

**MONDAY
June 15, 2026
City of North Chicago
1850 Lewis Avenue, North Chicago, IL 60064**

Following City Council Meeting



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

7:23 p.m.

Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr., called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Absent: None

DISCUSSION OF DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS:

- Finance Budget Report
- Economic & Community Development
- Human Resources
- Police
- Public Works
- Treasurer

Meeting not open. No Discussion

JUDICIARY
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY
June 15, 2026
7:24 p.m.

Alderman Wray called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Absent: None

1. DISCUSSION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO CREATING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 24, SECTION 46 – ILLEGAL DUMPING ON THE RIGHT OF WAY OR REAL PROPERTY AND AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 24, SECTION 44, IMPOUNDMENT

Chief of Staff Greg Jackson expressed an ongoing concern about illegal dumping and its nuisance to neighbors, its visibility to the community, the health and environmental issues it creates, and its diminishing property value. Most visible in the First and Second Wards although throughout the City.

The Chief of Staff highlighted items in the proposed ordinance. Desiring to move forward aggressively enforcing this ordinance.

\$1,000 fine for someone caught fly-dumping and impounding their vehicle. We want to send a message that states that if caught flying dumping in the City of North Chicago, the consequence of losing your vehicle. The goal is for the message about the consequences to spread and for them to make other arrangements for disposing of waste.

Also sharing that the ordinance covers business and construction workers, etc., as well. Stating that he would be working closely with all of the North Chicago staff to implement the patrol process. Asking the council to move forward to adopt this new ordinance and move it to the council for approval.

Alderman Coleman asked the Chief of Staff whether the fine can be increased to \$5k and left to the judge in the judiciary court to determine whether it needs to be decreased. Stating that in his ward (ward 2), it wasn't random fly dumping. The apartment buildings were dumping trash on the streets of evicted tenants instead of renting a garbage dumpster. Agreeing that \$1,000 was great if it were random dumping, but if it was an apartment owner or a big business doing an illegal eviction, the fine should be higher. The \$1,000 fine would not be sufficient.

Chief of Staff Greg Jackson shared some experiences he'd encountered with business owners from other cities dumping. Mentioning he would need to speak to the attorneys to determine if that would be too excessive and if a judge would rule against the entire ordinance, could get sued, and the ordinance would be taken away. Saying that Alderman Coleman's points were well taken and understood.

Alderman Coleman stated that the Chief of Staff's points were well taken as well. Inquired about progressive fines, 1st offense \$1,000, 2nd \$2,000, etc. Chief of Staff Greg Jackson agreed that would be a better direction, but he would talk to the attorneys. Possibly adding additional language to the ordinance for repeat offenders and progressive fines.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans, that the Judiciary Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

**MONDAY
June 15, 2026
7:34 p.m.**

Alderman Jackson called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Absent: None

1. DISCUSSION OF THE PATROL PLAN FOR THE SUMMER OF 2026

Chief Perez provided a packet and stated he was available to answer any questions.

- No comments or questions

2. APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT WITH SOUNDTHINKING, FORMERLY SHOTSPOTTER, IN THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$108,800 FOR A 3-YEAR AGREEMENT

Police Chief Perez stated that since working with ShotSpotter, gun violence had gone down 70% since last year's shots fired. We realized that shots fired in the city had gone down 25%. Alderman Jackson asked if the funds were available to cover this expense. Chief Perez confirmed that it was budgeted.

Alderman Coleman confirmed that none of the Aldermen commented about patrol. Alderman Jackson stated everyone received the packet and had an opportunity to respond, which no one did. Alderman Coleman stated that he did not have an opportunity to meet with the Chief to discuss what was going on in the Wards.

Alderman Jackson clarified that no meeting took place; it was a packet of information that was distributed, and anyone with questions was given an opportunity to address concerns. Alderman Coleman acknowledged the clarification.

Alderman Allen felt ShotSpotters had done a good job locating and identifying concerns. It's a good thing tool.

Alderman Coleman asked Chief Perez about the drones linked to ShotSpotters. Chief Perez stated that it was in process. Changes needed to be made with the Flock company. Alderman Coleman asked if everything was integrated; Chief Perez said it would be integrated. Alderman Evans asked if there was a certain time of year for the drones to work, for example, due to the weather. Chief Perez responded, "No, it flies in any weather." There would be one drone initially.

Additional questions were asked about usage frequencies and on-site-trained staff for the drones.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans, that the Public Safety Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY
June 15, 2026
7:41 p.m.**

Alderman Evans called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Absent: None

1. DISCUSSION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BID - COMPREHENSIVE LEAK DETECTION SERVICES FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Engineer Steve Cieslica stated that the city required ongoing water maintenance. Mr. Cieslica explained the purpose and said it needed to be bid and was seeking authorization to do so. He elaborated with the scope of work.

2. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH HYDROMAX USA LLC IN THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$36,000 FOR THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM - VALVE EXERCISING AND HYDRANT FLUSHING SERVICES.

