

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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

JUNE 26, 2025

Public Comment

Rochelle Marshalay 365 Campbell Avenue commented regarding the Campbell Block Club and its accomplishments. Rochelle Marshalay also spoke about the importance of residents getting involved in the community.

Val Williams commented regarding her sister Denise Williams opening a Music School in Gary Indiana.

Charlotte Perez- Wright from the 6th ward thanked Alderwoman Nelson for her hard work.

Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:01 p.m. in a regular meeting on June 26, 2025, with Mayor ProTem Deandre Tillman present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 6

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips.

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Williams

Also present was: City Clerk Dr. Figgs, Police Chief Kolosh, Fire Chief Bachert, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, Community Economic Development Val Williams, Christina Signorelli, City Engineer Matt Buerger, Attorney Mark Sterk.

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

Approval of Minutes

June 09, 2025: Special Meeting

June 12, 2025: Regular City Council Meeting

June 16, 2025: Committee of the Whole Meeting

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Harvey moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to approve the minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

None

NEW BUSINESS

#1: Approve Sears Parking Lot
Usage Request

Approve the Kenwood Academy All-Class Reunion request to utilize the Sears Parking Lot dated for August 3, 2025 from 10 am to sundown.

#2: Approve Placement of Temporary
Speed Bumps

Approval to place temporary speed bumps at the following locations: from 164th Street to 167th Street on Shirley, on both sides of the intersections, and on 166th Street from Wentworth East to State Line. Direct Public Works to install.

#3: Direct City Attorney to Amend the
Handicap Parking 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 552 Forsythe Avenue.

#4: Direct City Attorney to Amend the
Handicap Parking 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 671 Forsythe Avenue.

#5: Approve Placement of Temporary
Speed Bumps

Approve motion to place temporary speed bumps at the following locations and direct Public Works to install: River Oaks Drive to 163rd Street by Our Lady of Knocks Church, Hirsch Avenue, Price Avenue, Gordon Avenue, and Freeland Avenue.

#6: Approve the Selection of Farnsworth
Group

Approve the selection of Farnsworth Group based on the recommendation of CED staff as the most qualified engineering firm in response to the City's Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) solicitation for the Phase 1 Engineering Reconstruction of Pulaski Road, in accordance with the Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) process as outlined by State and Local procurement laws. To be funded by the Surface and Transportation Program facilitated by SSMMA STP Local.

#7: Approve and Direct Public Works to
Install Resident Parking Only Sign

Approve and direct public works to install a resident only parking sign with address at 522 Muskegon.

#8: Direct Public Works to Install
Resident Parking Only Sign

Approve block closure, with amplified noise, between Stewart & Exchange to Stewart & Campbell on Saturday, July 19th from 3p-9p. Please direct public works to provide barricades and two garbage cans.

#9: Direct Public Works to Install
Resident Parking Only Sign

Direct the city attorney to draft an ordinance for no parking from here to corner at the corner of Merrill and Sibley (near 1858 Sibley).

Approve New Business Items

Alderman Gardner moved seconded by Alderwoman Harvey to approve new business action items as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

21 Hirsch Privacy Fence 1st Ward
266 Chappel Privacy Fence 3rd Ward
110 165th St Privacy Fence 6th Ward
497 Escanaba Privacy Fence 2nd Ward
300 Escanaba Privacy Fence 2nd Ward
547 Merrill Privacy Fence 4th Ward
521 Hirsch Privacy Fence 1st Ward

Approval of Building Permits

Alderwoman Phillips moved, seconded by Alderwoman Wilson to approve new building permits as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE

Ord.#1 An Ordinance approving a sign variance for Five Below. Inc.

An Ordinance approving a sign variance for Five Below. Inc.

Ord.#25-07

(See Attached 3A)

Approval of Resolutions and Ordinances

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderwoman Phillips to adopt Resolutions and pass Ordinances as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

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

**ORDINANCE
NO. 25-07**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SIGN VARIANCE FOR FIVE BELOW,
INC.**

**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

ORDINANCE NO. 25-07

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SIGN VARIANCE FOR FIVE BELOW, INC.

WHEREAS, Section 7 of Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois provides that a municipality that is not a home rule unit shall only have the powers granted to them by law and as such the City of Rochelle, Ogle County, Illinois being a non-home rule unit pursuant to the provisions of said Section 7 of Article VII, and may exercise only the powers expressly granted by law; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly granted non-home rule municipalities broad authority to “pass all ordinances and make all rules and regulations proper or necessary, to carry into effect the powers granted to municipalities.” 65 ILCS 5/1-2-1; and

WHEREAS, while “non-home rule municipalities have the authority to enact ordinances, such ordinances may in no event conflict with state law or prohibit what a state statute expressly permits . . . A local ordinance may impose more rigorous or definite regulations in addition to those enacted by the state legislature so long as they do not conflict with the statute.” (*Village of Wauconda v. Hutton*, 291 Ill. App. 3d 1058, 1060 (1997)); and

WHEREAS, Five Below, Inc., (“Petitioner”), is the future tenant of approximately 11,875 square feet of commercial property at 450 River Oaks West; and

WHEREAS, Petitioner is seeking the approval of its standard sign package (attached herein as Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, the Calumet City Sign Ordinance prohibits signs greater than one hundred (100) square feet. Calumet City Municipal Code, Chapter 70 Section 3(f); and

WHEREAS, Petitioner is requesting a variance to allow for two signs, one approximately two hundred and thirty-one (231) square feet and the other one hundred and forty-three (143) square feet; and

WHEREAS, Petitioner’s proposed signs are similar in size to those of the prior tenant (Party City), and are similar in size to nearby stores Ross, Shopper’s World, and Burlington; and

WHEREAS, the size of the proposed signs are part of Petitioner’s standard sign package which it installs at all their stores across the country; and

WHEREAS, the proposed signs are appropriately sized based on the extra-large size of the store front façade; and

WHEREAS, the store front façade of the building is extremely large, and a one hundred (100) square foot sign would look unusually and awkwardly small for the location; and

WHEREAS, without a variance, Petitioner will suffer a hardship, will need to seek special corporate approval for a different sign package, and which would be inconsistent with its brand and corporate signage; and

WHEREAS, without a variance, Petitioner will be at a disadvantage, as a one hundred (100) square foot sign will be extremely small on the front façade of the store, and the sign will be difficult to read as the setback is approximately four hundred and ten (410) feet from the right of way; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the facts and circumstances of the Petitioner's Application, the corporate authorities hereby find that it is in the best interest of Calumet City to approve a sign variance for Five Below, Inc.

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 foregoing recitals shall be, and are hereby, incorporated into and made a part of this Ordinance as if fully set forth in this Section One.

SECTION TWO: After reviewing the Petitioner's application, pursuant to Chapter 10, Section 9 of the Municipal Code, the City Council hereby finds: that the circumstance are not of the Petitioner's making; Petitioner's request mitigates unusual site conditions; Petitioner's request would not create a detriment to the neighborhood or reduce property value; Petitioner's request is consistent with the spirit and intent of the Calumet City Sign Ordinance; and without a variance, the Petitioner would experience a hardship.

SECTION THREE: A sign ordinance for Five Below, Inc., is hereby granted, permitting the signage attached herein as Exhibit A for 450 River Oaks Drive West. This sign variance is granted to Five Below, Inc., only, and does not run with the land.

SECTION FOUR: If any provision of this Ordinance 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 Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and each invalid provision or invalid application of this Ordinance is severable.

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


SECTION SIX: The City Clerk shall publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form.

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

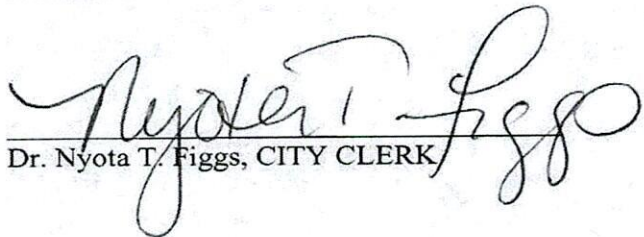
ADOPTED this 26th day of June, 2025, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	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 June 26, 2025.


Thaddeus Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:


Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, CITY CLERK

FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1: Payment to Holland Asphalt

Approve amending the passed motion from June 9, 2025, moved by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Phillips to reflect the correct amount: Motion to approve the demolition of 610 Burnham for economic development purposes and charge the demolition to the 2023 bond matter; further direct the City Treasurer to issue payment to Holland Asphalt in the amount of \$27,620.00.

#2: Payment to Vector Solutions

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Vector Solutions in the amount of \$12,500.60. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06607-52483. This is for inputting training records to the software.

Approval of Financial Items #1 and 2

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderwoman Phillips to approve payment for financial item #1 and 2.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

#3: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice #67960 (Tabled)

Table cost payable to Calumet City plumbing for invoice #67960, in the amount of \$5,198.20: authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349. (Tabled)

#4: Table payment to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice #67950 (Tabled)

Table cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #67950, in the amount of \$6,376.24, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349. (Tabled)

Approval to Table Financial Items #3 and #4 for Calumet City Invoice #'s 67960 and 67950

Alderwoman Nelson moved, seconded by Alderwoman Wilson to table payment to Calumet City Plumbing Invoice #67960 and 67950.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

#5: Payment to Track & Trap Invoice #1711

Approve payment to Track & Trap Invoice #1711 for Community Wildlife Services from May 16th - May 31st, 2025 in the amount of \$9,050 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01060-52487.

#6: Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #261109)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #261109) for Project #0230475 Lead Service Line Replacement Project - Phase II, in the amount of \$39,489.55 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #12607-55145.

#7: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing (Invoice 67913)

Approve payment to Peterson, Johnson & Murray for invoice numbers 144501, 144502, 144503, 144504 & 144505 in the amount of \$8,331.16; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$8,331.16 and charge account number #01025-52200.

#8: Payment to Maria Flores

Approve the buyback for Maria Flores as shown in the communication.

#9: Payment to Dimmeon Bobo

Approve the buyback for Dimmeon Bobo as shown in the communication.

#10: Payment to the Water Fund

Approve amending the attached City Council Motion, dated September 24, 2024, and reclassify the water department's share (\$7057.56) from the Corporate Fund (01099-51130) to the Water Fund (03036-51130) as described in the attached Requisition#27110.

#11: Payment to Core & Main for #3913345

Approve cost payable to Core & Main for #3913345, in the amount of \$32,365.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-53300.

#12: Payment to Metropolitan Industries LLC

Approve cost payable to Metropolitan Industries LLC for invoice #INV070117, in the amount of \$5,172.00, authorize the city treasurer to remit payment from account #03036- 52332.

Approval of Financial Items #5-12

Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to approve financial items #5-12.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

#13: Payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. (Tabled)

Table payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$24,239.65 for corporate legal services dated June 11, 2025, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025-52200. (Tabled)

#14: Payment to Ancel Glink, P.C.
(Tabled)

Direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Alliance Environment Control in the amount of \$7,850.00, for the emergency Asbestos Abatement of property located at 417 Sibley due to the deterioration of structure integrity that created unsafe, unsanitary conditions, and to charge account #01099-52645. (Tabled)

Table Financial Items #13 and 14 and any
Payments to Ancel and Glink that appear
on the Bill Listing (Tabled)

Alderdwoman Phillips moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to table financial items #13 and 14 and any payments to Ancel and Glink that appear on the Bill Listing. (Tabled)

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

#15: Payment to The Association of
Public Treasurer's

Authorize the attendance of Treasurer Tarka to the Association of Public Treasurer's Conference as specified in the attached communication.

#16: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing
for invoice #68101

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #68101, in the amount of \$11,428.50, authorize the city treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#17: Payment to The Chicago Police
Department

Approve payment to The Chicago Police Department in the amount of \$12,584.00 for four new recruits; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to the Chicago Police Department in the amount of \$12,584.00 to be charged to account #01060-52390.

#18: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing
for quote #D43813

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for quote #D43813, in the amount \$33,000.00, authorize the city treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#19: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing
for #D43812

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for #D43812, in the amount of \$45,000.00, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

Approve Financial Items #15-19

Alderdwoman Harvey moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to approve financial items #15-19.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

#20: Table Payment to Public Response Group (PRG) (Tabled)

Table payment to Public Response Group (PRG) for invoice 25-312 \$7500.00 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52351. (Tabled)

Approve Tabling of Payment to Public Response Group

Alderwoman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderwoman Nelson to approve tabling of payment to Public Response Group.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

#21: Approve Payroll (\$1,106,967.27)

Approve Payroll (\$1,106,967.27).

#22: Approve Emergency Bill Listing (\$330.75)

Approve Emergency Bill Listing (\$330.75).

Approve Financial Items #21 and 22

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderwoman Wilson to approve financial item #21 and 22.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

#23: Approve Bill Listing (\$321,907.87)

Approve Bill Listing (\$321,907.87).

Approve Amended Bill Listing

Alderwoman Harvey moved, to amend item #26 to extract all payments to Nicor, Com Ed.

MOTION CARRIED

Alderwoman Wilson Discussion

Alderwoman Wilson stated "I understand that we agreed with the Nicor and ComEd, I want to make sure that any Attorney fees that are listed in the Bill Listing are also extracted, and I heard 13 and 14 but I just want to make sure that was added to it. For the record."

Alderwoman Harvey Withdrew Motion

Alderwoman Harvey withdrew motion to approve the amended Bill Listing that extracts all payments to Nicor, Com Ed.

Approve Amended Bill Listing (\$321,907.87) (Amended)

Aldерwoman Wilson moved, seconded by Aldерwoman Harvey for the approval of the amended Bill Listing that extracts all payments to Nicor, Com Ed, and Ancel and Glink. (Amended)

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 5
NAYS: 1
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Alderman Williams was absent.

Public Safety

Alderman Gardner announced that he and Chief Kolosh will be visiting the school districts to discuss the Crossing Guard Program in Calumet City.

Public Utilities

Aldерwoman Phillips had no report.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Tillman had no report.

H.E.W

Aldерwoman Wilson reported she intends to hold a Committee of the Whole Health Education and Welfare Meeting to discuss all Aldermen having one Citywide Back to School event.

Permits & Licenses

Aldерwoman Harvey had no report.

Public Works

Aldерwoman Nelson had no report.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Ald. Harvey

Aldерwoman Harvey reported on the 1st Wards Meet and Greet and announced the 1st ward will have a meeting on August 19, 2025. Aldерwoman Harvey would like 1st ward residents to contact her at (708) 891-8198 with any questions or concerns.

Ald. Wilson

Aldерwoman Wilson announced Calumet City will have Fireworks on July 03, 2025; residents must go on the city's website to register their vehicles to be admitted into the event. Aldерwoman Wilson would like residents contact her at (708) 586-4990 or email her at monet@alderwomanwilson.com if they should need her. Aldерwoman Wilson requested everyone be neighborly and place bags in the trash cans. Aldерwoman Wilson would like 2nd ward residents to reach out if speed bumps are needed. Aldерwoman Wilson would like to congratulate the second set of graduates.

Ald. Tillman

Alderman Tillman announced the 3rd and 4th ward meeting is canceled for July 07, 2025, due to the Holiday. Alderman Tillman announced the next 3rd and 4th ward meeting will be held at Downey Park on August 04, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. Alderman Tillman announced the 3rd and 4th ward Annual Back to School Picnic will be held on August 09, 2025, at noon at Downey Park.

Ald. Williams

Alderman Williams was absent.

Ald. Gardner

Alderman Gardner reported speed bumps are currently being down. Alderman Gardner would like residents to reach out with any questions or concerns to (708)-891-8195. Alderman Gardner announced speed bumps are still going down the task should be complete by next week. Alderman Gardner would like to wish all the residents a happy and safe 4th of July holiday.

Ald. Nelson

Alderwoman Nelson thanked everyone for being patient speed bumps are currently being placed throughout the 6th ward. Alderwoman Nelson announced that she and the 7th ward Alderwoman are having their first ward meeting on June 28th at DA's Banquet Hall from 11a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Ald. Phillips

Alderwoman Phillips Alderwoman Nelson announced that she and the 7th ward Alderwoman are having their first ward meeting on June 28th at DA's Banquet Hall from 11a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Alderwoman Wilson would like the 7th ward residents to contact her at (708) 891-8197 or email mphillips@calumetcity.org with any questions or concerns. Alderwoman Phillips would like to wish all the residents a happy 4th of July.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderwoman Wilson

Alderwoman Wilson would like Calumet City residents to enjoy the 4th of July and also understand that the city does ticket for Fireworks. Alderwoman Wilson would like residents to be mindful not to shoot firearms or set off fireworks.

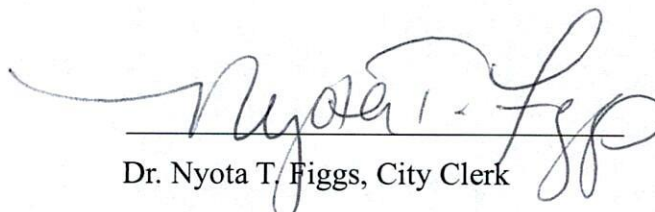
Alderman Tillman

Alderman Tillman wished all the residents a Happy 4th of July.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 6:34 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Gardner seconded by Alderwoman Phillips.

MOTION CARRIED



Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk