

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

JULY 09, 2026

Public Comment

Leonard Wizaloty 790 Burnham commented regarding damage to the old carpet warehouse at 778 Burnham.; there is sheet metal flapping off of the building. Mr. Wizaloty commented that this is dangerous and stated that he believes the warehouse is city owned. Mr. Wizaloty also stated that something needs to be done about the bushes at 784 Burnham Avenue, there is too much overgrowth. Mr. Leonard Wizaloty reported that the old Ziggy's Tavern is now being used as a parking lot for the adjacent car lot.

Paulette Nelson 1373 Imperial Avenue inquired about the streets being redone between 160th and 161st and Mackinaw; especially the sink hole on 161 street; Ms. Nelson stated the hole keeps getting patched, but the street needs to be redone.

Mark Brodneck 282 Clyde reported that the alley behind his home needs to be evened out; there is water build up that is starting to form due to the unevenness. Mr. Brodneck stated there are lots of insects starting to congregate around the deep puddles which is unhealthy.

Whitney Helms 526 Exchange commented regarding the storm water rate not appearing as a \$2.00 fixed rate on her bill. Whitney Helms inquired about where the council meetings are posted online. Whitney Helms stated she previously requested speed bumps be placed near the Skate park, to stop cars from speeding; this is her second request regarding this matter.

Alderman Nelson commented regarding the lack of city employee presence the day after the storm. Alderman Nelson stated that the 6th ward was hit by the storm the hardest and none of the doors were knocked on and none of the residents were checked on. Alderman Nelson stated that there were 9 homes with trees on the houses or the garages in the 6th ward and the only street that received attention was Newell. Alderman Nelson stated that she is not taking away from any work that anyone may have done but as a city we have to be more vigilant in helping our neighbors.

Dave Haggard of the Calumet City Fire Department stood up and gave a testament to the Fire Departments hard work on June 14, 2026, and June 15, 2026.

Mrs. Alderson 811 Buffalo Avenue thanked the city for coming to cut a tree down so quickly that was on the verge of falling on her property.

Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:05 p.m. in a regular meeting on July 09, 2026, with Mayor Thaddeus Jones present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	7	ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson (6:17 p.m.), Tillman, Williams, Gardner (6:08 p.m.), Nelson (6:06 p.m.), Phillips.
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN: None

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.

Fire Chief Bachert Presentation

Fire Chief Bachert gave a brief presentation regarding the June 14, 2026, storm and the efforts of the Black shift that evening. Fire Chief Bachert reported there were 23 emergency calls received on the night of the storm and 3 calls the next morning and all calls were answered. Fire Chief Bachert also spoke about the efforts of the Calumet City team that was deployed to Merriville, Indiana that saved a woman named Amanda's life who was present in the audience to express her gratitude. Fire Chief Bachert recognized Captain Ball's team for their tireless efforts and hard work and issued the Unit Citation Award for Calumet City to the team. Fire Chief Bachert also recognized and thanked the 911 Call Center, Fire and Police Department, ESDA, Public Works and the Water Department for working together during the storm to aid and assist Calumet City residents in every way possible.

Approval of Minutes

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

06/03/2026 HEW Committee of the Whole Mtg.
06/04/2026 Special Mtg.
06/04/2026 Special Mtg.
06/09/2026 Special Mtg.
06/11/2026 Regular Mtg.
06/16/2026 Special Mtg.
06/20/2026 Special Mtg.
06/25/2026 Regular Mtg.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

None

NEW BUSINESS

1): Approve Usage of Sears Parking Lot

Approve the Kenwood Academy All-Class Reunion request to utilize the Sears Parking Lot dated for Sunday, August 2, 2026, from 7 am to 7:30 pm.

2): Approve Usage of Sears Parking Lot

Approve the Morgan Park High School Alumni Association request to utilize the Sears Parking Lot dated for Sunday, August 16, 2026, from 8 am to 6 pm.

