

## **JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**JULY 24, 2025**

#### Public Comment

George Grenchik 457 Freeland Avenue announced the Shepards Fest will be August 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> there will be music food and a car show. Mr. Grenchik would like everyone to come out. George Grenchik congratulated the new Alderpersons.

#### Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:09 p.m. in a regular meeting on July 24, 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, Police Chief Kolosh, Fire Chief Bachert, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, Community Economic Development Christina Signorelli, City Engineer Matt Buerger, Attorney Mark Sterk. Police and Fire Commission Butch Carradine, City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey, Director of Building and Zoning Sheryl Tillman, and Attorney Katherine Nagy.

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

#### Prayer

Pastor Fluker led the city council in prayer.

#### Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones thanked the Alderman for working hard on the budget and stated the budget will be finalized next week.

Mayor Jones reported the mobile testing unit from the Illinois Air Team will be in Calumet City at River Oaks Mall from July 28, 2025, to December 2025, Monday through Friday at 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. for emission testing.

Mayor Jones announced the Ashlaur Block Party on July 26, 2025.

#### Approval of Minutes

June 23, 2025: Special Meeting

July 07, 2025: Special Meeting

July 08, 2025: Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting

July 10, 2025: Regular City Council Meeting

July 14, 2025: Public Safety Committee of the Whole Meeting

July 15, 2025: Health Education and Welfare Committee of the Whole Meeting

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Tillman to approve the minutes as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE**

A. ESDA June 2025 Report

RE: Emergency Services & Disaster Agency (ESDA) June 2025 Report.

Approval of Informational Items to Be Accepted and Placed on File

Alderman Tillman moved seconded by Alderwoman Harvey to approve informational items to be accepted and placed on file.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

#1: Approve Removal of Vehicle from Insurance

Approve Motion to remove the Water Service Department vehicle, 2021 Ford E150 Van #1FTNETEW9CUA79531, from city insurance.

#2: Approve Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements

Approve the request to waive the competitive bidding requirements for the purchase of two (2) Ford Police Interceptors from Terry's Ford for the reasons outlined in the attached documents.

#3: Approve Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements

Approve the request to waive the competitive bidding requirements for the purchase of one (1) Ford Police Respond vehicle from Willowbrook Ford for reasons outlined in the attached documents.

#4: Approve Stop Sign Warrant Study (Amended)

Direct the City Engineer to Conduct a Stop Sign warrant study at intersection of 157th & Wentworth. (Amended)

Approval to Amend Stop Sign Warrant Study Motion to Direct the City Engineer To Complete Study

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Williams to amend new business item #4 to direct the city engineer to conduct a Stop Sign Study at intersection of 157th & Wentworth.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#5: Approve United Campbell Avenue Block Club Block Club Party

Approve the United Campbell Avenue Block Club, aka "Unity In Our Community" Nonprofit Charitable Organization fourth annual block club party celebration on Saturday, August 30, 2025, from 12 pm - 6 pm.

Approve amplified noise from 11 am-7 pm and direct Public Works to place barricades to block off the side streets to Campbell Avenue (from 300 to 400 blocks) on August 30, 2025, from 10 am – 6 pm. Additionally, requesting that the Public



Works Department provide 4 trash receptacles for the event.  
Request police and fire presence.

#6: Approve Temporary Speed Bump

Approve motion to place temporary speed bump on the block of 433 Superior closer to the light. Direct public works to install.

#7: Approve Public Works to Grate the Alley

Approve and direct Public Works to grate the alley for 487 Hirsch.

#8: Approve the PTAB Settlement  
(Deferred Until After Executive Sessions)

Approve the PTAB settlement for PTAB Docket No. 23-31290.  
(Deferred Until After Executive Sessions)

#9: Approve Outdoor Service

Approve motion to allow God's Worth Christian Center located at 655 Wentworth Avenue, Calumet City, to have outdoor service on Sunday, July 27, 2025, from 9 am to 4 pm. Further, to allow amplified music from 9 am to 4pm.

Approve New Business Items #1-7 and #9  
As Amended

Alderman Williams moved seconded by Alderwoman Harvey to approve new business action items as amended.

**ROLL CALL**

YEAS: 7

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

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUILDING PERMITS**

550 Saginaw Privacy Fence 2nd Ward  
1354 Superior Privacy Fence 7th Ward  
1125 Stewart Privacy Fence 2nd Ward  
1471 Forest Privacy Fence 6th Ward  
1377 Superior Privacy Fence 7<sup>th</sup> Ward  
388 Luella Ave Privacy Fence 4<sup>th</sup> Ward  
550 Saginaw Privacy Fence 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward

Approval of Building Permits

Alderwoman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey to approve new building permits as presented.

**ROLL CALL**

YEAS: 7

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

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

## RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE

Res.1 A Resolution to Celebrate Alice Jenkins A Resolution celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of City of Calumet City resident Alice Jenkins.

Res.#25-38

(See Attached 4A)

Res.2 A Resolution for the Life and Celebration of Amelia Rodriguez (Removed) A Resolution for the Life and Celebration of Amelia Rodriguez, 7th Ward Resident. (Removed)

Approval of Resolutions

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

## ROLL CALL

YEAS: 7

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

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1: Amend Previously Passed Motion for Payment to Holland Asphalt

Approve motion to amend the passed motion from February 27, 2025 moved by Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderman Gardner to reflect the correct account number as followed: 3 Motion to direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Holland Asphalt in the amount of \$16,900.00 plus \$300.00 Cook County Permit, for the emergency demolition of property located at 451 Price, due to deterioration of structure integrity that created unsafe, unsanitary conditions. Charged to account #12707-52472 (2023B Capital Project Expenses for Demolition Expenditures).

#2: Amend Previously Passed Motion for Payment to Patrick Walsh

Approve motion to amend the passed motion from July 10, 2025 moved by Alderman Williams and seconded by Alderwoman Harvey to reflect the correct account number as followed: Motion to approve payment to Patrick W. Walsh, Attorney at Law for invoices: 3206, 3207, 3208, 3209, 3210, 3211; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$29,554.06 and charge account #01025-52200.

#3: Payment to Shanice Monterrubio

Approve the buyback for Shanice Monterrubio as shown in the communication.

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

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 25-38**

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**A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF  
CITY OF CALUMET CITY RESIDENT ALICE JENKINS**

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**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. 25-38**

**A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF  
CITY OF CALUMET CITY RESIDENT ALICE JENKINS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Calumet City ("City") is an Illinois home rule unit of local government; and

**WHEREAS**, the City celebrates the 100th birthday of beloved City resident Ms. Alice M. Jenkins; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Jenkins was born on July 6, 1925 in Miami, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Jenkins is a proud mother to three sons (James, Glenn, and Robert), and a loving grandmother to 11 grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Jenkins was trained in cosmetology in Miami, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Jenkins has been admired for her accessibility and compassion towards family members; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Jenkins has been a model resident in the Calumet City community for many years.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City hereby celebrate the 100th birthday of City resident Ms. Alice M. Jenkins.

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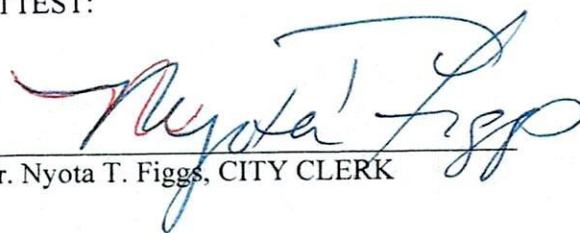
**ADOPTED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent	Present
Gardner	X			
Harvey	X			
Nelson	X			
Phillips	X			
Tillman	X			
Williams	X			
Wilson	X			
(Mayor Jones)				

**APPROVED** by the Mayor on July 24, 2025.

  
Thaddeus Jones  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, CITY CLERK

- #4: Payment to Yaqeen Razick Approve the buyback for Yaqeen Razick as shown in the communication.
- #5: Payment to Jessica Sandoval Approve the buyback for Jessica Sandoval as shown in the communication.
- #6: Payment to Johnathan Henderson Approve the buyback for Johnathan Henderson as shown in the communication.
- #7: Payment to IML Approve attendance of elected/appointed officials to the 112th annual Illinois Municipal League Conference in Chicago, Illinois on Thursday, September 18th, 2025, through Saturday, September 20th, 2025, to be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Further direct the City Treasurer to register and remit payment to IML on behalf of all conference attendees charging the appropriate conference travel line items. Further direct the City Treasurer to remit a \$1,700.00 stipend to all attendees with the understanding that all related IML conference expenditures will be accounted for by providing receipts of same to the Treasurer's office along with the return of any monies not expended.
- #8: Payment to United States Treasury Authorize the City Treasurer to complete IRS Form 720 and issue payment to United States Treasury for \$1,793.54.00 for the PCORI fee. The expense will be posted to general ledger account 01099-51130.
- #9: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice #68330, in the amount of \$7,398.00, authorize the city treasurer to remit payment from account 03036-52349.
- #10: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #68443, in the amount of \$5,227.70, authorize the city treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.
- #11: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #68380, in the amount of \$5,987.60, authorize the city treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.
- #12: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice #68381 in the amount of \$5,132.60, authorize the city treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.
- #13: Payment to HACH Approve cost payable to HACH for quote # 101192235v1, in the amount of \$8,655.10, authorize the city treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-53425.
- #14: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice #68453, in the amount of \$12,443.20, authorize the city treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.



<u>#15: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing</u>	Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice #68451, in the amount of \$5,965.00, authorize the city treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.
<u>#16: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing</u>	Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice #68445, in the amount of \$23,715.42, authorize the city treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.
<u>#17: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing</u>	Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice #68381, in the amount of \$5,132.60, authorize the city treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.
<u>#18: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing</u>	Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for Invoice #68441, in the amount of \$7,339.30, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from Account #03036-52349.
<u>#19: Payment to Willowbrook Ford</u>	Approve the purchase of one (1) Ford Police Respond vehicle for the Police Department from Willowbrook Ford in the amount of \$51,645.70; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Willowbrook Ford in the amount of \$51,645.70 to be paid from the DUI Fund.
<u>#20: Payment to Terry's Ford</u>	Approve the purchase of two (2) Ford Police Interceptors for the Police Department from Terry's Ford in the amount of \$96,056.00; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Terry's Ford in the amount of \$96,056.00 to be charged to account 06860-57117 (Federal Asset Forfeiture- Law Enforcement Equipment).
<u>#21: Reclassify the Lead Service Line Replacement Project expense</u>	Authorize the City Treasurer to reclassify the Lead Service Line Replacement Project expense of \$39,489.55 from account 12607-55145 (2023A Capital Project Fund) to account 01110-55145 (Capital Project Fund).
<u>#22: Payment to Farnsworth</u>	Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #261765) for Project #02500261.001 River Oaks West Stormwater Improvements, in the amount of \$28,000.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #12607-52600.
<u>#23: Payment to Farnsworth</u>	Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #261767) for Project #02500218.001 River Oaks Watermain and Elevated Tank, in the amount of \$32,820.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #30707-52600.
<u>#24: Payment to Ottosen Dinolfo Hasenbalg &amp; Castaldo LTD</u>	Approve payment to Ottosen Dinolfo Hasenbalg & Castaldo LTD. for invoice 15339 and authorize City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$17,954.00 and charge account 01025-52200.

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

Approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$36,946.72 for corporate legal services dated July 10, 2025, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025-52200.

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

Approve payment to Ancel Glink, P.C. in the amount of \$39,384.71 for legal services dated July 10, 2025, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01025- 52200.

#27: Payment to Alta Industrial  
Equipment Co LLC

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Alta Industrial Equipment Co LLC in the amount of \$5,417.91. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06617-55135. This is for repairs to the lift truck.

#28: Payment to Alliance Environmental

Approve the asbestos abatement for 610 Burnham Avenue and charge the invoice to the 2023 bond matter; further direct the City Treasurer to issue payment to Alliance Environmental in the amount of \$7,225.00.

#29: Payment to Municipal Systems LLC  
(DACRA Tech)

Approve payment to Municipal Systems LLC (DACRA Tech) for invoice DT 2025- 06-022. Authorize City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$5,014.00 and charge account number 01029-52126

#30: Payment to Ray O'herron

Approve the purchase of ammunition from Ray O'herron in the amount of \$14,452.50; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Ray O'herron in the amount of \$14,452.50 to be charged to account 01060-53311.

#31: Payment to Chicagoland Diesel

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Chicagoland Diesel in the amount of \$11,414.63. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06607-55135. This is for repairs and maintenance to ambulance 11.

#32: Approve Payroll (\$1,164,151.20)

Approve Payroll (\$1,164,151.20).

#33: Approve Bill Listing (\$1,280,017.40)

Approve Bill Listing (\$1,280,017.40).

Approve Financial Items

Alderman Williams seconded by Alderwoman Wilson motioned for the approval of Financial Matters #1-33.

Alderwoman Wilson Discussion

Alderwoman Wilson inquired about items she submitted to be placed on the agenda that were not present.



Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones stated that Alderwoman Wilsons items will be placed on either the Monday July 28<sup>th</sup> agenda or the Wednesday July 30<sup>th</sup> agenda.

## **ROLL CALL**

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

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

ALDERMEN: None

ALDERMEN: None

## **MOTION CARRIED**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Finance

Alderman Williams reported on the Finance Committee of the Whole Meetings that took place on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Alderman stated 18 departments were discussed. Alderman Williams announced there will be a meeting held on July 28, 2025.

### Public Safety

Alderman Gardner reported on the Public Safety meeting that took place on July 14, 2025 where crossing guards were discussed with the city's school boards.

### Public Utilities

Alderwoman Phillips stated that she will have more information regarding ComEd soon. Alderwoman Phillips would like residents who may have questions to contact her at (708)-891-8197. Alderwoman Phillips announced Ashlaur is having an event on Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. behind Illiana Credit Union.

### Ord. & Res.

Alderman Tillman had no report.

### H.E.W

Alderwoman Wilson reported on the Tuesday July 15, 2025, Health Education and Welfare Committee meeting where pooling resources for all of the students in Calumet City was discussed. Alderwoman Wilson announced district 149 is having a Back to School Event on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Alderwoman Wilson announced that July 27<sup>th</sup> is the Calumet City Chargers Family Fest. Alderwoman Wilson announced that New Life Bible Church is having a Back to School event on August 2, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Alderwoman Wilson stated she can be reached at (708)586-4990.

### Permits & Licenses

Alderwoman Harvey had no report.

### Public Works

Alderwoman Nelson had no report.

## CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

### Ald. Harvey

Alderman Harvey announced the 1<sup>st</sup> townhall ward meeting will be held at All Nations Church at 520 Sibley Blvd and hosted by Pastor Fluker from 6 p.m. on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Alderman Harvey would like 1<sup>st</sup> ward residents to rsvp at (708)-891-8198 or at [sharvey@calumetcity.org](mailto:sharvey@calumetcity.org)

Alderman Harvey reported the United Campbell Block Club Party will have their 4<sup>th</sup> annual block club party from 12:00 p.m. to 6 p.m. on August 30, 2025

Alderman Harvey announced All Nations Church will be having a Back to School Bash on August 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. if you have any questions contact Paige Walsh (708)-704-1036

### Ald. Wilson

Alderman Wilson gave the contact information for the 2<sup>nd</sup> ward phone number is (708)-586-4990 [monet@alderwomanWilson.com](mailto:monet@alderwomanWilson.com) Alderman Wilson spoke about her opportunity to support families who have been victims of domestic violence at the Cook County Criminal Justice meeting and hearing. The 2<sup>nd</sup> ward meet and greet will be held on August 30, 2025 at Don Pedros on the second floor please text Grace at (708) 586-4990 please leave your name address and how many people will be attending. There will be a second meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> of September. The Calumet City Chargers through a partnership with Tomorrows Youth Foundation youth ages 6 to 13 can sign up for tackle football at no cost but they will have to do so through a mentoring program please call the President Courtland B. Wilson 773-865-5772.

### Ald. Tillman

Alderman Tillman announced the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ward meeting will be held at Downey Park on August 04, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. Alderman Tillman announced the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ward has rescheduled their Back to School Picnic it is now being held on August 17, 2025, at Downey Park 300 Jeffrey Avenue from noon to 4:00 p.m.

### Ald. Williams

Alderman Williams gave honor to God who makes all things possible. Alderman Williams would like residents to continue to call to express their concerns at (708) 891-8194 or (708) 212-2240 or email [rwilliams@calumetcity.org](mailto:rwilliams@calumetcity.org)

### Ald. Gardner

Alderman Gardner thanked Police Chief Kolosh for reaching out to all of the school boards for Mondays meeting. Alderman Gardner would like residents to continue to contact his office at (708)-891-8195. Alderman Gardner invited the 5<sup>th</sup> ward residents to the Back to School Fair at Lincoln where he will be partnering with them and passing out supplies.



Ald. Nelson

Alderwoman Nelson announced she and Alderwoman Phillips will have a BBQ on July 27<sup>th</sup> at Betts Park. Alderwoman Nelson stated she will be working with Public Works, the Water Department and the Mayor regarding the pumping stations. Alderwoman Nelson would like residents to come out to the Hoover and Schrum back to school event on August 23rd. Alderwoman Nelson stated the August monthly ward meeting will be announced.

Ald. Phillips

Alderwoman Phillips stated she would like to piggy back off of Alderwoman Nelson and announce the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> ward community bar b que at Betts park on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Alderwoman Phillips would like people with special food request to RSVP at (708)-891-8197. Alderwoman Phillips stated they are currently working on a date and location for the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> ward townhall meeting.

Motion to Enter into Closed Session

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderwoman Wilson to enter into executive for the purpose of pending litigation at 6:40 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Executive Session

The city council met in Executive Session from 6:40 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.

Return to the Regular Order of Business

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to return to the regular order of business at 7:05 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE**

#8: Approve the PTAB Settlement

Approve the PTAB settlement for PTAB Docket No. 23-31290.

Approved the PTAB Settlement

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey to approve PTAB Settlement.

**ROLL CALL**

YEAS: 6  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 1

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

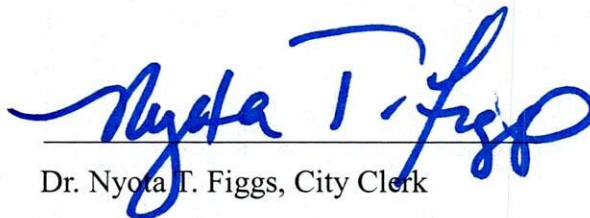
**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 7:07 p.m., on a motion by Alderwoman Phillips seconded by Alderwoman Wilson.

**MOTION CARRIED**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nyota T. Figgs", is written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk