

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, November 07, 2022 at 6:02 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr., presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith, January

Absent: Murphy

Mayor Rockingham, Jr. explained that Alderman Murphy was participating via Zoom because of exposure to COVID.

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to allow Alderman Murphy to participate remotely via Zoom.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-1 USEPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant – Public Comment

Mayor Rockingham, Jr. asked if there was anyone that would like to comment. With no one coming forward for comments the Mayor requested that Environmental Consultant Gary Deigan of Deigan & Associates, LLC explain the Grant.

Mr. Deigan explained that a draft of the narrative summary was posted on the City website as well as a Brownfield Cleanup analysis for the public. The application would not be filed until on or about November 19, 2022; November 22, 2022 was the due date. The public has the opportunity to send comments via email to Economic Development Director Victor Barrera; his email address was also available on the website.

The Mayor asked the amount that was being requested; Mr. Diegan said the full **\$2,000,000** currently available. The entire **\$2,000,000** was needed for the Sheridan Crossing site.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to close the USEPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant Public Comment portion of the meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

V. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

5-1 Minutes of Regular Council Meetings, **October 17, 2022**

5-2 Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings, **October 17, 2022**

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF DONALD CRAFT TO THE NORTH CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR 5 YEAR TERM; 11/31/22 REPLACING BETTY FISHER

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the appointment of Donald Craft to the North Chicago Housing Authority for 5 year term; 11/31/22 replacing Betty Fisher.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Rockingham introduced and congratulated Mr. Craft.

7-2 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO AND FOWLER ENTERPRISES FOR THE DEMOLITION OF CITY OWNED PROPERTIES 1741 ELIZABETH AVE AND 1426 GREENFIELD AVE IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$57,250

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the Resolution approving and authorizing execution of an agreement between the City of North Chicago and Fowler Enterprises for the demolition of City owned properties 1741 Elizabeth Ave and 1426 Greenfield Ave in amount not to exceed \$57,250.

Mayor Rockingham stated that including these properties would be approximately the 40th demolition done in the City. The City demolishes derelict properties that are not able to rehab and make the land available for construction. The process also increases surrounding property value without the derelict home.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

General Corporate Fund	\$	553,802.70
Library	\$	6,953.82
Motor Fuel Tax	\$	2,134.54
Water Operations	\$	137,587.63
Grant	\$	12,337.24
tif 2005a Debt Service	\$	602.30
TIF Grant PI Debt Serv 2007C	\$	7,103.84
TIF 2007A Debt Service	\$	12,155.30
Addition - 10/21/22	\$	408.00
Addition - 10/06/22	\$	2,079.00
Addition - 09/28/22	\$	1,937.60
TOTAL	\$	737,101.97

MOTION:

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to pay the bills of Council Run 11/07/22 the amount of \$737,101.97 when funds become available.

Alderman Jackson questioned if the special bill runs were inclusive or if needed separate votes. Interim Comptroller Mike Peterson explained that there was 4 separate bill runs; there were items that needed to be paid manually. The entire total was \$737,101.97. Attorney David Silverman said that the bills could be voted all inclusive.

Alderman Evans questioned charge for \$993.21 to the 3rd Ward. Mr. Peterson explained that it was credit card charge for IML conference, the bill needed to be paid to creditor but credit would show on next statement.

Alderman January questioned the Interim Comptroller Mike Peterson if sufficient funds and amount in Water Fund as of Friday. Mr. Peterson explained funds were available with exception of Grant Fund which the shortfall would be corrected in **FY23** when funding becomes available and was not sure of the amount in the Water Fund.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

VARIOUS CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

*Alderman January thanked all veterans for their service in protecting our rights and freedom.

*Alderman Allen questioned the cannabis consumption lounge. Alderman Silverman explained that it was a state issued license and was not sure if any had been approved yet. He would consult with another attorney in office with more knowledge of the subject. Alderman Allen asked if the City decided if allowed. Attorney Silverman noted that the City only specified the location allowed for cannabis sales. Mayor Rockingham said the City had not denied anything as of yet.

*Alderman Allen questioned the smell of the Mulch Center. Mayor Rockingham said the City was still under contract. Attorney Silverman said he would discuss with Adam Simon. Mayor Rockingham commented that any facility that produces odor needed to be addressed; the Mulch Center was not the only.

*Alderman Allen questioned when the old garbage cans would be retrieved. Mayor Rockingham said previous contractor, Waste Management, did a one-time pick-up; there were people that did not put the cans out. The Chief of Staff would be addressing the issue. City Clerk Lori L. Collins said she spoke with Waste Management who informed her that they would pick up within the week. Interim Public Works Director Bob Miller explained that he spoke to both companies; Waste Management was done picking up. Old cans would be picked up by the Public Works Department. If a citizen had not received a new can to contact the Public Works.

*Alderman Smith announced an apology to everyone who saw his previous meeting presentation. He said that the intent was not campaigning; the message purpose was to work together. Mayor Rockingham accepted the apology on behalf of the City.

*Alderman Evans spoke of the Halloween Celebration and thanked all that donated/participated, the 3rd and 5th Ward meetings on the same day was very successful. Alderman Smith agreed that the Ward Meetings were “awesome.”

*Alderman Mayfield stated concern that residents were unclear why ambulances can’t take patient to hospital of their choice. Fire Chief Umek explained the ordinance states that transportation was only to Vista East, Lake Forest or Veterans Hospital; level 1 trauma and severity could require transport elsewhere. Alderman Mayfield requested that the information be included in the City newsletter.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins, City Clerk