3): Authorize Contract with Pipe View America (Amended)

Authorize Mayor to execute contract with Pipe View America in the amount of \$640,994.15 to provide sewer cleaning, jetting and televising services for the Sewer and Stormwater Capital Plan Area 2 which is the southern portion of Calumet City with the project to be funded through the 2023A Bond contingent upon proof of insurance being provided. (Amended)

Approval to Amend the Contract with Pipe View America Motion

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to amend the motion to authorize Mayor to execute contract with Pipe View America in the amount of \$640,994.15 to provide sewer cleaning, jetting and televising services for the Sewer and Stormwater Capital Plan Area 2 which is the southern portion of Calumet City with the project to be funded through the 2023A Bond to include contingent upon proof of insurance being provided.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

MOTION CARRIED

4): Approve Campbell Avenue Block Party Neighborhood

Approve the Campbell Avenue Neighborhood Block Party on Saturday, July 25, 2026 from 9 am - 7 pm. Approve amplified noise from 9 am-7 pm and direct Public Works to place barricades to block off Campbell Avenue from 338 block to 318 block. Additionally, requesting that the Public Works Department provide 1 trash receptacle for the event.

Approval of New Business Items

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve new business action items as amended.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

New Fence

383 Clyde Ave Privacy Fence 3rd Ward
530 156th Place Privacy Fence 5th Ward
1017 Wentworth Ave Fence 5th Ward
372 Crandon Ave Privacy Fence 4th Ward
515 Hirsch Privacy Fence 1st Ward
452 Manistee Ave Privacy Fence 2nd Ward
393 Madison Ave Privacy Fence 3rd Ward
525 Merrill Ave Privacy Fence 4th Ward
811 Sibley Privacy Fence 7th Ward

Approve Building Permits

Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Harvey, to approve the building permits as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE

#1. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 90

An Ordinance amending Chapter 90, Article V, Division 1 of the Calumet City Municipal Code Handicapped Parking.

Tabling of Ordinance Amending Chapter 90 due to Multiple Addresses Listed

Alderman Tillman moved seconded by Alderman Nelson to table Ordinance amending Chapter 90 due to multiple addresses being listed.

MOTION CARRIED

#2. A Resolution Declaring the City A Disaster Area

A resolution declaring the City a disaster area and requesting Governor Pritzker to declare a disaster area for Cook County and Calumet City.

Approval to Table Resolution Declaring the City as a Disaster Area

Alderman Nelson moved seconded by Alderman Harvey to table a resolution declaring the City a disaster area and requesting Governor Pritzker to declare a disaster area for Cook County and Calumet City.

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

1): Approve Payment to City Clerk Figgs

Approve and direct the City Treasurer to reimburse \$227.00 to City Clerk Figgs and charge account #01022-52360.

2): Approve Conditional Offer of Employment

Direct the Police and Fire Commission to extend a conditional offer of employment to the next eligible candidate on the current police officer eligibility list, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Officer Stacker.

3): Approve Conditional Offer of Employment

Direct the Police and Fire Commission to extend a conditional offer of employment to the next eligible candidate on the current police officer eligibility list, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Officer Ward.

4): Approve Payment to Vector Solutions

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to HFS Bureau of Fiscal Operations - GEMT in the amount of \$275,578.07. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06607-54492. This is for the 3rd quarter payment of the GEMT funds.

5): Approve Payment to Holland Asphalt Services, Inc. for Invoice 2025-185

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #269606) for Project #0241218 Burnham Avenue Main Street Project, in the amount of \$8,845.50 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01110-55151. This amount is 100% reimbursable from the DCEO Main Street/Rebuild Downtowns Grant.

6): Approve Payment to Holland Asphalt Services, Inc (Tabled)

Approve Holland Asphalt Services, Inc. proposal for the demolition of 910 Williams further direct the City Treasurer to issue payment in the amount of \$17,400 & \$350 for Cook County Permit, totaling \$17,750 and charge account 12707-55178. (Tabled)

7): Approve Payment to Holland Asphalt Services, Inc. (Tabled)

Approve Holland Asphalt Services, Inc. proposal for the demolition of 777 Buffalo further direct the City Treasurer to issue payment in the amount of \$16,800 & \$450 for Cook County Permit, totaling \$17,250 and charge account 12707-55178. (Tabled)

Tabling Payment to Holland Asphalt Services

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Harvey to table payment to Holland Asphalt Services, Inc for 777 Buffalo due to the resident having insurance.

