

HEALTH EDUCATION AND WELFARE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 29, 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 6:17 p.m. on April 29, 2026, by Chairman Alderman Monet S. Wilson.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: NONE

Also present were: City Clerk Dr. Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey, Fire Chief Bachert, Human Resource Director Deston Dorchak, Legislative Counsel Jayman Avery, and Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee.

PUBLIC COMMENT Mr. Hood from the 600 block of Muskegon commented regarding the amount of Resident Only Parking Signs on Muskegon and surrounding blocks. Mr. Hood stated that there is nowhere for visitors to park.

Presentation
From Dr. Garnadette
Stuckey, LCSW Ph.D. Garnadette Stuckey LCSW Ph.D. presented on the mental health aspect of Domestic Violence. Dr. Stuckey spoke about women who struggle to stay alive and escape domestic violence relationships. Dr. Stuckey spoke about ways to support victims and not judge them.

Presentation From
Sarah Brown Sarah Brown Program Director of Giving a Helping Hand Outreach gave a personal account of how domestic violence has affected her and her son's life. Sarah Brown reported on the lack of assistance for the victims in the Southland. Sarah Brown led a discussion regarding resources the council may be able to provide to help victims survive domestic violence in Calumet City.

Domestic Violence
Task Force Discussion There was a detailed discussion regarding the city having a Domestic Violence Task Force. There was inquiry regarding the city's liability when assisting Domestic Violence victims. The council also discussed funding and resources.

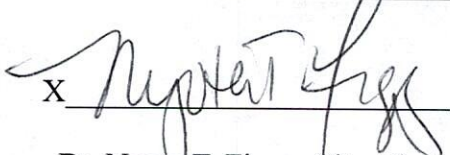
Council Consensus

The city council came to a consensus to place the Domestic Violence task force on the upcoming regular city council meeting or special meeting agenda.

Adjournment

Alderman Gardner moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Nelson at 7:18 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

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Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk