

HEALTH EDUCATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
OF THE WHOLE
HELD ON JUNE 03, 2026
204 PULASKI ROAD, CALUMET CITY, ILLINOIS

CALL TO ORDER The Health Education and Welfare Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. on June 03, 2026, by Chairman Monet Wilson.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT 7 ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams (6:09 p.m.),
Gardner (6:09 p.m.), Nelson, Phillips.

ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: NONE

Also present were: City Clerk Dr. Figgs, Deputy Fire Chief Samuel Vega, City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey, and Deputy Jessica Coffee.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

Discussion and
Overview of Division
24 (Tobacco Dealers)
Of Article V

Alderman Wilson gave a brief overview of an ordinance amending Division 24 (Tobacco Dealers) of Article V (Other Businesses and Occupations) of Chapter 54 (Licenses and Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations) and Division 2 (licenses and permits) of Article III (Retail Establishments) of Chapter 6 (Alcoholic Liquor) of the of the Municipal Code of the City of Calumet City.

Alderman Wilson expressed a need for change in the City of Calumet City; she stated our students have a vast amount of access to vaping and tobacco products in the neighborhood stores. Alderman Wilson reported that there are stores in the city that have sections dedicated to vaping and tobacco when the store was simply opened as a corner store and some of these stores are across the street from our middle schools.

Legislative Counsel Attorney Avery gave a breakdown of the changes and updates the committee hopes to implement for the safety of Calumet City youth. Attorney Avery mentioned implementing tobacco display limitations based on the store's square footage. Attorney Avery stated the Ordinance would limit the proximity from stores to schools.

Alderman Gardner asked if the Calumet City Police Department has been having issues with youth being sold tobacco.

Lieutenant Erikson responded that the police department sends officers that are fresh out of the academy to attempt to buy tobacco and liquor to make sure that stores are actively carding consumers.

Alderman Gardner inquired about the updated Ordinance and if it will decrease the number of Smoke Shops in the city.

Attorney Avery advised that limiting the number of smoke shop licenses is a decision that is solely up to the council.

Alderman Tillman expressed concern with the legal age limit changing to 21 years as mentioned in the ordinance.

Alderman Nelson inquired about which department would enforce the ordinance for smoke shops.

Attorney Avery replied; Inspectional Services would enforce the laws regarding Smoke Shops in the city.

City Clerk Figgs announced that the city previously employed a Business License Inspector that would review professional licenses and would frequently visit the businesses and write tickets if they were in violation.

Alderman Nelson requested the amended Ordinance include distance required between schools and smoke shops so that the businesses that are selling tobacco doesn't appear on every corner.

Discussion on
Business And
Property Chronic
Nuisance Ordinance

Alderman Wilson gave a brief overview of a possible chronic nuisance property and business ordinance. Alderman Wilson commented regarding the City Council recognizing that residents have the right to peacefully enjoy their homes and neighborhoods free from unreasonable disturbances and conditions that negatively impact public health, safety, and welfare.

Alderman Nelson commented regarding business receiving licenses and operating with building violations; this is an example of a nuisance and not being a good partner.

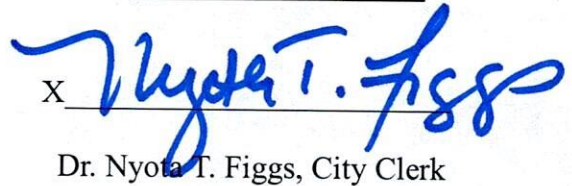
IEPA Extension
Request

City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey gave a report on the meeting with USEPA and the IEPA on May 19, 2026. The City of Calumet City has until June 5, 2026, to produce a comprehensive plan to select one water source between Hammond and Chicago and to repair the piping system. City Administrator Jaffrey stated the actual plan will take about two years to complete.

Adjournment

Alderman Phillips moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Harvey at 6:48 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

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Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk