MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, October 19, 2026, at 6:01 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Rockingham Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon the Roll Call being taken, the following members were present:

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

Absent: Coleman

V. <u>RECOGNITIONS AND HONORS</u>

5-1 Proclamation Declaring October 29, 2026, as Arbor Day in North Chicago

Chief of Staff Greg Jackson read the Proclamation.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve Proclamation Declaring October 29, 2026, as Arbor Day in North Chicago as presented.

<u>ROLL CALL:</u>
Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Murphy, Wray, Brooks
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

5-2 Proclamation Declaring July 13th "A Day of Service" in Memory of Thomas Michael Byrne, Jr.

Mayor Rockingham Jr. announced that July 13th was proclaimed a day of service in the City of North Chicago in memory of Michael Byrne Jr.

Alderman Murphy moved, seconded by Alderman Brooks, to approve Proclamation Declaring July 13th "A Day of Service" in Memory of Thomas Michael Byrne, Jr. as presented.

<u>ROLL CALL:</u>
Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Murphy, Wray, Brooks
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

The victim's mother, Thomas Michael Byrne, read a sentimental letter about her son and thanked the City of North Chicago for remembering her son.

Mayors stated that a letter was sent to the Lake County Department of Transportation in support of street renaming.

5-3 Letter in Support of Lake County Department of Transportation Road Memorial in Recognition of Thomas Michael Byrne, Jr.

VI. <u>OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA</u>

6-1 Approval of Minutes for Regular Council Meeting, **October 05, 2026**

6-2 Approval of Standing Committee Meeting Minutes, **October 05, 2026**

6-3 Approval of the Authorization to Advertise for Bid - 2026 MFT Road Program

6-4 Approval of Change Order No. 1 to the Contract with Campanella and Sons, Inc. for Contract B - Water Tower No. 1 and 24-Inch Transmission Main Project in a Not-to-Exceed amount of **$96,430.00**

6-5 Approval of the **FY 2027** Public Works Vendor Lists – Streets and Water

6-6 Approval of the Proclamation for Trick-or-Treat/Halloween Hours

6-7 Approval of Interim Staffing-Matthews Staffing-Administrative Assistant/Clerk- (ECD) Economic and Community Development Department for **$35.42/hour**

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks
Nays: None
Absent:

MOTION CARRIED

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice President Carmecia Hawthorn
ANNOUNCMENTS

- The Foss Park District Meeting is on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.
- Youth Hoops Elevate Your Game every Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. for grades 6th-8th at the Foss Park Center
- Walk into Fall 2nd Annual Community Walk; from Foss Park Center to Foss Park Beach
- Spooktacular Movie Night – (Hotel Transylvania: Transformation) at Foss Park Community Center; October 24th at 8:30 p.m. is movie night for everyone
- Foss Park District Halloween event, Friday, October 30th at 6:30 p.m., features such as face painting, magicians, a haunted house and games.
- Patti LaBelle Live at the Genesee Theater, Saturday, November 14th ($85) with transportation provided

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA

8-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF THE CITY BILLS

General Fund	**$**	**448,217.18**
Skokie Highway TIF Fund	**$**	**47,602.48**
Capital Projects Fund	**$**	**688,190.67**
Debt Service 2007C Fund	**$**	**913,188.50**
Water, Sewer & Refuse Fund	**$**	**208,377.71**
Vision Fund	**$**	**1,536.44**
Library Fund	**$**	**12.91**
Total		**$2,307,125.89**
SPECIAL	**$**	**248,826.93**
TOTAL		**$2,555,952.82**

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans, to amend to approve the Regular bills and 1 SPECIAL of Council Run 10/19/26 in the amount of $2,555,952.82 when funds become available.

ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

- Alderman Brooks (6th Ward) announced that he and Alderman Jackson (1st Ward) would be hosting a joint Ward meeting November 7th, 10 a.m. at City Hall.
- Alderman Evans announced 3rd Ward Meeting December 19th, 11 a.m. at City Hall.
- Alderman Evans stated concern of redistricted wards. He said the maps approved did not coincide with the information provided by the Lake County Clerk. The 7th Ward was created.

  Mayor Rockingham explained that the company that structured the redistricting was hired to provide balance of the Wards based on population within +5% or -5% and there was no creation of a new ward; there have been 7 Wards for many years. If the County provided information that was in discrepancy it would be reviewed. Alderman Evans said he paid for the information from the County and some constituents were added or removed from their previous ward.

  Mayor Rockingham said that it would be reviewed. Attorney David Silverman explained that the redistricted was appropriate and acceptable according to the law. If what was provided by the County was inaccurate there was a problem and the needed timeframe was not certain for review and/or correction.

  Alderman Wray stated that she drove route of the Ward according to the map and felt that part of her ward was not supposed to be in a particular housing complex. The Mayor agreed that if

information was incorrect it needed to be corrected.

Chief of Staff Greg Jackson noted that map filed with the County was approved by the Council. the information that Aldermen got from the County was a be voter. Attorney Silverman said that the map was currently effective and the voter list was based on last election; reiterated that the information should be reviewed.

Mr. Jackson elaborated on why the redistricting happened and provided maps with the population numbers on them. Alderman Coleman felt there needed to be Public Hearing and the attorney at the time of the Council Meeting said the Council Meeting was acceptable notice. If there was a mistake it should revert to the previous map. He agreed that the number of voters may be the same, but they were different voters. Suggested voting to revert to the old maps/wards until the map was corrected.

Alderman Evans asked if the previous maps could be voted on. Attorney was uncertain if it could be voted because it was applicable to the current election cycle. Alderman Evans questioned the purpose of redistricting other than the 10-year requirement; Attorney Silverman elaborated.

Alderman Brooks said that there were maps provided to everyone via email. Mr. Jackson said they were provided via email and hard copy in mailboxes. Alderman Evans felt the design of the Wards was not correct. Mr. Jackson said he would address the County and noted that districting was strictly based on population.

Alderman Evans asked that it be discussed further in Committee. Mayor Rockingham, Jr. agreed it could be discussed in committee but explained there couldn't be changes to the map because it affected the current voting cycle.

Alderman Coleman asked where he could get the correct list of voters. Attorney Silverman suggested that he get an election attorney. Mayor Rockingham, Jr., said a map would be provided the following day via email and in office mailbox.

- Mayor Rockingham Jr. announced the resignation of City Treasurer Vance Wyatt. Alderman Evans asked how the vacancy would be filled. Mayor was uncertain and was being discussed with the election attorney.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Brooks that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Lori L. Collins, City Clerk