Section 1.*     *Article VIII*, Chapter 18 of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet as hereby amended by adding the following new Article VII:

Section 1-1. Tax Increment Financing

Pursuant to the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-1 et. seq. (the "*TIF Act*"), the City is authorized to designate "redevelopment project areas" as such terms is defined in the TIF Act.

Section 1-2. Cook County Reporting Requirements.

As mandated by the TIF Act, the City shall comply solely with all reporting requirements to the State Comptroller or as otherwise may be required by the State from time to time for each designated redevelopment project area. Any reporting

requirements imposed by the County of Cook as set forth in Section 2-243(c) of the Cook County Code regarding the disclosure of any undertaking of the City's designation of a "redevelopment project area"; or, the administration and implementation of the City's redevelopment plan pursuant to the TIF Act are deemed in conflict herewith

*Section 2.* Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, by a simple majority vote of the Mayor and City Council, approval, publication and posting as provided by law.

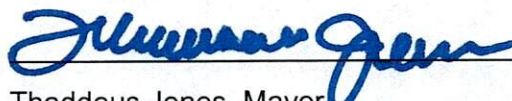
*Passed* this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March , 2025.

AYES: 6

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

Approved this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

  
Thaddeus Jones, Mayor

*Attest:*

  
Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

*Published* this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.



**ORDINANCE 25-02**  
**ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAXES HERETO LEVIED FOR**  
**THE YEAR 2024 TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST**  
**ON GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2023B,**  
**OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois (the "City") has heretofore issued its General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015B (the "Bonds"), in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 23-04 (the "Bond Ordinance") heretofore passed by the City Council (the "Corporate Authorities") of the City on February 9, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities did in and by the Bond Ordinance levy a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and, in particular, taxes were levied in the amount of \$324,900.00 for the year 2024 for the Bonds (the "2024 Levy for the Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the City will have other lawfully available monies in the appropriate account or fund pursuant to the Bond Ordinance for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds up to and including December 31, 2025, which is the period for which the 2024 Levy for the Bonds was made; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the 2024 Levy for the Bonds be abated:

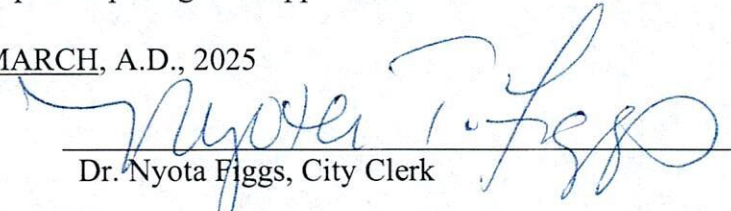
NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: The 2024 Levy for the Bonds is hereby abated in its entirety.

SECTION 2: Forthwith upon the adoption and approval of this Ordinance, the City Clerk shall file a certified copy hereof in the office of the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, and it shall be the duty of said County Clerk to abate said taxes levied for the year 2024 (viz., the 2024 Levy for the Bonds) in accordance with the provisions hereof.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall supersede all ordinances, resolutions or other proceedings heretofore taken in conflict with the terms hereof, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

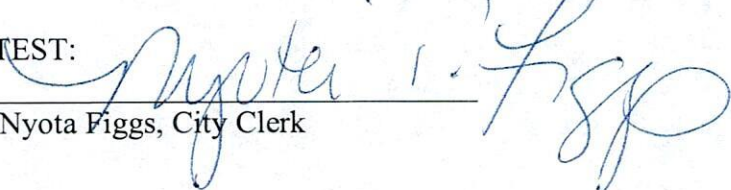
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Nyota Figgs, City Clerk

APPROVED by me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, A.D., 2025

  
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Chaddeus Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Dr. Nyota Figgs, City Clerk



**ORDINANCE 25-03**  
**ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAXES HERETO LEVIED FOR  
THE YEAR 2024 TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST  
ON GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2017A,  
OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois (the "City") has heretofore issued its General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017A (the "Bonds"), in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 17-15 (the "Bond Ordinance") heretofore passed by the City Council (the "Corporate Authorities") of the City on April 27, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities did in and by the Bond Ordinance levy a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and, in particular, taxes were levied in the amount of \$914,125.00 for the year 2024 for the Bonds (the "2024 Levy for the Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the City will have other lawfully available monies in the appropriate account or fund pursuant to the Bond Ordinance for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds up to and including December 31, 2025, which is the period for which the 2024 Levy for the Bonds was made; and

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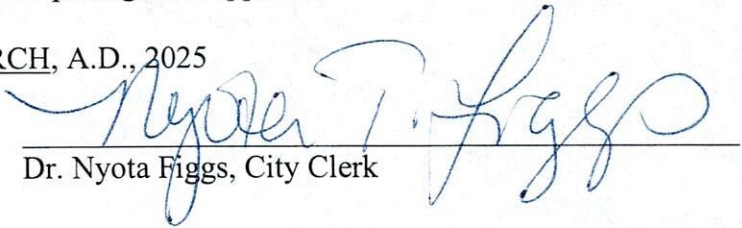
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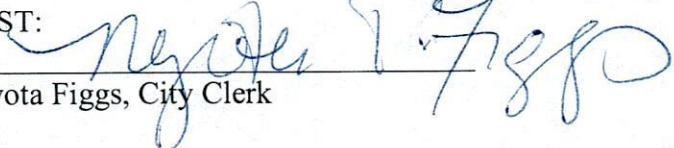
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Dr. Nyota Figgs, City Clerk

APPROVED by me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, A.D., 2025

  
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Thaddeus Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Dr. Nyota Figgs, City Clerk



**ORDINANCE 25-04**  
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**THE YEAR 2024 TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST**  
**ON GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2015B,**  
**OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois (the "City") has heretofore issued its General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015B (the "Bonds"), in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 15-47 (the "Bond Ordinance") heretofore passed by the City Council (the "Corporate Authorities") of the City on November 12, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities did in and by the Bond Ordinance levy a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and, in particular, taxes were levied in the amount of \$624,000.00 for the year 2024 for the Bonds (the "2024 Levy for the Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the City will have other lawfully available monies in the appropriate account or fund pursuant to the Bond Ordinance for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds up to and including December 31, 2025, which is the period for which the 2024 Levy for the Bonds was made; and

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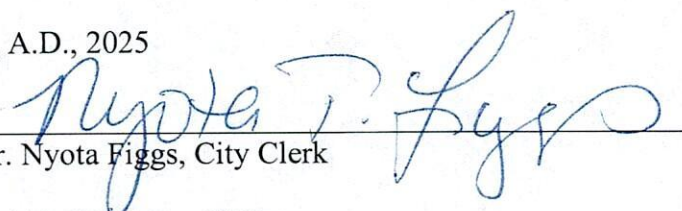
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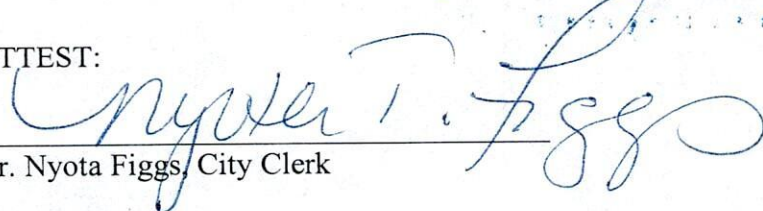
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APPROVED by me this 27th day of MARCH, A.D., 2025

  
Thaddeus Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Dr. Nyota Figgs, City Clerk



Approval of Resolutions and Ordinances

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Navarrete to pass Resolutions and adopt Ordinances.

YEAS: 6  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith  
ALDERMEN: None  
ALDERMEN: Wilson

**MOTION CARRIED**

Motion to Enter Into Closed Session

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion pending and probable litigation, real estate, and employee discipline at 6:23 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Executive Session

The council met in executive session from 6:23 p.m. to 6:52 p.m.