Mr. Cieslica stated it was a water and maintenance distribution company. Looking to extend the current contract with Hydromax to continue with the work they were doing.

3. PRESENTATION OF SWALCO FOR RECYCLING AUDIT

Chief of Staff Greg Jackson introduced representatives from SWALCO (Solid Waste Agency of Lake County) to explain the LOOP program, which is part of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus partnership, and noted that he and Mayor Rockingham, Jr. were board members. Chief of Staff Greg Jackson shared information and highlighted the need to improve the city's recycling and the importance of the audit.

Peter Adrian, the Recycling Coordinator for SWALCO, thanked the City for partnering with SWALCO, and the agency celebrated its 35th anniversary in Lake County. Shared information of the grant used to provide services to focus areas, and North Chicago was receiving services. Mr. Adrian explained SWALCO's work and purpose.

Juliet Matthew from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus spoke about the EPA grant, data collection, and the goal of bringing recycling education to the Chicagoland area. Explaining that the caucus provides free services and education to municipalities and their residents, to increase confidence through recycling education, in hopes of decreasing contamination.

Frank Pettis, founder of Greenless Solutions, was partnering with SWALCO and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. Mr. Pettis explained what the recycling bin tagging process had been over the past year. Making sure that all items in the recycling bins were placed properly. This is for educational purposes only, to avoid contamination. There was a decrease in contamination rates in the area, achieved through community engagement and education.

Alderman Allen asked what the tagging process would look like. Peter Adrian explained the process would look like over a four-week period.

Alderman Allen asked when the efforts would start in North Chicago. Peter Adrian stated that they were in discussion with LRS and Chief of Staff Greg Jackson to solidify the details. Stating that the efforts should start at the beginning of July.

Alderman Jackson asked how the staff would be identified to the residents. People need to know what's going on to avoid issues. Frank Pettis mentioned effective communication with the police department, so when residents call. The idea was vests and lanyards.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Wray, that the Public Works Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Wray, Brooks

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

**FINANCE/AUDIT
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY
June 15, 2026
7:58 p.m.**

Alderman Allen called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Absent: None

1. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR SWITCH AND WIRELESS ACCESS POINT REPLACEMENT NOT TO EXCEED \$36,346.37

*Chief of Staff Greg Jackson indicated that **items 1-3** were all a part of the Refresh program
The purpose was refresh old equipment, and was budgeted for.*

2. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF REPLACEMENT OF END-OF-LIFE POLICE SQUAD LAPTOPS NOT TO EXCEED \$115,506.00

3. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF REPLACEMENT POLICE DEPARTMENT FINGERPRINT SYSTEM NOT TO EXCEED \$16,635.00

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson, that the Finance/Audit Meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Economic Development/Planning/Zoning Committee Meeting

**MONDAY
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8:00 p.m.**

Alderman Brooks called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Absent: None

1. DISCUSSION FOR APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE NORTH CHICAGO ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 3.15 AND SECTION 4.18 REGARDING NON-RESIDENTIAL APPEARANCE CODE

Director of Economic and Community Development Taylor Wegrzyn explained that it was a text amendment to the non-residential appearance code. Sharing that they had worked with Kimberly Hornet and Associates to create the ordinance. There was a need for new design guidelines to regulate new non-residential construction and additions in North Chicago. The current ordinance contained language for new construction of residential homes, but no current standards for non-residential structures, including commercial or industrial.

Explaining the intent of these standards and the appearance of structures.

This ordinance amendment went before the Planning and Zoning, and the vote was unanimous. Therefore, the staff recommended moving forward.

**Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans, that the Economic Development/
Planning/Zoning Meeting stand adjourned.**

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

**BUILDING/LICENSE
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY
June 15, 2026
8:04 p.m.**

Alderman Allen called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Absent: None

**1. DISCUSSION TO AUTHORIZE A GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION INITIATIVE
SUMMER DAY OF SERVICE EVENT- 1730 LEWIS NORTH CHICAGO, IL 60064**

Alderman Brooks asked whether this was the event mentioned previously by Ms. Wilson during public comments. It was confirmed they were connected.

Alderman Evans asked who was sponsoring the event and whether the North Chicago Police Department was involved. Alderman Allen indicated that per the application, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office.

Chief of Staff Greg Jackson confirmed that it was, in fact, the State's Attorney event; however, opened to the community/staff for public engagement. Mayor Rockingham, Jr. mentioned that he believed the mural mentioned by Ms. Wilson during public comment.

Tamika Wilson shared some information and clarification about the purpose of the event.

Dialogue was exchanged.

Alderman Jackson mentioned attending the upcoming Foss Park District meeting to learn more about the mural.

Additional dialogue was exchanged.

**2. DISCUSSION TO AUTHORIZE FOSS PARK DISTRICT JUNETEENTH EVENT – 1730
LEWIS AVE. NORTH CHICAGO, IL**

The City Clerk stated that the event had taken place and this was

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Brooks, that the Building/License Meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.