

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, June 15, 2026, at 6:00 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, Evans, Allen, Wray, Brooks

Absent: Coleman, Murphy

Mayor Rockingham announced that Alderman Murphy was ill and Alderman Coleman was out of town for work and would like to join the meeting via Zoom. Mayor Rockingham asked if a motion could be entertained to allow Alderman Murphy and Alderman Coleman to join virtually.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans, to approve the participation of Alderman Murphy and Alderman Coleman via Zoom.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Wray, Brooks

Nays: None

Non-Vote: Coleman, Murphy

MOTION CARRIED

V. PUBLIC HEARING

FY2027 Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year; **May 01, 2026 – April 30, 2027**

Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Evans, moved to open the Public Hearing Session to discuss the Appropriation Ordinance at 6:08 pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

Comptroller Tawanda Joyner stood before the public and asked if there were any questions about the Appropriations for the upcoming fiscal year.

Mayor Rockingham Jr. asked Tawanda to provide a brief description of what it was and what it meant; she elaborated. Mayor Rockingham Jr. further explained that this hearing needed to take place before approval.

Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Evans, moved to close the Public Hearing Session for the Appropriation Ordinance at 6:10 pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

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VI. RECOGNITIONS

- 6-1 RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF LARETIA LYNN WILSON
- 6-2 RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF KENNETH MICHAEL MICELI, FORMER NORTH CHICAGO ALDERMAN
- 6-3 RESOLUTION HONORING NORTH CHICAGO SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, DR. JOHN PRICE
- 6-4 RESOLUTION HONORING THE NORTH CHICAGO WARHAWKS BOYS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM FOR AN OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AT THE 2026 IHSA STATE TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve Items 6-1 through 6-4 be passed as presented.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

The City Clerk, Lori Collins, read the resolution for the North Chicago School District Superintendent Dr. John Price. Mayor Rockingham Jr. presented Dr. Price with a plaque and highlighted some of the wonderful work he did in support of students and families within District #187.

Dr. Price expressed his gratitude to Mayor Rockingham Jr. and the Council for the support provided over the past nine years. Stated that the entire district's curriculum had been revised and now meets state standards. The district currently regularly outranks the state and nation in student growth. Dr. Price shared highlights and accomplishments acquired during his tenure.

- (1-1 school district) The district provides three laptops to each student throughout their educational career in the district.
- The most secure and reliable technology in the county.
- Improved the teacher retention crisis from 60% to over 90%
- Three out of four last principals hired have been appointed within the district
- Established a foundation that sent 125 high school graduates to attend College of Lake County on a three-year full-ride scholarship, and when students return to North Chicago with great careers.
- Built two new school buildings and invested funds into other schools as well
- Received 6 credit updates
- Shared financial status improvement facts.

Dr. Price highlighted some of the City's recent and upcoming developments. He thanked the entire staff and the City Council of North Chicago. Giving special kudos to Mayor Rockingham, Jr., Chief of Police Perez, Fire Chief Umek, ECD Director Taylor Wegrzyn, and Chief of Staff Greg Jackson.

Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr gave well-wishes and thanks to Dr. Price.

Mayor Rockingham Jr. asked the Track and Field Team to come forward.

Alderman Brooks read the resolutions for the North Chicago Warhawk Boys Track Team

Alderman Coleman entered Council via Zoom at 6:26 pm.

VII. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

7-1 Approval of Minutes for Regular Council Meeting, **June 01, 2026**

7-2 Approval of Standing Committee Meeting Minutes, **June 01, 2026**

7-3 Approval of Contract with Pipe View America in the **not-to-exceed amount of \$150,000** for the FY2027 Storm Sewer Cleaning Project.

7-4 Approval to Advertise for a public bid for the FY 2027 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning Project, not to exceed **\$170,000**.

7-4 Approval of Liquor License for Nia's Hot Slots, Inc. - **2501 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive**

7-5 Approval of an Ordinance of the City of North Chicago Amending Title 5, Chapter 14 (Landlord Licensing)

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

Mayor Rockingham, Jr. asked if there were any questions about the Omnibus Agenda.

Alderman Murphy requested a name correction for Kim Brace, as referenced in the Regular Council Meeting Minutes, for the record.

City Clerk Lori Collins acknowledged the need for correction and stated that it would be corrected.

The owners of Nia's Hot Slots were present virtually via Zoom to answer any questions if needed.

Mayor Rockingham, Jr. informed Alderman Coleman that he had been brought into the meeting at 6:26 p.m. and asked whether he would like to vote on the items.

There was no response from Alderman Coleman at that time.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tameka Wilson

- Life-Long Resident of North Chicago, taxpayer, homeowner, and Executive Director of Youth Build Lake County
- Desire to address the Committee Agenda Item for the upcoming Gun Violence Prevention Initiative Summer Day of Service Event. Stating that she supported anti-gun violence efforts and is not asking the North Chicago City Council to intervene in a Foss Park District decision. Ms. Wilson expressed her stance in agreement with gun safety initiatives.
- Expressed her concern with the proposed mural design and the image that it will place on the city for years to come. Stating the many decades of work and efforts that the city put in to improving

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itself and how it is viewed the mural should be a representation of that view. Therefore, it was important to have positive visual projects.

- Asking for the city to provide active participation, engagement, and beautification efforts. Acknowledging the city's recent rebranding and the importance of influence and collaborative partnerships. To represent the best efforts of who we are and who we aspire to be.

Rosalind Buck

- Recent resident to the city on 13th Place.
- Expressed parking issues due to no parking signage in front of the home. Expressing medical difficulties and the need for accommodation

Mayor Rockingham, Jr., explained the process of obtaining a parking space, noting that there is a parking restriction from 2 am to 6 am under the City Code. Therefore, the vehicle would still need to be moved nightly.

IX. REGULAR AGENDA

9-2 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

Removed and Returned to the Committee Meeting.

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen that Agenda Item 9-2 be removed from the Regular Council Agenda and returned to Committee.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

9-1 APPROVAL OF THE FY2027 APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE.

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve Agenda Item 9-1 as presented.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

9-3 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE WITH NEWDAY APARTMENTS, LLC.

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve Agenda Item 9-3 as presented.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

9-4 APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT TO THE NORTH CHICAGO POLICE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- **Leo Dennison**

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve Agenda Item 9-4, as presented.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

9-5 APPROVAL OF THE REAPPOINTMENT TO THE NORTH CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD:

- **Lawrence Brown**– three-year term ended April 30, 2026
- **Carmecia Hawthorn**– three-year term ended April 30, 2026

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Brooks to approve Agenda Item 9-5 as presented.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

9-6 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF THE CITY BILLS

General Fund	\$	39,959.19
General Grants Fund	\$	36,928.70
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$	433,225.28
Capital Projects Fund	\$	153,841.86
Water, Sewer & Refuse Fund	\$	195,602.75
Vision Fund	\$	926.11
Library Fund	\$	12.45
TOTAL	\$	1,150,254.80

Alderman Allen inquired about a Community Days financial report. Chief of Staff Greg Jackson confirmed that a report would be provided before the next meeting, and the Community Days Team would share a presentation, as well.

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Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to pay the Regular bills of Council Run 06/01/26 in the amount of \$1,150,254.80 when funds become available.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

X. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

- Alderman Brooks gave Kudos to Foss Park for the Juneteenth Event (good turnout, good music, and good food
 - Happy Father's Day
- Alderman Jackson gave a compliment to the Police Department and those who assisted with the Police Special Olympics
- Alderman Brooks announced Lake County Juneteenth event, Saturday, June 20th, downtown Waukegan
- Alderman Allen thanked the city staff and team for their efforts in the storm
- Mayor Rockingham Jr. stated the storm was devastating
 - Telephone poles were down, trees in homes and roads
 - Excellent job, Public Works, Fire Department, and Staff
 - Surrounding communities were willing to help
 - No lives lost or injuries
- Alderman Wray commended the citizens of North Chicago for all the help provided. Stating it was important to be neighborly
- Alderman Evans announced on July 25th at 11 am, that Shields Township & Waukegan Township Supervisors would be present for question / answers

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

11-1 EXECUTIVE SESSION- 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(5) THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC BODY, INCLUDING MEETINGS HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING WHETHER A PARTICULAR PARCEL SHOULD BE ACQUIRED.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to suspend the Regular Order of Business and enter Executive Session at 6:55 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Wray moved, seconded by Alderman Brooks to resume the Regular Order of Business at 7:23 p.m.

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MOTION CARRIED

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins, City Clerk