

SPECIAL MEETING
HELD ON JULY 15, 2026
204 PULASKI ROAD, CALUMET CITY, ILLINOIS

CALL TO ORDER The Special meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m. on July 15, 2026,
by Mayor Thaddeus Jones.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT 6 ALDERMEN: Harvey, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips.

ABSENT: 1 ALDERMEN: Wilson

Also present were: City Clerk Dr. Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka,
City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey, Fire Chief Bachert, Police Chief
Kolosh, Attorney Lanzito, Fire Deputy Samuel J. Vega, Deputy Clerk
Jessica Coffee.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

Mayors Report

Mayor Jones requested an update from City Administrator Deanne
Jaffrey regarding the status of the request for an extension for compliance
from the USEPA.

City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey reported to the council the city has not
received an update from the USEPA, however there is a zoom meeting
scheduled for July 31, 2026.

Mayor Jones stated forms will be sent out to the council via email to the
seven Aldermen and the City Clerk on tomorrow; that will contain a form
that will need to be returned for the use of the Prompt IO texting service.

Mayor Jones announced there was a pre bid meeting for the Waste RFP on
July 10th. Mayor Jones stated that Attorney Avery and Attorney Odleson
has a copy of the bid. Mayor Jones announced that all bids are due
August 07, 2026.

City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey announced that several companies
expressed interest in bidding at the pre bid meeting and she expects to
receive lots of bids.

Ordinance Making
Appropriation for
ALL Corporate
Purposes (For Posting
Only)

An Ordinance Making Appropriation for All Corporate Purposes for the City of Calumet City for the fiscal year commencing May 1, 2026, and ending April 30, 2027. **This is for posting purposes only.**

Finance Director Kasperek explained to the council the Appropriation Ordinance has to be posted 10 days prior to being voted on and approved.

Interfund Borrowing
From 2023 A Bond
Discussion

Finance Director requested permission from the council to borrow up to \$4,000,000 from the 2023 A Bond Fund to pay down some of the unpaid bills including Hammond Water, City of Chicago Water, Republic Services for refuse and other invoices as needed. Money will be repaid from the loan (bond) proceeds secured either through a private bank placement or bond offering. Finance Director Kasperek explained that some of the aforementioned vendors are threatening to sue the city for the past due invoices and borrowing from the bond would be a timely legal solution that the city is well within its rights to execute.

Approval to Borrow
From the 2023 Bond

Alderman Williams moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to authorize the City Treasurer to interfund borrow up to \$4,000,000.00 from the 2023 A Bond. Fund to pay down some of the unpaid bills including the Hammond Water, City of Chicago Water, Republic Services for refuse and other invoices as needed. Money will be repaid from the loan (bond) proceeds secured either through a private bank placement or bond offering.

Alderman Nelson

Alderman Nelson stated for the record "I am not comfortable because we have not gotten things in order. I do understand that bills have to be but these bills have been outstanding for a long time and we increased the previous budget after it was passed we went back to change it a second time. I'm not comfortable with it so it's a no."

ROLL CALL

AYES:	5	ALDERMEN: Harvey, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Phillips
NAYS:	1	ALDERMEN: Nelson
ABSENT:	1	ALDERMAN: Wilson

MOTION CARRIED

Release of Municipal Lien Discussion Attorney Dominick Lanzito requested the council's approval for Mayor Jones and City Clerk Figgs to execute the release of the \$4,625,420.18 lien.

The council raised concerns about the listed address and PIN number and requested Attorney Dominick Lanzito confirm the address and PIN on the documentation.

Attorney Lanzito reported the property the lien release is being requested for is Shoppers World.

Alderman Nelson questioned a previous payment issued to Shoppers World in the amount of \$99,3664.00.

Mayor Jones stated he would obtain the information regarding the payment issued to Shoppers World and email it to the council.

Tabling of Execution Of Lien Release Alderman Harvey moved, seconded by Alderman Phillips to table the authorization for the mayor to execute a Release of Lien for a municipal lien that was recorded on January 17, 2024, for the property located at 500 River Oaks Drive, Calumet City, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

AYES:	6	ALDERMEN:	Harvey, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	1	ALDERMAN:	Wilson

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Payment To Odelson, Murphy, Fraizer, & McGrath Alderman Gardner moved seconded by Alderman Harvey to approve payment to Odelson, Murphey, Frazier & McGrath Ltd., in the amount of \$75,711.87; direct the City Treasurer to issue payment from the legal account line item #01025-52200.

Recusal From Vote Alderman Tillman recused himself from the vote.

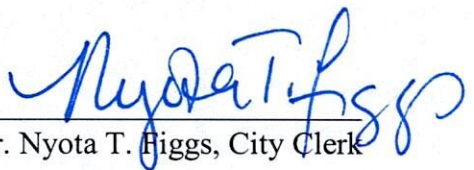
ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT Adjournment was at 8:20 p.m., on a motion by Alderman Nelson,
seconded by Alderman Harvey.

MOTION CARRIED

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Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk

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