MOTION CARRIED

8): Approve Payment Holland Asphalt Services, Inc. (Tabled)

Approve Holland Asphalt Services, Inc. proposal for the demolition of 805 Greenbay further direct the City Treasurer to issue payment in the amount of \$23,800 & \$450 for Cook County Permit, totaling \$24,250 and charge account 12707-55178. (Tabled)

Tabling of Payments to Holland Asphalt Services, Inc for 910 Williams and 805 Greenbay

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Tillman to table payment to Holland Asphalt Services Inc. for 910 Williams and 805 Greenbay until an emergency demolition order is provided.

MOTION CARRIED

9): Approve Payment to Traffic Safety Store

Approve cost payable to Traffic Safety Store, in the amount of \$13,482.23 (INV#INV915834) for additional speed bump spikes. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01041-53305.

10): Approve Payment to Veritone for Renewal Order #0003130

Approve cost payable to Piekarski & Sons. (INV#4674), in the amount of \$7,200.00 for storm debris clean up. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #12707-55178.

11): Approve Payment to Arlington

Approve cost payable to Arlington, in the amount of \$23,423.40 (INV#284517) for alley gravel. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 04007-52456.

12): Approve Payment
Keystone Cooperative Inc. (INV#
3405260)

Approve cost payable to Keystone Cooperative Inc. (INV# 3405260), in the amount of \$5,932.93 for diesel. Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01099 52009.

13): Approve Payment to Farnsworth (Inv
#265099) (Tabled)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265099) for Project #02501151.001 Public Works Drainage and Site Work that included services associated with site design. This project is reimbursable through DCEO funding under Calumet City grant number G-141 (DCEO State Award ID: 1785-55223), in the amount of \$13,380.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01110-55208. (Tabled)

Tabling of Payment to Farnsworth (Inv
#265099)

Alderman Nelson moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson to table payment to Farnsworth (Inv#265099).

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Financial Items 1-5,9-12, and
14-16

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Tillman to approve 1-5, 9-12, and 14-16.

Alderman Wilson requested 14-16 be
Taken Separately

Alderman Wilson stated she didn't have any questions she just is requesting 14,15, and 16 be taken separately.

Alderman Williams Withdrew Motion

Alderman Williams withdrew his motion to approve financial items 1-5, 9-12, and 14-16.

Alderman Tillman Withdrew Second

Alderman Tillman withdrew his second to approve financial items 1-5, 9-12, and 14-16.

Approval of Financial Item #1-5, and 9-
12

Alderman Williams moved seconded by Alderman Harvey to approve financial items #1-5 and 9-12.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

MOTION CARRIED

14): Approve Payroll (\$1,076,952.97)

Approve Payroll (\$1,076,952.97).

Approval of Payroll (\$1,076,952.97)

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Nelson to approve payroll (\$1,076,952.97).

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 1
ABSENT: 0

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

MOTION CARRIED

15): Approve Emergency Bill List (\$806.00)

Approve Emergency Bill List (\$806.00).

Approval of Emergency Bill List (\$806.00)

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Harvey to approve Emergency Bill List (\$806.00).

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 1
ABSENT: 0

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

MOTION CARRIED

16): Approve Bill Listing (\$577,877.23)

Approve Bill Listing (\$577,877.23).

Approval of Bill Listing (\$577,877.23)

Alderman Nelson moved, seconded by Alderman Harvey to approve Bill Listing (\$577,877.23).

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 1
ABSENT: 0

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

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

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

Public Safety

Alderman Gardner had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderwoman Phillips had no report.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Tillman had no report.

H.E.W

Alderwoman Wilson commended Calumet City Council for being a part of the Domestic Violence Task Force. Alderman Wilson also thanked Cook County Commissioner Donna Miller for her hard work and dedication to the cause.

Permits & Licenses

Alderwoman Harvey had no report.

Public Works

Alderwoman Nelson thanked all the departments and the residents for their hard work cleaning the debris from the storm. Alderman Nelson requested residents remain patient; public works is still removing debris; please allow them time.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Alderwoman Harvey – 1st Ward

Alderwoman Harvey would like 1st ward residents to continue to call her at (708) 891-8198 and email her sharvey@calumetcity.org with any questions or concerns. Alderman Harvey expressed appreciation to all the departments for their hard work during the storms.

Alderwoman Wilson – 2nd Ward

Alderman Wilson thanked all the departments for assisting with the 2nd ward clean up. Alderman Wilson stated our residents have to be held accountable for trash in the street and grass clippings clogging the drains; this causes flooding. Alderman Wilson commended Water Commissioner Gerry Surfka for being out helping residents while his own basement was flooding. Alderman Wilson stated the council voted for a flat rate for storm water increase not a per gallon increase she stated this needs to be corrected. Alderman Wilson reported an incident where Calumet City Police Department had to get involved in a shooting during football practice; Alderman Wilson commended the Police Department for the way they showed up and also the Park District for ushering the children into the building to protect them. Alderman Wilson announced there will be a 2nd ward meeting on August 5th at 6:30 p.m. Alderman Wilson would like 2nd ward residents to contact her office at (708) 589-4990 or email her at monet@alderwomanwilson.com. Alderman Wilson announced she is personally going to sponsor 15 13 to 14 year olds to play tackle football.

Alderman Tillman – 3rd Ward

Alderman Tillman announced the 3rd and 4th ward meeting will be held on the August 03, 2026, at the Calumet City Library at 6:00 p.m. Alderman Tillman announced the annual 3rd and 4th ward Back to School Bash will be held on August the 8th at Downey Park starting at noon if you are looking to volunteer please contact his office at (708) 891-8193.

Alderman Williams – 4th Ward

Alderman Williams gave honor to God. Alderman Williams announced he will be collaborating with Sister Strong on a resource give away on July 25th at the Sears Parking lot in Calumet City to assist Calumet City and surrounding neighborhoods like Glenwood, and Lansing. Alderman Williams announced there will be snacks distributed along with detergent, towels, wash cloths, and hygiene products. Alderman Williams reported he had a conversation with Cleo Jones and Mayor Jones regarding the changes to the stormwater rate and he thinks it was a technical error that should be able to be corrected soon. Alderman Williams would like 4th ward residents to contact his office at (708) 212-2240 with any questions or concerns.

Alderman Gardner – 5th Ward

Alderman Gardner thanked God for the life of two of his 5th ward residents that had a tree fall on their home in the middle of the night on June 14, 2026, he is happy to say they made it out safely. Alderman Gardner stated there were 7 trees that fell in the 5th ward during the storm and that he is grateful to Police, Fire, ESDA, Building and Zoning and Public Works for their hard work during this event. Alderman Gardner reported his office has put together some post storm information for the residents if you would like a hard copy, please contact his office at (708) 891-8195 other then that the information will be sent out via text message.

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 Chief Kolosh and Police Department for their efforts and professionalism on the 4th of July when called to a home in the 6th ward for a large gathering. Alderman Nelson stated she is holding the residents accountable and if they have that many guest they need to host their event at a park.

Alderman Phillips– 7th Ward

Alderman Phillips requested that residents contact her at (708) 891-9197 or email her at mphillips@calumetcity.org. Alderman Phillips mentioned that one of the 7th ward residents has been displaced due to fire works and warned residents to be cautious and leave the fireworks to the professionals.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Nelson

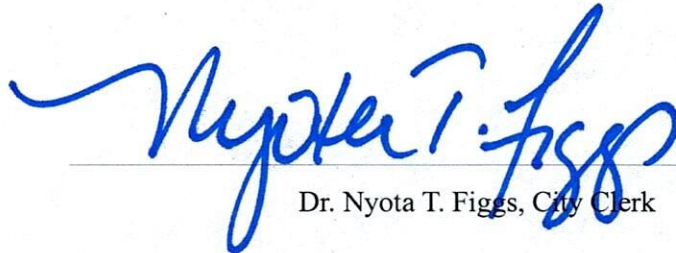
Alderman Nelson thanked all of the department heads for their hard work

Alderman Harvey

Alderman Harvey stated she spoke with Director Tillman about creating a document for the residents that will address the information they need to know to keep them safe and that will be coming out citywide.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 7:36 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Tillman, seconded by Alderman Nelson.



Dr. Nyota T. Figs, City Clerk

MOTION CARRIED

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