

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

**FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

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 6:02 p.m. in a regular meeting on February 12, 2026, with Mayor Thaddeus Jones present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 7

ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Gardner, Nelson (6:03p.m.), Phillips.

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMEN: None

Also present were: City Clerk Dr. Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, Deputy Fire Chief Samuel J. Vega, City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey, Director of Inspectional Service Sheryl Tillman, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, Police Chief Kolosh, Corporate Counsel Paul O'Grady (Ancel Glink), Legislative Counsel Mark McGrath (Odelson, Murphy, Fraizer, & McGrath).

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

Moment of Silence

Mayor Jones requested a moment of silence; city council took a moment of silence for Chris Clark.

Approval of Minutes

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

- 01/13/2026 Special Committee Mtg.
- 01/20/2026 Special Committee Mtg.
- 01/22/2026 Regular City Council Mtg.
- 01/27/2026 Special Committee Mtg.
- 01/31/2026 Special Finance Committee of the Whole Mtg.
- 02/05/2026 Special Committee Mtg.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

A. the 103<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Investment Report RE: Treasurer Tarka submitting the 103<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Investment Report for the City of Calumet City, effective January 1, 2000.

B. 102<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Investment RE: Treasurer Tarka submitting the 102<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Investment Report for the City of Calumet City, effective January 1, 2000.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1): Approve Certification Petition

Approve unit certification petition filed by Teamsters Local 700.

Approval to Postpone New Business Items #1

Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to postpone new business items #1 until after executive session.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 1

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

2): Direct City Attorney to Draft Handicap Ordinance

Direct City Attorney to draft an ordinance to amend the handicap parking ordinance to approve and add a handicap pole to be located at 548 Muskegon Avenue.

3): Approve Adoption of a Resolution

Approve adoption of a resolution honoring and celebrating the life of Aradia Clark, recognizing her contributions, impact, and the legacy she leaves within our community.

(Res.#26-03)

(See Attached 2A)

4): Approve Adoption of a Resolution

Approve adoption of a honoring and celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Amelia Jones Stevens, recognizing her extraordinary contributions to health care, cancer research affecting women, and her lasting impact throughout Illinois.

(Res.#26-04)

(See Attached 2B)

Approval of New Business Items #2-4

Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve new business items #2-4.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 1

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUILDING PERMITS**

None

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE**

#1. Resolution Celebrating Dolores "Jean" Whitehead

A Resolution celebrating the professional legacy and lifetime of service of Dolores "Jean" Whitehead.

(Res.#26-05)

(See Attached 2C)

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

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 26-03**

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**A RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF THE LIFE OF  
ARADIA CLARK**

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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. 26-03**

**A RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF THE LIFE OF  
ARADIA CLARK**

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

WHEREAS, the City has lost a valued member of its community on February 1, 2026 with the death of Aradia Clark at the age of 46 years old; and

WHEREAS, Aradia was the daughter of Glander Clark and Calvin Washington; and

WHEREAS, Aradia graduated from Caroline Sibley Elementary School and Thornwood High School, and then continued her education by attending Technical College where she majored in electronic engineering; and

WHEREAS, Aradia began her career at Ford Motors Company as a forklift driver and later began her own company called Peerless Credit Repair where she was known as the Money Coach for her work in helping people improve their credit scores; and

WHEREAS, Aradia was deeply involved in her community and a strong calling to community service running for the City offices of mayor and city treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Aradia was a faithful community member who created lasting memories filled with love and laughter with everyone she interacted with; and

WHEREAS, Aradia was a devoted family woman who loved spending quality time with her loved ones, and her warm spirit was evident in her daily greetings to friends and family; and

WHEREAS, Aradia was a passionate dancer who especially enjoyed stepping and was known as the life of every party; and

WHEREAS, Aradia's infectious energy, love for music and joyful spirit made every social gathering she attended memorable; and

WHEREAS, Aradia leaves behind her son Peerless Jackson, her mom Glander Clark-Stewart, her dad Calvin Washington, her grandmothers Elizabeth Berry and Julia Berry, her Aunts Sharon Ayers, Margaret Foster, Elaine Neal, Dielinda Garret, and Myrtis Garret, her uncle Adrian Washington, her cousins Tamela Hughes, Crystal Thomas and Shamika Robinson, her best friends, David, Renata, Sherree, Gloria, and a host of very special nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Aradia was very deeply loved and well-respected by her family, friends, and members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the death of Aradia has left the City and the community deeply saddened.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City hereby extend our sincerest condolences to Aradia Clark's family and friends, and extend our sincere gratitude for Aradia's contributions, impact, life and legacy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be presented to the family of Aradia Clark as a symbol of the City's respect, sympathy, and enduring recognition.

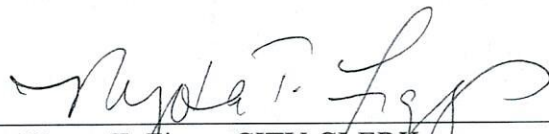
**ADOPTED** this 12th day of February 2026, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	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 February 12, 2026.

  
Thaddeus Jones  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, CITY CLERK

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

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 26-04**

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**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF  
DEACON DR. AMELIA JONES STEVENS**

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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. 26-04**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF  
DEACON DR. AMELIA JONES STEVENS**

WHEREAS, Deacon Dr. Amelia Jones Stevens was a woman of extraordinary faith, intellect, and service whose life reflected an unwavering commitment to God, family, profession, and community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stevens faithfully served as a Deacon at Trinity United Church of Christ, exemplifying the sacred calling of servant leadership through humility, prayer, compassion, and steadfast spiritual guidance; and

WHEREAS, in her role as Deacon, she ministered not only within the walls of the church but throughout the broader community, embodying the principles of justice, love, and faith in action; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stevens was a distinguished Doctor of Nursing and a respected leader in the nursing profession, dedicating her career to advancing healthcare excellence, mentoring future nurses, and advocating for improved patient care; and

WHEREAS, her significant contributions to cancer research reflected both scientific rigor and deep humanity, helping to advance treatment, awareness, and hope for countless individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, Dr. Stevens demonstrated moral clarity, professional excellence, and a profound dedication to uplifting others, leaving an enduring legacy that will continue to inspire generations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City recognizes that her impact extended far beyond titles and accomplishments and is rooted in the love, wisdom, and strength she poured into every life she touched;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the official records of the City of Calumet City as a lasting tribute to her faithful service, professional distinction, and enduring legacy.

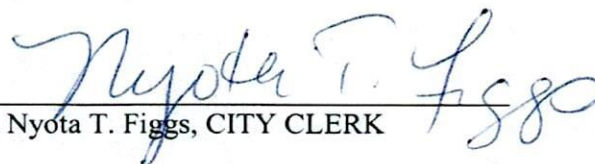
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Phillips	X			
Tillman	X			
Williams			X	
Wilson	X			
(Mayor Jones)				

**APPROVED** by the Mayor on February 12, 2026.

  
Thaddeus Jones  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Dr. Nyota T. Figs, CITY CLERK

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

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 26-05**

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**A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE PROFESSIONAL  
LEGACY AND LIFETIME OF SERVICE OF  
DELORES "JEAN" WHITEHEAD**

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

**DEJUAN GARDNER  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 26-05**

**A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE PROFESSIONAL  
LEGACY AND LIFETIME OF SERVICE OF  
DELORES "JEAN" WHITEHEAD**

WHEREAS, Delores "Jean" Whitehead is a woman whose life's work reflects an extraordinary commitment to personal growth, professional excellence, and public service, leaving a lasting imprint on the City of Calumet City and all those she served; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Whitehead's professional journey was shaped by a foundation of discipline, education, and self-determination, including her studies at Cortez Peters Business College, which equipped her with the skills and confidence that would define her career and entrepreneurial pursuits; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, Ms. Whitehead demonstrated remarkable adaptability and initiative, mastering skills such as operating a manual transmission vehicle, composing original music, and successfully owning and operating three businesses, each reflecting her independence, work ethic, and entrepreneurial spirit; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Whitehead brought these qualities into the public sphere when, at the age of 55, she began her service to the City of Calumet City through the Green Thumb Program at the 600 Oglesby location, exemplifying that professional growth and civic contribution are not bound by age, but by purpose; and

WHEREAS, her diligence, reliability, and exceptional work ethic quickly distinguished her as a valued asset to the City, leading to her offer and acceptance of a full-time position within the Inspectional Services Department; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Whitehead's tenure with the City of Calumet City stands as a testament to dedication and perseverance, as she served full-time with distinction until her retirement at the extraordinary age of 84, an achievement that reflects both her professional excellence and her unwavering commitment to public service; and

WHEREAS, during her years of service, Ms. Whitehead earned the respect of her colleagues and leadership alike, proudly serving as a Calumet City Union Representative for many years, advocating for fairness, accountability, and the dignity of municipal employees; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Whitehead's professional life was seamlessly interwoven with service to others, including leadership roles in school-based organizations and youth programs, reinforcing her belief that professional success carries with it a responsibility to uplift and support the next generation; and

WHEREAS, even in retirement, Ms. Whitehead's life reflects the balance she so fully earned, embracing rest, joy, and the simple pleasures of daily living after decades of service, leadership, and contribution to her family, her colleagues, and her community; and


WHEREAS, Delores "Jean" Whitehead's story is one of continuous evolution of a woman who never stopped learning, never stopped contributing, and never stopped showing up for her City;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City do hereby formally recognize and celebrate Delores "Jean" Whitehead for her exceptional professional journey and lifetime of service public.

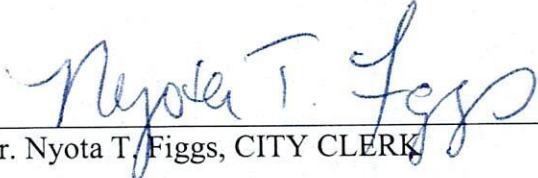
**ADOPTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	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 February 12, 2026.

  
 Thaddeus Jones  
 MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
 Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, CITY CLERK

Approve Resolution Celebrating Dolores "Jean" Whitehead

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson to adopt the Resolution celebrating the professional legacy and lifetime of service of Dolores "Jean" Whitehead.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 1

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#1: Payment to 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Events

Approve \$1,500 payment for food and supplies for the 7th ward events, please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment to Alderwoman Melissa Phillips, in the amount of \$1,500, from account #01010-52728. Receipts and invoices will be supplied to the treasurer's office upon completion.

#2: Payment for Community Grants

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to pay the Community Grant Awards for FY-2026 to the following organizations and direct Treasurer Tarka to remit payment upon completion of the appropriate documentation by the awardees:

- \$5,000.00 to the Calumet City Resource Center (01099-52662)
- \$10,000.00 to V.F.W. Post 8141 (01099-52664)
- \$10,000.00 to American Legion Post 330 (01099-52665)
- \$5,000.00 to the Calumet City Historical Society (01099-52666)
- \$5,000.00 to Ginger Ridge/McKinney Center (01099-52701)
- \$10,000.00 to Tomorrow's Youth Foundation (01099-52716)
- \$2,500.00 to the Calumet City Thunderbolts (01099-52705)
- \$10,000.00 to the Calumet City Lions Club (01099-52717).

Approve Financial Items #2

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Nelson to approve financial item #2.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 1  
ABSTAIN: 1

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

#3: Payment to Sam's Club

Approve payment to Sam's Club, for gift card purchase for winners of the City of Calumet City's Black History Month 2026 Student Contest, in an amount not to exceed \$700, denomination of gift cards as follows: (3) \$100, (3) \$75, (3) \$50) and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52681.

#4: Payment to Sam's Club

Approve payment to Sam's Club for food purchase for the City of Calumet City's Black History Month 2026 Calendar to Life Event, in an amount not to exceed \$284.08, and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52681.

- #5: Payment to Complex Network Solution Approve payment to Complex Network Solution for invoice 2204; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$16,840.00 and charge account #01028-52630.
- #6: Payment to Trophys Are Us, Inc Approve payment to Trophys Are Us, Inc. for Order #35134 - plaque purchase for winners of the City of Calumet City's Black History Month Student Contest, in an amount not to exceed \$270 and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01099-52681.
- #7: Payment to Holland Services Inc. Approve cost payable to Holland Services Inc. for invoice #2025-329 in the amount of \$6,390.00 for work at Waltham & Golf Court, sewer collapse repair/storm & Sanitary main, Concrete 10/8/25 \* Asphalt 10/14/25, authorize the city treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.
- #8: Payment to Metropolitan Industries Inc. Approve cost payable to Metropolitan Industries Inc, for Invoice #INV080711 in the amount of \$22,134.00 for replacing check valves for the 3 pumps at the Superior Pond which were faulty, they are being replace by Metropolitan, this includes all parts and installation, authorize the city treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52364.
- #9: Payment to Fire Service, Inc. Approve and authorize City Treasurer to make payment to Fire Service, Inc. in the amount of \$10,891.21 for the maintenance and repairs to Squad-12. The line item to be used is 06617-54150.
- #10: Payment to Thomas Dukups Approve the buyback for Thomas Dukups as shown in the communication.
- #11: Payment to Janice Dobbs Approve the buyback for Janice Dobbs as shown in the communication.
- #12: Payment to CCPD Unit 20-938 Approve repairs to CCPD Unit 20-938 in the amount of \$9,097.31, to be performed by River Oaks L&E Auto; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to River Oaks L&E in the amount of \$9,097.31 to be charged to account #01060-54152.
- #13: Payment to Complex Network Solutions Approve the renewal of access point and firewall licensing in the amount of \$5,029.83; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Complex Network Solutions in the amount of \$5,029.83, to be charged to account #01060-52430.
- #14: Payment to Complex Network Solutions Approve the software upgrade and maintenance agreement to support the Genetec System in the amount of \$12,519.38; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Complex Network Solutions in the amount of \$12,519.38 to be charged to account #06860-57117 (Federal Asset Forfeiture - Law Enforcement Equipment).
- #15: Payment to Visitor's Bureau (the Bureau) Approve motion in accordance with Resolution #02-40 and the Agreement between the City of Calumet City and the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitor's Bureau (the Bureau), please authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to the Bureau in the amount of \$2,171.00 payable from Account #01099-52696. This amount represents 95% of 1% of gross rental or lease charges collected from October 16, 2025, through January 15, 2026, for the sole purpose of promoting tourism, in accordance with Ordinance #02-21, and the imposition of the Hotel Accommodations Tax.
- #16: Approve Payroll (\$1,050,208.46) Approve Payroll (\$1,050,208.46).

Approve Financial Item #16

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Harvey to approve the payroll as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5  
NAYS: 1  
ABSENT: 1

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

Approve Emergency Bill List (\$264,101.15).

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

Approve Bill List (\$264,101.15).

Approve Financial Item #18

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Phillips to approve the bill list as amended to exclude Black Dove Design Company, Dennis Yatsko Sears Maintenance, Elevated Safety, Great American Financial, Pete's Fresh Market, V Williams LLC, Illinois EPA, Menards, Motion Automotive, Sams Club, Scott Decal, and Professional Protection Specialist.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 5  
NAYS: 1  
ABSENT: 1

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Approve Financial Items #1, 3-15, and 17

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey to approve Financial Items #1, 3-15, and 17.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 1

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance

Alderman Williams was absent.

Public Safety

Alderman Gardner had no report.

Public Utilities

Alderman Phillips had no report.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Tillman reported that the city council had a Special meeting on February 05, 2026, where the city council voted to have Legislative Counsel represent the

council in the Ken Jones vs. Calumet City case. Alderman Tillman also reported that council directed Corporation counsel to draft several ordinances and policies.

H.E.W

Alderman Wilson had no report.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Harvey reported that there are 440 licensed businesses in Calumet City. Alderman Harvey reported that there are 26 new businesses that would like to come to Calumet City.

Public Works

Alderman Nelson reported there will be a Public Works Committee of the Whole Meeting held on February 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. where items that have been tabled in the past will be discussed.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Alderman Harvey – 1<sup>st</sup> Ward

Alderman Harvey wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. Alderman Harvey announced the 1<sup>st</sup> ward meeting will be held February 17, 2026, at All Nations Church at 520 Sibley at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Wilson – 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward

Alderman Wilson would like the 2<sup>nd</sup> ward residents to call or text her at (708) 586-4990 or email at [monet@alderwomanwilson.com](mailto:monet@alderwomanwilson.com). Alderman Wilson reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> ward has experienced a lot of loss these past couple of weeks. Alderman Wilson expressed condolences for the families of Aradia Clark, Miguel Casmorales, Marquesha Brown, and Dr. Amelia Jones Stevens. Alderman Wilson wished the residents a Happy Valentine's Day.

Alderman Tillman – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward

Alderman Tillman wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. Alderman Tillman thanked the residents and department heads that attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ward meeting on February 02, 2026, at the Calumet City Library. Alderman Tillman announced the next 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ward meeting will be held on March 02, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Calumet City Library.

Alderman Williams – 4<sup>th</sup> Ward

Alderman Williams was absent.

Alderman Gardner – 5<sup>th</sup> Ward

Alderman Gardner would like 5<sup>th</sup> ward residents to call his office at (708) 891-8195 with any questions or concerns. Alderman Gardner wished all the 5<sup>th</sup> ward residents a Happy Valentine's Day.

Alderman Nelson – 6<sup>th</sup> Ward

Alderman Nelson wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. Alderman Nelson thanked the 6<sup>th</sup> ward residents for reaching out to her with their questions and concerns.

Alderman Phillips – 7<sup>th</sup> Ward

Alderman Phillips would like residents to contact her at (708) 891-8197 or [mphillips@calumetcity.org](mailto:mphillips@calumetcity.org) with any questions or concerns. Alderman Phillips to extend a heartfelt thanks to the residents of Calumet City for their continued support. Alderman Phillips wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Motion to Enter Into Closed Session

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Harvey to enter into closed session to discuss negotiation strategy, bargaining discussion, discussion of public bodies, and pending and probable litigation at 6:33 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Executive Session

The city council met in executive session from 6:33 p.m. to 7:42 p.m.

Return to the Regular Order of Business

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Phillips to return to the regular order of business at 7:42 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Defer Action on Certification Petition

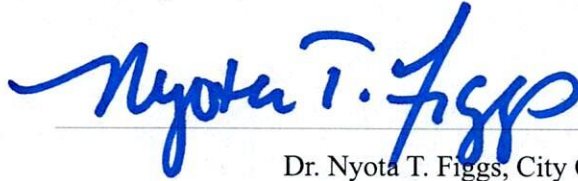
Alderman Phillips moved, seconded by Alderman Wilson to defer action on the unit certification petition filed by Teamsters Local 700 until the February 26, 2026, meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment was at 7:45 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Phillips, seconded by Alderman Harvey.



**MOTION CARRIED**

Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

/jkc