

**FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
HELD ON JULY 21, 2025
204 PULASKI ROAD, CALUMET CITY,
ILLINOIS**

CALL TO ORDER The Finance Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. by Mayor Jones.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT	7	ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson (6:14 p.m.), Tillman, Williams, Gardner (6:21p.m.), Nelson, Phillips.
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN: NONE

Also present were: City Clerk Dr. Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, Police Chief Kolosh, Fire Chief Bachert, Finance Director Kasperek, City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

Mayor Jones Report

"I have received a lot of emails, let me just say this we are in a tight budget process we are in a tight system. We have plans for our city that we have to go through and cut the budget. We've gone through with the budget team the treasurers not here tonight hopefully he shows up; we've cut the budget to the point where now we have to make the tough decision of having revenue enhancements. We made sure they will be least impactful to our residents so we all can go home and tell the people that we passed a balanced budget, but in the last four or five years we have had budget deficits; that we have to structurally fix our budget deficit. If we do not structurally fix our budget deficit there is no way that we are going to be able to build the items that you see. There's no way that we are going to be able to go out for additional bonds with our city. There's no way that we're going to get businesses coming into our city if we don't fix our structural problem with our budget. So, I'm asking everyone as we go forward for a couple things those two things are to look at approving our revenue enhancements that we have that were presented; and also vote yes to the budget. My goal is that anyone that does not vote for the budget will not be able to expend money out of their ward items. We've had in the past; we have had Aldermen; well I tell you in the last 6 years we've had every alderman vote for the budget because, we have to do this."

Discussion and
Review of 2025-2026
Annual Appropriation

Finance Director John Kasperek led a discussion and Review of the 2025-2026 Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the following Departments:

Library Fund

Finance Director Kasperek gave a brief overview of the Library Fund. There was a brief discussion regarding the Library Fund, the loan due to be paid to Calumet City, grants the library has applied for and is scheduled to receive, and the library café revenue and marketing.

Alderwoman Wilson inquired about a \$200,000.00 loan that was given to the Library last year from the city; she would like to know if that loan has been paid back.

Director Mayfield advised the council that the library doesn't have any money to pay back the \$200,000.00 loan. Director Mayfield stated she is waiting on very specific grants to come through.

Alderman Tillman inquired about the library's ability to pay the city back after the grants of over \$500,000.00 are received.

Director Mayfield
Reported on Grants

Director Mayfield reported the grants the library is waiting to receive are very specific and not for day-to-day operations but she can focus on writing Grants that will help pay back the city.

Alderman Gardner inquired about the Cafes revenue and if the café is being marketed properly to increase revenue.

Director Mayfield stated that marketing the café is something the library will start to focus on. Director Mayfield stated the library is in need of a new roof, new carpet and air conditioning unit.

Zoning Board of
Appeals

Finance Director Kasperek gave a brief overview of the Zoning Board of Appeals budget; there was a brief discussion regarding meeting stipends.

Police Pension Board

Finance Director Kasperek gave a brief overview of the Police Pension Board budget.

Police and Fire
Commission

Finance Director Kasperek gave a brief overview of the Police and Fire Commission budget.

Police Department

Finance Director Kasperek gave a brief overview of the Police Department. There was a detailed discussion regarding grants received.

Police Chief Kolosh commented regarding the grants received for the Police Department and explained the grant use is very specific. There was a

brief discussion about grant writing and how a portion of the Grant Writers' salary is paid out of the grants that are obtained for the police department.

ESDA Department

Finance Director Kasperek gave a brief overview of the ESDA department.

Crime Free Housing
Department

Finance Director Kasperek gave a brief overview of the Crime Free Housing Department. There was a brief discussion regarding positions and line items eliminated from the budget.

Director Banshee from Crime Free Housing gave a report regarding the positions eliminated and line items removed from the Crime Free Housing budget.

Fire Department

Finance Director Kasperek gave a brief overview of the Fire department Budget.

Ambulance and
Paramedic Fund

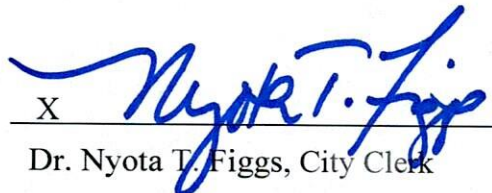
Finance Director Kasperek gave a brief overview of the Fire and Paramedic Fund.

Fire Chief Bachert commented regarding budget increases due to mandated raises in the department. Fire Chief Bachert reported that the Training Center bringing in revenue for the city due to other municipalities wanting to utilize the facility. Chief Bachert reported on the cost of the new ambulance and Fire truck and outlined a timeline for delivery.

Adjournment

Alderwoman Nelson moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey at 8:31 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

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Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk