

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
City Council of the City of Calumet City
Cook County, Illinois

JULY 23, 2026

Public Comment

Derrick Williams 52 w 83rd St. Chicago, Illinois commented regarding his experience working for the city and thanked the mayor and the council for the opportunity stating he hopes to be brought back soon. Derrick Williams also inquired about the severance package and when it would be approved.

Maggie Welch commented regarding issues with her neighbor threatening her and her tenant. Resident stated she reported to the Calumet City Police Department that the neighbor threatened to let her dogs loose on the occupants of her duplex. Maggie Welch is concerned that police report was not ready for pick up after three days. Maggie Welch wanted it to be stated for the record that she does not feel safe.

Quran Walker made a complaint to the city council regarding a traffic stop that was conducted on July 17, 2026, where his vehicle was impounded and he was left stranded.

Renita Johnson 567 Freeland commented regarding her taxes tripling and her alley not being maintained properly.

Jacqueline Coats commented regarding her alley between Forsythe and Douglas needing attention due to overgrowth. Jacqueline Coats requested more police around Forsythe and Douglas because several cars have been broken in recently. Jacqueline Coats reported that the swings are too high for children at the nearby park.

Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:06 p.m. in a regular meeting on July 23, 2026, with Mayor Thaddeus Jones present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 6

ALDERMEN: Wilson, Tillman (Remote-Audio), Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips.

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Harvey

Also present were: City Treasurer Tarka, Fire Chief Bachert, Police Chief Kolosh, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, Corporate Counsel Paul O' Grady (Ancel Glink), Building and Zoning Director Sheryl Tillman, City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey, and Crime Free Housing Director Mike Banskee.

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

Alderman Tillman Request for Remote Participation

Alderman Tillman requested to attend the July 23, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting remotely due to a work obligation.

Approval of Remote Attendance

Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve Alderman Tillman attending the July 23, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting remotely.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes

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

06/30/2026 Finance Committee of the Whole Mtg.
07/06/2026 Special Mtg.
07/09/2026 Regular Mtg.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

- A. 105th Quarterly Investment Report Treasurer Tarka submitting the Investment Policy for the City of Calumet City, effective January 1, 2000, I am respectfully submitting the 105th Quarterly Investment Report.

Alderman Nelson moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to table the Investment Policy for the City of Calumet City, effective January 1, 2000, I am respectfully submitting the 105th Quarterly Investment Report.

MOTION CARRIED

- B. Thank You Letter to Calumet City Police Department A thank you letter to the Calumet City Police Department regarding the gathering at Downey Park.
- C. Letter of Gratitude for Director Tillman and Staff Janet Johnson expressing gratitude to Director Tillman and staff for their prompt attention and commitment to serving the community.

NEW BUSINESS

1): Approve Drafting of an Amended Handicap 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 503 Oglesby Avenue.

2) Approve Backyard Party (Removed)

Approve amplified live music on July 25, 2026, at backyard party at 45 Waltham St. from 6:00pm – Midnight.

Removal of Backyard Party

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Williams to remove the backyard party at 45 Waltham st.

3) Approve and Direct Public Works To Provide Barricades

Approve and direct public works to provide barricades to block the corner of Memorial Dr. to 153rd street on August 15th from 11 am to 8 pm with amplified music. 8 needed.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

4) Approve Backyard Gathering

Approve amplified music for backyard gathering on August 8th, 2026, at 124 157th St. from 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

5) Direct City Attorney to Amend Handicap Ordinance

Direct the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance to amend the handicap parking ordinance for approval and direct Public Works to add a handicap pole specific to the following address at 326 Chappel Avenue.

6) Approve Temporary Event Permit

Approve the request for a temporary event permit for Jesus, Shepherd of Souls 2026 Shepherdfest, to take place in the Our Lady of Knock site parking lot located at 501 163rd Street, on Aug. 22nd 1pm-11pm; Aug. 23rd 2pm-10pm; with amplified event noise during time period.

7) Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Release of Lien

Authorize the Mayor to execute a Release of Lien for a municipal lien that was recorded on January 17, 2024, for the property located at 500 River Oaks Drive, Calumet City, Illinois.

Tabling of Release of Lien

Alderman Nelson moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to table the execution of a Release of Lien for a municipal lien that was recorded on January 17, 2024, for the property located at 500 River Oaks Drive, Calumet City, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Wilson Left the Regular City Council Meeting

Alderman Wilson left the Regular City Council meeting at 6:39 p.m.

BUILDING PERMITS

New Fence

558 Escanaba Ave Fence 2nd Ward
421 156th Street Fence 5th Ward

Approve Building Permits

Alderman Nelson moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner, to approve the building permits as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 2

ALDERMEN: Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips

ALDERMEN: None

ALDERMAN: Harvey, Wilson

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE

None

Motion to Enter Into Closed Session

Alderman Nelson moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to enter into executive session to discuss the employment of a specific individual.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 2

ALDERMEN: Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips

ALDERMEN: None

ALDERMAN: Harvey, Wilson

MOTION CARRIED

Executive Session

City Council met in executive session from 6:45 p.m. to 7:15p.m.

Return to the Regular Of Business

Alderman Phillips moved, seconded by Alderman Nelson to return to the regular Order of business at 7:15 p.m.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

1): Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for the following invoices 69760, 67950, 65993,64653,71535, 71534, 71533, 71529, 70999, 70998, 70882, 70992, 70988, 70990, 70985, 70954, 70952, 70949, 70929, 70950, 70821, 70820, 70373, 70369, 70372, 70089, 69705, 70087, in the amount of \$195,348.54, authorize the city treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349. (Water Dept)

2): Approve Payment to Calumet City Plumbing

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for the following invoice 70982, 70953, 70923, 70927, 70090, 70362, 70364, 70359, 68821 in the amount of \$107,516.86, authorize the city treasure to remit payment from account #03036-52101. (Sewer Dept)

3): Approve Payment to Holland Asphalt Services, Inc

Approve Holland Asphalt Services, Inc. proposal for the demolition of 770 Newell further direct the City Treasurer to issue payment in the amount of \$21,400 & \$450 for Cook County Permit, totaling \$21,850 and charge account 12707-55178.

4): Approve Payment to Holland Asphalt Services, Inc

Approve Holland Asphalt Services, Inc. proposal for the demolition of 648 Hirsch Ave further direct the City Treasurer to issue payment in the amount of \$35,900 & \$450 for Cook County Permit, totaling \$36,350 and charge account 12707-55178.

5): Approve Payment to Holland Asphalt Services, Inc

Approve Holland Asphalt Services, Inc. proposal for the demolition of 531 Wentworth further direct the City Treasurer to issue payment in the amount of \$26,800 & \$450 for Cook County Permit, totaling \$27,250 and charge account 12707-55178.

6): Approve Payment to Holland Asphalt Services, Inc

Approve Holland Asphalt Services, Inc. proposal for the demolition of 443 Sibley further direct the City Treasurer to issue payment in the amount of \$26,400 & \$450 for Cook County Permit, totaling \$26,850 and charge account 12707-55178.

7): Approve Payment to Alderwoman Miacole Nelson

Approve and direct the City Treasurer to issue a check for reimbursement to 6th Ward Alderwoman Miacole Nelson in the amount of \$116.98 for the replacement of ink cartridges for community/ward printing charged to account #01010-52326.

8): Approve Buyback for Alderwoman Shalisa Harvey

Approve and direct the City Treasurer to issue a check for reimbursement to the 1st Ward Alderwoman Shalisa Harvey in the amount of \$191.59 for the 1st Ward Custom Tablecloth out of the community/ward account 01010-52381.

9): Approve Buyback for Angel Carrillo

Approve the buyback for Angel Carrillo as shown in the communication.

10): Approve Buyback for Demarus Rogers

Approve the buyback for Demarus Rogers as shown in the communication.

11): Approve Buyback for Leonardo Matera

Approve the buyback for David Miro as shown in the communication.

12): Approve Buyback for Diamond Stacker

Approve the buyback for Diamond Stacker as shown in the communication.

13): Approve Buyback for 150 Local Layoffs

Approve the buyback for Local 150 layoffs as shown in the communication.

14): Approve Buyback Compensation for Local 150 (Removed)

Approve the buyback compensation per the union contract of Local 150 for the following employees and days to be paid by June 30, 2026.

Alexander Gianopolus – 4 days

Roderick Phillips – 2 days

Brodrick Jones – 1 day

Michael Churilla – 4 days

Michael Cichy – 1 day

Removal of Buyback Compensation
For Local 150

Alderman Phillips moved, seconded by Alderman Nelson to remove buyback compensation per the union contract of Local 150 for the following employees due to the compensation being paid on a previous agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

15): Approve Buyback for non-union
Layoffs

Approve the buyback for non-union layoffs as shown in the communication.

16): Approve the Buyback for Teamsters
700 Layoffs

Approve the buyback for Teamsters 700 layoffs as shown in the communication.

17): Approve Buyback for Thaddeus
Moore

Approve the buyback for Thaddeus Moore as shown in the communication.

18): Approve Buyback for Veronica Ward

Approve the buyback for Veronica Ward as shown in the communication.

19): Approve Payment to C.D.E.
Collision Centers

Approve repairs to CCPD Unit 25-377 in the amount of \$13,777.00, to be performed by C.D.E. Collision Centers; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to C.D.E. Collision Centers in the amount of \$13,777.00, to be charged to account 01060-54152.

20): Approve Payment to Pete's Market

Approve payment to Pete's Fresh Market for invoice #07; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$1,900 and charge account #01099 52724.

21): Approve Payment to Michael Smith

Approve payment to Michael Smith for invoice #15 authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$600 and charge account #01099 52724.

22): Approve Payment to Education Depo

Approve payment to Education depo #7005 authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$1,773.50 and charge account #01099 52724.

23): Approve Payment to Dino Jump

Approve payment to Dino Jump for invoice #230725; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$495 and charge account #01099 52724.

24): Approve Payment to Chicago
Inflatables

Approve payment to Chicago Inflatables for invoice #230725; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$600 and charge account #01099 52724.

25): Approve Payment to Ancel Glink,
P.C.

Approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$30,025.44 for corporate legal services dated July 14, 2026, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025-52200.

26): Approve Payment to Ancel Glink,
P.C.

Approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$21,144.52 for legal services dated July 14, 2026, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025 52200.

27): Approve Source Water Modification
Plan

Approve City Council authorization to allocate \$500,000 from the 2023 Capital Bond toward the preparation of a Source Water Modification Plan, improvement plans for the 2-million-gallon reservoir, improvement plan for the 6-million-gallon reservoir, and associated corrosion control studies as required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

28): Approve Payment to Our Lady of Knocks

Approve and direct the City Treasurer to remit a check payable to Our Lady of Knocks in the amount of \$500 from acct. 01099-52728.

29): Approve Payment to GoDaddy

Approve payment to GoDaddy for the remaining GoDaddy Email Renewals expiring in August, October, November, & December; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$5,576.88 and charge account #01028- 52371.

30): Approve Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265100)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265100) for Project #0240355 Arthur Street Watermain that included services associated with construction engineering and construction close-out, in the amount of \$10,575.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #03036-55162. This expenditure is for FY2026. Project is eligible for reimbursement through Cook County ARPA funds under Calumet City Grant number G-114.

31): Approve Payment to D Construction Inc.

Approve payment to D Construction Inc. Estimate 1 and Final for the Dolton/State Resurfacing between Stoney Island Avenue and Torrence Avenue, in the amount of \$427,862.21 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #04007-52454. The following documents are attached for reference (1) Engineer's Pay Estimate #1 and Final for \$427,862.21 (2) Request for Approval of Change of Plans (3) D Construction Invoice 1 (Final) for \$427,862.21. This work has been completed and was inspected per MFT guidelines during construction.

32): Approve Payroll (\$1,030,861.64)

Approve Payroll (\$1,030,861.64).

33): Approve Bill List (\$914,891.16)

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Approval of Financial Items #1-13 and 15-33 as Amended

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to approve financial items 1-13 and 15-33 as amended.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 2

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

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Alderman Williams reported there will be a Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week and the schedule for the Budget meetings have been sent out; residents are welcome to attend.

Public Safety

Alderman Gardner had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderman Phillips had no report.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Tillman reported there will be an Ordinance and Resolution meeting called the first week of August.

H.E.W

Alderman Wilson was absent.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Harvey was absent.

Public Works

Alderman Nelson had no report.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Alderman Harvey – 1st Ward

Alderman Harvey was absent.

Alderman Wilson – 2nd Ward

Alderman Wilson was absent.

Alderman Tillman – 3rd Ward

Alderman Tillman announced the 3rd and 4th ward meeting will be held at the library on August 03, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. Alderman Tillman announced the Annual Back to School Bash will be on August 8th at 12:00 p.m. the location is at Downey Park. Alderman Tillman requested that if any 3rd ward residents should have any concerns to contact his office at (708)-891-8193

Alderman Williams – 4th Ward

Alderman Williams gave honor to God. Alderman Williams announced will be in the Sears Parking lot on Saturday giving away towel, hygiene products, and snack boxes from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Alderman Williams commended Public Works for their hard work. Alderman Williams announced the 3rd and 4th ward meeting will be held on August 03, 2026, at the Calumet City Library at 6:30 p.m. Alderman Williams announced the Annual Back to School picnic will be on August 8, 2026 at Downey Park.

Alderman Gardner – 5th Ward

Alderman Gardner would like 5th ward residents to contact his office at (708) 891-8195 with any questions, concerns or requests. Alderman Gardner reported that there are resources to assist the residents please call his for more information on the programs the city offers.

Alderwoman Nelson– 6th Ward

Alderman Nelson would like residents to contact her office at (708) 526-1148 or email her mnelson@calumetcity.org. Alderman Nelson thanked all the residents that have reached with encouraging words and support and also concerns. Alderman Nelson assured the residents their alleys will be fixed.

Alderman Phillips– 7th Ward

Alderman Phillips invited the City of Calumet City to shop at Education Depot for school supplies and to mention that she sent you to receive a discount. Alderman Phillips stated she will be announcing a ward clean up day soon. Alderman Phillips requested that 7th ward residents contact her at (708) 891-9197 or email her at mphillips@calumetcity.org.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

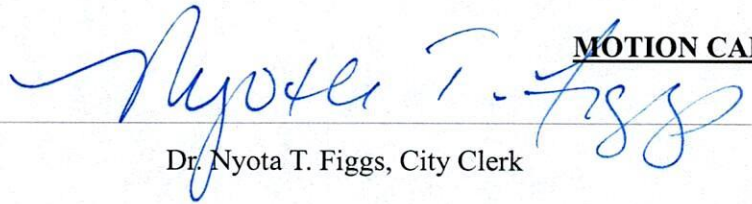
Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones gave a brief overview of his experience at Roberts Temple Church; where he witnessed Governor Pritzker signing House Bill 4323 commemorating July 25, 2026, as Emmitt Till Day.

Mayor Jones announced that August 04, 2026, is National Night Out for the Police Department the event begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends at 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 7:29 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Nelson, seconded by Alderman Phillips.


Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

MOTION CARRIED

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