

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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

DECEMBER 22, 2025

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 8:35 p.m. in a regular meeting on December 22, 2025, with Mayor Thaddeus Jones present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 7

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

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

Also present was City Clerk Dr. Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, Fire Chief Bachert, City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey, Director of Economic Development Christina Signorelli, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, Attorney Dominick Lanzito, and City Engineer Matt Buerger.

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

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to table the minutes as presented:

12/04/2025 Special Finance Committee of the Whole Mtg.

12/08/2025 Special Finance Committee of the Whole Mtg.

12/11/2025 Regular Mtg.

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

None

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Chief Bachert
Presentation

Fire Chief Bachert gave a brief overview of Samuel J. Vega's career. Fire Chief Bachert spoke about Samuel J. Vega's connection to the Calumet City Community and his dedication to keeping the city safe. Fire Chief Bachert gave a report of Samuel J. Vega's certifications.

1): Approve Appointment of
Deputy Fire Chief

A motion is needed to approve the appointment of Samuel J. Vega to Deputy Fire Chief of the Calumet City Fire Department, effective January 1, 2026.

Approve Appointment of
Deputy Fire Chief

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey to approve the appointment of Samuel J. Vega to Deputy Fire Chief of the Calumet City Fire Department, effective January 1, 2026.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

MOTION CARRIED

Samuel J. Vega Gave Remarks

Samuel J. Vega thanked the city council for appointing him to the Deputy Fire Chief position. Samuel J. Vega commented regarding his love and dedication for the city of Calumet City and the Fire Department.

2): Direct the City Attorney to
Draft an Ordinance to Amend
Handicap Parking

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 609 Ingraham.

3): Direct City Engineer to Prepare
IDOT Resolutions

Approve the motion by City Council directing City Engineer to prepare IDOT Resolutions for Motor Fuel Tax Funded Transportation Projects including the 2026 sidewalk program, LPF engineering for State Street, and Alley maintenance projects.

Approve New Business Items #2 and 3

Alderwoman Phillips moved, seconded by Alderman Tillman to approve items #2 and 3 as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

FENCE VARIANCE

WARD

439 Gordon Ave.

1st Ward

Approve Permits

Alderwoman Nelson moved, seconded by Alderwoman Phillips, to approve the building permits as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

MOTION CARRIED

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

**RESOLUTION
NO. 25-60**

**A RESOLUTION
APPROVING A CLASS 8 DESIGNATION AND ENTERPRISE ZONE
INCENTIVES FOR 602 STATE STREET**

(BYERLEY INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC)

Passed by the City Council, December 22, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-60

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, THAT:

**A RESOLUTION
APPROVING A CLASS 8 DESIGNATION AND ENTERPRISE ZONE
INCENTIVES FOR 602 STATE STREET**

(BYERLEY INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC)

shall be, and is hereby, adopted as follows:

Section 1. BACKGROUND.

A. The City is a home rule unit of local government by virtue of the provisions of the Illinois Constitution of 1970.

B. Byerley Investment Group, LLC, (herein after "***Developer***") has purchased the property at 602 State Street in Calumet City (*herein after* "***Subject Property***.")

C. Developer had previously petitioned the City for a Class 8 Designation and Enterprise Zone. On April 11, 2024, the City approved Resolution No. 24-12, "A Resolution Approving a Class 8 Designation and Enterprise Zone Incentives for 602 State Street." Developers have since learned that the Subject Property was vacant just short of twelve (12) months and are now seeking a Class 8 Designation for Special Circumstances.

D. The Subject Property is in need of extensive updates and had been vacant for eleven (11) months at the time of purchase.

E. The Developer desires to redevelop the Subject Property for manufacturing water treatment equipment (the "***Project***").

F. The improvements to the Subject Property will involve a complete interior renovation, new docks, roof, HVAC and re-asphalting the property.

G. The Developer anticipates that the Project will cost approximately five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in capital improvements to the Subject Property.

H. Developer already employs one hundred and sixty (160) individuals in Cook County. The Project is anticipated to employ fifteen to twenty (15-20) additional employees. Bringing new jobs to the City will increase the City's tax base.

I. Developer is seeking a class 8 exemption with special circumstances as the Subject Property had been vacant, for less than (12) months. The Property needs extensive improvements, and without a Class 8 Exemption, it will not be financially feasible for Developer to make such improvements. Given the difficulty of sustaining businesses in the area, and that the property will remain vacant without the Class 8 Exemption, special circumstances exist for which to deem the Subject Property abandoned for purposes of the Class 8 Exemption

J. The Subject Property is currently located in the Calumet Region Enterprise Zone and is currently designated as an area by the City to be eligible for and approved by the Cook County Assessor for the Cook County Class 8 property tax incentives to promote redevelopment projects ("***Incentives***"). The Developer desires to obtain Incentives for the Subject Property.

K. The City seeks to promote new businesses as part of its economic development strategy, which will create new job opportunities for City residents and sources of revenue for the City.

L. The City is willing to assist the Developer by obtaining Incentives for the Property as of the Effective Date.

M. The Corporate Authorities, after due and careful consideration, have concluded that a Class 8 Tax Incentive for the Subject Property is necessary and in the best interest of the City in order to promote the redevelopment and use of the Subject Property, which will in turn promote the public health, safety, and welfare and serve the best interests of the City and its residents.

Section 2. CLASS 8 TAX INCENTIVE APPROVAL.

A. The Mayor and City Council find that:

1. the Subject Property is appropriate for Class 8 Tax Incentive benefits pursuant to the Cook County Real Property Classification Ordinance, as amended; and
2. the Class 8 Tax Incentive for the Subject Property is necessary to encourage redevelopment and occupancy of the Subject Property by the Developer, and that occupancy and use of the Subject Property is beneficial to the City's economy; and
3. the Mayor and the City Council approve, support and consent to the Class 8 Tax Incentive for the Subject Property.

Section 3. RECORDATION.

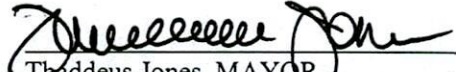
The City Clerk is hereby directed to record a certified copy of this Resolution in the Office of the Cook County Recorder against the Subject Property. Developer will bear the full cost for such recordation.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.


This Resolution will be effective upon occurrence of the following events:

- a. Passage by the City Council in the manner required by law; and
- b. Developer purchasing the Subject Property; and

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 22nd DAY OF December 2025.


Thaddeus Jones, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Dr. Nyota T. Figs, CITY CLERK

VOTES: 7

AYES: 7 Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson Phillips

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

EXHIBIT A

Subject Property Legal Description

Commonly known address: 602 State Street, Calumet City

PIN: 30-07-201-005

A PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 15 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN CALUMET CITY, THORNTON TOWNSHIP, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE NORTH LINE OF THE 66 FEET DEDICATED RIGHT OF WAY OF STATE STREET AS RECORDED IN DOCUMENT NO. 9975171 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SAID POINT OF BEGINNING BEING FOUND BY COMMENCING AT THE BRASS PLUG WHICH IS THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 7; THENCE NORTHERLY ON THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 7, 1538.35 FEET TO THE CENTER LINE OF THE DEDICATED 66 FEET RIGHT OF WAY OF STATE STREET, THIS LINE BEING 415 FEET SOUTHWESTERLY OF AND PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF PROPERTY OWNED THE INDIANA HARBOR BELT RAILROAD; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ON SAID CENTER LINE OF DEDICATED STATE STREET, 77.63 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH ON A LINE THAT MAKES AN INTERIOR ANGLE OF 64 DEGREES 16 MINUTES MEASURED NORTHWEST TO NORTH WITH AFORESAID CENTERLINE OF DEDICATED STATE STREET A DISTANCE OF 36.64 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF DEDICATED STATE STREET AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF 66 FEETWIDE DEDICATED STATE STREET, 355 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY ON A LINE THAT MAKES A DEFLECTION ANGLE TO THE NORTH 64 DEGREES, 16 MINUTES, MEASURED FROM THE NORTH LINE OF DEDICATED STATE STREET, 424.08 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE INDIANA HARBOR BELT RAILROAD; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ON SAID NORTHERLY PROPERTY LINE, 365.28 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ON A LINE THAT MAKES AN INTERIOR ANGLE OF 113 DEGREES 20 MINUTES, MEASURED NORTHWEST THROUGH WEST TO SOUTH WITH AFORESAID NORTH PROPERTY LINE, 221.41 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH ON A LINE THAT DEFLECTS TO THE EAST 2 DEGREES AND 24 MINUTES FROM THE AFORESAID 221.41 FEET LINE, 198.41 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS AND RESERVATIONS SET FORTH IN THE QUIT CLAIM DEED FROM INDIANA BELT HARBOR RAILROAD COMPANY TO OGLEBAY NORTON COMPANY DATED OCTOBER 11, 1961 AND RECORDED NOVEMBER 20, 1961 AS DOCUMENT 18334818; AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

PIN: 30-07-201-013

THAT PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 15 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 7; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 7, 1,538.95 FEET TO A POINT ON THE CENTER LINE OF THE 66 FOOTWIDE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE STREET, AS DEDICATED BY DOCUMENT 9975171; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH ALONG SAID EAST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 7, 37.14 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID 66-FOOTWIDE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE STREET; THENCE NORTHWESTWARDLY ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE STREET, 4.79 FEET TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH A RELOCATED EASTERLY LINE OF BURNHAM AVENUE (BEING A LINE PARALLEL TO AND 4.26 FEETWESTERLY, BY RECTANGULAR MEASUREMENT, FROM THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 7 AFORESAID, AND BEING ALSO A WESTERLY LINE OF THAT PART OF SAID BURNHAM AVENUE VACATED BY AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, A COPY OF WHICH WAS RECORDED AUGUST 8, 1935, AS DOCUMENT 11662234), SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING NORTHWESTWARDLY ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE STREET, 73.71 FEET TO THE SOUTHERNMOST CORNER OF A PARCEL OF LAND CONVEYED BY INDIANA HARBOR BELT RAILROAD COMPANY, A CORPORATION OF INDIANA, TO OGLEBAY NORTON COMPANY, A CORPORATION OF DELAWARE, BY QUIT CLAIM DEED RECORDED NOVEMBER 20, 1961, AS DOCUMENT 18334818; THENCE NORTH ALONG AN EAST LINE OF SAID PARCEL OF LAND CONVEYED BY DOCUMENT 18334818 (BEING A LINE WHICH MAKES AN ANGLE OF 64 DEGREES, 16 MINUTES, MEASURED FROM NORTHWEST TO NORTH, WITH THE AFORESAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE STREET), 198.41 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTHWARDLY ALONG ANOTHER EAST LINE OF SAID PARCEL OF LAND CONVEYED BY DOCUMENT 18334818 (BEING A LINE THAT DEFLECTS 2 DEGREES, 24 MINUTES, EAST FROM THE NORTHWARD EXTENSION OF THE LAST DESCRIBED LINE), 221.41 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF THE 100-FOOTWIDE RIGHT-OF-WAY INITIALLY ACQUIRED BY THE MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY; THENCE SOUTHEASTWARDLY ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 52.90 FEET TO A POINT ON THE AFORESAID EAST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 7; THENCE SOUTH ALONG SAID EAST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 7, 178.86 FEET TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH A RELOCATED EASTERLY LINE OF BURNHAM AVENUE (BEING A WESTERLY LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED VACATED PART OF BURNHAM AVENUE); THENCE SOUTHWARDLY ALONG SAID RELOCATED EASTERLY LINE OF BURNHAM AVENUE, 74.76 FEET TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH THE RELOCATED EASTERLY LINE OF BURNHAM AVENUE FIRST MENTIONED ABOVE (BEING THE AFOREMENTIONED LINE PARALLEL TO AND 4.26 FEETWESTERLY, BY RECTANGULAR MEASUREMENT, FROM THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 7 AFORESAID), SAID POINT BEING 174.17 FEET NORTH FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, MEASURED ALONG THE LATTER RELOCATED EASTERLY LINE OF BURNHAM AVENUE; THENCE SOUTH ALONG SAID RELOCATED EASTERLY LINE OF BURNHAM AVENUE, 174.17 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE

#1. Resolution Approving a Class 8 For 602 State Street

(Res.#25-60)

A Resolution approving a Class 8 Designation and Enterprise Zone Incentives for 602 State Street.

(See Attached 3A)

Approve Class 8 For 602 State Street

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey to adopt the Class 8 Resolution as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

ALDERMEN: None

ALDERMAN: None

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1: Payment to JensenIT

Approve payment to JensenIT for the renewal of CrowdStrike Falcon Endpoint Licensing Renewal for City Hall & PD; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$26,629.99 and charge account #01028-52630.

#2: Payment to Core & Main

Approve cost payable to Core & Main for Quote #4601136 for Water meters, in the amount of \$15,828.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036- 53408.

Megan Wilson From The IT Department

Megan Wilson from the IT Department gave an explanation of the \$26,629.99 payment request to JensenIT; she stated the cost is for a yearly software renewal.

Approve Financial items #1 and 2

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey, to approve financial items #1 and 2 as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

ALDERMEN: None

ALDERMAN: None

MOTION CARRIED

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

Approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$12,609.05 for legal services December 8th, 2025, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025- 52200.

Approve Financial Item #3

Alderwoman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey to approve financial item#3 and as presented.

Aldерwoman Nelson Discussion

Aldерwoman Nelson stated that there are documents in the supplemental packet from Ancel Glink that are unable to be reviewed. Aldерwoman Wilson would like Ancel and Glink to send the council clear copies of those documents so that they may be reviewed.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6
NAYS: 1
ABSENT: 0

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

MOTION CARRIED

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

Approve payment to Ancel Glink in the amount of \$18,257.82 for corporate legal services dated December 8th, 2025, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025-52200.

Approve Financial Item #4

Aldерwoman Williams moved, seconded by Aldерwoman Phillips to approve financial item#4 and as presented.

Aldерwoman Wilson Statement
Regarding Ancel Glink Legal
Invoices

Aldерwoman Wilson stated she is not approving any payments for Acel and Glink due to the attorneys not responding to emails from the council. Aldерwoman Wilson also stated that the council requested that Ancel and Glink stop pursuing the lawsuit against the sitting City Clerk but they have not.

Aldерwoman Nelson

Aldерwoman Nelson requested to rescind her vote.

Alderman Tillman

Alderman Tillman stated that there are a lot of blacked out and blank pages included with this invoice as well.

Discussion Regarding
Motion to Reconsider

Attorney Grady stated that Aldерwoman Nelson is able rescind her vote as long as the Alderman who moved to approve payment to Ancel Glink and the Alderman who seconded the motion to approve payment to Ancel Glink withdrew their motion. Attorney Grady stated that after the withdrawal of the 1st and 2nd the council can do a motion to reconsider.

Withdrawal of Motion

Alderman Williams withdrew motion to approve payment to Ancel Glink.

Withdrawal of Second

Aldерwoman Phillips withdrew her second to approve payment to Ancel Glink.

Motion to Reconsider Item# 3

Aldерwoman Nelson moved, seconded by Aldерwoman Phillips to reconsider financial item #3.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Tabling Payment to
Ancel Glink Financial Item#3

Aldерwoman Nelson moved, seconded by Aldерwoman Wilson to approve tabling payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$12,609.05 for legal services December 8th, 2025, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025- 52200.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Tabling Payment to
Ancel Glink Financial Item#4

Alderman Williams moved, seconded, by Aldерwoman Nelson to table item #4 contingent upon Ancel Glink responding to emails from the council and providing transparent documents for the council to review.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

MOTION CARRIED

#5: Payment to Glen Van Sipma

Approve the buyback for Glen Van Sipma as shown in the communication.

#6: Payment to James Randall

Approve the buyback for James Randall as shown in the communication.

#7: Payment to William Coffey

Approve the buyback for William Coffey as shown in the communication.

#8: Payment to Randall Zivkovich

Approve the buyback for Randall Zivkovich as shown in the communication.

Approve Financial Items #5-8 as
Presented

Aldерwoman Phillips moved, seconded by Aldерwoman Nelson to approve financial items #5-8 as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

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

MOTION CARRIED

#9: Approve Payroll (\$1,067,325.56)

Approve Payroll (\$1,067,325.56)

Approve Payroll

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Aldерwoman Wilson with discussion to approve payroll.

Aldерwoman Wilson Discussion

"I am asking legislative council can we take payroll and refer it to you for review with our questions that we have?"

Legislative Council Attorney
Burt Odleson

"I certainly can review and get back to you with your questions. I'm not sure I'm totally familiar with your payroll. So, some of those questions will have to be referred to payroll; legal questions I can certainly answer."

Alderwoman Wilson Discussion

“So, legally if you’re not really physically here but you’re getting paid for it, those are my questions.”

Legislative Council Attorney
Burt Odleson

“I don’t know how good I’ll be on that either because I don’t monitor who’s here and who’s not.”

Alderwoman Wilson

“I don’t think anybody does we’re just paying them.”

Legislative Council
Attorney Burt Odleson

“But, I can give you the legal answers about someone not being here and getting paid.”

Alderwoman Wilson

“Okay that was all my discussion. I still council, have the same questions regarding paying individuals multiple checks and some employees are receiving up to \$9,000.00 a month in payroll. We just received the job descriptions and if you use Chat GPT and look at the job descriptions, they come back with half of the salary that’s offered in the general market or another municipality that’s similar to ours. We are paying a lot of money to a lot of people and I don’t see the work. I am hesitant to... I understand these people have already been paid but we may need to meet to open up the Salary Ordinance and correct it based off of the job description and have a conversation with the HR director. I am also concerned that we have new IT employees here; same concern from last time, they were under a contract that we did not extend but now they’re employees. So now I’m concerned about that and needing to find out what the legality surrounding that is. That’s it. That’s my discussion.”

Alderwoman Nelson

“So just to piggyback off of some of what Alderwoman Wilson has said; during the budget we decreased salaries and they have been increased in different ways and we need to know how to stop that. That’s all I have.”

Alderman Gardner

Thank you Mayor, with respect to what’s been said concerning payroll my particular issue which I have stated to you at the last Regular Council meeting; there are individuals being paid out of different accounts and I am not clear and I want to be fair because there are people and employees that work for the city that have put their time in and we want to respect their work and their time. However, it presents a challenge tonight to make a vote on this matter because again there are several things within the payroll report of individuals that work in certain city departments that are being paid from different line items. So, for clarification purposes I don’t feel comfortable voting on payroll.”

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4
NAYS: 3
ABSENT: 0

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

MOTION CARRIED

#10: Approve Bill List (\$264,101.15)

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey to approve the Bill Listing (\$264,101.15).

ROLL CALL

AYES: 4
NAYS: 3
ABSENT: 0

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

MOTION CARRIED

**REPORTS OF STANDING
COMMITTEES**

Finance

Alderman Williams had no report.

Public Safety

Alderman Gardner had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderwoman Phillips had no report.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Tillman Alderman Tillman reported that the city council had an Ordinance and Resolution meeting on December 18, 2025, where the city council voted to establish a Legislative Counsel which passed 6-0. The council also voted to approve Public Works overtime for the 3rd and 4th ward event which passed with a 7-0 vote.

H.E.W

Alderwoman Wilson reported Health Education and Welfare will have a committee meeting to discuss the disturbing news she received from the parents of School District 149.

Permits & Licenses

Alderwoman Harvey had no report.

Public Works

Alderwoman Nelson had no report.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Alderwoman Harvey – 1st Ward

Alderwoman Harvey thanked all the families that came out for the Toy Giveaway. Alderwoman Harvey wished everyone in Calumet City a happy and safe holiday. Alderwoman Harvey announced the 1st ward will not have a January meeting but will have a February meeting.

Alderwoman Wilson – 2nd Ward

Alderwoman Wilson would like the 2nd ward residents to call or text her at (708) 586-4990 or email at monet@alderwomanwilson.com. Alderwoman Wilson that Saturday with Santa was a success. Alderwoman Wilson thanked Alderman Gardner, Alderwoman Phillips, Alderwoman Nelson, Treasurer Tarka, City Clerk Figgs, the City Clerk's office, and the 5th ward volunteers. Alderwoman Wilson thanked the parents that registered their children and were able to be verified. Alderwoman Wilson thanked Marine Toys for Tots, and Kids Corner. Alderwoman wished

Alderwoman Nelson and Deputy Quentin Dailey a Happy Birthday. Alderwoman Wilson announced the 2nd ward will not have any meetings in January but there will be a meeting in February because her office is partnering with Bicycles in the hood. Congratulations to Deputy Fire Chief Vega. Alderwoman Wilson wished everyone a happy holiday.

Alderman Tillman – 3rd Ward

Alderman Tillman wished everyone in the 3rd ward a Happy Thanksgiving. Alderman Tillman reported that the next 3rd and 4th ward townhall meeting will be held on February 2, 2026, at that Calumet City Library at 6:30; there will not be a January meeting. Alderman Tillman wished all of the Calumet City residents a Merry Christmas.

Alderman Williams – 4th Ward

Alderman Williams gave honor to God. Alderman Williams thanked the residents and the volunteers that made the Toy Giveaway possible. Alderman Williams thanked 1st and 3rd ward aldermen for making the drive possible. Alderman Williams announced there will not be a 3rd and 4th ward meeting in January.

Alderman Gardner – 5th Ward

Alderman Gardner would like 5th ward residents to contact his office at (708) 891-8195 with any questions or concerns. Alderman Gardner thanked Tommorrow's Youth Foundation, Alderwoman Wilson Alderwoman Phillips, Alderwoman Nelson, Treasurer Tarka, City Clerk Figgs, and the 5th ward volunteers for a successful event on Saturday. Alderman Gardner wished his colleagues a warm and happy Holiday Season. Alderman Gardner wished the residents a Merry Christmas.

Alderwoman Nelson– 6th Ward

Alderwoman Nelson wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Alderman Phillips– 7th Ward

Alderwoman Phillips would like residents to contact her at (708) 891-8197 or mphillips@calumetcity.org with any questions or concerns. Alderwoman Phillips would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the residents of Calumet City for their continued support. Alderwoman Phillips wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

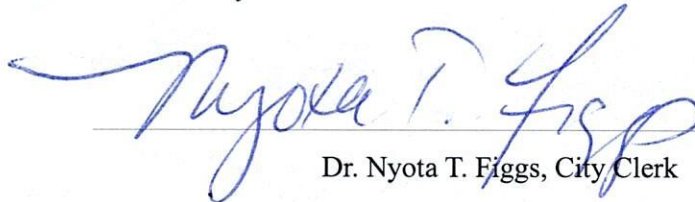
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Gardner

Alderman Gardner congratulated Deputy Fire Chief Vega.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 9:18 p.m., on a motion by Alderwoman Phillips, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey.



Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

MOTION CARRIED

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