

Monday, October 03, 2022

**City of North Chicago
1850 Lewis Avenue, North Chicago, IL 60064**

Following City Council Meeting

**Public Works Committee Meeting
6:20 PM**

Alderman Allen called the Public Works Committee Meeting to order.

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

Absent: None

**I. DISCUSSION OF SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR THE 2022-2023 SNOW AND ICE
CONTROL SERVICES CONTRACT IN THE CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO:**

Consulting Public Works Director, Bob Miller announced the bid opening; **October 13, 2022**; open to the public and bid packets were available at the Public Works Department and E&CD. Only (1) pick-up received at this time.

**III. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION TO EXTEND AMM ENTRPRISES, INC. EXISTING
AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO FOR PUBLIC WORKS
DEPARTMENT:**

Superintendent, Clarence (Tommy) Johnson recommended maintaining Consulting Public Works Director within a couple months very needed and he has accrued revenue. Much accomplishments within the department.

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Smith that the Public Works Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING/ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 03, 2022
6:25 PM**

Alderman Smith called the Economic Development/Planning/Zoning Committee Meeting to order.

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

Absent: None

I. DISCUSSION OF ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC INPROVEMENTS (WATER MAIN) – 2313 GREEN BAY RD. A.K.A. 2301 GREEN BAY RD: (STARBUCKS)

Victor Barrera, Economic & Community Development Director provided an overview with the status.

Senior City Planner, Nimrod Warda explained that Starbuck was operational and extending water main in next extension and asking for procedural acceptance.

This will be placed on the next **Council Agenda, October 17, 2022.**

II. DISCUSSION OF 1016 WADSWORTH AVENUE LEASE AGREEMENT:

Victor Barrera explained the item was to be discussed due to the request of the Committee; Continuing, the City's portion was **\$200**; lawn maintenance; **\$225/cut**; Calculating **\$1,750** per (5) years and insurance costs was unavailable at this time.

This will be placed on the next **Council Agenda October 17, 2022.**

III. DISCUSSION/2526 25TH ST./ RENOVATION UPDATE:

Mr. Barrera continued that the renovations were almost complete.

Alderman Allen questioned the time extended over; Mr. Barrera stated estimated **45** days, due to labor shortage. Alderman Allen asked if it should return for additional discussion.

IV. DISCUSSION OF B&F CONSTRUCTION CODE SERVICES – PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT:

Mr. Barrera stated there was no draft agreement until that evening from B&F; asking for approval to allow B&F to conduct inspections until approval its approval.

Alderman Jackson questioned clarification of no additional financing from city funds; Mr. Barrera explained that inspections were paid by the applicants.

This will be placed on the next **Council Agenda, October 17, 2022.**

V. NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Smith and the constituents were concerned with storm water leading to the creek; water build-up with new properties; Mr. Warda stated it wasn't storm water and clarified potable drinking water. It would be a larger extension; Starbucks had a temporary retention; the property to the east was to be sold and would be reviewed by Engineer Firm, Trotter & Assoc.

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Evans that the Economic Development/Planning/Zoning stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

**PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 03, 2022
6:35 PM**

Alderman Evans called the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order.

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

Absent: None

I. DISCUSSION OF LICENSE PLATE READERS AND CAMERA PROJECT:

Police Chief, Lazaro Perez explained the 1st item; Camera Project; **\$254,000** remained funds from Abbvie (ShotSpotter). The amount of **\$290,000** utilized from a grant Alderman Allen assisted to secure, totaling **\$544,000**; All **(6)** Cameras were placed in high crime areas; he acquired **(3)** proposals; Proposing Martel Company and all cameras included analytics and returned its information.

Alderman Smith questioned timeline information retained; Chief Perez stated depended on the company.

Alderman Allen acknowledged Smith, Evans, and Jackson; Chief Perez was very content.

Alderman Smith questioned if an issue arose it wouldn't be stored if server vs. cloud based. He asked the locations of the cameras; Chief Perez explained that Audrey Nixon Blvd. (Brookstone at Cole Park) was a private property. The cameras were deployed before connected.

Alderman Smith questioned update of seized monies in a drug bust; Chief Perez estimated up to a year's timeline in receiving the funds. He recommended forfeiture funds.

A grant was received for License Plate Readers; Alderman Evans asked why location of **10th & Sheridan**; Chief explained using Sheridan Rd. as a thoroughfare for illegal activity.

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Allen that Public Safety Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

**FINANCE/AUDIT
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 03, 2022
6:50 PM**

Alderman Mayfield called the Finance/Audit Committee Meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None

**I. DISCUSSION OF EXTENSION FOR CREATIVE FINANCIAL STAFFING AGREEMENT
THROUGH MONTH OF OCTOBER AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,000:**

Consulting Comptroller, Mike Peterson explained was seeking extension thru November **2022**.

Alderman January questioned clarification of amount for each extension; Mr. Peterson explained.

Alderman Jackson asked if enough funds to cover expense; Mr. Peterson was funded with staffing benefits for a full-time employee as an offset.

Alderman Evans questioned amount of **\$22,000** to retain him.

II. DISCUSSION OF EXTENSION FOR COMPREHENSIVE TTP LLC AGREEMENT:

Mr. Peterson explained and has shown dedication and commitment to North Chicago. He provided his tasks and accomplishments including increasing morale with staff and enhancing their skill levels. He clarified would leave the City in a better position before he commenced.

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Smith that Finance/Audit stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MONDAY, OCTOBER 03, 2022
6:57 PM

Mayor Rockingham called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None

I. DISCUSSION OF SUMMER UP PHOTOGRAPHY INVOICE:

The Mayor clarified that “Summer Up” had the right to contract with what individual chose to hire. Alderman Smith was their photographer at the time and a contract was negotiated with Summer Up which he clarified.

Alderman Murphy questioned if correct procedure and consistently to be followed; Attorney Silverman explained; The Mayor questioned if a motion and seconded to the motion moving forward.

Alderman Murphy questioned what constituted the city event and reimbursement; she requested clarification moving forward; Attorney Silverman explained. Mr. Peterson understood it as (2) events.

Alderman Mayfield clarified that some Aldermen perceived as a party. The majority ruled. She was very concerned utilizing funds from taxpayers.

Alderman Murphy perceived it differently. Alderman Evans announced the city event to everyone; He noted that some aldermen were and others were inactive. The monies were provided to the whole community.

Alderman Murphy disagreed and she agreed that it assisted in promoting that person.

Alderman January called for a “Point of Order”, the matter on the table was photography. Alderman with expense that was the discussion needed for the invoice.

The Mayor expressed his right as Chair allowing the discussion.

Alderman Jackson explained it was improper funding reflected to the community and wasn’t from the City directly; The Mayor strongly expressed that it was appropriate based on the attorney opinion and that it was a legitimate bill. The Mayor agreed with the bill and to be approved.

Alderman Allen was informed at the IML Conference not allowed to take photos.

Alderman January questioned clarification if the event was before the Aldermanic Policy; Attorney Silverman elaborated further that the **5/07/18** was approved and should follow it accordingly. The grant was from Steins Foundations and had specific portion for photography services.

Alderman Murphy emphasized was separate from the Aldermanic ledger.

The Mayor Acknowledged daycare grand opening in the City.

This will be placed on the next **Council Agenda, October 17, 2022**.

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Allen that Committee of the Whole stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.