

**204 PULASKI ROAD, CALUMET CITY,  
ILLINOIS**

CALL TO ORDER The Special meeting was called to order at 6:24 p.m. by Mayor Jones.

## ROLL CALL

PRESENT 7 ALDERMEN: Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams (6:25 p.m.),  
Gardner, Nelson (6:25 p.m.), Phillips.

ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN: NONE
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Also present were: City Clerk Dr. Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, Attorney Lanzito, Police Chief Kolosh, Fire Chief Bachert, City Administrator Deanne Jaffrey.

PUBLIC COMMENT    None

<u>City Treasurer</u> <u>Comments Regarding</u> <u>Potential Revenue</u> <u>Enhancements</u>	City Treasurer Tarka gave a detailed overview of the options being looked at to raise revenue in the city; the tax wouldn't affect every resident and the city wouldn't have to collect the taxes because the Illinois Department of Revenue would facilitate collections. Treasurer Tarka gave an example of the Municipal Fuel Tax which would double per gallon and the Illinois Department Collections would be able to collect from the gas stations more efficiently and effectively than the city would.
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Parking Lot and Garage Tax Finance Director Kasperek gave a brief overview of the proposed Ordinance establishing a parking lot and garage occupation tax and amending Chapter 82 of the City Code of Calumet City, Illinois.

<u>Food and Beverage Tax</u>	Finance Director Kasperek gave a brief overview on implementing a Food and Beverage Tax in the City of Calumet City. There would be a 1% tax added to each bill.
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<u>Ground Transportation Tax</u>	Finance Director Kasperek gave a brief overview on implementing a Ground Transportation Tax in the City of Calumet City.
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<u>Alderman Williams</u> <u>Comments Regarding</u> <u>Ground</u> <u>Transportation Tax</u>	Alderman Williams commented that he would like the Ordinance to be fair because the tax would affect residents coming in and out of Calumet City by way of Lyft and Uber. The city is able to charge up to \$3.50 per ride.
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Grocery Tax  
Revenue  
Enhancement

Finance Director Kasperek gave a brief overview on implementing a Grocery Tax in the City of Calumet City. Director Kasperek also went over the state guidelines and commented regarding other municipalities have a Grocery Tax.

Motor Fuel Tax  
Revenue  
Enhancements

Finance Director Kasperek gave a brief overview on implementing a Motor Fuel Tax in the City of Calumet City. Finance Director Kasperek explained that passing this Ordinance will start the state collecting on the city's behalf in January 2026; the Ordinance would need to be passed by October 31, 2025. The city would change the percentage from 1% to 2% which would equal out to be 1 cent per gallon.

Vehicle Lease  
Tax Revenue  
Enhancements

Finance Director Kasperek gave a brief overview on implementing an ordinance amending the vehicle lease tax for the City of Calumet City. This tax would apply to car rentals and Uhauls not dealerships.

Discussion  
Eliminating and  
Leaving Certain  
Positions Vacant

Finance Director Kasperek gave an overview of changes and updates to the Salary Ordinance.

Alderman  
Wilson Comments

Alderman Wilson stated "if we are asking the residents to do their part by implementing these tax enhancements I would first ask that we have a hiring freeze we can't keep hiring people especially union employees." Alderman Wilson stated some positions are repetitive and are doing the same job function, for example Alderman Wilson suggested that the City Administrator could be in charge of personnel functions and the council could eliminate the Director of Personnel."

Alderman Wilson stated she also doesn't believe the city needs so many managers; the department heads are fully capable of managing their staff.

Alderman Gardner  
Comments  
Regarding Closed  
Session

Alderman Gardner stated that there are still concerns and there is still time to make some adjustments Alderman Gardner moved to go into executive session Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

Mayor Jones  
Comments  
Regarding Closed  
Session

Mayor Jones stated the council won't be going into executive session because it's not appropriate.



Aldерwoman  
Wilson Comments  
Regarding Closed  
Session

Aldерwoman Wilson pointed out that the option to enter into executive session appears on the agenda.

Mayor Jones  
Regarding Closed  
Session

Mayor Jones stated he would encourage everyone to vote no for executive session.

Motion to Enter  
Into Closed Session

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Aldерwoman Wilson to enter into executive session to discuss employment matters.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	5	ALDERMEN:	Wilson, Tillman, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
PRESENT:	2	ALDERMEN:	Harvey, Williams

**MOTION CARRIED**

Executive Session

The city council met in executive session from 7:35 p.m. to 9:01 p.m.

Return to the  
Regular Order of  
Business

Aldерwoman Phillips moved, seconded by Aldерwoman Harvey to return to the regular order of business at 9:02 p.m.

No Further  
Salary Ordinance  
Cuts

Alderman Tillman moved, seconded by Aldерwoman Harvey for the council to not approve any further cuts and leave the budget as presented with the \$651,00.00 cuts that were already made at the July 22, 2025, meeting. (Regarding the Salary Ordinance)

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	3	ALDERMEN:	Harvey, Tillman, Williams
NAYS:	4	ALDERMEN:	Wilson, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

**MOTION FAILED**

Update the  
2025-2026  
Salary Ordinance

Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderwoman Wilson to eliminate the Assistant Director of Economic Development Position, to not provide an increase for the Personnel Director Salary, and to decrease the City Administrator Salary by \$25,000.00.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:	4	ALDERMEN:	Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner
NAYS:	3	ALDERMEN:	Harvey, Nelson, Phillips
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Update Salary  
And Appropriation  
For 2025-2026

Alderwoman Williams moved, seconded by Alderwoman Nelson to direct the Finance Director to present and have the 2025-2026 Appropriation Ordinance reflect the changes made in the Special Meeting on July 28, 2025.

ROLL CALL

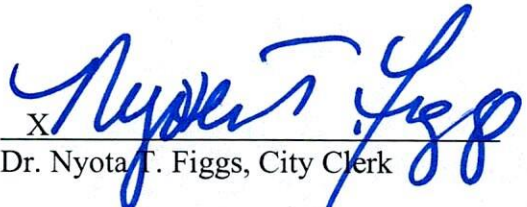
YEAS:	7	ALDERMEN:	Harvey, Wilson, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Nelson, Phillips
NAYS:	0	ALDERMEN:	None
ABSENT:	0	ALDERMEN:	None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Adjournment

Alderwoman Nelson moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Gardner at 9:07 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Dr. Nyota T. Figgs, City Clerk