

# MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Tuesday, July 05, 2022 at 6:04 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, Murphy, January via Zoom

Absent: Smith

The Mayor announced that Alderman Smith would not be in attendance.

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to Suspend Regular Order of Business at 6:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: Smith

Police Chief, Lazaro Perez read letters of commendation for recognition in their heroism concerning shots fired at officers during a domestic dispute without incident (**1707**) Arrington Circle). He further acknowledged several police officers for apprehension of the Highland Park mass shooter, **July 04, 2022** and would like to recognize them the following meeting. Mayor Rockingham acknowledged their great service and stated appreciation on behalf of the City.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to return to Regular Order of Business at 6:23 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: Smith

**V. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA**

- 5-1 Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, **June 20, 2022**
- 5-2 Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings, **June 20, 2022**
- 5-3 Resolution Approving and Authorizing Execution of an Agreement between the City of North Chicago, Seeger Wiess LLP, Franks Gerkin Ponitz and Greeley – PCB Litigation Retainer

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

Alderman January asked that item **5-3** was moved to Regular Agenda.

**Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve Items 5-1 and 5-3 of the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.**

## **MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

**Alderman January - Nay**

**Alderman Smith was absent.**

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Donald Craft

Mr. Craft had concerns with limited parking near and around Ratajack's Liquor; he suggested make the street one way. Mayor Rockingham asked that the City be given the opportunity to review the situation and explained there was work to be done to rectify the problem.

Anthony Coleman

Acknowledged police officers on great job in the apprehension of mass shooter.

## **VII. REGULAR AGENDA**

5-3 RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO, SEEGER WIESS LLP, FRANKS GERKIN PONITZ AND GREELEY – PCB RETAINER

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement between the City of North Chicago, Seeger Wiess LLP, Franks Gerkin Ponitz and Greeley – PCB Retainer

### **ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Murphy, January

Nays: Jackson

Absent: Smith

### **MOTION CARRIED**

7-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF 2920 20<sup>TH</sup> ST.

A. EXTENSION OF TIME TO PERFORM WORK

B. FEE WAIVER

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve both A and B as presented.**

City Clerk Lori L. Collins explained that the items were listed in order to provide a separate vote based on previous discussion. Attorney Welch stated it could be done either way; Mayor Rockingham asked Council their desire. It was agreed to separate.

**Alderman Evans rescinded motion, Alderman Allen rescinded second and to motion to vote for only A. EXTENSION OF TIME TO PERFORM WORK.**

Alderman January questioned the timeframe; Economic Development Director Victor Barrera said **18** months. Mr. Barrera further mentioned that Mr. Turman won by court order that the fence be removed before **September 15, 2022**.

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Smith

### **MOTION CARRIED**

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve 2920 20<sup>th</sup> ST. (B; FEE WAIVER).**

Alderman Jackson asked if the City was setting a precedence by allowing waivers of fees. Alderman Allen felt this was a City issue that needed to be corrected; not the homeowners fault. Mr. Barrera said that Mr. Turman had spent approximately **\$7,500** thus far and about **\$1,800** in permit fees. Mayor Rockingham understood the waiver.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Mayfield, Evans, Allen, January

Nays: Jackson, Murphy

Absent: Smith

**MOTION CARRIED**

7-2 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF OXCART PERMITTING SYSTEMS

**Alderman Murphy moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to table Item 7-2.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

**Alderman Smith was absent.**

7-3 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL PROCUREMENT OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT IN PUBLIC WORKS AMOUNTS NOT TO EXCEED – COLD PLANER \$28,406.50; EXCAVATOR WITH RUBBER TRACKS \$66,195.19; & HOTBOX TRAILER; \$39,700 – THROUGH SOURCEWELL SYSTEM

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve Item 7-3 as presented.**

Alderman January clarified all (3) items were within budget; Mr. Miller said they were.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Smith

**MOTION CARRIED**

7-4 CONSIDERATION/ APPROVAL OF RESOLUTON FOR SHARED REVENUE PROCUREMENT AGREEMENT WITH ABBVIE

**Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve Item 7-4 as presented.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Smith

**MOTION CARRIED**

7-5 CONSIDERATION/ APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY DAYS FIREWORKS CONTRACT

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Community Days Fireworks Contract as presented.**

Alderman January asked why the bills were coming through City Council for approval; the Mayor explained that based on procurement process monies had to be accounted for but was utilizing sponsored funds.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Smith

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7-6 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS**

<b>General Corporate Fund</b>	<b>\$ 2,286,437.31</b>
<b>Library</b>	<b>\$ 5,404.82</b>
<b>Motor Fuel Tax</b>	<b>\$ 149.50</b>
<b>Water Operations</b>	<b>\$ 53,720.67</b>
<b>Grant</b>	<b>\$ 51,820.00</b>
<b>Dental and Vision</b>	<b>\$ 171.00</b>
<b>Retiree's Insurance Premium</b>	<b>\$ 12,886.10</b>
<b>TIF II Downtown/Industrial</b>	<b>\$ 9,440.00</b>
<b>TIF II Sheridan Crossing</b>	<b>\$ 450.00</b>
<b>Grant Place Operating Fund</b>	<b>\$ 4,188.30</b>
<b>Capital Project</b>	<b>\$ 7,990.00</b>
 <b>TOTAL</b>	 <b>\$ 2,432,657.70</b>

**MOTION:**

**Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to pay the bills of Council Run 7/05/22 in the amount of **\$2,432,657.70** when funds become available.**

Alderman January questioned if funds were available and amount in Water Fund.

Interim Comptroller Mike Peterson acknowledged there were enough funds available and as of Wednesday, **June 29, 2022**, the Water Fund balance **\$4,278,071.77**. Since then only additional dollars not deductions.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Murphy

Nays: January

Absent: Smith

**MOTION CARRIED**

**VII. MISCELLANEOUS**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Alderman Allen announced a 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Meeting, scheduled **July 23, 2022; 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**, held in the Council Chambers.

**VARIOUS COMMENTS.**

Alderman January commended and thanked the police department the last week. She requested a Resolution for both Mrs. Hood and Dr. Brooks Sr; the Mayor explained was in the process with both.

### VARIOUS COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Alderman Mayfield discussed Renew Communities had built (3) new homes; Thanked Abbvie for their "Week of Possibilities." She questioned the Police Chief, Lazaro Perez with concern of many dogs without leashes and asked if the City was enforcing the leash laws; Chief Perez acknowledged they were and he encouraged her/others to contact the dispatch center. Alderman Mayfield had concerns of rude dispatch; Chief Perez was scheduling a meeting with Mundelein to ratify the issues. She also mentioned complaints of loud music and parties; Chief Perez explained would address the problem and to contact police anytime.

### FARMER'S MARKET

Alderman Evans encouraged support of the Farmer's Market; hours from **12:00-4:00** p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Alderman Allen agreed with Alderman Evans' sentiments. City Clerk suggested that more advertisement of exactly where Vision Park was for the Farmer's Market.

The Mayor announced Happy Belated Birthday to Alderman January.

## **VIII. 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**

**Alderman Smith was absent.**

The Council Meeting adjourned at **6:56 p.m.**

### **ATTEST:**

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**Lori L. Collins, City Clerk**