

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, June 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Alderman Allen presiding as Temporary Chairman.

I. CALL TO ORDER

City Clerk Lori L. Collins called the Council Meeting to order and announced that Alderman Mayfield would be absent and Alderman Smith would be tardy.

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson to appoint Alderman Allen Temporary Chairman.

Alderman January asked why the Mayor was not present; Alderman Jackson said he was on vacation.

II. INVOCATION

III. ROLL CALL

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

Present: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Murphy, January

Absent: Mayfield, Smith

IV. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

4-1 Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, **May 16, 2022**

4-2 Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings, **May 16, 2022**

4-3 Treasurer's Report – **May 2022**

4-4 Re-Entering Contract with Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management Inc.

4-5 Murray & Trette Meteorological Consulting Professional Services

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

Alderman January asked that items 4-4 and 4-5 be moved to Regular Agenda

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson to approve Items 4-1 thru 4-3 of the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Murphy

Nays: January

Absent: Mayfield, Smith

MOTION CARRIED

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

4-4 RE-ENTERING CONTRACT WITH CLARKE MOSQUITO MANAGEMENT INC.

Alderman January questioned the amount; Interim Public Works Director stated the amount.

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve re-entering contract with Clarke Mosquito Management Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$28,500.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Murphy, January

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield, Smith

MOTION CARRIED

- 4-5 MURRAY & TRETTLE METEOROLOGICAL CONSULTING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Interim Public Works Director Bob Miller stated the amount.

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson to approve the Murray & Trette Meteorological Consulting Professional Services in the amount of \$14,100.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Murphy, January

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield, Smith

MOTION CARRIED

- 6-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF ENTERPRISE FLEET LEASE FOR MAYOR ROCKINGHAM JR.

DIED DUE TO LACK OF MOTION

- 6-2 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF FY2022 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the FY2022 Appropriation Ordinance.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Murphy

Nays: January

Absent: Mayfield, Smith

MOTION CARRIED

- 6-3 CONSIDERATION/POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF PRIVATE SECURITY REIMBURSEMENT BY, BETWEEN, AND AMONG THE CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO, TBG BROOKSTONE, LLC AND TBG REGENCY, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson to private security reimbursement by, between, and among the City of North Chicago, TBG Brookstone, LLC and TBG Regency, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

Alderman January asked for clarification. Alderman Allen explained there were safety issues in that area. There was discussion with Senator Johnson for financial assistance to provide security for Brookstone at Cole Park. On July 1, 2022, \$600,000 would be released to the City for that assistance and public safety; the remainder of the funds would have to be decided how to spend.

Alderman January asked if there was any liability to the City since the funds were given from the City. Attorney Simon explained that in the contract there was language which would indemnify and hold harmless the City.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Murphy, January

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield, Smith

MOTION CARRIED

- 6-4 CONSIDERATION/ APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS TO A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF PLAT OF VACATION, PLAT OF DEDICATION, AND A PLAT OF EASEMENT – MULCH CENTER (12660 BITTERSWEET AVE.)

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the Amendments to a Special Use Permit for a planned unit development and approval of Plat of Vacation, Plat of Dedication, and a Plat of Easement – Mulch Center (12660 Bittersweet Ave.)

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Murphy, January

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield, Smith

MOTION CARRIED

Aldermen Smith entered the Council Chambers at 6:16 p.m.

- 6-5 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS FROM R3 TO CW AT 0 WRIGHT AVE. (PINS 12-05-304-025; 12-05-304-026; 12-05-304-027), A.K.A. 2201 MARTIN LUTHER KING DR.

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the Amendments from R3 to CW at 0 Wright Ave. a.k.a. 2201 Martin Luther King Dr.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

- 6-6 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL B-W(2) LIQUOR LICENSE FROM M. CARRETO CORPORATION (DBA SPEEDY TACO) AT 2272 MLK DR.

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the B-W(2) Liquor License from M. Carreto Corporation (DBA Speedy Taco) at 2272 MLK Dr.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: January

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

- 6-7 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING & AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF PROPOSAL BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO AND NORTH SHORE SIGN IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,980

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson to approve the Resolution Approving & Authorizing the Execution of Proposal between the City of North Chicago and North Shore Sign in the amount not to exceed \$15,980.

Alderman January questioned the work to be done; Building Coordinator Chris Chirikos explained the insert would be replaced and upgraded.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

- 6-8 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Alderman Jackson moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the Settlement Agreement.

Alderman January asked the amount of the settlement agreement; Human Resources Director Elizabeth Black stated \$385,000.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Allen, Smith, Murphy, January

Nays: Evans

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

- 6-9 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL FOR EXCEPTION TO ORDINANCE 5-32-20 – OPERATIONAL HOURS FROM SATURDAY TO SUNDAY FOR AN OUTDOOR COMMUNITY MARKET BUSINESS LICENSE

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the Ordinance 5-32-20 – Operational Hours from Saturday to Sunday for an Outdoor Community Market Business License.

Alderman January asked the new amendments; City Planner Nimrod Warda explained that Community Market was a new introduction. There were no ordinances currently in place for markets. Section 5-32-20 for inclusion of Sunday operations Noon - 4 p.m.; Section 5-32-3 limits operation to business districts, the proposed market was on public land (School District leased to Park District).

Alderman January asked if a waiver was needed. Attorney Simon explained that the current motion was the only that could be decided that evening. Alderman Allen requested that the trailer being used, be moved to another location on the field.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

6-10 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

General Corporate Fund	\$ 236,531.75
Motor Fuel Tax	\$ 2,925.36
Water Operations	\$ 128,238.57
Grant	\$ 384,432.97
Dental and Vision	\$ 941.98
TIF II Downtown/Industrial	\$ 682.50
Skokie Highway TIF III	\$ 1,317.50
Grant Place Operating Fund	\$ 13,629.23
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TOTAL	\$ 768,699.86

MOTION:

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to pay the bills of Council Run 6/20/22 in the amount of \$768,699.89 when funds become available.

Alderman January questioned if funds were available, amount in Water Fund as of Friday.

Assistant Comptroller Tawanda Joyner said there were enough funds and the amount as of Thursday June 16th was no less than \$4,232,865.49. Alderman Allen questioned pg. 26 – **Grant Place**; Ms. Joyner explained last bills since sell.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: January

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

VARIOUS COMMENTS

Public Safety – Alderman January questioned Public Safety plan discussion to protect the citizens.

Community Market & Shields Township – Alderman Evans invited everyone to the Community Market and emphasized the need for community participation at Shields Township Meetings; the next meeting was 6/21/22 at 4:30 p.m.

George's Market – Alderman Allen questioned the status of George's Market; Attorney Simon explained there were meetings about the loan and noted that owner was up to date with taxes. The proprietor was currently correcting operating practices. Alderman Allen asked the next step; Attorney Simon said staff would continue negotiating for collateral. Treasurer Vance Wyatt stated that June 6th there was a letter from the Illinois Dept. of Revenue concern payment for taxes.

Car Wash – Alderman January stated concerns of activities at the prior car wash on corner of Martin Luther King Dr. and Dickey Ave. Alderman Smith explained that issues were being addressed; Mr. Warda noted there were citations issued and if not corrected next step would be adjudication and fines up to \$750/day.

Police Presence – Alderman suggested and requested that an officer be present at City Council Meetings.

Summer Up Program – Alderman Allen asked that Keone Carter (Summer Up Coordinator) present Council with an update. Alderman Smith asked if there was a start date for the students. Mrs. Black said they started that day with 20-25 North Chicago students in various departments and the program would end **July 29th**.

Tornado Siren – Alderman Allen asked if the tornado siren was operable on Casmir Pulaski. Mr. Chirikos said there was a replacement and Casmir Pulaski siren was no longer in use. Alderman Allen asked for its removal.

Harold's Shrimp & Chicken – Alderman Jackson questioned status of Harold's Shrimp & Chicken. Attorney Simon explained that it was the same owner with additional food items. Alderman Smith commented that the agreement was with Harold's; Attorney Simon explained did not have to get permission to change menu items. The forgivable loan was provided with understanding that as long as in business. The corporation that owned the grocery store also owned the restaurant.

Prayer Vigil – “Suga” Young announced Non-Violent Prayer Vigil June 25th, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

8-1 Executive Session 5 ILCS 120 2 (c)(11) – Pending, Probable or Imminent Litigation

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman January to suspend at **6:54 p.m.** to Executive Session 5 ILCS 20 2 (c)(11) – Pending, Probable or Imminent Litigation.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to resume Meeting at **7:35 p.m.**

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield, January

MOTION CARRIED

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield, January

MOTION CARRIED

The Council Meeting adjourned at **7:35 p.m.**

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins, City Clerk