

**SPECIAL MEETING FINANCE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
HELD ON MAY 19, 2025
204 PULASKI ROAD, CALUMET CITY,
ILLINOIS**

Minute Correction The City Council voted to correct the May 19, 2025 Special Meeting
Aldерwoman Wilson minutes at the May 22, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting to allow
Attendance Alderwoman Wilson Remote Attendance.

(See Excerpt from May 22, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes)

**Mayor Jones Requested May 19, 2025,
Minutes be Corrected**

*Mayor Jones stated he received a request in the proper
timeframe from Alderwoman Wilson to be admitted to the
May 19th Special Meeting but because he had her blocked
on his phone; he did not receive the message but other
Aldermen did.*

**Alderwoman Wilson's Request for Remote
Participation for the May 19, 2025, Special
Meeting**

*Alderwoman Wilson stated her reason for not being in court
chambers at the Special Meeting on May 19, 2025, was due
her having to work and attend her son's commencement
ceremony.*

**Approval of Remote Participation for the
May 19, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes to
Include Alderwoman Wilson as Present**

*Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Williams
to correct the May 19th meeting to allow Alderwoman
Wilson to be admitted into the May 19th meeting and
direct City Clerk Figgs and Treasurer Tarka to correct the
meeting minutes and payroll.*

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

CALL TO ORDER The Special Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City
Council was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Mayor Thaddeus Jones.

PRESENT: 6 ALDERMEN: Harvey Tillman, Williams, Gardner (6:08 p.m.),
Nelson, Phillips

ABSENT: 1 ALDERMEN: Wilson

Also present were: City Clerk Dr. Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, Fire Chief Bachert, Police Chief Kolosh, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, Deputy Clerk II Quentin Dailey, City Attorney Dominick Lanzito, City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey, Community Economic Development Val Williams, and Christina Signorelli.

Public Comment: None

Deanne Jaffrey City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey gave an explanation regarding the
Explanation of difference between Fire Pension Board and the Police Pension Board.
The Fire Pension Deanne Jaffrey informed the council that she currently serves on both
Board and Police boards.
Pension Board

Appointments Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey
to appoint Commissioner Jerico Thomas, Deputy Commissioner
Kevin “Jay” Embrey, Deputy Commissioner Joshua Brown, Deputy
Commissioner Scott Nnamah, and Deanne Jaffrey to the Fire and
Police Commissioner Board.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 4 ALDERMEN: Harvey, Tillman, Nelson, Phillips

NAYS: 0 ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 1 ALDERMEN: Wilson (Absent/Remote attendance granted by vote
on May 22, 2025 at the Regular City Council
Meeting)

PRESENT: 2 ALDERMEN: Williams, Gardner

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Jones Mayor Jones led a discussion regarding the Regular City Council Agenda for
May 22, 2025.

Mayor Jones Mayor Jones led a brief discussion regarding the CCRAP program and hopes
CCRAP for finding funding. Mayor Jones spoke about the importance of assisting
Discussion residents. Mayor Jones suggested the council be able to use a portion of
their Neighborhood Development fund to fund CCRAP in their perspective
wards; since the city no longer has ARPA (American Rescue Plane Act)

funds available. Mayor Jones made a commitment to raise the funds for the CCRAP program.

Alderman
Gardner

“As far as the CCRAP program is concerned as I stated in a previous meeting it was to my knowledge that we were out of funds. I’m okay with helping residents, I’m totally all for it, but again if we could properly remove this from agenda and have further discussion maybe about partnering with some other agencies that assist in those areas. I know the County has a grant there again for the Single-Family Rehab Grant; a furnace for somebody’s home would be a qualified item. There are other organizations like CEDA that provides assistance in these matters. Again, I am all for assisting residents but I would like to see us as a city partnering with some of these organizations that have the set aside funding for these matters, Thank you.”

IT Presentation

IT Director Kevin Martin and Megan Wilson, IT Manager presented plans to the council to upgrade IT in every city office. IT Director Kevin Martin expressed a need for 1 million dollars to the council to bring Calumet City up to date as far as technology is concerned. Megan IT Manager, spoke about work that has already been completed in Inspectional Services, Public Works, the Fire Department, and Water Department. Megan spoke about the need for IT’s attention at the Training Center.

Alderman Tillman

Alderman Tillman made an inquiry about the timeline to have the Alderman’s phone lines repaired. Alderman Tillman would like a copy of the spreadsheet that was used to obtain the bond funding for this large project.

Alderman Gardner

Alderman Gardner requested the spreadsheet as well to be able to move forward.

Treasurer Tarka

Treasurer Tarka suggested the one-million-dollar amount be approved but all bills and proposals be presented to the council.

IT Director

IT Director Kevin Martin reported that he currently has a proposal for the equipment.

Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones stated the matter can be reviewed at the next Regular City Council Meeting on May 22, 2025.

Mayor Jones
Committee
Assignments

Mayor Jones went over the committee assignments and the Committee Chairs responsibilities.

Alderman Gardner

Alderman Gardner requested he be placed on the Public Works Committee.

Mayor Jones
First Time Home
Buyers Program

Mayor Jones spoke about getting a 100 homes a year back on the tax rolls every year.

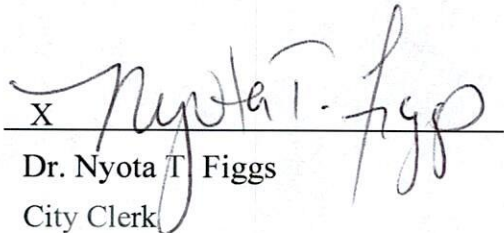
Attorney Lanzito

Attorney Lanzito commented regarding possible guidelines for the First Time Home Buyers Program.

Adjournment

Alderman Nelson moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Tillman at 7:22 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

X 
Dr. Nyota T. Figgs
City Clerk