

**FINANCE COMMITTEE OF
THE WHOLE
HELD ON DECEMBER 22, 2025
204 PULASKI ROAD, CALUMET CITY,
ILLINOIS**

CALL TO ORDER The Finance Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Jones.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT 7 **ALDERMEN:** Harvey, Wilson (6:03 p.m.), Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson (6:01 p.m.), Phillips.

ABSENT: 0 **ALDERMEN:** NONE

Also present were City Clerk Dr. Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, Attorney Burt Odelson, Police Chief Kolosh, Fire Chief Bachert, City City Engineer Matt Buerger, Attorney Grady, Attorney Dominick Lanzito.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

Mayor's Report Mayor Jones reported that he will deliver a veto message on at the Regular City Council Meeting on January 08, 2026, regarding Ordinance 25-22 which passed at the Ordinance and Resolution Committee Of the Whole meeting on December 18, 2025.

Finance Director
Kasperek Presentation
Regarding Tax Levies Finance Director Kasperek announced there will be a Finance Committee of the Whole meeting held on December 29, 2025, for the council to pass the tax levies.

Finance Director gave a lengthy presentation where he discussed 2023 Bond A and 2023 Bond B. Finance Director gave a breakdown how the funds were allocated for each Bond. Finance Director Kasperek disclosed all the fees, taxes, and insurance that have been paid out of the bond. Finance Director Kasperek spoke about the water and sewer system, IT department, and Economic Development and those projects have affected the bottom line of the Bonds.

Global Water Presentation Micheal Landers President of Global Waters Technology gave a presentation where he outlined the company's struggles with with completing Phase I at 602 State Street. Michael Landers reported all of the roadblocks they were faced with that cause Global Waters Technology to expend over \$9,000,000.00 on the facility, which had the company over budget by \$2,000,000.00. Michel Landers announced

Global Waters Technology is focused on starting Phase II where they will expand and build a Lab on the property. Michael Landers stated the \$150,000.00 that the company is requesting from Calumet City will help them start the redevelopment process.

Finance Director
Kasperek Discussion

Finance Director Kasperek stated that the \$150,000.00 payment to Global Waters Technology is bond eligible.

Alderman Williams

“I am inclined to wait. I think it is in the best interest until this can be reviewed by or Finance Director and the Legislative Counsel.”

Mayor Jones

“Listen businesses are not climbing over each other to come to Calumet City. So, this city council holding off action on a business that’s bringing \$16,000,000.00 dollars to Calumet City. You are going to scare other businesses from coming to Calumet City. The council doesn’t want to take action on this don’t take action on any other businesses that are coming to Calumet City. We’ve been reviewing this for 2 to 3 months now if you want to put a freeze on businesses coming before us and economic development say that tonight because we can’t keep... businesses that are coming before us this money is not coming out of our corporate fund; let me say that again this money is not coming out of our corporate fund. This is money that we bonded for; we have no other use that we can use it for but what John said. So, if there is no motion tonight.”

Alderwoman Nelson

“I want to make sure we’re clear it’s not that we don’t want businesses to come here we do and what I’m hearing is that line item can be used for several things and what my opinion is; is that we need to focus on some things in our community a little bit. We want businesses to come but there is so much going on and so much take it out of this bond, take it out of that bond, take it out of this bond. No disrespect to you Kasperek we need to slow down crash course of this; we are new Alderwomen and we still have not been trained properly. Everything’s a crash course so please don’t leave here and think that we do not want businesses here. We want to grow our city, we want to build it but there is a lot of waste and we need to focus on what’s going on now.”

Alderman Gardner

“I don’t want you guys to get the wrong interpretation of this council’s position tonight however we’re moving forward with transparency. The fact that our Finance Director has not seen an Economic Incentive Agreement we need to just take a little bit more time with this. We are appreciative of the work that you guys have put into the community. We’re thankful and we’re optimistic that you guys want to do the right thing, moving forward however, since the last meeting things have changed in this council we’ve appointed our own legislative council. So in the spirit of fairness and transparency Mayor; we would like for him to

have the opportunity to review it. Thank you.”

Approve Payment
To Global Water

There was no motion to approve payment to Global Water; the motion failed due to lack of a motion.

MOTION FAILED

Recess

The city council took a recess at 7:09 p.m.

Return to the
Regular Order
Of Business

The city council returned to the regular order of business at 7:17 p.m.

Table Payment
To Global Water
Technology

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to table Redevelopment and payment to Global Water, Inc in the amount of \$150,000.00; further direct the City Treasurer to make payment from the 2023 B Bond Infrastructure and Economic Development line from account#12707-52494.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 3
NAYS: 4
ABSENT: 0

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

MOTION FAILED

Benford Brown
& Associates
Grant Reporting
Presentation

Alicia Benford from Benford Brown & Associates gave a brief presentation regarding grant reporting for Calumet City. Alicia Benford gave a detailed explanation of when reporting is required from her firm and her firms process for keeping Calumet City in compliance. Alicia Benford acknowledged that she has been training Chyna Herring from Economic Development to be able to report on the city's grants.

