

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
City Council of the City of Calumet City
Cook County, Illinois

MAY 28, 2026

Public Comment

None

Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:07 p.m. in a regular meeting on May 28, 2026, with Mayor Thaddeus Jones present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 6

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson.

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Phillips

Also present were: City Treasurer Tarka, Fire Chief Bachert, Police Chief Kolosh, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, Attorney Dominick Lanzito, Corporate Counsel Richard Bruen (Ancel Glink), Legislative Counsel Jayman Avery, (Odelson, Murphy, Fraizer, & McGrath), Public Works Commissioner Jericho Thomas, and Public Works Deputy Commissioner Josh Brown.

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

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve the minutes as presented:

05/07/2026 Special Mtg.

05/14/2026 Committee of the Whole Mtg.

05/14/2026 Regular City Council Mtg.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMAN: Phillips

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Deviate From the Regular Order of Business

Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Harvey to deviate from the regular order of business to discuss economic development in the 2nd ward at 6:10 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

MSA Strategies Presentation

Sonia Khalil lobbyist from MSA Strategies presented on a potential economic development project in the 2nd ward. Sonia Khalil reported that the vision for the lot would include a Pharmacy Quick RX, a Krave Cookies, a Clean Eating restaurant, and a Gas station. Sonia Khalil stated Musa 75th Street Building LLC prides themselves on becoming apart of the community and supporting the local teams and residents.

Alderman Wilson Comments
Regarding Potential Economic
Development

Alderman Wilson commented regarding the 2nd ward meeting that MUSA 75th Street Building LLC and Sonia Khalil. Alderwoman Wilson reported that the residents at the meeting welcomed the new economic development as well as championed for a “Clean Eating” restaurant. Alderman Wilson inquired if MUSA 75th Street Building LLC would be requesting a liquor license.

Sonia Khalil assured the council that none of the businesses would request a liquor license and there will be ID scanners present for tobacco transactions.

Mayor Jones Report and Comments
Regarding Process for a New
Development

Mayor Jones reported three new Zoning Board members would need to be appointed before June 9, 2026, so they may vote on this request. Mayor Jones advised Sonia Khalil all documents would need to be submitted by June 24, 2026.

Attorney Dominick Lanzito Comments
Regarding Zoning Board Process

Attorney Dominick Lanzito stated the matter would need to go before the new zoning board. Attorney Dominick Lanzito also reported he checked the pin for the property and didn’t see any issues.

Alderman Nelson Comments
Regarding Calumet City Pin Numbers

Alderman Nelson requested that Attorney Lanzito make sure all pin numbers match properly.

Alderman Williams Comments
Regarding Building Another Gas Station

Alderman Williams stated for the record that “he is 75% in support of the development outside of the gas station; we already have 4 existing gas stations on Sibley and 1 on State.”

Alderman Williams expressed concerns for the other gas station owners losing business.

Sonia Khalil responded that a new gas station should motivate the other gas stations to elevate and be better for the community.

Alderman Wilson Comments Regarding
A New Gas Station

Alderman Wilson stated the Gas Station in the 2nd ward would be a safer option for her residents. Alderman Wilson stated she has witness a gas station on Sibley succumb to gun violence.

Return to the Regular Order of Business

Alderman Nelson moved seconded by Alderman Harvey to return to the regular order of business at 6:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

None

NEW BUSINESS

1): Approve Drafting of an Amended Handicap Ordinance

Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to amend the handicap parking ordinance to approve and add a handicap pole to be located at 10 Elizabeth Street.

2): Approve Directing Public Works Commissioner to Provide a Seal and License Update

Direct Public Works Commissioner provide an update on applying the Calumet City Seal and M-License Plates on all City issued vehicles.

3): Approve Drafting of an Amended Handicap Ordinance

Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to amend the handicap parking ordinance to approve and add a handicap pole to be located at 210 Warren Street.

4): Approve Drafting of an Amended Handicap Ordinance

Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to amend the handicap parking ordinance to approve and add a handicap pole to be located at 1823 Memorial Drive.

5): Direct Public Works to Provide Barricades

Approve and Direct Public Works to provide barricades to be blocked at the corner of Memorial Dr and Buffalo St to the alley on June 6th from 2pm to 8pm for graduation celebration with amplified music.

7): Approve Appointment of Zoning Board Members (Removed)

Approve appointment of members of the 2026-2028 zoning board of appeals for the remaining period of time. (Removed)

Removal of Appointment of Zoning Board Members

Alderman Nelson moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to remove the appointment of members of the 2026-2028 zoning board of appeals for the remaining period of time until the council can receive an update on the potential members.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

8): Approve Nationwide Search for an Economic Director (Removed)

Approval to conduct a nationwide search for an economic development director for the city of calumet city. Further, assign Alderman Gardner to spearhead the project.

Discussion

Alderman Nelson reported she will be calling a Committee of the Whole meeting on June 3rd or 4th the matter of the Zoning Board members and the nationwide search for an Economical Director can be placed on that agenda as well if the council agrees.

Removal of Nationwide Search For A Economic Development Director

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Nelson to remove conducting a nationwide search for an economic development director for the city of calumet city, and assigning Alderman Gardner to spearhead the project.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

9): Approve Utilization of Sears Parking Lot (Amended)

Approve and authorize the NPHC to utilize the Sears parking lot for the annual NPHC Celebration June 13, 2026, contingent upon the submission of the proof of insurance agreement and the scope of the event taking place.

Amending Motion to Include Submission of Insurance

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Nelson moved to amend the motion to approve and authorize the NPHC to utilize the Sears parking lot for the annual NPHC Celebration June 13, 2026, and add that approval is contingent upon the submission of the proof of insurance agreement and the scope of the event taking place.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

460 Luella Avenue Fence 4th Ward
15 164th Street Fence 6th Ward
506 Mackinaw Ave Fence 7th Ward
267 Escanaba Ave Fence 2nd Ward

Approve Building Permits

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner, to approve the building permits as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Enter Into Closed Session

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Harvey to enter into closed session to discuss pending and probable litigation.

MOTION CARRIED

Executive Session

City Council met in executive session from 6:55 p.m. to 7:34 p.m.

Return to the Regular Order of Business

Alderman Harvey moved seconded by Alderman Nelson to return to the regular order of business at 7:34 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Gardner Left Meeting

Alderman Gardner left the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Mayor Jones Left Meeting

Mayor Jones left the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Alderman Williams Chairman of
The Regular City Council Meeting

Alderman Williams became the chairman of the May 28, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting at 7:44 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE

#1. Resolution for a Class 8 Renewal
Incentive

A Resolution authorizing acceptance of Airy’s Construction withdrawal from River Oaks interconnect project.

Tabling of Resolution Authorizing
Withdrawal of Airy’s Construction

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Nelson to table a resolution authorizing acceptance of Airy’s Construction withdrawal from River Oaks interconnect project.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

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

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

1): Approve Payment to Prompt IO

Approve payment to Prompt IO for subscription fee Invoice 5978 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$13,800 from account #01099-52990.

Discussion Regarding Payment to
Prompt IO

Alderman Wilson stated she doesn’t want to pay Prompt IO due to all the Alderman not having access to utilize the service.

Alderman Nelson stated she agrees with paying for the subscription, because it’s about supporting her colleagues.

Alderman Nelson put on the record “that the Alderpersons that do not have access gain access.”

Approval of Payment to Prompt IO

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Williams to approve payment to Prompt IO for subscription fee Invoice 5978.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4
NAYS: 1
ABSENT: 2

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Tillman, Williams, Nelson
ALDERMEN: Wilson
ALDERMAN: Gardner, Phillips

MOTION CARRIED

2): Approve Payment to Ancel Glink, P.C.

Approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$28,314.47 for corporate legal services dated May 11, 2026, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025-52200.

Removal of Payment to Ancel Glink P.C.
(Removed)

Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Tillman to remove payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$28,314.47 for corporate legal services dated May 11, 2026, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025-52200. (Removed)

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 2

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

MOTION CARRIED

3): Approve Payment to HFS – Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services

Approve and to authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to HFS – Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, in the amount of \$502,026.86. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06607-52492. This is for the 3rd quarter payment for the GEMT funds for 2025.

4): Approve Payment to Core & Main

Approve cost payable to Core & Main quote #4937543, in the about of \$23,128.00, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-53408. (Meters for Large Commercial and Apartments Buildings-sizes of meters 1 1/2, 3 inch, 4 inch meters).

5): Approve Payment to Ancel Glink, P.C.

Approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$13,111.00 for legal services dated May 11, 2026, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025- 52200.

6): Approve Payment to HFS – Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services

Approve and to authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to HFS – Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, in the amount of \$368,165.43. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06607-52492. This is for the 4th quarter payment of the GEMT funds for 2025.

7): Approve Payment to De Lage Landen Public Finance LLC

Approve payment to De Lage Landen Public Finance LLC, Invoice 597047751 for the lease of the 2023 Yukon Denali, period 06/21/2026 - 12/20/2026, in the amount of \$7,463.88 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01021 55100.

8): Approve Payment to Our Lady of Knock (Removed)

Approve and direct the City Treasurer to remit a check payable to Our Lady of Knock in the amount of \$500.00 donation from account # 01099-52728. (Removed)

Removal of Payment to Our Lady of Knock

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Nelson to remove payment to Our Lady of Knock.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 2

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

MOTION CARRIED

9): Approve Payment to Wynetta J. Ellison (Tabled)

Approve claim with a date of loss of 4/5/2026 payable to Wynetta J. Ellison for the damages to her vehicle in the amount of \$2,467.18 and direct City Treasurer to remit payment from account 01099 52729. (Tabled)

Alderman Wilson Comments Regarding Payment to Wynetta J. Smith

Alderman Wilson reported there was damage to Wynetta J. Ellison’s vehicle while driving in the City of Calumet City and Mayor Jones advised he would pay for the damages from his neighborhood account.

Tabling of Payment to Wynetta J. Ellison

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Harvey to table payment to Wynetta J. Smith.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4
NAYS: 1
ABSENT: 2

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Tillman, Williams, Nelson
ALDERMEN: Wilson
ALDERMAN: Gardner, Phillips

MOTION CARRIED

10): Approve Payment to AXON

Approve the addition of three (3) Fleet 3 bundles to the current contract with AXON to be installed in the three (3) recently purchased Ford Police Interceptors (CCPD Units 26F437, 26F456, and 26F470), authorize the Chief of Police to execute the agreement; authorize the City Treasurer to remit the July 2026 payment to AXON in the amount of \$7,558.83, to be charged to account 06860-57117 (Federal Asset Forfeiture - Law Enforcement Equipment).

11): Approve Payment to Hastings Air Energy Control

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Hastings Air Energy Control in the amount of \$5,450.00, to be charged to line item 06617-55104. This expenditure is for the repairs to the exhaust ventilation system.

12): Approve Payment to Farnsworth Group, Inc

Approve cost payable to Farnsworth Group, Inc. quote (attached), in the amount of \$10,000.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52600.

13): Approve Payment to Holland Asphalt Services Inc.

Approve Holland Asphalt Services Inc. proposal for the demolition of 417 Sibley; further direct the City Treasurer to issue payment in the amount of \$29,800.00 and \$450.00 for Cook County Permit and charge account #12707-52472.

14): Approve Payroll (\$1,094,566.25) (Tabled)

Approve Payroll (\$1,094,566.25). (Tabled)

15): Approve Payroll (\$1,051,369.56) (Tabled)

Approve Payroll (\$1,051,369.56). (Tabled)

Tabling of Payroll

Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Nelson to table payroll due to lack of supporting documents.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 2

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

MOTION CARRIED

16): Approve Bill Listing (\$1,300,108.87)

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Approve Financial Items #3-7, 10-13, and 16

Alderman Harvey moved, seconded by Alderman Nelson to approve financial items #3-7, 10-13, and 16.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4
NAYS: 1
ABSENT: 2

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Tillman, Williams, Nelson
ALDERMEN: Wilson
ALDERMAN: Gardner, Phillips

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Alderman Williams reported there will be a committee of the whole meeting June 3rd or 4th.

Public Safety

Alderman Gardner was absent.

Public Utilities

Alderman Phillips was absent.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Tillman had no report.

H.E.W

Alderman Wilson reported Health Education and Welfare will have a meeting on June 3rd or June 4th where the council will discuss legislation.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Harvey had no report.

Public Works

Alderman Nelson reported that Public Works will be having a meeting on June 04, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the council chambers.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Alderwoman Harvey – 1st Ward

Alderman Harvey would like 1st ward residents to contact her at (708) 891-8198 with any questions or concerns.

Alderman Wilson – 2nd Ward

Alderman Wilson requested that 2nd ward residents contact her at (708) 586-4990 or email her at monet@alderwomanwilson.com if they have any questions or concerns. Alderman Wilson reported there will be a pause as it relates to some of the services Public Works provides; due to the department being short staffed. Alderman Wilson requested the 2nd ward residents be patient. Alderman Wilson announced Calumet Memorial Park District will start their Day camp June 1st; the price is at a heavily discounted rate. Alderman Wilson announced the Calumet City Chargers will have free Cheerleading and Football camp please go to the website to sign your children up. Alderman Wilson congratulated Chase on being promoted to the 8th grade.

Alderman Tillman – 3rd Ward

Alderman Tillman announced the 3rd and 4th ward townhall meeting will be held at the library on June 1, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Alderman Williams – 4th Ward

Alderman Williams gave honor to God. Alderman Williams announced the Juneteenth event will be held in the Sears Parking Lot on June 18, 2026. Alderman Williams would like 4th ward residents to contact his office at (708) 212-2240 with any questions or concerns. Alderman Williams stated high grass will be discussed at the 3rd and 4th ward meeting on June 1, 2026.

Alderman Gardner – 5th Ward

Alderman Nelson gave Alderman Gardner's report; Alderman Nelson announced that from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on May 30th Alderman Gardner will be at Jesus Shepard and Souls in the parking lot on 155th Place and Freeland Ave giving away food boxes with his partners.

Alderman Nelson – 6th Ward

Alderman Nelson thanked the 6th ward residents for reaching out with their questions and concerns. Alderman Nelson requested the council keep 7th ward Alderman Phillips lifted in prayer due to her child having an accident.

Alderman Phillips – 7th Ward

Alderman Phillips was absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Nelson

Alderman Nelson congratulated all the graduates.

Alderman Harvey

Alderman Harvey congratulated all the Calumet City graduates.

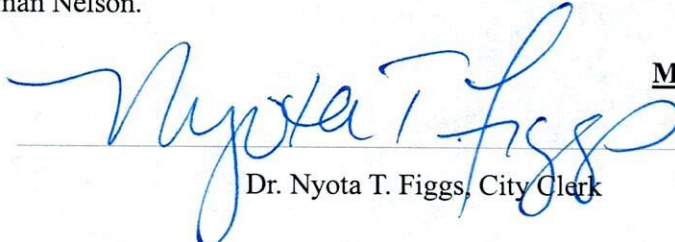
Alderman Williams

Alderman Williams congratulated all the class of 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 8:23 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Harvey, seconded by Alderman Nelson.

MOTION CARRIED



Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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