

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, May 02, 2022 at 6:13 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, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy, January

Absent: Mayfield

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman January to suspend Regular Order of Business at **6:15 p.m.** for North Chicago Exchange Club Presentation; "Celebrating Our Youth."

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Mayfield was absent.

Vickie Estes Brown introduced Exchange Club recipients for "Youth of the Month" Winners: **Madison Johnson, Jerome Anderson, Katana McDuffy, Sa'Rya Nelson, Keshawn Roach, and Nadia Stevenson.** The Youth of the Year was appointed to **Keshawn Roach.**

Alderman Smith stated that the COVID pandemic was a challenge so college would be. He encouraged and coached them to success.

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman January to resume Council Meeting at **6:27 p.m.**

IV. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

4-1 Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, **April 18, 2022**

4-2 Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings, **April 18, 2022**

4-3 Resolution Approving & Authorizing Execution of an Agreement between the City of North Chicago and Tri-State Platinum Landscapes, LLC – Vegetation Abatement Program, Not to Exceed **\$50,000**

4-4 Resolution for **2022** CDBG Program Funding – Public Services

4-5 Update City Code **4-4-1**: Board Created Members to the Current Section **4-121** of the Illinois Pension Code

4-6 Agreement to Extend Agreement with Azavar for Tax and Fee Administration Software Module Services

4-7 Sale of Surplus Property at **1700** Morrow Ave. (PIN: **12-05-409-012**) Appraisal Method

4-8 City Salary Ordinance (CSO) from **May 01, 2022** to **April 30, 2023**

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve Items 4-1 thru 4-8 of the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman January asked that items **4-3** thru **4-8** be moved to Regular Agenda for a vote.
The Mayor announced that Alderman Mayfield was unable to attend.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kenneth Endress – Naval Station Great Lakes

Mr. Endress informed North Chicago that Great Lakes was fully open for naval training. At this time, there was an estimated **37,000** civilians interested. He encouraged civilians with the need.

Alderman Smith asked if the Aldermen could be involved with the graduation. Mr. Endress would relay the information to the Commanding Officer who would send the invites. He stated that Forrestal Village would have a Town Hall Meeting; Alderman Allen questioned hotel services. He clarified he had left the contact information with him.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

- 4-3 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPROVING & AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO AND TRI-STATE PLATINIM LANDSCAPES, LLC – VEGETATION ABATEMENT PROGRAM, NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson to approve Item 4-3 as presented.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

- 4-4 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF 2022 CDBG PROGRAM FUNDING – PUBLIC SERVICES

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the 2022 CDBG Program Funding – Public Services.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

- 4-5 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL – UPDATE CITY CODE 4-4-1: BOARD CREATED MEMBERS TO THE CURRENT SECTION 4-12-1 OF THE ILLINOIS PENSION CODE)

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson to approve the update of City Code 4-4-1: Board Created Members to the current Section 4-121.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

4-6 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL – AGREEMENT WITH AZAVAR FOR TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION SOFTWARE MODULE SERVICES

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the agreement with Azavar for Tax and Fee Administration Software Module Services.

Alderman January asked for a briefing of item 4-6; Interim Comptroller Mike Peterson explained the audit services adding the use of a module for payments.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

4-7 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL – SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY AT 1700 MORROW AVE. (PIN: 12-05-409-012) APPRAISAL METHOD

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Sale of Surplus Property at 1700 Morrow Ave. (PIN: 12-05-409-012) Appraisal Method.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

4-8 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY SALRY ORDINANCE (CSO) FROM MAY 01, 2022 TO APRIL 30, 2023

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson to approve the City Salary Ordinance (CSO) from May 01, 2022 to April 30, 2023.

Alderman January asked for overview of what was changed; Liz Black, Human Resources Director explained. Alderman January questioned if any raises; Mrs. Black explained was a 2% wage adjustment.

Alderman Allen questioned if the increase was based upon performance; Mrs. Black clarified it was.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

6-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S STRONG COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve a Resolution Accepting a Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Strong Community Program.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: January

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

6-2 **CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS**

General Corporate Fund	\$	335,524.37
Library	\$	7,478.30
Motor Fuel Tax	\$	140,490.91
Water Operations	\$	94,186.87
Grant	\$	8,948.15
TIF 2005 Debt Serv.	\$	20,700.00
TIF Grant PL Debt Serv. 2007C	\$	141,326.25
TIF 2007A Debt Service	\$	5,800.00
TIF 102530 Debt Service 2007B	\$	102,530.00
Retiree's Insurance Premium	\$	11,072.36
TIF II Downtown/Industrial	\$	5,420.19
Skokie Hwy TIF III	\$	6,868.75
Grant PL Operating Fund	\$	2,262.34
TOTAL	\$	882,608.49

MOTION:

Alderman Murphy moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to pay the bills of Council Run 5/02/22 in the amount of **\$882,608.49 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 explained there weren't sufficient funds available until FY2023. The amount in the Water Fund at end of business day; Mr. Peterson explained won't have exact amount until the following day. The next transfer of fiscal year was **April 22, 2022; \$607,500**. Transfers were not included in budget.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: January

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

RIBBON CUTTING - STARBUCKS

Alderman Allen announced the ribbon cutting and encouraged participation

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

8-1 **EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) - Probable or Eminent Litigation: Settlement of Claims/5 ILCS 120 2 (c)(12) – Settlement of Claims.**

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman January to suspend the Regular Order of Business to Executive Session at 6:42 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: January

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman January to resume the Regular Order of Business at 7:50 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: January

Absent: Mayfield

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 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins, City Clerk