Paycom Payroll
Presentation

Julia Briano gave a brief on Paycom and how the payroll system will allow employees to submit and view their payroll electronically. Julia Briano reported that that the council will be able to access timely and accurate reports. Julia Briano confirmed that Paycom will take about 8 weeks to transition to the new system.

Approve Paycom
Services Contract

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey to approve the contract and payment to Paycom in the amount of \$10,749.09 for the implementation fee of the HR service system; further to direct the City Treasurer to issue payment from the 2023 IT Bond infrastructure Bond account #12707-55120.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4
NAYS: 3
ABSENT: 0

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

MOTION CARRIED

Tabling of
Agenda Item10

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderwoman Wilson to defer agenda #10 as amended to Legislative Council for review which includes the following:

- A. Motion to approve payment to Greg Ramon Design Studio for Invoice#1257; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$17,037.50 for design work related to Blues Water Run from the 2023 Bond Fund/Infrastructure account #12707-52494. (deferred action until December 22, 2025).
- B. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #264959) for Project #02500218.001 River Oaks Watermain and Elevated Tank Design that included services associated with design services. Project construction will be funded through DCEO infrastructure funding (Grant number G-128 upon funding release), in the amount of \$8,205.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #3070752600.
- C. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265088) for Project #02500103.001 Public Works General Assistance - General Correspondence and Bi-weekly Coordination that included services for bi-weekly project coordination meetings with the City Administrator, Public Works Commissioner, and staff to coordinate efforts associated with City infrastructure, maintenance needs, reporting, upcoming projects, as well as planned County and State Improvements, in the amount of \$6,218.17 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52600.
- D. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265089) for Project

#02500103.001 Public Works General Assistance - Task B - Water and Sewer Department Support that included services for Water Department assistance to discuss sewer and watermain repairs, coordinate upcoming projects, City needs to support County and State Improvements that require sewer or water advance work, in the amount of \$7,522.50 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52600.

- E. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265090) for Project #02500103.001 Public Works General Assistance - Task C - Sewer and Water Atlas Updates that included services for Updates to the City GIS system and sewer/watermain atlas's associated with findings in the field and data provided by City staff. Update to the City GIS atlas's, in the amount of \$6,113.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52600.
- F. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265091) for Project #02500103.001 Public Works General Assistance - Task D – 2024 Annual Consumer Drinking Quality Report that included services for the completion of the 2024 annual Consumer Drinking Water Quality Report. Review of consumer information provided by City for quality control check. Graphic design and finalization of pamphlet to provide consumer drinking water report for 2024 to City in the amount of \$3,277.50 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52600.
- G. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265092) for Project #02500103.001 Public Works General Assistance - Task E - Complete Streets Committee Meeting that included services Complete Streets quarterly meeting and assistance with guidance on Complete Street requirements per City ordinances, in the amount of \$1,993.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52600.
- H. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265093) for Project #02500103.001 Public Works General Assistance - Task F - EPA Lead Sampling Assistance that included services associated with bi-yearly lead testing per state statute. Review of sampling reports and 80th percentile calculation. Assistance to Water Department in coordination and submission with IEPA. Follow up meetings with Corrosion Control actions to be required by IEPA, in the amount of \$11,141.25 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52600.
- I. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265094) for Project

Public Works General Assistance - Task F - EPA Lead Sampling Assistance that included services associated with Planning for City FY2026 budget meetings. Compilation of potential projects for presentation at City budget preparation meetings, in the amount of \$3,918.75 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52600.

- J. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265097) for Project #02501152.001 Green Alley Project3 that included services associated with survey and 30% design completion, (per the City Council's direction, no further work will proceed on this project until next fiscal year), in the amount of \$16,400.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #03036 52600.
- K. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265099) for Project #02501151.001 Public Works Drainage and Site Work that included services associated with site design. This project is reimbursable through DCEO funding under Calumet City grant number G-141 (DCEO State Award ID: 1785-55223), in the amount of \$13,380.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099 52600.
- L. Motion to approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #265100) for Project #0240355.00 Arthur Street Watermain that includes services associated with construction engineering and construction close-out, in the amount of \$10,575.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #03036 55162.

ROLL CALL

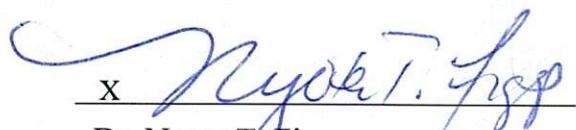
AYES:	7	ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMAN: None

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

Alderwoman Phillips moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey at 8:12 pm.

MOTION CARRIED



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Dr. Nyota T. Figgs
City Clerk