

**FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
HELD ON JULY 20, 2026
204 PULASKI ROAD, CALUMET CITY,
ILLINOIS**

CALL TO ORDER The Finance Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 6:14 p.m. by Mayor Jones.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT 7 ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson (Remotely-Audio), Tillman, Williams
(6:27 p.m.), Gardner, Nelson, Phillips.

ABSENT: 0 ALDERMEN: NONE

Also present were City Clerk Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, Police Chief Kolosh, Fire Chief Bachert, City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, and Corporation Council Attorney Maurice Hunt.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

Alderman Wilson Request Alderman Wilson requested remote access to the Finance Committee of the
For Remote Attendance Whole meeting due to medical reasons.
For the Finance Committee
of the Whole Meeting

Approval of Remote Attendance For Alderman Wilson Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Nelson to approve remote attendance for Alderman Wilson for the Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting July 21, 2026, at 6:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

AYES:	5	ALDERMEN:	Harvey, Tillman, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	1	ALDERMAN:	Williams

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Wilson
Remotely Present in
the Finance
Committee of the
Whole Meeting

Alderman Wilson was present remotely in the Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Review 2026-2027
Annual Appropriation
Ordinance

The following review of the 2026 - 2027 Annual Appropriation Ordinance was presented by Finance Director Kasperek and discussed by the City Council. The following departments were presented:

- A) Revenue
- B) Legislative
- C) Executive
- D) City Clerk (to be reviewed at a later meeting)
- E) Finance
- F) Purchasing /Personnel Department (to be reviewed at a later meeting)
- G) Legal Department
- H) Insurance Department

Finance Director
John Kasperek

Finance Director Kasperek gave a brief overview of the budgets surplus and stated with the sales tax increasing from 1% to 2%, that alone should bring in an additional \$5,000,000.00 dollars.

Budget Discussion
Regarding Marijuana
Tax Revenue

There was a detailed discussion regarding creating a new revenue enhancement as it relates to marijuana.

Alderman Gardner requested that the Finance Director look into the City's options to pass a localized marijuana tax.

Alderman Williams stated there are dispensaries in almost every surrounding town and the city doesn't want to lose revenue by increasing the price.

Mayor Jones commented that a lot of people are driving to Indiana dispensaries to avoid Illinois taxes. Mayor Jones stated he will work with the Finance Director to see if a Marijuana Tax will be beneficial to the city.

Alderman Nelson expressed concerns regarding unpaid taxes from Mission Dispensary. Alderman Nelson expressed interest in the city continuing to receive Impact payments from Mission Dispensary. Alderman Nelson questioned who's responsibility it is to hold businesses accountable regarding debts owed to the city.

Treasurer Tarka stated that he is not the Collector.

Alderman Nelson questioned who hasn't been collecting and what hasn't been collected. Alderman Nelson stated she would like the City Collector to be able to collect.

Treasurer Tarka reported that to his knowledge the only thing that's not being collected is towing fees.

Mayor Jones stated he will place a motion for the City Attorney to draft an agreement with the new owners of Mission Dispensary.

Budget Discussion
Regarding Executive
Department

There was a detailed discussion regarding the executive department and the positions within the department.

Alderman Nelson requested the Senior Coordinator position be eliminated and the council agreed.

Budget Discussion
Regarding Finance
Department

There was a brief discussion regarding the Finance Department.

Treasurer Tarka reported that the Payable Expeditor position would be opening up in his department and since there isn't an Economic Development Department the Grant Facilitator stipend would be removed.

City Council
Agenda

Mayor Jones commented regarding the July 23, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting agenda and requested the council send any changes or updates via email.

Adjournment

Alderman Tillman moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Nelson at 8:09 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

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Dr. Nyota T. Figgs
City Clerk