

**FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
HELD ON JULY 21, 2026
204 PULASKI ROAD, CALUMET CITY,
ILLINOIS**

CALL TO ORDER The Finance Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m. by Mayor Jones.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT 7 ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson (Remotely-Audio 6:30 p.m.), Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips.

ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: NONE

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, Police Chief Kolosh, Fire Chief Bachert, City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, and Corporation Council Attorney Maurice Hunt, Library Director Rita Mayfield, Crime Free Housing Director Mike Banskee, and ESDA Director Ashley Allen.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

Impact Payment
Discussion

There was a brief discussion regarding impact payments made from Mission Dispensary.

City Treasurer Tarka reported that the city received \$75,000.00 in fiscal year 2022, \$75,000.00 in fiscal year 2023, \$50,000.00 in fiscal year 2024, nothing was received in 2025, and \$25,000.00 was received fiscal year 2026. City Treasurer Tarka stated that Mission Dispensary has fulfilled their contractual agreement with the city. City Treasurer Tarka requested Finance Director remove the \$25,000.00 that appears in the budget because all payments have been received.

The following review of the 2026 - 2027 Annual Appropriation Ordinance was presented by Finance Director Kasperek and discussed by the City Council. The following departments were presented:

- A) Library Fund
- B) Zoning Board of Appeals
- C) Police Pension Board
- D) Police Department
- E) ESDA Department
- F) Crime Free Housing
- G) Fire Department
- H) Ambulance/ Paramedic Fund

Alderman Wilson
Requested Remote
Access for the
Finance Committee
of the Whole
Meeting

Alderman Wilson requested remote access to the Finance Committee of the Whole due to medical reasons.

Remote Attendance
Approval For
Alderman Wilson

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Nelson to approve remote attendance for Alderman Wilson for the Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting July 21, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Wilson
Remotely Present in
the Finance
Committee of the
Whole Meeting

Alderman Wilson was present remotely in the Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Library Fund
Discussion

Library Director Rita Mayfield gave an update on the grants the library has applied for and received. Library Director Rita Mayfield gave a report on updates and enhancements that have been made to the library; the director reported the library now has new carpet, computers, and books. Library Director Rita Mayfield gave a list of events that take place at the library and what type of revenue these meetings and events bring in. Library Director Rita Mayfield reported that she does her own grant writing for the library to be repaired and enhanced. Library Director Rita Mayfield announced the library will pay the city back \$200,000.00 once the state releases the library's funds.

Crime Free Housing
Discussion

There was a brief discussion regarding the Crime Free Housing Department and it's needs to function properly.

Director Banshee reported on the needs of the Crime Free Housing Department; he stated there are mainly personnel needs; such as a Fair Housing Administrator,

an Administrative Assistant and an Inspector.

Members of the council raised concerns about Inspectors being laid off and the city hiring a Crime Free Housing Inspector.

Attorney Maurice Hunt advised against hiring an Inspector if an inspector was laid off; stating the council will need to sit down with the union.

Alderman Nelson respectfully disagreed stating the council would have to discuss what the city needs before sitting down with the union.

The council will revisit this discussion in a future meeting.

Police Department
Discussion

There was a brief discussion led by Police Chief Kolosh regarding the Police Department grants the Chief anticipates receiving this fiscal year.

Alderman Nelson inquired about a grant that would allow the department to place a redlight camera or a speed camera in the 6th ward.

Police Chief Kolosh reported that funding for red light cameras and speed cameras are usually based on crash reports for that area.

City Council
Agenda

Mayor Jones commented regarding the July 23, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting agenda and requested the council send any changes or updates via email.

Adjournment

Alderman Tillman moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Nelson at 8:09 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

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Dr. Nyota T. Figgs
City Clerk