

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, August 15, 2022 at 6:02 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 (via Zoom)

Absent: Smith

Attorney Adam Simon asked Alderman January reason for in-person absence; she explained due to illness.

Alderman Smith entered the Council Chambers at 6:04 p.m.

Alderman Murphy move, seconded by Alderman Jackson that Alderman January be allowed to participate by remote via Zoom due to illness.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR WARD DISTRICTING

5-1 Ward Districting

William Coleman

He suggested that the presentation of the Wards be more thoroughly, such as CMAP, explained to the public in order for the residents to make more informed decisions and ask questions. Attorney Simon clarified redistricting was current discussion.

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 Minutes of Regular Council Meetings, **August 01, 2022**

6-2 Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings, **August 01, 2022**

6-3 Minutes of Committee of the Whole, **August 08, 2022**

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

City Clerk Lori L. Collins noted the City Attorney name listed was incorrect; should read Chris Welch versus Charles Welch.

Alderman Allen and Smith acknowledged and approve the correction.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

William Coleman

Mr. Coleman reminded that there would be people going to Springfield Board of Education to submit Petition for locally elected School Board in **2023**; he asked the Mayor and Aldermen to sign the petition. There was low civic participation; there needed to be a change in the low number required to be an elected alderman.

Rayon Edwards

There needed to be a public statement from the City Clerk and Treasurer if they were in support of a citizen elected School Board. He was disappointed and disturbed that the children of Community Days were charged a **\$5** fee to participate in the bouncy house and game truck. Disgusted that city officials were not outspoken of statement with a **Foss Park Board Member** “show me some intelligent people in North Chicago” He was disappointed in the Mayor for lack of his leadership.

VIII. REGULAR AGENDA

8-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE ADOPTING NEW WARD BOUNDARIES BASED ON THE 2020 CENSUS

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the Ordinance Adopting New Ward boundaries based on the 2020 Census.

Alderman January asked when the new boundaries would take affect; Mayor Rockingham said upon passage that evening. Attorney Simon explained that the April **2023** election would be reflective of new boundaries that would not change the terms.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Anthony Coleman - via Zoom was not visible in chat that he had a public comment and was allowed to comment. Mr. Coleman thanked the aldermen who were in support of having an Elected School Board.

8-2 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF PAVEMENT PRESERVATION CONTRACT WITH CORRECTIVE ASPHALT MATERIALS, LLC IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000.

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Pavement Preservation Contract with Corrective Asphalt Materials, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$30,000.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

8-3 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CDBG GRANT AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$666,551 WITH LAKE COUNTY FOR SANITARY SEWER LINING WORK

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the CDBG Grant Agreement in the Amount of \$666,551 with Lake County for Sanitary Sewer Lining Work.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

8-4 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF IGA WITH LAKE COUNTY FOR VIRTUALIZATION OF THE COUNTYWIDE DISPATCH – DATA SHARING AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the IGA WITH LAKE County for virtualization of the Countywide Dispatch – Data Sharing Agreement in the Amount of \$25,000 as presented.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

8-5 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND LEVYING A HOME RULE SALE TAX

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Ordinance Adopting and Levying a Home Rule Sales Tax as presented.

Alderman January asked for a brief overview of the Ordinance. Interim Chief of Staff David Kilbane explained that the additional sales tax would assist the City in paying the Fire and Police pension obligations. The estimated revenue would be **\$1.2 mil** of additional funds; newly approved neighboring casino in Waukegan would generate more revenue.

He said the City's credit rating was down to BBB; efforts to funding the pensions would assist to increase the rating. The State had required to be **90%** funded before **2040**. Alderman January asked what the tax would be applied to. Mr. Kilbane informed that it would be on general merchandise only; most surrounding communities already have the additional tax. He further noted that it would relieve some of the burden to homeowner's property tax.

Alderman Smith asked for outlook of **2 www.** Year credit rating after collecting the sales tax; Philip McKenna (Financial Associate) said there were various factors that would better the credit rating he felt a single rating. Mr. Kilbane further noted several examples to help raise the rating: updated Comprehensive Plan, Financial Plan and clean audit by becoming internally efficient. Alderman Smith questioned next audit; Interim Comptroller Mike Peterson said it would be completed by **December 2022**.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

8-6 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

8-7 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 8/15/22 in the amount of \$372,769.65 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)(2) – 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