

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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

APRIL 24, 2025

Public Comment

George Grenchik 457 Freeland Avenue thanked Alderman Mike Navarrete and Alderman James Patton for their years of service and he hopes the new Aldermen have the same level of integrity.

Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:02 p.m. in a regular meeting on April 24, 2025, with Mayor Pro Tem Ramonde Williams present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 6

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Patton, Smith

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Gardner

Also present was: City Treasurer Tarka, Police Chief Kolosh, Fire Chief Bachert, Attorney Mark Sterk and Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee.

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

Prayer

George Grenchik led the City Council in prayer.

Approval of Minutes

April 10, 2025: Regular City Council Meeting

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Patton to approve the minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

A. ESDA Report for March 2025

RE: Emergency Service Disaster Agency (ESDA Report for March 2025).

B. Revenue & Expenditure Status Report

RE: Treasurer Tarka submitting the Revenue & Expenditure Status Report for the month of March 31, 2025.

C. 100th Quarterly Investment Report

RE: Treasurer Tarka submitting the 100th Quarterly Investment Report.

D. Pace Groundbreaking Ceremony
Approval of Informational Items to be
Accepted And Placed on File

RE: Pace groundbreaking ceremony for the Calumet City ADA
Transfer Facility project dated for June 2, 2025.

Approval of Informational Items to be
Accepted and Placed on File

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Patton to approve
informational items to be accepted and placed on file.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Patton, Smith
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMEN: Gardner

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

#1: Direct Public Works to Install
Resident Parking Only Sign

Approve Resident Only sign in front of 135 Highland St. Direct
public works to install.

Approval of New Business Items

Alderman Patton motioned seconded by Alderman Smith to approve
new business items.

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

New Fence

618 Memorial Dr. Privacy Fence 1st Ward

Approval of New Building Permits
New Fence

Alderman Smith motioned seconded by Alderman Navarrete to
approve new business items building permit new fence.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Patton, Smith
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMEN: Gardner

MOTION CARRIED

Fence Variance

586 Calhoun Ave Privacy Fence 2nd Ward

Tabeling of New Building Permits
Fence Variance

Alderman Wilson motioned seconded by Alderman Patton to table
new business items.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Res.1 Resolution Thanking Alderman Michael Navarrete

A Resolution thanking Alderman Michael Navarrete for his service and commitment to Calumet City

Res.#25-12

(See Attached 3A)

Approval Resolutions

Alderman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson to adopt Resolutions as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson, Tillman, Williams Patton, Smith

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Gardner

MOTION CARRIED

Res.2 Resolution Thanking Alderman James C. Patton, Jr

A Resolution thanking Alderman James C. Patton, Jr. for his service and commitment to Calumet City.

Res.#25-13

(See Attached 3B)

Approval Resolutions

Alderman Navarrete moved, seconded by Alderman Williams to adopt Resolutions as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 5

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Smith

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Gardner

ABSTAIN: 1

ALDERMEN: Patton

MOTION CARRIED

Res.3 Resolution Thanking Alderman Anthony Smith

A Resolution thanking Alderman Anthony Smith for his service and commitment to Calumet City

Res.#25-14

(See Attached 3C)

Approval Resolutions

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Williams to adopt Resolutions as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 5

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Smith

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Gardner

PRESENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Wilson

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Navarrete

“As I conclude my tenure as 1st ward Alderman; I reflect on the past 8 years with a mix of pride, frustration and valuable lessons learned.

**THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 25-12

**A RESOLUTION HONORING FORMER ALDERPERSON
MICHAEL NAVARRETE**

**THADDEUS JONES, Mayor
DR. NYOTA T. FIGGS, City Clerk**

**DEJUAN GARDNER
SHALISA HARVEY
MIACOLE NELSON
MELISSA PHILLIPS
DEANDRE TILLMAN
RAMONDE WILLIAMS
MONET WILSON**

Aldermen

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-12

A RESOLUTION HONORING FORMER ALDERPERSON MICHAEL NAVARRETE

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City hereby thank and honor former Alderperson Michael Navarrete for his years of dedicated service to the City of Calumet City and its residents.

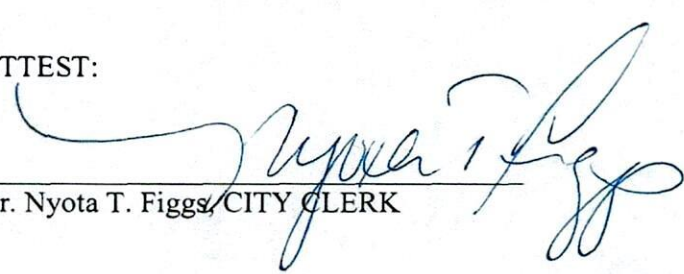
ADOPTED this 24th day of April 2025, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent	Present
Navarrete	X			
Wilson	X			
Tillman	X			
Williams	X			
Gardner			X	
Patton	X			
Smith	X			
(Mayor Jones)				

APPROVED by the Mayor on April 24, 2025.


Thaddeus Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:


Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, CITY CLERK

**THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 25-13

**A RESOLUTION HONORING FORMER ALDERPERSON
JAMES C. PATTON JR.**

**THADDEUS JONES, Mayor
DR. NYOTA T. FIGGS, City Clerk**

**DEJUAN GARDNER
SHALISA HARVEY
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A RESOLUTION HONORING FORMER ALDERPERSON JAMES C. PATTON JR.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City hereby thank and honor former Alderperson James C. Patton Jr. for his years of dedicated service to the City of Calumet City and its residents.

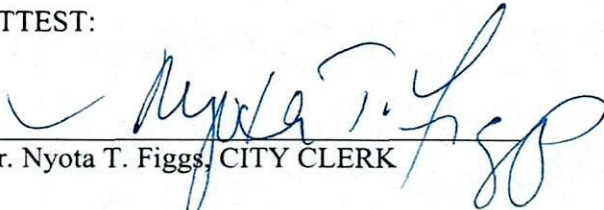
ADOPTED this 24th day of April 2025, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent	Present	Abstain
Navarrete	X				
Wilson	X				
Tillman	X				
Williams	X				
Gardner			X		
Patton					X
Smith	X				
(Mayor Jones)					

APPROVED by the Mayor on April 24, 2025.


Thaddeus Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:


Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, CITY CLERK

**THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 25-14

**A RESOLUTION HONORING FORMER ALDERPERSON
ANTHONY SMITH**

**THADDEUS JONES, Mayor
DR. NYOTA T. FIGGS, City Clerk**

**DEJUAN GARDNER
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RESOLUTION NO. 25-14

A RESOLUTION HONORING FORMER ALDERPERSON ANTHONY SMITH

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City hereby thank and honor former Alderperson Anthony Smith for his years of dedicated service to the City of Calumet City and its residents.

ADOPTED this 24th day of April 2025, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent	Present
Navarrete	X			
Wilson				X
Tillman	X			
Williams	X			
Gardner			X	
Patton	X			
Smith	X			
(Mayor Jones)				

APPROVED by the Mayor on April 24, 2025.


Thaddeus Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:


Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, CITY CLERK

My journey has been marked by both accomplishments and challenges; and I am truly grateful for the opportunity to have served the city that has raised me. In the early years we made significant strides in the community development and in infrastructure improvements. We successfully initiated projects like the Green Alley initiative, which aimed to enhance our neighborhood sustainability and address flooding issues. These efforts were supported by grants from organizations like the MWRD and CMAP which recognized the potential of our wards, of our wards sandy soils and green infrastructure. We focused on sidewalk repairs on Wilson Avenue, Memorial Drive and Lincoln Avenue to support children walking to Wilson Avenue schools and Memorial Park. We rebuilt additional capacity on Riverside drive under the Burnham Bridge to support light industrial expansion. However, the latter part of my service was brought with obstacles with the Jones administration of then hindered progress, with unilateral decisions that bypassed the city council's approval process. This included misallocation of funds, such as the \$1.6 million spent on the public works yard clean up, far exceeding the approved budget of \$400,000.00. The Mayor's focus on short-term community events and personal gains overshadowed long- term economic development initiatives that could have benefited our ward. Despite these challenges, I remained committed to advocating for transparency and accountability. I questioned decisions like the inflated garbage contract and the misuse of city resources for personal benefits. While these efforts sometimes put me at odds with the administration, I believed it was essential to uphold the integrity of our office. Looking ahead, I hope the groundwork laid during my tenure will pave the way for future development. Projects like the Burnham Avenue streetscape improvements and the State Street interchange feasibility study hold promise for revitalizing our community. I encourage continued collaboration with organizations such as Great Cities, CMAP, MWRD, and IDOT along with stakeholders to ensure these plans come to fruition. As I finish my tenure of public service, I am grateful for the support of my constituents and colleagues who shared my vision for a better First Ward. While the journey was not without it's trials, I leave with a deeper understanding of the complexities of local governance and a commitment to continue advocating for positive change in our community. Thank you for entrusting me with the responsibility of serving as your alderman. It has been a blessing."

