

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**MARCH 12, 2026**

Public Comment

Paulet Nelson 1373 Imperial Avenue announced that her street and the surrounding blocks are in really bad condition and need to be repaired not patched.

Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. in a regular meeting on March 12, 2026, with Mayor Pro Tem Ramonde Williams.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 7 ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson (Remote), Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips.

ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: None

Also present were: City Clerk Dr. Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, Fire Chief Bachert, City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey, Director of Inspectional Service Sheryl Tillman, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, Police Chief Kolosh, Corporate Counsel Richard Bruen (Ansel Glink), Legislative Counsel Jayman Avery (Odelson, Murphy, Fraizer, & McGrath).

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

Prayer

Pastor Stokes led the city council in prayer.

Request For Remote Participation

Alderman Wilson requested to participate remotely in the March 12, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting due to having to work.

Approval for Alderman Wilson to Attend the Regular City Council Meeting Remotely

Alderman Phillips moved, seconded by Alderman Nelson to approve remote participation for Alderman Wilson due to her having to work.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6 ALDERMEN: Harvey, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips

NAYS: 0 ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0 ALDERMAN: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Nelson moved, seconded by Alderman Harvey to approve the minutes as presented: 02/18/2026 Public Works Committee of the Whole  
02/26/2026 Regular City Council Mtg.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE**

A. Congratulating Farnsworth Group

RE: Congratulating Farnsworth Group for being recognized by the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) at the 2026 Engineering Excellence Awards Gala on February 18, 2026. Farnsworth Group was the recipient of the ACEC of Illinois Merit Award in the category of Waste and Storm Water for their leadership and hard work on the 2023 Green Alley Project and Partnership with MWRD.

Accept and Place on File

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Harvey to accept item A and place on file.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1): Approve Certification Petition

Approve unit certification petition filed by Teamsters Local 700.

2): Direct City Attorney to Draft An 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 1382 Hirsch Avenue.

3): Approve Renaming of the Training Center

Approve the official renaming of the Calumet City Public Safety Training Center in honor of our late Deputy Fire Chief, Peter J. Bendinelli to, Peter J. Bendinelli Training Center.

4): Approve Disposal of Police Computer Equipment

Approve the disposal and destruction of end-of-life police computer equipment, as identified in the attached communication. The operating systems on these computers are no longer supported, are not compatible with current software applications required for operations, and the equipment can no longer be used effectively or securely.

5): Lateral Hire Incentive

Direct the City Treasurer to issue the first installment payment for the Lateral hire Incentive to Officer P. Sears, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Calumet City and the Fraternal Order of Police, payment to be charged to account #01060-52437 (Recruitment & Retention Grant).

Approval of New Business Items #2-5

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Harvey to approve new business items #1-5.

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

390 Oglesby 4th Ward Fence  
385 Marquette Ave 2nd Ward Fence  
524 Greenbay Ave 1st Ward Fence

Fence Variance

210 Warren 5th Ward Fence Variance

Approval of Building Permits  
New Fence and Fence Variances

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Harvey to approve Building Permits new fence and fence variances.

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**

None

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#1: Payment to Micro-Eye Security  
Systems, Inc

Approve payment to Micro-Eye Security Systems, Inc. for Annual Radio Alarm Monitoring & TC-2 (invoice 58423); authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$5,208.00 and charge account #01099-52990.

Refer Payment to Micro-Eye Security  
Systems, Inc to the Finance Committee

Alderman Phillips moved, seconded by Alderman Harvey to approve Financial Items #1, 3-15, and 17.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

#2: Payment to Take N Photos

Approve \$500 payment for recording and photos for (2) 2nd ward events, please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Take N Photos LLC (#5980), in the amount of \$500, from account #01010-52382.

#3: Payment to Alderwoman Monet S.  
Wilson

Approve \$2,500 payment for refreshments and supplies for (3) 2nd ward events, please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Alderwoman Monet S. Wilson, in the amount of \$2,500, from account #01099-52723. Receipts and invoices will be supplied to the treasurer's office upon completion.

- #4: Payment to M&J Breakfast House Approve \$1000 payment for food (2) 2nd ward events, please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to M&J Breakfast House in the amount of \$1000, from account #01099-52723. Receipts and will be supplied to the treasurer's office upon completion.
- #5: Payment to Foster Coach Sales Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Foster Coach Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$476,130.00; this is for the purchase of a 2028 Ford F550 4x4 diesel chassis ambulance. The line item to be used is 06607-55100. Expected delivery is 2029, upon delivery payment will be due.
- #6: Payment to Budd Mechanical Systems Approve quote to Budd Mechanical Systems in the amount of \$5,994.00 for repair South Cracked Heat Exchanger (age of Unit 2009) for pumping station @ 945 State Street 3, Water Service Department, authorize the city treasurer to remit payment from account #03036- 52344.
- #7: Payment to Rescue 8 Education & Training Division Inc. Approve and to authorize City Treasurer to remit payment to Rescue 8 Education & Training Division Inc. in the amount of \$6,000.00 for certified personnel to teach CPR and assist with classes offered to department personnel and members of the public. The line item to be used is 06617-52390.
- #8: Payment to Core & Main Approve cost payable to Core & Main for invoice #INV0017418, in the amount of \$5,146.78, authorize the city treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-53300. (4" Clamp a Rigid Locator for underground locating mains.).
- #9: Payment to Cannon Cochran Management Services, Inc Approve the service agreement with Cannon Cochran Management Services, Inc. (CCMSI) for the administration of Liability & Property Claims from 4/1/2026 - 3/31/2027 in the amount of \$20,000.00 and direct City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01050 52271.
- #10: Payment to Complex Network Solutions Approve the installation of a new public safety camera, to be located in the area of Sibley Boulevard and Exchange Avenue, by Complex Network Solutions in the amount of \$31,000.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Complex Network Solutions in the amount of \$31,000.00 to be charged to account 06860-57117 (Federal Asset Forfeiture - Law Enforcement Equipment).
- #11: Payment to Lyons-Pinner Electric Approve costs payable to Lyons-Pinner Electric, in the amount of \$6,019.30 (INV# 33358). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 04007-52449.
- #12: Payment to Lyons-Pinner Electric Approve costs payable to Lyons-Pinner Electric, in the amount of \$6,659.00 (INV# 33487). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 04007-52449.
- #13: Payment to South Suburban College Approve costs payable to South Suburban College for recycling events in the amount of \$20,000.00 (INV# SSC-CC-2025-Q1). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01041-52141.
- #14: Payment to Traffic Safety Store Approve costs payable to Traffic Safety Store for speed bump spikes and crosswalk signs in the amount of \$14,766.47 (INV# INV915413). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01041-53305.
- #15: Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #267148) Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #267148) for Project #02501272.001 Lead Service Line Replacement - Phase III, in the amount of \$91,976.46 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01110 55145.

#16: Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #267377)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #267377) for Project #02500992.001 Sewer and Stormwater Capital Improvement Action Plan, in the amount of \$91,090.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #12607 55171.

#17: Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #267501)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #267501) for Project #0230475.00 Lead Service Line Replacement Project - Phase II, in the amount of \$22,612.03 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01110 55145.

#18: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing Co., Inc.

Approve and to authorize City Treasurer to remit payment to Calumet City Plumbing Co., Inc. in the amount of \$27,385.00. The line item to be used is 06617-55135.

#19: Payment to Air One Equipment, Inc.

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Air One Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$6,000.00. The line item to be used is 06617-55100. This is for 12 refurbished SCBA cylinders.

#20: Payment to DA Banquet Hall

Direct the city treasurer to issue payment to DA banquet hall for \$5000 from the mayor's neighborhood development account for the championship calumet city thunderbolts banquet on March 28, 2026.

#21: Approve Payroll Total: (\$1,036,622.07)

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#22: Approve Bill List (\$1,695,517.18)

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Approve Financial Items #2-22

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance

Alderman Williams gave a brief report on the Special Meeting held March 10, 2026.

Public Safety

Alderman Gardner had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderman Phillips reported on the current programs Com Ed has and suggested that residents with low income contact Com Ed for assistance.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Tillman had no report.

H.E.W

Alderman Wilson had no report.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Harvey had no report.

Public Works

Alderman Nelson reported that the Public Works Committee will have a meeting March 31, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.; Economic Development and the department over business licenses will be present.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Alderwoman Harvey – 1<sup>st</sup> Ward

Alderman Harvey wished everyone a Happy Women's History Month. Alderman Harvey announced the 1<sup>st</sup> ward will be having a Spring cleanup soon. Alderman Harvey would like 1<sup>st</sup> ward resident to contact her if they need her.

Alderwoman Wilson – 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward

Alderman Wilson would like the 2<sup>nd</sup> ward residents to call or text her at (708) 586-4990 or email at [monet@alderwomanwilson.com](mailto:monet@alderwomanwilson.com). Alderman Wilson thanked the 2<sup>nd</sup> ward for their thoughtfulness and prayers during her time of loss. Alderman Wilson thanked the City Clerk Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, the 4<sup>th</sup> ward Alderman Ramonde Williams, 5<sup>th</sup> ward Alderman Dejuan Gardner, 6<sup>th</sup> ward Alderman Miacole Nelson and 7<sup>th</sup> ward Alderman Melissa Phillips for attending the 2<sup>nd</sup> ward meeting at River Oaks Mall. Alderman Wilson announced the 2<sup>nd</sup> ward will be hosting 3 events to celebrate Women's History Month.

Alderman Tillman – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward

Alderman Tillman reported that he is still trying to have a meeting with River Oaks Estates management team. Alderman Tillman announced the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ward will have a meeting on May 04 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Calumet City Library; there will not be a meeting the month of April.

Alderman Williams – 4<sup>th</sup> Ward

Alderman Williams announced that volunteers are needed and welcome for the Juneteenth event. Alderman Williams would like volunteers to contact his office at (708) 212-2240 or (708) 891-8198.

Alderman Gardner – 5<sup>th</sup> Ward

Alderman Gardner would like 5<sup>th</sup> ward residents to call his office at (708) 891-8195 with any questions or concerns. Alderman Gardner announced his office is working on having a 5<sup>th</sup> ward meeting in the month of April.

Alderwoman Nelson– 6<sup>th</sup> Ward

Alderman Nelson thanked all the residents and department heads that attended the 6<sup>th</sup> ward meeting. Alderman Nelson announced the 6<sup>th</sup> ward will have a meeting on April 25, 2026, the theme is Community, Conversation, and Paint. Alderman Nelson would like 6<sup>th</sup> ward residents with any questions or concerns to contact her at (708) 891-8196.

Alderman Phillips– 7<sup>th</sup> Ward

Alderman Phillips would like residents to contact her at (708) 891-8197 or [mphillips@calumetcity.org](mailto:mphillips@calumetcity.org) with any questions or concerns. Alderman Phillips announced that she will be collaborating with Alderman Nelson on the April 25<sup>th</sup> event Community, Conversation, and Paint.

Motion to Enter Into Closed Session

Alderman Nelson moved, seconded by Alderman Harvey to enter into closed session to discuss Teamsters Local 700.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Executive Session

The city council met in executive session from 6:28 p.m. to 7:08 p.m.

Return to the Regular Order of Business

Alderman Nelson moved, seconded by Alderman Phillips to return to the regular order of business at 7:10 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Decline to Approve The Unit Certification

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Phillips that the City Council decline to approve the unit certification position provided by Teamsters Local 700 at this time as the document was executed prior to authorization by the City Council, I further move that the city communicate to Local Teamsters 700 that the city remains willing to work with them through the proper process and with Council approval to address any potential unit certifications; I further direct the City Administrator to provide the City Council with job descriptions and salaries of every employee in the listed positions.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

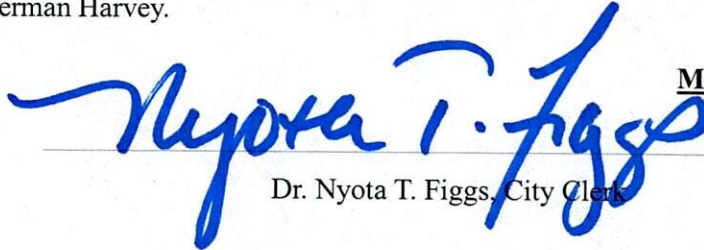
**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment was at 7:15 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Phillips, seconded by Alderman Harvey.

**MOTION CARRIED**

  
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Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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