

# MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, November 21, 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, Murphy, January

Absent: None

### **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, **November 07, 2022**

5-2 Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings, **November 07, 2022**

5-3 Consideration/Approval of City of North Chicago Safety Manual

5-4 Consideration/Approval of Annual Contract with Meade Electric for traffic signal maintenance services Traffic Signal Maintenance Services in Amount Not to Exceed **\$30,500**

5-5 Consideration/Approval of Proposal from Meade Electric in Amount Not to Exceed **\$249,800** for Installation of Streetlights, Replacement of Light Fixtures and Installation of New Underground Conduits

5-6 Consideration/Approval of Dahme Mechanical Proposal to Re-Pipe the Chlorine Room at the Water Treatment Plant in an Amount Not to Exceed **\$43,000**

5-7 Consideration/Approval of Special Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development/Plat of Vacation at **1714, 1720 and 1724 Green Bay Rd.**

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

Alderman January asked that items 5-4 thru 5-6 be moved to the Regular Agenda. Mayor Rockingham asked City Attorney Adam Simon for clarification. Attorney Simon explained that until further rules were approved the status quo would currently apply; therefore approval with the exception of items requested to be moved to the Regular Agenda.

**Motion reflected to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda with exception of moving 5-4 thru 5-6 to the Regular Agenda.**

### **ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy  
Nays: January  
Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Latrisha Cole – Our Shining Star Foundation**

Active in the community; provided hot meals, supplies, books and COVID testing center. She was requesting \$1,000 to provide hats, gloves and coats to children. Projected date of December 10 for give away.

**VII. REGULAR AGENDA**

5-4 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH MEADE ELECTRIC FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,500

**Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the annual contract with Meade Electric for traffic signal maintenance services in amount not to exceed \$30,500.**

Alderman Evans questioned the process of voting on the item that was listed in Omnibus already. Mayor Rockingham explained that there was discussion previous to being discussed in Committee; once it was discussed and approved, the process would be different.

Alderman January expressed that fiduciary items should be voted separately.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy, January  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

5-5 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM MEADE ELECTRIC IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$249,800 FOR INSTALLATION OF STREETLIGHTS, REPLACEMENT OF LIGHT FIXTURES AND INSTALLATION OF NEW UNDERGROUND CONDUITS

**Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the proposal from Meade Electric in amount not to exceed \$249,800 for installation of streetlights, replacement of light fixtures and installation of new underground conduits.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy, January  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

5-6 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL DAHME MECHANICAL PROPOSAL TO RE-PIPE THE CHLORINE ROOM AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$43,000

**Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve Dahme Mechanical proposal to re-pipe the chlorine room at the Water Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$43,000.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Mayor Rockingham requested for motion to remove Item 7-6 until another candidate was selected.**

**Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson to remove Item 7-6 Appointment of Ms. Jackie Ramdin- Johnson to the Police Pension Board from the agenda.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE**

**Alderman Smith left the Council Chambers at 6:19 p.m.**

**7-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF A 2022 CITY DONATION TO THE “SHOP WITH A COP” PROGRAM FOR \$1,000 AND TO MAKE THE “SHOP WITH A COP” PROGRAM A PERMANENT ANNUAL LINE ITEM SET AT \$1,000 IN THE CITY’S BUDGET STARTING IN FY2023**

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve 2022 City donation to the “Shop with a Cop” Program for \$1,000 and to make the “Shop with a Cop” Program a permanent annual line item set at \$1,000 in the City’s budget starting in FY2023.**

Alderman January asked if there should be separate motions: one for current \$1,000 (donation) and one for making a permanent annual line item set at \$1,000 (budget). Attorney Simon explained that the motions could be voted together.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Smith

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Rockingham introduced and congratulated Mr. Craft.

**7-2 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL – SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH COMMONWEALTH EDISON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,993**

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve settlement agreement with Commonwealth Edison in the amount of \$45,993 as presented.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Smith

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7-3 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL – 2022 (\$500) CITY DONATION TO THANKSGIVING TOURNAMENT**

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the 2022 (\$500) City donation to Thanksgiving Tournament.**

Alderman January asked who the money was to be disbursed to. Alderman Evans said that it was explained at the last meeting of who the recipient was and the event. Alderman Jackson read the minutes of the previous meeting explaining that the donation was for the purchase of \$500 worth of tickets and it was presented by Barry Beckwith of Urban Entertainment.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Smith

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Alderman Smith returned to the Council Chambers at 6:25 p.m.**

**7-4 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF GP LIQUOR LICENSE TO NAIMAT SEKHON, 2501 MARTIN LUTHER KING DR.**

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the GP Liquor License to Naimat Sekhon for 2501 Martin Luther King Dr.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7-5 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CAPITALIZATION ASSET POLICY**

**Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson to approve the Capitalization Asset Policy.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7-6 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL – APPOINTMENT OF MS. JACKIE RAMDIN-JOHNSON TO THE POLICE PENSION BOARD**

**REMOVED IN A PREVIOUS MOTION**

**7-7 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF MONTHLY TREASURER’S REPORT – OCTOBER 2022**

**Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman January to remove the monthly Treasurer’s Report – October 2022 and return it to Committee for discussion.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

**7-8 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS**

<b>General Corporate Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>199,715.79</b>
<b>Motor Fuel Tax</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>23,532.91</b>
<b>Water Operations</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>87,900.51</b>
<b>Grant</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>906.75</b>
<b>TIF II Downtown/Industrial</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,425.48</b>
<b>Capital Project</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,160.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>332,641.44</b>

**MOTION:**

**Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to pay the bills of Council Run 11/21/22 the amount of \$332,641.44 when funds become available.**

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; Alderman January asked what that amount was Mr. Peterson was unaware and was not certain of the amount in the Water Fund as of Friday.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS**

**VARIOUS CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

- Mayor Rockingham wished staff and residents a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving
- Alderman Mayfield wished a Happy Thanksgiving. She stated that she attended the ribbon cutting of the new Neal Math and Science middle school. She expressed her feelings of a great facility for the children to learn that would be attending there; the first day in the new building would be November 28, 2022.
- Alderman Smith stated his attendance of the National League of Cities conference; he was excited to share what he learned with the elected officials. He would later brief about the conference. He wished all a Happy Thanksgiving also.
- Alderman January also wished all Thanksgiving blessings. She also announced the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of previous Alderman Charles January, Jr. They were grateful for another birthday considering their hospitalization the previous year due to COVID.
- Alderman Evans wished a Happy Thanksgiving; announced Christmas Celebration December 20, 2022 at the Foss Park Pavilion.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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**Lori L. Collins, City Clerk**