

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, July 18, 2022 at 6:08 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 January

Absent: None

4-1 Recognition of Officers involved in the Apprehension of Mass Shooter

The Mayor stated the officers were able to apprehend the Subject without incident.

Police Chief, Lazaro Perez explained the incident; he gave his condolence to the families of Highland Park. The North Chicago Police was able to capture the suspect and he read the letters to the officers involved; commended and acknowledged them. Refreshments were provided.

The Mayor added that it was a tragic incident in Highland Park and Waukegan; an assault weapon didn't belong in the hands of the residents. Hoping the suspect would be brought to justice and without parole. There also was a similar incident in Indiana.

4-2 Resolution Honoring Lucille Hood

City Clerk, Lori Collins read the Resolution as requested.

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Resolution Honoring Lucille Hood.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-3 Resolution Honoring Wadell Brooks, Sr.

City Clerk, Lori Collins read the Resolution as requested.

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve the Resolution Honoring Wadell Brooks, Sr.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor explained that both Resolutions were presented at the funeral services.

V. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

5-1 Minutes of Standing Committee Meeting, **June 29, 2022**

5-2 Minutes of Regular Council Meetings, **July 05, 2022**

5-3 Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings, **July 05, 2022**

5-4 Treasurer's Report – Ending **June 30, 2022**

Alderman Allen stated that Minutes of **July 5, 2022** should reflect the address of 1707 Arrington Circle versus **1800** Arrington Drive.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve Items from 5-1 thru 5-4 as presented.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rayon Edwards

Mr. Edwards sent his condolence to the families of Highland Park; there was continual gun violence in the North Chicago community and no visibility of elected officials; there was a 6-year old found in Indiana. Felt there was not enough progress for resolving crimes within North Chicago.

La Sha Brown

Ms. Brown was fully against anymore liquor license on Audrey Nixon Blvd.

Kiara Golden

She resided on **14th** and Jackson; no more liquor license.

Albert Massey

Mr. Massey resided at **14th** and Victoria. He agreed no need for other liquor licenses.

Kenneth Endress

Mr. Endress was present in behalf of Community Officer Great Lakes. Mr. Williams sent his special regards to the residents. He would be scheduling a meeting with Mayor.

Sameon Assad

Mr. Assad had high concerns of the liquor on **14th** St.; Beer & Wine; interfering with his business. The Mayor questioned clarification if Mr. Assad was requesting a GP Liquor License with video gaming; Mr. Assad acknowledged.

Ein Mitchell

Mr. Mitchell echoed other residents on **14th** St. against anymore liquor stores; recently moved to **15th** St.

Robert Elliott

Mr. Elliott echoed other residents against the liquor stores on **14th** St.

Clyde McLemore – “Black Lives Matter”

Mr. McLemore mentioned that “Juneteenth” was deemed a Federal Holiday and disappointed that North Chicago, City Hall was opened being predominantly minority. He explained the origin of “Juneteenth”.

Jahniece Hay – Sounds of the Caribbean President

Ms. Hay asked for city donations toward “Sounds of the Caribbean” (Jamaica) event, **July 31, 2022** held at the Foss Park District.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF BILLBOARD LICENSE ORDINANCE - UPDATE

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Billboard License Ordinance update.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT J. MILLER (DBA) AMM ENTERPRISES INC.

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve Operational Assistance Agreement with Robert J. Miller (Dba) AMM Enterprises.

Alderman January asked for the amount; the Mayor explained the contract terms were the same as the original contract.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF GP (GAMING PARLOR) LICENSE FOR JOHN'S LIQUOR (SAM ASAAD), 1000 AUDREY NIXON BLVD.

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: Jackson, Mayfield, January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 CONSIDERATION/ APPROVAL OF BEER & WINE LICENSE REQUEST FROM ADNAN HAMEED – H & DAUGHTER'S FOOD MART, 1012 AUDREY NIXON BLVD. (BEST MARKET)

Alderman Jackson moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve Item 7-4 as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Murphy

Nays: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith January

Absent: None

MOTION FAILED

7-5 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF WARD REDISTRICTING CONSULTING PROPOSAL

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve ward redistricting consulting proposal in the amount of \$47,561.25.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL – MILLER COOPER PRESENTATION OF 4/30/21; ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Alderman Mayfield moved, Alderman Allen to approve Miller Cooper presentation of 4/30/21; Annual Financial Report.

Motion for Presentation. Unmodified Opinion

7-7 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL – RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO AND SAFEUILT ILLINOIS, LLC AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$ 200,000

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Resolution Approving Agreement Between the City of North Chicago and SAFEuilt Illinois LLC; Amount Not to Exceed \$200,000.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-8 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

General Corporate Fund	\$	405,099.16
Motor Fuel Tadx	\$	337.28
Water Operations	\$	157,670.76
Grant	\$	15,730.25
TIF II Downtown/Industrial	\$	3,004.20
Grant Place Operating Fund	\$	509.47
Capital Project	\$	66,195.19

TOTAL	\$	648,546.31
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MOTION:

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to pay the bills of Council Run 7/18/22 in the amount of **\$648,546.31 when funds become available.**

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

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, Smith Murphy

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

AFROFEST

Mayor Rockingham, Jr. said there was a request for additional donation toward AfroFest. Alderman Allen stated that it was not affordable at the time. Alderman Jackson did not agree with additional funds. Mayor Rockingham understood consensus for no additional funding.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9-1 EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

5 ILCS 120 2 (c)(12) – Establishment of Reserves or Settlement of Claims

5 ILCS 120 2 (c)(11) – Potential Litigation

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to Suspend the Regular Order of Business to go into Executive Session at 7:26 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Absent

Meeting was reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: Jackson, Mayfield, January

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

MOTION CARRIED

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins, City Clerk