

SPECIAL MEETING
HELD ON AUGUST 25, 2026
204 PULASKI ROAD, CALUMET CITY, ILLINOIS

CALL TO ORDER The Special Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.
on August 25, 2026, by Mayor Pro Tem Ramonde Williams.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT 7 ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman (6:12 p.m.), Williams,
Gardner, Nelson, Phillips.

ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: NONE

Also present were: City Clerk Dr. Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka
City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey, Fire Chief Bachert, Police Chief
Kolosh, Deputy Clerk Jessica Coffee, Water Superintendent
Gerry Surufka, and Deputy Jay Embry.

PUBLIC COMMENT Ms. Gilbert 275 Calhoun questioned the council about the City's
Ordinance that states the city does not allow a fence to be built on
a fence. Ms. Gilbert stated this has been an ongoing issue and her
neighbor has been fined by the city for building a fence on a fence
and violating the city's ordinance.

Alderman Williams stated he is aware of the situation and would like
the two neighbors to discuss their issues with Building and Zoning
Director Sheryl Tillman.

Ms. Gilbert announced she knows the Alderman is aware of what's
going because her neighbor is his friend and he is the reason her tickets
were thrown out.

Alderman Nelson requested Ms. Gilbert email the Director of Building
and Zoning and include Alderman Nelson on it and the matter will be
handled.

Bridge Loan
Application
Discussion

Treasurer Tarka gave a brief overview of the purpose of the Bridge Loan
and gave an explanation of how the loan will be paid back. City
Treasurer Tarka reported that the library is requesting \$500,000.00 from
the loan to be paid back when the library receives the money expected
from the county.

Alderman Harvey inquired if the city will be responsible for paying the
Library's \$500,000.00 back.

City Treasurer Tarka stated the city will not be responsible for the library's portion of the loan; the funds will be deducted from the library's funds that will be received from the county.

Alderman Wilson questioned the library's intentions for the loan stating she read in the newspaper that they received millions in grants and wanted to build a recording studio. Alderman Wilson inquired if the library paid back the \$500,000.00 they have borrowed in the past.

Approval of Bridge
Loan Application

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to approve the application of the Bridge loan offered by Cook County President Preckwinkle to communities for the City of Calumet City in the amount of \$5,000,000.00. (Taxes to each community will be delayed and the distribution of taxes may not occur until December).

ROLL CALL

AYES:	7	ALDERMEN:	Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMAN:	None

MOTION CARRIED

Agreement with
Farnsworth Group
Discussion

City Engineer Matt Buerger gave a brief presentation regarding the of the agreement between the city and Farnsworth.

Alderman Gardner inquired about the timeline for the council to see results.

City Engineer Matt Buerger stated that the contractor has been moving slow with getting the work completed but he expects the project to be completed by the end of next summer.

Alderman Nelson expressed concern with how long it's taking for the actual work to be completed. Alderman Nelson requested that the engineers refocus the project to deal with the areas that were recently hit hardest.

City Engineer Matt Bureger stated this has been a very long process and their team is currently working on a fairly large project that they are working hard to complete, once they are done, they will try and prioritize the areas that were hit by the storm.

Approval to Execute

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Nelson to authorize

The Agreement with
Farnsworth Group

the execution of an Agreement with Farnsworth Group in an amount not to exceed \$242,720 to provide services to the City associated with the United States Environmental Protection Agency requirements to prepare a Water Source Modification Plan, 6MG Concrete Tank Plan, 2MG Steel Tank Plan, and preparation of a Project Plan of Work for funding of improvements at the City's Main Water Pump Station and future Lead Service Line Replacement projects. The work will be paid for by the 2023A Capital Bond from the allocation approved by Council July 23, 2026.

ROLL CALL

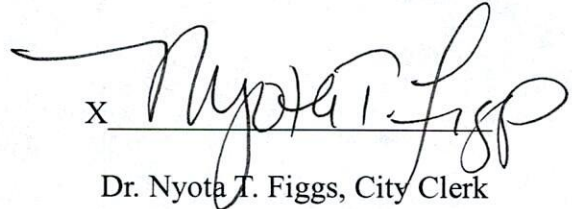
AYES:	7	ALDERMEN:	Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMAN:	None

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 6:43 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Harvey, seconded by Alderman Nelson.

MOTION CARRIED

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Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk