

SPECIAL MEETING  
HELD ON AUGUST 20, 2026  
204 PULASKI ROAD, CALUMET CITY, ILLINOIS

CALL TO ORDER    The Special meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.  
on August 20, 2026, by Mayor Thaddeus Jones.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT            7        ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams,  
Gardner (6:06 p.m.), Nelson, Phillips.

ABSENT:            0        ALDERMEN: NONE

Also present were: City Clerk Dr. Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka  
City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey, Fire Chief Bachert, Police Chief  
Kolosh, Deputy Clerk Jessica Coffee, Public Works Commissioner  
Jericho Thomas, Attorney Mark Sterk (Legislative Counsel).

PUBLIC COMMENT   None

Waste Disposal RFP  
Process Discussion

Mayor Jones reported to the council the purpose of this meeting is to  
review the bids that were submitted and meet with the vendors that  
submitted the bids in open session. Mayor Jones requested City  
Administrator Deanne Jaffrey give a brief overview of the bid process  
as it relates to the Waste Disposal Contract.

City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey distributed packets to the council  
which she stated included all the documents received and posted from  
start to finish. City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey reported on the  
preproposal meeting that was held on July 10, 2026, that several Waste  
Disposal vendors attended.

Alderman Gardner inquired about the number of vendors that  
participated and why only two vendors submitted proposals.

City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey stated that some vendors requested  
information about how invoices have been paid in the past.

Alderman Wilson questioned the City Administrator about not including  
the City Clerk in a process the council voted to have her solely control.  
Alderman Wilson inquired about who received the bids.

City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey stated the RFP was followed and the  
bids were turned in to the mayor's office.

Alderman Wilson stated the council passed a law that said all bids are to be delivered to the Clerk's office and when four or more members of the council vote for something that then makes it the law.

Mayor Jones stated the council can continue the process and hear from the vendors that have come to present tonight and make a decision or the council can scrap the entire RFP and start over and let the Clerk handle it.

Alderman Nelson apologized to Republic Services for them having to witness this conversation. Alderman Nelson commented regarding the disrespect the council is exposed to at the hand of the mayor and certain employees. Alderman Nelson stated this council is tired of being disrespected. Alderman Nelson asked the City Administrator why she won't let the City Clerk, who is an elected official, do her job.

Alderman Williams questioned City Clerk Figgs about how she would previously handled the bid process; would she have done the same things the City Administrator did.

City Clerk Figgs stated she would have handled the bid process the similarly however, she would not have held a preproposal meeting. City Clerk Figgs stated that she doesn't think the issue is with the process she thinks the concern is that she as the sitting City Clerk was not involved.

The city council expressed concerns regarding the preproposal meeting and if it was legal. The council inquired about the purpose of the meeting.

City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey stated the purpose of the preproposal meeting was so that all the Waste Disposal vendors had the opportunity to ask any questions they might have.

City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey stated that Waste Management declined to bid due to the percentage of alleys in the city and the company not having adequate equipment to handle those alleys. City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey stated that Homewood Disposal stated that their company is not in the business of playing games. City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey reported that at the preproposal meeting the vendors were speaking amongst each other.

Approval to Reject  
Bid Proposal

Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to reject the the bid proposal for the Waste Disposal Contract due to the process not being done properly.

Alderman Williams suggested to the council instead of starting the bid process over the council should contact the two companies that did not

submit a bid proposal and confirm the companies intended not to submit a bid.

Ernie Lopez from Republic Service commented regarding the fairness of allowing other vendors the opportunity to bid on this contract after Republic has already put their numbers out.

Alderman Gardner  
Withdrawal of  
Second

Alderman Gardner stated that he is rescinding his second to reject the bid proposal for the Waste Disposal Contract.

Tabling the Waste  
Disposal Contract  
Bid Proposals

Alderman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Tillman to table the Waste Disposal RFP.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 6

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

NAYS: 1

ALDERMEN: Williams

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMAN: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Motion to Enter into  
Closed Session

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Harvey to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussion pending and probable litigation, union grievance, property matters, and the employment of a specific CED employee at 7:12 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Executive Session

The City Council met in executive session from 7:12 p.m. to 8:12 p.m.

Return to the Regular  
Order of Business

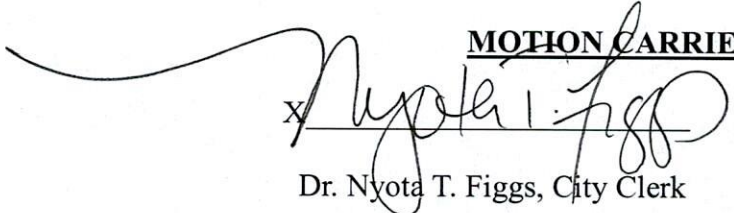
Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Harvey to return to the regular order of business at 8:12 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 8:13 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Harvey, seconded by Alderman Williams.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk