

# MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Tuesday, September 06, 2022 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

Absent: Smith, January

**The Mayor announced that Alderman Smith would be arriving later and Alderman January had a death in her family.**

- 4-1 Presentation of North Chicago Rotary Club Recognition in Memory of Dr. Wadell Brooks, Sr. Dr. John Bayer and Joan Battley of Rotary Club expressed honor of Dr. Wadell Brooks, Sr. They read Resolution of the Rotary Club highlighting his dedication, activism and involvement in the community. Several other members of the Rotary Club were present. Davey Stever presented the Resolution to Dr. Daisy Brooks.

Dr. Daisy Brooks expressed gratitude of the recognition. Mayor Rockingham stated gratefulness of Dr. Wadell Brooks, Sr.

**Alderman Smith entered the Council Chambers at 6:05 p.m.**

- 4-2 Recognition of 3 Members of the Vallarel-Ayala Family

Police Chief, Lazaro Perez spoke of the **July 4<sup>th</sup>** incident; after identifying suspect of the Highland Park, IL. Shooter; they followed the vehicle and reported to the police dispatcher the whereabouts of the suspect. Mayor Rockingham also thanked the family.

**Alderman Evans left at 6:16 p.m.**

## **V. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA**

- 5-1 Minutes of Regular Council Meetings, **August 15, 2022**
- 5-2 Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings, **August 15, 2022**
- 5-3 Annual Treasurer's Report – **FY2022**
- 5-4 Zoning Map Ordinance Amendment for **B1 to R3 at 701 Audrey Nixon Blvd.**
- 5-5 Resolution for Lease Agreement between City of North Chicago and EMCO Chemical Distributors
- 5-6 Resolution for Lease Agreement between City of North Chicago and Ramon Cabrerra Regarding **1016 Wadsworth Ave.**
- 5-7 Approval and Authorization to Execute the TAI Work Order for 2022 CDBG Sanitary Sewer Lining Project in Amount Not to Exceed **\$55,400**

5-8 Creative Financial Staffing (CFS) Not to Exceed **\$35,000**

5-9 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency – Public Water Supply Loan Program Resolution

5-10 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency – Public Water Supply Loan Program Ordinance

5-11 ICOPS Collective Bargaining Agreement

5-12 SEIU Collective Bargaining Agreement

Alderman Allen asked to move items **5-1- 5-3; 5-4 thru 5-12** to Regular Agenda

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

Alderman Murphy noted a typo in the document for the Loan Program Resolution.

**MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

Absent: Alderman January

**Alderman Evans reentered the Council Chambers at 6:20 p.m.**

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lamont Hanna

Mr. Hanna thanked the Alderman Mayfield and Allen also the Police Department; specifically Chief Perez and Lt. Diez.

Michelle Unda – 2022 Democracy Fellowship Project Program

Michelle Unda, Mano y Mano Democratic Representative announced event to inform citizens about voting.

## **VII. REGULAR AGENDA**

5-4 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FROM **BI** TO **R3** AT **701** AUDREY NIXON BLVD.

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson to approve the Zoning Map Amendment from B1 to R3 at 701 Audrey Nixon Blvd.**

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

**MOTION CARRIED**

5-5 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO AND EMCO CHEMICAL DISTRIBUTORS

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Resolution for Lease Agreement between city of North Chicago and EMCO Chemical Distributors.**

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

**MOTION CARRIED**

5-6 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO AND RAMON CABRERRA REGARDING 1016 WADSWORTH AVE.

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson to approve the Resolution for Lease Agreement between City of North Chicago and Ramon Cabrerra regarding 1016 Wadsworth Ave.**

Alderman Allen stated concern of \$10/yr. and incorrect information of taxes that would be collected. Economic Development Director Victor Barrera explained that comparable of property across street. There would be a lease and assessed differently.

Attorney David Silverman explained that the taxes would be approximately \$200 collected. Alderman Allen said there was a fence requested; there could be issues if the property was later sold. There was already a City investment of \$900 in attorney fees.

Mr. Barrera explained that if the property were sold that Mr. Cabrerra would have to remove the fence. Lease would terminate once property was sold. Alderman Smith questioned if there was language that Mr. Cabrerra would be responsible; Mr. Barrera agreed there was that he would restore it back to the original condition.

**Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson to approve to return to Committee for further discussion.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

**MOTION CARRIED**

5-7 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE TAI WORK ORDER FOR 2022 CDBG SANITARY SEWER LINING PROJECT IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$55,400

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Authorization to Execute the TAI work order for 2022 CDBG Sanitary Sewer Lining Project in amount not to exceed \$55,400.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

**MOTION CARRIED**

5-8 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CREATIVE FINANCIAL STAFFING (CFS) NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Creative Financial Staffing (CFS) Not to Exceed \$35,000 as presented.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

**MOTION CARRIED**

5-9 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY – PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN PROGRAM RESOLUTION

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency – Public Water Supply Loan Program Resolution as presented.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

**MOTION CARRIED**

5-10 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY – PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN PROGRAM ORDINANCE

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency – Public Water Supply Loan Program Ordinance.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

**MOTION CARRIED**

5-11 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF ICOPS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

**Alderman Jackson moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the ICOPS Collective Bargaining Agreement.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

**MOTION CARRIED**

5-12 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF SEIU COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the SEIU Collective Bargaining Agreement**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Rockingham, Jr. was excited that the Union contracts were settled. He explained that ICOPS was Police and SEIU was Public Works. He was appreciative of staff for getting it done.

7-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPROVING A TEMPORARY EASEMENT AGREEMENT – 1741 ELIZABETH AVE.

**Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Resolution for a Temporary Easement Agreement – 1741 Elizabeth Ave.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7-2 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS**

<b>General Corporate Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>484,231.78</b>
<b>Library</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,288.46</b>
<b>Motor Fuel Tax</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,211.91</b>
<b>Water Operations</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>149,573.40</b>
<b>Grant</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>54,628.33</b>
<b>TIF Debt Service 2007B</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,012.50</b>
<b>Dental and Vision</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,979.30</b>
<b>Seized Drug Monetary Fund/St</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,988.09</b>
<b>Retiree's Insurance Prem</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,419.80</b>
<b>TIF II Downtown/Industrial</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,400.65</b>
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>724,734.22</b>

**MOTION:**

**Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to pay the bills of Council Run 9/06/22 in the amount of **\$724,734.22** when funds become available.**

Alderman Evans questioned the hotel stay for the IML Conference in Chicago for Elected Officials since it is located in Chicago. Mayor Rockingham, Jr. explained that there were events that lasted all day and it was more feasible to stay at the location. Alderman Evans noted comparison of issues that were stated with community events but allowance for elected officials staying at 5 star hotel.

Alderman Jackson also noted the parking fees also.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: Evans

Absent: January

**MOTION CARRIED**

**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS**

**HALOWEEN CELEBRATION**

Alderman Evans announced Foss Park Halloween Celebration, **October 30, 2022.**

**PUBLIC SAFETY AFFAIR**

Alderman Evans discussed the Public Safety Affair; scheduled from **11 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** at the Fire Department **October 08, 2022.** Mayor Rockingham, Jr. said there would be tours of the Water Treatment Plant at the Public Safety event **9 a – 11 a.**

**WARD MEETING AT LIBRARY**

Alderman Evans announced the Ward Meeting at the North Chicago; **November 05, 2022; from 10:00-1:00 p.m.**

**IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

9-1 Executive Session:

5 ILCS 120 2 (c)(5) – Purchase or Lease of Real Estate of Land Acquisition

**Alderman Jackson moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to Suspend the Regular Order of Business to go into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: Evans

Absent: January

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Mayor Rockingham reopened the City Council Meeting at 6:47 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: Evans

Absent: January

**MOTION CARRIED**

9-2 Possible Action on Executive Session Items (Open Session)

There was no action to be taken

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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**Lori L. Collins, City Clerk**