Return to the Regular Order of Business

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Tillman to return to the regular order of business at 6:52 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Jones Left Meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Mayor Jones left the Regular City Council Meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Mayor ProTem Ramonde Williams  
Chaired the Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Ramonde Williams became the Chair of the Regular City Council Meeting at 6:53 p.m.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#1: Payment to First Insurance Funding

Approve payment to First Insurance Funding for the renewal of the general liability and workers' compensation insurance for \$1,493,576.99; authorize the City Treasurer to remit a downpayment of \$373,731.75 and finance the balance of \$1,119,845.24 at 6.45% over 10 monthly payments of \$115,321.68 and charge account #01050-52230.

#2: Payment to C.O.P.S. and F.I.R.E.  
Personnel Testing

Approve payment to C.O.P.S. and F.I.R.E. Personnel Testing for Driver/Engineer Promotions in the amount of \$7,800.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to C.O.P.S. and F.I.R.E. Personnel Testing in the amount of \$7,800.00 to be charged to account #01091-52526.

#3: Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #258176)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #258176) for Project #0241222 Inflow and Infiltration Control Program, in the amount of \$15,293.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52600.



#4: Payment to Ancel Glink, P.C.

Approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$13,784.21 for corporate legal services dated March 10, 2025, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025-52200.

#5: Payment to Ancel Glink, P.C.

Approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$24,908.66 for legal services dated March 10, 2025, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025- 52200.

#6: Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #259060)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #259060) for Project #0231389 Wentworth Woods Development, in the amount of \$10,203.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #30707-52430.

#7: Payment to JLL Valuation & Advisory Services

Approve payment to JLL Valuation & Advisory Services in the amount of \$5,500 for litigation services for 1777 River Oaks Drive, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025-52200.

#8: Payment to JLL Valuation & Advisory Services

Approve payment to JLL Valuation & Advisory Services in the amount of \$5,500 for litigation services for 1909 & 1550 Torrence/1555 Regency Court, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025-52200.

#9: Payment to Gordon Flesch Company

Approve payment to Gordon Flesch Company for an additional printer to be located at Fire Station 2; authorize the City Treasurer to remit a monthly payment \$8,897.22 and charge account #01023-52340. (Contract #M204866).

#10: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #66860, in the amount of \$7,229.10, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52101.

#11: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #66861, in the amount of \$5,225.53, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#12: Payment to Complex Network Solutions

Approve the preventative maintenance service agreement with Complex Network Solutions for the period between May 1, 2025, and April 30, 2026; authorize the City Treasurer to remit quarterly payments, in the amount of \$20,475.00, to Complex Network Solutions, to be charged to account number #01060-52336.

#13: Payment to Keith Bogdanovich

Approve the buyback for Keith Bogdanovich as shown in the communication.

#14: Payment to Chicagoland Diesel

Approve costs payable to Chicagoland Diesel, in the amount of \$7,947.22 (INV RO#8914). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01041-54150.



#15: Payment to Shorewood Home & Auto

Approve cost payable to Shorewood Home & Auto for Quote: 02-23751, in the amount of \$7,032.84; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01041- 54140.

#16: Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #259087)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #259087) for Project #0210862 Pace Bus Station, in the amount of \$14,015.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #04007-52600.

#17: Payment to Vermeer Midwest

Approve cost payable to Vermeer Midwest in the amount of \$12,514.43 (INV: S86911). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01041-54150.

#18: Payment to Chicagoland Diesel

Approve costs payable to Chicagoland Diesel, in the amount of \$7,769.17 (ESTIMATE #8914). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01041- 54150.

#19: Payment to Chicagoland Diesel

Approve costs payable to Chicagoland Diesel, in the amount of \$6,824.55 (ESTIMATE #8769). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01041- 54150.

#20: Payment to Prompt IO

Approve payment to Prompt IO for subscription fee Jan-April 30,2025 Invoice 5180 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$6,900.00 from account #01099-52990..

#21: Payment to River Oaks L & E Automotive

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to River Oaks L & E Automotive in the amount of \$5,002.99. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06607-54150. This cost is for repairs to ambulance #11 that was involved in an accident. This expenditure will be reimbursed by the driver's insurance.

#22: Payment to Motorola Solutions

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$31,753.96. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06617- 55100. This is for upgrading the portable radios.

#23: Payment to Fire Service, Inc.

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Fire Service, Inc. in the amount of \$18,097.38. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06617-54150. This cost is for maintenance and repairs to Truck #12.

#24: Payment to Air One Equipment, Inc.

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Air One Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$48,980.00. This is for the purchase of 14 sets of bunker gear. This will be reimbursed by the State of Illinois through the Small Equipment Grant that was awarded to the Calumet City Fire Department.



#25: Payment to Pete's Fresh Market, M&J Breakfast House, Walmart (Amended)

Approve payment of \$843.15 to Pete's Fresh Market, \$500 to M&J Breakfast House and \$1,030.97 to Walmart totaling \$2,374.12 for sponsorship of the City Clerk's March 30 event and the April 1 food drive event from account number 010990-52727. (Amended to Include Account Number)

#26: Payment to Micro-Eye Security Systems, Inc.

Approve payment to Micro-Eye Security Systems, Inc. for Annual Radio Alarm Monitoring & TC-2 (invoice 57087); authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$5,124.00 and charge account #01099-52990.

#27: Payment to Complex Network Solutions

Approve payment to Complex Network Solutions for Animal Control Network Upgrade; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$5,909.89 and charge account #12707-55120.

#44: Approve Payroll (\$1,014,590.10)

Approve Payroll (\$1,014,590.10).

#45: Approve Emergency Bill Listing (\$2,722.25)

Approve Emergency Bill Listing (\$2,722.25).

#46: Approve Bill Listing (\$1,522,874.10)

Approve Bill Listing (\$1,522,874.10).

Approve Financial Items for Discussion

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Patton to approve Financial Items as amended.

### **MOTION CARRIED**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance

Alderman Gardner had no report.

Public Safety

Alderman Williams had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderwoman Wilson was absent.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Tillman had no report.

H.E.W

Alderman Navarrete had no report.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Patton had no report.

Public Works

Alderman Smith had no report.

## CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

### Ald. Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete thanked Mr. G for his kind words. Alderman Navarrete reported there has been a closing on St. Victors property and discussed what St. Victors meant to Calumet City residents. Alderman Navarrete is excited to see what the new tenants will bring to the church.

### Ald. Wilson

Alderwoman Wilson was absent.

### Ald. Tillman

Alderman Tillman announced the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ward meeting will be held on April 07, 2025, at Downey Park at 6:30 p.m. Alderman Tillman stated the 3<sup>rd</sup> wards Spring Calendar is currently being worked on.

### Ald. Williams

Alderman Williams gave honor to God and announced the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ward meeting will be held April 07, 2025, at Downey Park. At 6:30 p.m.

### Ald. Gardner

Alderman Gardner would like 5<sup>th</sup> ward residents to contact his office at (708)- 891-8195 with any questions or concerns. Alderman Gardner would like 5<sup>th</sup> ward residents to contact his office to have their streets placed on the Speedbump list.

### Ald. Patton

Alderman Patton thanked Mr. G for his kind words and courage. Alderman Patton announced that he will pass on any speedbumps or sidewalk requests to the Alderwoman Elect Mia Cole.

### Ald. Smith

Alderman Smith announced the 7<sup>th</sup> ward Townhall meeting will be held at DA's Banquet on April 19, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### Alderman Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete requested the Planning Documents for the City's Comprehensive Plan be placed on an upcoming agenda.

### Alderman Patton

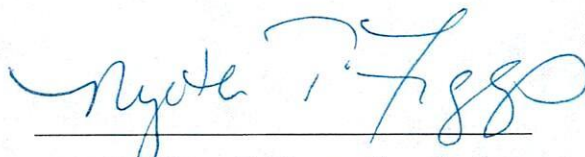
Alderman Patton wished his brother-in-law a Happy Birthday.

### Alderman Williams

Alderman Williams wished his wife a Happy Birthday.

## ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 7:01 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Patton, seconded by Alderman Smith.



Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

**MOTION CARRIED**