

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, August 01, 2022 at 6:00 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

V. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

5-1 Minutes of Regular Council Meetings, **July 18, 2022**

5-2 Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings, **July 18, 2022**

5-3 Consulting Agreement Extension with DJK LLC – Interim Chief of Staff, Dave Kilbane

Alderman Allen asked to move item **5-3** to Regular Agenda

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve Items 5-1 & 5-2 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman January: Nay

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rayon Edwards

Mr. Edwards clarified that District **187** was controlled by the State for the last **10+** years; asked the elected officials for support of an elected School Board. Disappointed in the Mayor; noted that there was no place to swim for the children. Asked for advocacy of the people.

William Coleman – Think Tank

Mr. Coleman read petition in support of letter for the intent of District **187** School Board being an elected Board of the citizens; he invited the Aldermen to walk with Think Tank in support of elected Board.

Dr. Sandra LeConte – President of NAACP of Lake County

She stated her support of the citizen elected School Board; an elected School Board was going to happen.

The Mayor was in support and in favor of a citizen elected School Board; District **187** & Foss Park were separate voting entities.

Alderman Allen stated was in support of citizen elected School Board; Alderman Smith in support; Alderman Mayfield stated the taxpayer's voices needed to be heard. Alderman Murphy was also in support.

Alderman Evans clarified that everyone needed to be held responsible and the local election year was approaching. Alderman Allen commented that his support was not due to election.

Alderman Jackson stated he was in support of citizen elected School Board; noted that it was also on behalf of his late Mother-in-law.

Alderman January mentioned was looking forward with qualified candidates.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

5-3 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CONSULTING AGREEMENT EXTENSION WITH DJK LLC – INTERIM CHIEF OF STAFF, DAVE KILBANE

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve Consulting Agreement Extension with DJK LLC, Interim Chief of Staff, Dave Kilbane in the amount of \$3,600 weekly.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD TO LRS FOR WASTE REMOVAL SERVICES

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson to approve the Contract Award to LRS for Waste Removal Services.

Alderman Evans questioned the removal of all goods disposed; Mr. Josh Connell said all items would be removed. Mr. Connell said there would be new waste and recycle carts to all residents; limited to 50 pounds per item (one individual can lift if necessary). Alderman Evans clarified including bags not in the cart; Mr. Connell said it would be removed.

Alderman Smith clarified unlimited once again (ex: mattress, couch, refrigerator); Walter Willis stated one bulk item per week would be taken, up to 50 pounds. Construction and remodel material would need to be special pick up with fee associated.

Mr. Willis stated that there would be a meeting with attorneys about amendments to the contract to specify the unlimited verbiage. Alderman Smith questioned possible refrigerator; Mr. Willis stated currently there would be a \$25 fee and it would need to be called in; appliances do not go to the landfill. Mr. Willis explained that there was a drop-off at Public Works for electrical appliances and residents could call for pick up with them.

There would be information given to all residents to clarify items that can be disposed of. Alderman Allen reiterated said that Public Works was always available to handle electrical appliances. Alderman Smith clarified shrubbery/yard waste; Mr. Willis said the same as previous contract.

Alderman Jackson was concerned with voting on a contract that may be amended and asked that it be Tabled. There could be reluctance to change in the future.

Alderman Jackson moved, seconded by Alderman January to Table Item 7-1; the Contract Award to LRS for Waste Removal Services.

ROLL CALL TO TABLE

Ayes: Jackson, Smith, January

Nays: Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Murphy

Absent: None

MOTION FAILED

Alderman Mayfield asked when the current contract expired; Mr. Willis said November 1. Mayor Rockingham said there was a need to get the new equipment to residents. Mr. Willis also noted that LRS had additional carts for \$15; typically \$70. Alderman Murphy clarified that cost would not change with amendments; Mr. Willis acknowledged they wouldn't.

ROLL CALL TO APPROVE CONTRACT

Ayes: Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: Jackson, January (because of incomplete contract that needed modifications)

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH MIDWEST FAMILY HOUSING, LLC (FORMERLY HUNT MILITARY COMMUNITIES)

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Agreement with Midwest Family Housing, LLC (Formerly Hunt Military Communities).

Alderman January asked for a brief review of item 7-2; The Mayor explained the name had changed when Hunt Military Communities took over Naval Housing. North Chicago Police Department currently policed the same housing (Midwest Family Housing) and the agreement was to continue services/renewal.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF INSURANCE RENEWAL INFORMATION FOR MEDICAL, DENTAL, VISION AND LIFE INSURANCE

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve Insurance Renewal Information for Medical, Dental, Vision and Life Insurance as presented.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – FEE INCREASE

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve Public Passenger Vehicle Ordinance Amendment – Fee Increase as presented.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR GP (GAMING PARLOR) LICENSE – CATINA DELI & FOOD AT 2004 MARTIN LUTHER KING DR. (KARIM)

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the GP License for Catina Deli & Food at 2004 Martin Luther King Dr.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: Jackson, January (explained vote of no because there was no cap on liquor licenses)

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM TWIN SUPPLIES, LTD FOR THE UPGRADING OF ALL INTERIOR & EXTERIOR LIGHTING TO LED IN ALL CITY FACILITIES - \$118,070.31 PLUS 5% OR \$5,903.51

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve the Lighting to LED in all City Facilities in the Amount of \$118,070.31 plus 5% or \$5,903.51.

Alderman January asked for clarity with \$5,903.51; Interim Public Works Director Bob Miller explained that it was a contingency amount with hopes not to be utilized. Alderman January asked that the amount be included in motion with Not to Exceed \$123,973.82 language.

Alderman Evans amended motion, seconded amended by Alderman Smith to include the Total Amount not to Exceed \$123,973.82.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-7 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF IMPLEMENTING OXCART PERMITTING SYSTEMS IN NORTH CHICAGO

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Implementing of Oxcart Permitting Systems in North Chicago.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-8 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF MAYOR ROCKINGHAM, JR. VEHICLE LEASE - \$47,060

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Mayor's Vehicle Lease - \$47,060.

Interim Comptroller explained that amount would be lesser because of trade-in credit. He asked that the motion be for not to exceed \$9,000/year for a 48 month lease.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-9 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

General Corporate Fund	\$ 388,663.86
Library	\$ 6,256.30
Motor Fuel Tax	\$ 20,828.42
Water Operations	\$ 51,151.06
Grnat	\$ 119,285.78
Retiree's Insurance Prem	\$ 11,611.86
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TOTAL	\$ 597,797.28

MOTION:

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to pay the bills of Council Run 8/01/22 in the amount of **\$597,797.28 when funds become available.**

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

Interim Comptroller Mike Peterson acknowledged there were enough funds available and amount of Water Fund was unknown.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Rockingham, Jr. announced National Nite Out in honor of the Police the following day. Also, Community Days was August 5-7, 2022; the first in 2 years; curfew at 6:00 p.m. would apply to those under 18 years old.

SUMMER WORKERS

Alderman Allen commended Human Resources Director for work with the youth summer workers; Alderman January stated her sentiments.

Alderman Evans thanked those that participated in 3rd Ward event. He asked why his bills were removed from the bill run; he was following the rules to get them paid and wanted an explanation. Alderman Mayfield explained that before purchasing items there needed to be approval from the Interim Comptroller. Alderman Mayfield said that the item was on the Committee to discuss if the bills would be paid.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9-1 Executive Session:

5 ILCS 120 2 (c)(11) – Collective Bargaining

Mayor Rockingham, Jr. announced that Executive Session was being postponed until further notice.

V. 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

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins, City Clerk