

**SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE  
OF THE WHOLE  
HELD ON DECEMBER 08, 2025  
204 PULASKI ROAD, CALUMET CITY,  
ILLINOIS**

**CALL TO ORDER** The Special Finance Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Ramonde Williams.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT** 7 **ALDERMEN:** Harvey, Wilson, Tillman (6:11 p.m.), Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips.

**ABSENT:** 0 **ALDERMEN:** NONE

Also present were: City Clerk Dr. Figgs, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, Deputy Clerk II Quentin Dailey, Police Chief Kolosh, and Fire Chief Bachert.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** None

Mayor Pro Tem Williams Mayor Pro Tem Alderman Williams led a discussion regarding the invoice and explanation of the \$140.84 for Café Borgia that appeared on a previous bill listing for payment. Mayor Pro Tem Williams reported that the \$140.84 bill was from a lunch outing with the union. Mayor Pro Tem Alderman Williams also reported that the \$545.00 invoice for Bills Grill was for the food at The Breast Cancer Walk and for Bills Grill's grand opening.

Discussion and Action Regarding Café Borgia And Bills Grill Alderwoman Wilson stated "Café Borgia this \$140.84 the explanation as Mayor Pro Tem stated was to take the union out to lunch, however this is the smallest amount we've seen per credit card bills from January 2025 to October 2025. Café Borgia bills are almost \$3,000.00 on the city credit card. So, I am requesting that we do not pay this amount. That will be one of those expenditures that I am going to request be reimbursed by the Mayor. Bills Grill for \$545.00 the explanation was for the Breast Cancer Walk and their Grand Opening. The Breast Cancer Walk was held at a local school not at Bills Grill. I understand they had a grand opening that same day we normally do not pay for people's grand openings. If you are a business coming to Calumet City thank you for choosing Calumet City to open but all of that is the responsibility of business owner not the taxpayers of Calumet City."

Alderman Gardner "I'd just like to add to that, in light of issues, pending credit card issues and expenditure issues. I, myself, cannot support this expenditure

seeing that there is no supplementing documentation for purchase.”

Approve Payment  
To Café Borgia and  
Bills Grill

Alderwoman Nelson moved to approve payment to Café Borgia (\$140.84) and Bills Grill (\$545.00); motion failed due to the lack of a second.

**MOTION FAILED**

Motion Withdrawal

Alderwoman Nelson withdrew her motion stating that she didn't understand it was for payment.

Removal of Payment  
To Benford Brown &  
Associates

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderwoman Wilson to remove action on Benford Brown and Associates from the agenda due to the contract provided not being signed. (This bill will not be paid)

**ROLL CALL**

AYES:	7	ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson Phillips
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMAN: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Approve Payment to  
Accurate Board UP

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to approve payment to Accurate Board Up.

**ROLL CALL**

AYES:	7	ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson Phillips
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMAN: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Approve Payment to  
Mulch Masters

Alderwoman Harvey moved, seconded by Alderwoman Nelson to approve payments to Mulch Masters.

Discussion

Alderwoman Wilson stated that it was explained to her that Mulch Masters is not a new vendor; they are an old vendor that changed their company name so she is okay with paying Mulch Masters.

**ROLL CALL**

AYES:	7	ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson Phillips
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN: None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMAN: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Payment to Craig  
Harper Discussion

Alderman Gardner stated “Just for the council’s information there’s an invoice here provided for the DJ Craig Harper but this states that the services were rendered January 13<sup>th</sup> which is in fact conflicting with the date so I would like to make a motion to table this item pending further documentation.

Alderman Williams

“I think the date is definitely wrong. Alderwoman Phillips did you have something?”

Alderwoman Phillips

“I’m sorry, no Alderman Gardner said he wanted to table it, but I personally have some discrepancies with the person it’s said was the DJ for that day so you can move forward with tabling it, but I’m not supporting it.

Alderwoman Wilson

“I agree with Alderwoman Phillips I do not wish to table it; though I would like to. I guess to be fair we have to table it, but I wanted to take it to a vote. Don’t forget all of this stuff is recorded and we can see whose DJing.

Alderwoman Harvey

“May I be recognized, the receipt doesn’t match the explanation the receipt says it’s for January 13, 2026, we are still in December 2025.”

Alderwoman Wilson

“He’s DJing in the future.”

Alderwoman Harvey

“The explanation is for the Breast Cancer event that happened October 2025. We cannot move forward with a receipt that doesn’t match the explanation.”

Alderwoman Nelson

“Can I be recognized?”

Alderman Williams

“Sure”

Alderwoman Nelson

“It’s not just that, one we did not use that DJ because we were there, all of us. Two it is more than just that it’s one for Wednesday October 29<sup>th</sup> and in the bills, it says Return to Soul with performance of light performance of light jazz and R&B flavor and it goes on to talk about the keyboardist, the bass, and saxophonist and it says that it was already paid and it was PayPal and it was paid to Mr. Harper. The other invoice was November 18<sup>th</sup> this first one was at Greenhouse on 1340 Ring Road. The other one is Greenhouse and this one was November 18<sup>th</sup> same thing, so there’s another \$650.00 invoice and that’s one this is two; then there’s another that’s December the 10<sup>th</sup> 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and it’s at River Oaks Townhome 1 Chestnut Court that’s three. Then we have another that is December the 17<sup>th</sup> and it says the

same thing with the performance and the time is from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and it's Craig Harper and it says something about PayPal. I don't know if it's been paid but it looks as if it has, but again I can't verify that. So that is four different things of different events that the city held and it's apparent that there is a lot going on and we need to deal with this but it's apparent too that we can have events and nobody knows but certain people. If it's a personal event I understand that or if you are doing it for your ward, but these are city events. And some of us are at these events. What it is for me is that it's unfair that I see that as you campaigning for your own benefit instead of every city member being invited to this stuff. I know people don't want to hear us talk about this and I'm getting beat up on both sides. I'm voting because I know this is what I was elected to do. I may not move at your speed and I may not move at his, but we need to stop this, we do. I mean if we do these things to make the staff that we pay these high salaries to let us know what's going on here; to keep us all engaged and in the loop."

Table Payment to Craig Harper Alderwoman Harvey moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to table payment to Craig Harper for \$650.00.

**ROLL CALL**

AYES: 6  
NAYS: 1  
ABSENT: 0

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Del Santo's Catering Discussion There was a brief discussion regarding the payment of Del Santo's Catering.

Alderman Williams "This is the food for the Veterans event there is an invoice here for \$1400.00 is there a motion to approve this item?"

Alderwoman Wilson "I just have a question; were you all informed of the Veterans event? Yes?"

Alderman Williams "Yes"

Alderwoman Wilson "Well we know you knew."

Alderwoman Nelson "So I'm going to address that issue. I have witnessed somethings. I was not informed again it goes back to what I stated before um getting the information ahead of time to make arrangements to participate. I did not know it needs to change the way that the employees treat city officials; it needs to change. And we have the ability to change it and hold employees

accountable. It does not matter if me and you may not care for each other but when we are in a professional setting we need to treat people accordingly. So, I'm asking for us to deal with that, I don't know how but we can deal with that as well."

Alderwoman Wilson

"I absolutely agree Alderwoman and that is why two meetings ago I stated when I was asking for requisitions to be processed on the agenda that it is very toxic as an elected official to come here and try to do that. I don't want to go to far off of the agenda but I do agree with you and I was not aware of this event either."

Alderwoman Nelson

"So who is over events maybe we need to ask him to ask Mayor to inform us; like there is a yearly calendar, I'm sure this stuff should be planned out; why don't we have copies of that."

Alderman Gardner

"As it relates to item #9, I would like to make a motion to remove this from the agenda simply because the dates conflict and the address conflicts as to where this event was held."

Removal of Del Santo's Catering From Agenda

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderwoman Wilson to remove Del Santo's Catering from the agenda due to conflicting dates and locations.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7

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

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMAN: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Payment to Napleton River Oaks Cadillac Discussion

Fire Chief Bachert, reported to the council that the Fire Department has two Chevy Tahoes and the Calumet City Fire Department tries to patronize local businesses. Fire Chief Bachert stated the repairs in question were for the Fire Departments Chevy Tahoe.

Approval of Payment To Napleton River Oaks Cadillac

Alderwoman Nelson moved, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey to approve payment to Napleton River Oaks Cadillac.

ROLL CALL

AYES: 7

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

NAYS: 0

ALDERMEN: None

ABSENT: 0

ALDERMAN: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Motion For Closed Session Alderwoman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner to enter into executive session to pending litigation, personnel matters, and employment of a specific individual.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Executive Session The city council met in executive session at 6:41 p.m. to 7:21 p.m.

Return to Regular Order of Business Alderwoman Wilson moved, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey to return to the regular order of business at 7:21 p.m.

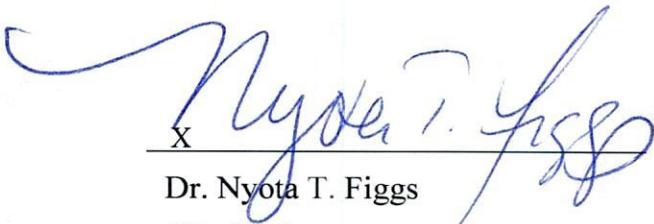
**MOTION CARRIED**

Regular City Council Meeting Agenda There was a brief discussion regarding adding the City Clerk's Mailer to the agenda.

City Clerk Mailer The city council came to a consensus to add the City Clerk's Mailer to the Regular City Council Meeting Agenda.

Adjournment Alderman Gardner moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderwoman Harvey at 8:52 pm.

**MOTION CARRIED**



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Dr. Nyota T. Figgs  
City Clerk