Alderman Patton

"Thirteen years ago I walked into this building for the first time and every since that day I've been serving this community in one capacity or another with the last 8 serving here on the city council and I look back on those thirteen years and there are some of the fondest memories and some of the worst moments I've had in my life have come as a result of sitting in this chair and being in this building. If not for the opportunity to be here and work here under the former Mayor; Mayor Michelle; I would've never met my wife, I would've never had my kids, I wouldn't have made some great friends that I made along the way here and colleagues that I've worked with over

the years here as well. As Alderman Navarrete said the last four years has been a struggle, I think anybody that's paid attention to this city council over the last four years is very familiar with my frustrations, very familiar with my anger over a number of things most of which Alderman Navarrete has just mentioned so I won't repeat it. But I think as I look forward over the next four years and walk out this building tonight still a homeowner and a taxpayer in this city I would like to urge my colleagues who are continuing on for the next for years and those new ones that are coming in to continue to keep a close eye on the tax payer dollars these are not your dollars that are being spent these are not dollars that are to be spent for personal use or for personal gain for anybody sitting in this room. And make sure you always do the right thing, if you always do the right thing you can sleep at night knowing that nothings bad going to happen to you, and you don't have to wake up the next day seeing your name in the newspaper next to the word investigation. So, I wanna thank all of my colleagues for your support over the years and its been a pleasure. Thank the residents for the opportunity to serve you again over the last 13 years. That's it thank you Mayor Pro Tem."

Alderman Smith

"Thank you, Mayor Pro Tem; I am truly thankful for serving this great city for the last 8 years, my best wishes to my successor Ms. Phillips. I would like to mark many of my accomplishments by stating the following as a sitting member of this city council; I supported a balanced budget all 8 years, also brought about 10 million dollars in Economic Development also presented a proposal to bring about eight thousand to ten thousand jobs in renewable energy. So, the city has always had my best interest at heart and I want to see my successor continue many of the successes that I've done. And should she need assistance or have a question I will make myself available to answer any questions and I give the best answer I can on the matter. Thank you for the last eight years."

Alderwoman Wilson Left Meeting

Alderwoman Wilson left the Regular City Council Meeting at 6:22 p.m.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1: Payment to Core & Main

Approve cost payable to Core & Main for Invoice W479790. in the amount of \$8,023.00, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 03036-53408.

#2: Payment to Track & Trap Invoice #1706

Approve payment to Track & Trap Invoice #1706 for Community Wildlife Services from March 16th - March 31st in the amount of \$6,000 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01060-52487.

#3: Payment to Law Offices of Franks, Kelly, Matuszewich and Andre, P.C.

Approve payment to Law Offices of Franks, Kelly, Matuszewich and Andre, P.C for invoice #12945; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$2,004.85 and charge account #01025-52200 or add the appropriate legal account.

#4: Payment to Motorola Solutions

Approve payment to Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$12,140.00 for the annual software/commercial data subscription for the period between April 1, 2025, and March 31, 2026: authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$12,140.00 to be charged to account 01060-52430.

#5: Payment to Corporate Fund

Authorize the City Treasurer to transfer \$100,000 from the Water fund to the Corporate Fund for it's portion of general liability insurance costs for fiscal year ending April 30, 2025.

#6: Payment to Corporate Fund

Authorize the City Treasurer to transfer up to \$180,000.00 from the Special Service Operating Fund to the Corporate Fund to reimburse public safety expenditures for the fiscal year ended 04/30/2025 as follows: \$108,000.00 to reimburse the police department and \$72,000 to reimburse the fire department.

#7: Payment to Special Legal Fees Cost

Authorize the City Treasurer to reclassify the fiscal year 2025 expense of \$2,425.00 related to the Doris Evans Settlement from account 01085-55108 Acquisition of Property to 01025- 52200 Special Legal Fee/Costs.

#8: Payment to Capital Project Fund

Authorize the City Treasurer to reclassify the fiscal year 2025 lead replacement project expenses of \$556,701.46 posted to account 12607-55145 (2023A Capital Project fund) to account 01110-55145 Capital Project Fund.

#9: Payment to Pete Bendinelli Estate

Approve the buyback for Pete Bendinelli as shown in the communication.

#10: Payment to Ronald Tenzera

Approve the buyback for Ronald Tenzera as shown in the communication.

#11: Payment to Isa Ahearn

Approve the buyback for Isa Ahearn as shown in the communication.

#12: Payment to MWM Consulting Group Proposal

Approve MWM Consulting Group Proposal for fiscal year end 04/30/2025 & Fiscal Year end 04/30/2026 services for the purpose of perform OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) actuarial services as required by the Governments Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and authorize the City Treasurer to sign and execute any necessary documents. Further authorize the City Treasurer to issue payment as indicated by the proposal to be paid out of the 01099-52610 Auditing/Account expense account.

#13: Payment to Ancel Glink, P.C.

Approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$16,335.25 for corporate legal services dated April 11, 2025, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025-52200.

- #14: Payment to Ancel Glink, P.C Approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$28,417.00 for legal services dated April 11, 2025, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025- 52200.
- #15: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing Approve cost to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #67290, in the amount of \$10,417.35, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52101.
- #16: Payment to Chicagoland Diesel Approve costs payable to Chicagoland Diesel, in the amount of \$7,109.87 (INV RO#8769). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01041-54150.
- #17: Payment to Holland Asphalt Services Approve cost payable to Holland Asphalt Services in the amount of \$8,900.00 (INV: 2024-188). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52645.
- #18: Payment to Fire Service Inc Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Fire Service Inc. in the amount of \$13,786.44. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06617-54150. This is for repairs and maintenance to E-112.
- #19: Payment to Air One Equipment Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Air One Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$5,172.00. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06617- 52990. This is for MSA iO4 gas monitor annual lease payment plan. This is the 2nd of 5 payments.
- #20: Payment to Air One Equipment Authorize the City Treasurer to reclassify \$26,189.49 of the \$34,296.00 paid to Air One Equipment Inc., for the purchase of rescue equipment from the Ambulance Paramedic fund to the Corporate Fund account 01099-52738 (Cares Act Funding Expense). The Ambulance Paramedic fund will be reimbursed accordingly.
- #21: Payment to KSM Logistics Authorize the City Treasurer to reclassify KSM Logistics expenses for public works infrastructure upgrade and redundancy server project totaling \$72,258.50 to the 2023B Capital Project Fund, expense account 12707-55120-Computer System Upgrades. Further, to authorize both the City Treasurer and the City Engineer to execute all necessary bond documentation to facilitate the transfer of bond proceeds to reimburse the Corporate Fund.
- #22: Payment to Davis Concrete Directing Treasurer Tarka to remit payment to Davis Concrete Construction Company, in the amount of \$286,952.50, from the General Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Account for Pay Estimate #1 and Final for the 2024 Sidewalk Replacement Program. IDOT approved Engineer's Pay Estimate #1 and Final is attached for reference, as is IDOT Approved Final Change in Plans Form. This work has been completed and was inspected per MFT guidelines during construction
- #23: Approve Payroll (\$1,017,966.68) Approve Payroll (\$1,017,966.68).

#24: Approve Emergency Bill Listing (\$2,646.25)

Approve Emergency Bill Listing (\$2,646.25).

#25: Approve Bill Listing (\$1,324,580.25)

Approve Bill List (\$1,324,580.25).

Approve Financial Items

Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Patton motioned for the approval of Financial Matters number 1-25.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 5

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Tillman, Williams. Patton, Smith

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 2

ALDERMEN: Gardner, Wilson

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Alderman Gardner was absent.

Public Safety

Police Chief Kolosh reported two new officers graduated from the academy.

Public Utilities

Alderwoman Wilson was absent.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Tillman had no report.

H.E.W

Alderman Navarrete had no report.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Patton reported that a new business has opened and is not properly zoned.

Public Works

Alderman Smith had no report.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Ald. Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete will be calling a Special Meeting on Monday April 28, 2025.

Ald. Wilson

Alderwoman Wilson was absent.

Ald. Tillman

Alderman Tillman thanked his outgoing colleagues for their years of service.

Ald. Williams

Alderman Williams thanked his colleagues for their service.

Ald. Gardner

Alderman Gardner was absent.

Ald. Patton

Alderman Patton requested the council pray for Mike Sanow from the VFW. Alderman Patton spoke about how well Mike Sanow is doing in rehab. Alderman Patton would like 6th ward residents to know that they have been contacting his personal cell phone number all of these years and after May 1, 2025, they can start contacting 6th ward Alderwoman Miacole Nelson at (708) 891-8916.

Ald. Smith

Alderman Smith stated he will continue to remain involved in Calumet City and that he will pass on any questions or concerns to the incoming Alderwoman.

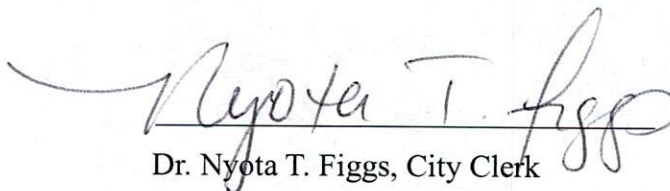
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 6:35 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Patton

MOTION CARRIED



Dr. Nyota T. Figs, City Clerk