

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, December 05, 2022 at 6:05 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

Absent: January

Mayor Rockingham informed that Alderman January sent an email stating that she would be absent.

4-1 Public Hearing – Property Tax Levy

Interim Comptroller Mike Peterson explained the Property Tax Levy process. The Tax Levy History: **2018-2020** there was no increase, **2021** there was an increase of **4.95%** and proposed request for **2022** increase would be **5.855%**; total dollar amount calculated was **\$10,239,860**.

The Fire Pension negotiated amount of **\$150,000** per year increase was included in the pension \$1,900,000 total; still \$660,743 shortfall. The Police Pension calculation was also based on a percentage that was determined by a percentage from the Firefighters amount; Police Pension in the levy was **\$2,349,100** with a shortfall of **\$2,401,696**. Still approximately **\$3,000,000** short of actuarially funding the pensions.

Mr. Peterson stated that 1% sales tax and Waukegan casino would assist with the shortfall in the pensions. The **5.74%** described is the amount to actually be approved.

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to adjourn the Public Hearing ended at 6:16 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

- V. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA**

- 5-1 Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meetings, **November 21, 2022**
- 5-2 Approval of Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings, **November 21, 2022**
- 5-3 Approval of Minutes of Special Council Meeting, **November 22, 2022**
- 5-4 Approval of Resolution Setting the Annual Meeting Schedule for City Council, Committee and Planning & Zoning Commission Meetings

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: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Bone – Amo Athletes

Explained that Amo Athletes was a program for the youth. There were over **240** children in the program; won the state & national championship in football aged **10**. He requested funding/donation from the City. He thanked several elected officials for their contributions and support. Alderman Smith asked the age group; Mr. Bone said **5 – 14** years old. Alderman Evans suggested that the children be recognized at the next Council Meeting.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 2 OF CITY CODE RELATED TO THE PROCEDURES FOR ADOPTING THE OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve an Ordinance Amending Title 2, Chapter 2 of City Code related to the procedures for adopting the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING MULTI-YEAR FACILITIES CAPITAL PLAN FISCAL YEARS 2013 THROUGH 2032

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Resolution Approving and Adopting Multi-Year Facilities Capital Plan Fiscal Years 2013 through 2032.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS AND AWARDING CONTRACT TO PARAGON MICRO TO PROVIDE (2) CISCO CATALYST 9300 SWITCHES IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$22,333.86

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson to approve Resolution waiving competitive bidding process and awarding contract to Paragon Micro to provide (2) Cisco Catalyst 9300 switches in the amount not to exceed \$22,333.86.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS AND AWARDING CONTRACT TO PARAGON MICRO TO PROVIDE DESKTOP; LAPTOP COMPUTERS AND PERIPHERALS FOR AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$47,324.16

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve Resolution waiving competitive bidding process and awarding contract to Paragon Micro to provide desktop; laptop computers and peripherals for amount not to exceed \$47,324.16.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Rockingham introduced and congratulated Mr. Craft.

7-5 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS AND AWARDING CONTRACT TO CDS TECHNOLOGIES TO PROVIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT 9-1-1 COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FOR AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$38,851

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve Resolution waiving competitive bidding process and awarding contract to CDS Technologies to provide Fire Department 9-1-1 computer equipment for amount not to exceed \$38,851.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF THE OWENS GROUP LIABILITY CONTRACT RENEWAL, BEGINNING DECEMBER 1, 2022 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,285,306

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Owens Group liability contract renewal, beginning December 1, 2022 in the amount of \$1,285,306.

Alderman Jackson questioned if the motion should include verbiage “not to exceed” because of the amount. Attorney Silverman explained that it did not need to state the amount but could include that language.

Alderman Evans amended motion, seconded by Alderman Mayfield amended to approve the Owens Group liability contract renewal, beginning December 1, 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$1,285,306.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

7-7 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR MEADE ELECTRIC FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,500

APPROVED AT PREVIOUS MEETING

7-8 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM MEADE ELECTRIC FOR INSTALLATION OF STREETLIGHTS; REPLACEMENT OF LIGHT FIXTURES AND INSTALLATION OF NEW UNDERGROUND CONDUITS IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED (\$249,800).

APPROVED AT PREVIOUS MEETING

7-9 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF DONTATION TO EZYRAH'S GIFT IN THE AMOUNT OF (\$500)

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the donation to Ezryah's Gift in the amount of \$500.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

7-10 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL TO PURCHASE BATTERY-OPERATED EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT TO OUTFIT FIRE STATION I ENGINE IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000 (TABLED)

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson asked for item 7-10 to be tabled.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

7-11 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

General Corporate Fund	\$ 339,297.15
Library	\$ 5,109.53
Motor Fuel Tax	\$ 3,520.12
Water Operations	\$ 88,621.46
Grant	\$ 6,916.67
Dental and Vision	\$ 710.44
Retiree's Insurance Premium	<u>\$ 18,346.27</u>
 TOTAL	 \$ 462,521.64

MOTION:

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to pay the bills of Council Run 12/05/22 the amount of **\$462,521.64 when funds become available.**

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

VARIOUS CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

- Alderman Jackson questioned if there could be a process for requests of donations. Alderman Mayfield explained that there were discussion currently to create a process.
- Alderman Jackson asked if the settlement agreement with ComEd funds could be utilized for the donations. Mr. Peterson explained that it could be if that were the Council's wishes. Treasurer Vance Wyatt said the actual amount to the City was approximately **\$20,000**.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9-1 EXCEUTIVE SESSION 5 ILCS 2 (C)(12) – ESTABLISHMENT OF RESERVES OR SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to go Suspend the Regular Order of Business and enter into Executive Session at 6:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Murphy moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to Reconvene the Regular Order of Business at 6:54 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

9-2 POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS (OPEN SESSION)

NONE

Mayor Rockingham noted there was a question in the Zoom chat; City Clerk Lori Collins read the question; how much the property tax increase would be per **\$100,000** home. Mr. Peterson said he would provide that information at the next meeting.

X. 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 6:56 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins, City Clerk