

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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

MARCH 13, 2025

Pledge Of Allegiance

The City Council of the City of Calumet City met in the City Council Chambers at 6:03 p.m. in a regular meeting on March 13, 2025, with Mayor Pro Tem Ramonde Williams present and presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 7

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Wilson (6:21 p.m.), Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith

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, Deputy II Quentin Dailey, Chaplain Pastor Stokes, Director Sheryl Tillman, Economic Development Val Williams.

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

Prayer

Pastor Stokes led the City Council in prayer.

Approval of Minutes

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

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO BE ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

A. Presentation by Greenprint Partners

RE: Wentworth Avenue Corridor Green Vision Plan Presentation by Greenprint Partners.

B. Thank You Letter from Calumet City Historical Society

RE: Letter from Calumet City Historical Society thanking the City of Calumet City.

C. Revenue & Expenditure Status Report January 2025

RE: Treasurer Tarka submitting the Revenue & Expenditure Status Report for the month of January 2025.

Approval of Informational Items to be Accepted And Placed on File

Alderman Smith moved seconded by Alderman Gardner to approve informational items to be accepted and placed on file.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith

ALDERMEN: None

ALDERMEN: Wilson

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

#1: Direct Public Works to Install Resident Parking Only Sign

Approve Resident Parking Only sign in front of 402 156th Pl. Direct Public Works to install.

#2: Direct Public Works to Install Resident Parking Only Sign

Direct Public Works to install Resident Only Parking Signs with Address at 525 Manistee and 440 Marquette.

Approval of New Business Items

Alderman Smith motioned seconded by Alderman Williams to approve new business items.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith

ALDERMEN: None

ALDERMEN: Wilson

MOTION CARRIED

BUILDING PERMITS

None

FINANCIAL MATTERS

#1: Payment to Gallagher Asphalt Corporation

Approve payment to Gallagher Asphalt Corporation (Payment #3) for the 157th Street and Wilson Avenue Reconstruction/Resurfacing Project, in the amount of \$281,338.62 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #04007-52454. This work has been completed and was inspected per MFT guidelines during construction.

#2: Payment to Michael Serrano

Approve buyback for Michael Serrano for their unused 2024 vacation time; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment as stated in the communication.

#3: Payment to True North Consultants (INV6879)

Approve payment to True North Consultants (INV6879) for Project #T243849 Phase II Environmental Site Assessment & Hazardous Material Assessment - Former Sears Store in the amount of \$11,275.00 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #12707-52472.

#4: Payment to Farnsworth (Inv #258295)

Approve payment to Farnsworth (Inv #258295) for Project #0241250 CED Grant Assistance, Phase 1 in the amount of \$24,526.50 and direct City Treasurer Tarka to remit payment from account #01099-52600.

#5: Payment to Central Square

Approve payment to Central Square for Quote #Q-213134 (AnalyticsNOW Cloud); authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$12,180.00 and charge account #12707-55120.

#6: Payment to Cook County Sheriff's Police Training Academy

Approve payment to the Cook County Sheriff's Police Training Academy in the amount of \$7,150.00 for the basic recruit training of newly hired officers Black and Aguirre; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to the Cook County Sheriff's Police Training Academy in the amount of \$7,150.00 to be charged to account #01060-52390.

#7: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing (Invoice 66842)

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice 66842, in the amount of \$6,102.79, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#8: Payment to Calumet City Plumbing (Invoice #66843)

Approve cost payable to Calumet City Plumbing for invoice #66843, in the amount of \$15,910.00, authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #03036-52349.

#9: Payment to Lyons-Pinner Electric

Approve costs payable to Lyons-Pinner Electric, in the amount of \$27,779.70 (INV# 30774). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #04007-52449.

#10: Payment to Piekarski & Sons

Approve cost payable to Piekarski & Sons, in the amount of \$10,000.00 (INV# 284). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01041-52119.

#11: Payment to Piekarski & Sons

Approve cost payable to Piekarski & Sons, in the amount of \$7,075.00 (INV#1519). Please direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01041-52119.

#12: Payment to SCAC Members

Approve payment to the sixteen SCAC members present at the February 21, 2025 meeting, in an amount of \$100 per member and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment from account #01021-

52079 per the request of the Deputy Treasurer of the Finance Department the directive was given to revise the payment process for the SCAC.

#13: Payment to the Bureau

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 3 Treasurer to remit payment to the Bureau in the amount of \$2,573.00 payable from account 01099-52696. This amount represents 95% of the 1% of gross rental or lease charges collected from October 16, 2024 to January 15, 2025, for the sole purpose of promoting tourism, in accordance with Ordinance #02-21, and the imposition of the Hotel Accommodations Tax.

#14: Payment to ComEd

Approve payment to ComEd for installation of light pole at 289 Stoney Island and direct the City Treasurer to remit payment of \$6,175.71 from account #01099-52729.

#15: Payment to Moody Marketing

Approve payment to Moody Marketing for invoice #11203; authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment in the amount of \$750.00 and charge account #01010-52324.

#16: Payment to Wynnworks Decor

Approve and authorize the City Treasurer to remit payment to Wynnworks Decor in the amount of \$12,310.00. This expenditure should be withdrawn from line item #06617- 55135. This expenditure is for the Training Center interior painting.

#17: Approve Payroll (\$1,034,936.38)

Approve Payroll (\$1,034,936.38).

#18: Approve Emergency Bill Listing
((\$1,460.00))

Approve Emergency Bill Listing (\$1,460.00).

#19: Approve Bill Listing (\$756,693.35)

Approve Bill List (\$756,693.35).

Approve Financial Items

Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Gardner motioned for the approval of Financial Matters number 1-19.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Tillman, Williams. Gardner, Patton, Smith

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Wilson

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Williams Left Meeting

Alderman Williams left the Regular City Council meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Alderman Navarrete Chaired the Meeting

Alderman Navarrete began chairing the Regular City Council Meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Motion to Deviate and Return to the Green Print Partners Presentation

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Patton to return to the presentation from Green Print Partners.

MOTION CARRIED

Green Print Partners Presentation

There was a brief presentation from Sydney VanKuren, the Director of Planning at Green Print Partners where she discussed proposed improvements and planning for the Wentworth Avenue Corridor.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCE

Res.#1 Resolution Authorizing Settlement Agreement

A Resolution of the City of Calumet City, Cook County Illinois, adopting the Wentworth Avenue Corridor Green Vision Plan prepared by Greenprint Partners – January 2025.

(Res.#25-09)

(See attached page 5A)

Approval Resolutions

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Smtih to adopt Resolutions as presented.

ROLL CALL

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1

ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Tillman, Williams Gardner, Patton, Smith
ALDERMEN: None
ALDERMEN: Wilson

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Alderman Gardner had no report.

Public Safety

Alderman Williams was absent.

Public Utilities

Alderswoman Wilson announced Public Utilities Committee will have a meeting and invite MWRD (Metropolitan Water Reclamation District) on the 18th or 19th of March.

Ord. & Res.

Alderman Tillman had no report.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 25-09

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
ADOPTING THE WENTWORTH AVENUE CORRIDOR GREEN VISION PLAN
PREPARED BY GREENPRINT PARTNERS - JANUARY 2025**

Whereas, the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois (the "*City*") is a home rule municipality pursuant to Section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs (the "*Home Rule Powers*");

Whereas, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City (the "*Corporate Authorities*") have determined that the Wentworth Avenue Green Vision Plan (the "*Plan*") lays the foundation for a more beautiful, walkable, thriving, and flood-free Corridor encompassing Wentworth Avenue from State Street to Michigan City Road ("*the Corridor*");

Whereas, the Plan was developed in collaboration with Calumet City's Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC), City staff, engineering, and community residents - and identifies priorities and potential strategies and projects to achieve the Plan's vision;

Whereas, the *Plan* was developed through a community-driven engagement process that included: community envisioning, feasibility reviews, initial concept development, and funding strategy development;

Whereas, the *Plan* fosters a vibrant, well-maintained, and inviting Corridor that supports increased community pride and engagement through revitalization, beautification, and community pride;

Whereas, the *Plan* enhances personal and pedestrian safety along the Corridor to ensure all feel comfortable spending time in the area by encouraging green transportation and stormwater improvements for traffic calming and flood reduction;

Whereas, the *Plan* reduces flooding at key locations along the Corridor while also providing multiple co-benefits that improve quality of life for local residents and visitors by managing stormwater with permeable infrastructure and green schoolyards;

Whereas, achieving the Plan's vision for the Corridor requires thoughtful, community driven investment supported by the City Council - and encouraging community members to be actively and consistently engaged in the Plan's vision while preserving the sense of belonging for residents; and

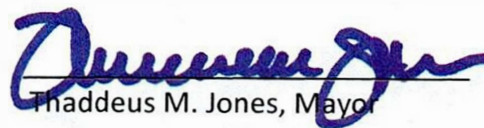
Whereas, the City will pursue good-fit funding opportunities to align with the Plan's recommendations and put in place steps that lay the groundwork for additional funding opportunities that provide more comprehensive improvements for the Corridor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, by and through its Home Rule Powers, as follows:

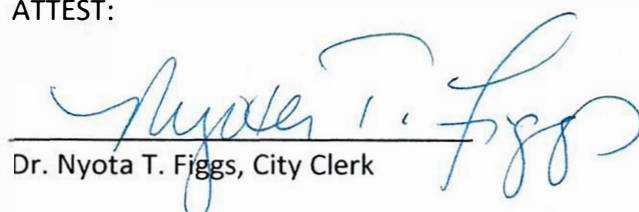
- Section 1.* That the above recitals and legislative findings are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.
- Section 2.* The officials and officers of the City are hereby authorized and directed to implement the Plan's vision and to carry out the Plan's intent and purpose.
- Section 3.* If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid; the invalidity thereof shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution.
- Section 4.* All ordinances, resolutions, motions, or orders in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.
- Section 5.* This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

PASSED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois this 13th day of March, 2025, pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

APPROVED by the Mayor and City Council, Cook County, Illinois on this 13th day of March, 2025


Thaddeus M. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

H.E.W

Alderman Navarrete had no report.

Permits & Licenses

Alderman Patton had no report.

Public Works

Alderman Smith had no report.

Aldermoman Wilson Was Present at
The Regular City Council Meeting

Aldermoman Wilson was present at the Regular City Council meeting at 6:21 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Ald. Navarrete

Alderman Navarrete requested the council pray for Mike Sanow from the VFW.

Ald. Wilson

Aldermoman Wilson requested the 2nd ward call (708)-586-4990 with any questions or concerns. Aldermoman Wilson announced the Tomorrows Youth Foundation has a Mentoring Program for boys; please contact Courtland Wilson for more information. Aldermoman Wilson would like to congratulate the graduates of the 2025 IPAE Midwest Bible Institute Doctoral Class.

Ald. Tillman

Alderman Tillman thanked the residents at 289 Stoney Island for being patient while the new streetlight was being placed.

Ald. Williams

Alderman Williams was absent.

Ald. Gardner

Alderman Gardner would like 5th ward residents to contact him at (708) 891-8195 with any questions or concerns. Alderman Gardner thanked everyone who participated in the coat drive and sent a special thank you to George Grenchik.

Ald. Patton

Alderman Patton expressed his condolences for the Mitchell family for the loss of Margie Mitchell. Alderman Patton announced he will pass the Speed Bump list on to the new Aldermoman of the 6th ward on May 01, 2025.

Ald. Smith

Alderman Smith announced the 7th ward townhall meeting will be held at DA's Banquet from 10:00 a.m. to noon on March 14, 2025.

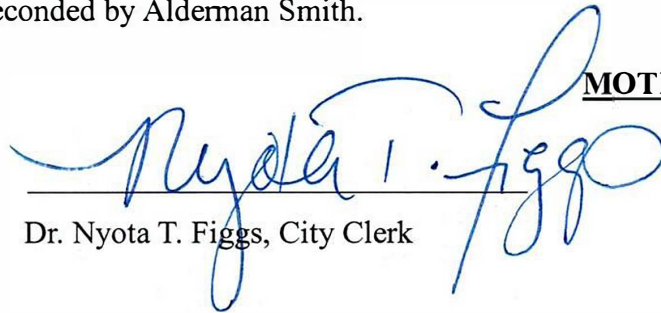
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 6:35 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Gardner seconded by Alderman Smith.

MOTION CARRIED

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

Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk