

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, April 18, 2022 at 6:03 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

III. ROLL CALL

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

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

Absent: None

3-1 Alderman Murphy and January via Zoom Meeting

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to allow Alderman Murphy and January to participate via zoom.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

IV. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

4-1 Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, **April 04, 2022**

4-2 Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings, **April 04, 2022**

4-3 Treasurer's Report – **March 2022**

4-4 **53rd** Anniversary of Municipal Clerk's Week, **May 1-7, 2022**

4-5 Ordinance for Variance to the Design of the Parking Facilities and Loading Berths at **2550-2600** Commonwealth Avenue (**PIN 12-05-417-009**), **0** Commonwealth Avenue (**PIN 12-05-418-010**), **2575** Commonwealth Avenue (**PIN 12-05-417-005**) and **2525** Greenfield Avenue (**PIN 12-05-417-008**), Collectively Referred to as **2600** Commonwealth

4-6 Jeanette Allen's re-appointment to the North Chicago Library Board (**3-year term**)

4-7 Edward Houston's re-appointment to the North Chicago Library Board (**3-year term**)

4-8 Ebony Cox appointment to the North Chicago Library Board (**3-year term**)

4-9 Entering into a Contract with Today's Uniform Company to Supply Department issued uniforms Not to Exceed **\$12,400**

4-10 Entering into a Contract with Health Endeavors to Provide Medical Services for Department Members and Physicals Not to Exceed **\$10,885**

4-11 Resolution Authorizing HOME-ARP Program Consortium Agreement

4-12 Resolution Approving and Authorizing Execution of an Agreement between the City of North Chicago and Tri-State Platinum Landscape

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson to approve Items 4-1 thru 4-4 of the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

Alderman January asked that items **4-5** thru **4-12** be moved to Regular Agenda for a vote.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman January Nay

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Linda C. Lamb Brand Ambassador of Big Brothers & Sisters

Ms. Lamb announced Big Brothers & Sisters **May 14, 2022; 11:00 a.m.** event held at the North Chicago Library, asked for support and suggested informing the public. She thanked Alderman Evans especially for his support. Mayor Rockingham

Art Craigen

Mr. Craigen informed Council of his interest in surplus vehicles. Alderman Allen asked to allow the citizens to purchase the surplus vehicles. Alderman Smith questioned if there was a minimum bid amount for Mr. Craigen to purchase; the Mayor stated no.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

- 4-5 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE FOR VARIANCE TO THE DESIGN OF THE PARKING FACILITIES AND LOADING BERTHS AT 2550-2600 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE (PIN 12-05-417-009), 0 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE (PIN 12-05-418-010), 2575 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE (PIN 12-05-417-005) AND 2525 GREENFIELD AVENUE (PIN 12-05-417-008), COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS 2600 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve Item 4-5 as presented.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

- 4-6 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL - JEANETTE ALLEN OF RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE NORTH CHICAGO LIBRARY BOARD (3-YEAR TERM)

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve the re-appointment of Jeanette Allen to the North Chicago Library Board (3-year term).

Alderman January asked the number of applicants and if the citizens were notified; The Mayor stated the Library Board indicated there was a need of an appointment and he chose Ms. Allen. He appointed the applicants and open for anyone to apply.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

- 4-7 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL - EDWARD HOUSTON OF RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE NORTH CHICAGO LIBRARY BOARD (3-YEAR TERM)

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the re-appointment of Edward Houston to the North Chicago Library Board (3-year term).

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-8 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL – EBONY COX APPOINTMENT TO THE NORTH CHICAGO LIBRARY BOARD (3-YEAR TERM)

Alderman Jackson moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the appointment of Ebony Cox to the North Chicago Library Board (3-year term).

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-9 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH TODAYS UNIFORM COMPANY TO SUPPLY DEPARTMENT ISSUED UNIFORMS NOT TO EXCEED \$12,400

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve a contract with Todays Uniform Company to supply department issued uniforms Not to Exceed \$12,400.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-10 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH HEALTH ENDEAVORS TO PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES FOR DEPARTMENT MEMBER'S PHYSICALS NOT TO EXCEED \$10,885

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve entering into a contract with Health Endeavors to provide medical services for department member's physicals Not to Exceed \$10,885.

Alderman Smith questioned clarification of the Department member's physicals. Fire Chief Umek explained it was to perform Fire Department personnel physicals.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-11 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HOME-ARP PROGRAM CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson to approve the Resolution Authorizing Home-Arp Program Consortium Agreement.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

- 4-12 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO AND TRI-STATE PLATINUM LANDSCAPE

Alderman Jackson moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve the Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Agreement between the City of North Chicago and Tri-State Platinum Landscape.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

- 6-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A 3-YEAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO AND INTERDEV, LLC, FOR IT SERVICES

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve a Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Agreement between the City of North Chicago and InterDev, LLC for IT Services.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

- 6-2 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF JUNETEENTH PAGEANT DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson to approve the Juneteenth Pageant donation in the amount of \$1,000.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

- 6-3 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF TKG SWEEPING SERVICES FOR 2022 – NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the TKG Sweeping Services for 2022 – Not to Exceed \$50,000.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

- 6-4 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN EXTENSION TO THE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO AND ROBERT J. MILLER DBA
AMM ENTERPRISES, INC. – PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve a Resolution authorizing execution of an extension to the Agreement between the City of North Chicago and Robert J. Miller DBA AMM Enterprises, Inc. – Public Works Operational Assistance.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

6-5 **CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF
SUPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO –
RESIDENTS FIRST**

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property Owned by the City of North Chicago – Residents First.

Human Resources Director Liz Black stated was finalized discussion with minimum bid of **\$500**.

Alderman Smith questioned if it was compared to an auction; Attorney Simon explained that the minimum bid would be advertised with the announcement. Announcements would be through newspaper and website.

Alderman Allen questioned clarification of the cost if the City ran the bid.

Mrs. Black explained decommission of the vehicles had to be processed differently because they were police vehicles. Decommission fee for all vehicles of **\$2,450** for all vehicles but **\$1,850** of cost was for **(3)** police vehicles. Alderman Allen asked if there was an ordinance; Mrs. Black stated it was the standard procedures for the police vehicles.

The Mayor asked if Enterprise would return equipment; Mrs. Black stated would research it. She reiterated the **(3)** police vehicles decommission fee was **\$1,850**.

Alderman Murphy questioned if the City would handle entire auction process to be approved. The Mayor acknowledged it was.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith

Nays: Jackson, Murphy, January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

6-6 **CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF FY 2023 BUDGET**

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the FY 2023 Budget.

Alderman Allen asked if **2%** raise was included; Attorney Simon explained the ordinance gave legal authority to spend money, does not automatically give raises. The Mayor elaborated further that raises were based on merit and review.

Alderman Evans questioned if the City was seeking permanent positions for Code Inspections and not contractors; The Mayor stated was seeking permanent employees.

Victor Barrera, Economic & Community Development Director based on the last meeting, he was directed to solicit bids for contractors. Alderman Evans asked if permanent positions; Mr. Barrera stated that it was his goal to search within several months.

Alderman Allen questioned why the Chief of Staff wasn't a separate budgeted item; the Mayor explained that the Chief of Staff, Executive Secretary and Information Coordinator were budgeted through the Mayor's office. Alderman Allen questioned pg. **13 Miscellaneous Expense (\$20,000)**; The Mayor explained expenditures for service reflected on pg. 15.

Alderman Evans questioned funding of overtime budgeted; Police Chief Lazaro Perez explained was in the process of hiring additional (6) officers for **2022-2023**.

Alderman Jackson asked if those new officers were grant funded; Chief Perez acknowledged it was and could utilize **\$125,000** and pay up to **50%** for salaries; there was (4) remaining positions.

The dates of the academy; **June and September**.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

6-7 **CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance.

Alderman January requested overview/briefing of item **6-7**; Michael Peterson, Comptroller explained unexpected expenditures beyond the original approved appropriations.

Alderman Jackson clarified it was cost overruns; Mike Peterson explained the significant change was that there was 0 budget for some expenditures.

Attorney Simon elaborated further adopting the ordinance would prove the city costs for expenses to the Auditors and how funds were used.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

6-8 **CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF A CLASS B LIQUOR LICENSE FOR PACKAGED LIQUOR – CITGO AT 2004 MLK JR. DRIVE**

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Class B Liquor License for Packaged Liquor – Citgo at 2004 MLK Jr. Drive.

Alderman Mayfield questioned number of licenses in the City; the Mayor stated (1) located on Route 41.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Evans, Smith

Nays: Jackson, Mayfield, Allen, Murphy, January

Absent: None

MOTION FAILED

6-9 **CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF BS&A SOFTWARE CONTRACT – NOT TO EXCEED \$166,000**

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the BS&A Software Contract Not to Exceed \$166,000.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

6-10 **CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS**

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| General Corporate Fund | \$ | 370,249.22 |
| Library | \$ | 7,999.10 |
| Motor Fuel Tax | \$ | 69,182.09 |
| Water Operations | \$ | 56,843.20 |
| Grant | \$ | 9,548.29 |
| TIF Grant PL Debt Serv. 2007C | \$ | 166.66 |
| TIF Grant PL Debt Serv. 2007C | \$ | 166.67 |
| TIF Debt Service 2007B | \$ | 166.67 |
| Dental & Vision | \$ | 7,479.69 |
| Retiree's Insurance Premium | \$ | 10,246.55 |
| TIF II Downtown/Industrial | \$ | 6,127.50 |
| Skokie Hwy TIF III | \$ | 10,208.17 |
| Grant PL Operating Fund | \$ | 19,838.52 |
| TOTAL | \$ | 568,222.33 |

MOTION:

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to pay the bills of Council Run 04/18/22 in the amount of \$568,222.33 when funds become available.

Alderman January asked if funds were available, next transfer including amount and balance in the Water Fund. Interim Comptroller Mike Peterson acknowledged that funds were available. The amount in the Water Fund at end of business day; Mr. Peterson was unaware; the next transfer of fiscal year was **April 22, 2022; \$607,500**. Transfers were not included in budget.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

GRANT PLACE STATUS UPDATE

Alderman Jackson questioned the status update of Grant Place; Victor Barrera Economic & Community Development Director explain the buyers loan was approved, tentative closing date April 29, 2022 and ordered the plat of survey.

Alderman Jackson asked if the City continued receiving revenue from the tenants; Mr. Barrera acknowledged they were. Attorney Simon explained there was no debt owing; the release wasn't recorded at Lake County.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

8-1 EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6): the Setting of a Price for Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the City; 5 ILCS 120 2 (c)(11) – Probable or Eminent Litigation

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson to suspend into Executive Session.

Meeting Suspended at 6:56 p.m.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to resume Council Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Meeting Reconvened at 7:34 p.m.

Alderman Murphy and January were ayes via zoom.

8-2 OPEN SESSION: Possible Action on Executive Session Items

Alderman Jackson moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve item 8-1 (Option Agreement) as presented.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins, City Clerk