

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022

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

Following City Council Meeting

**HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING
7:28 PM**

Alderman Murphy called the meeting to order

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None

I. DISCUSSION OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:

Human Resources Director, Liz Black provided overview of the Human Resources Department Monthly Report. There were (2) new claims; ethics training in Police Department; monitoring cost with overtime; Collective bargaining with Ben Gehrt – ICOPS contract; starting IAFF applicant interviews wellness program and safety program continued monitoring; different programs provided from **December 19-22, 2022**. There was also a scheduled luncheon; Wednesday, **December 21, 2022; 12:30 p.m.**, held in the Police Training Room.

**II. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF THE OWENS GROUP – INSURANCE BROKER AGREEMENT
DECEMBER 01, 2022 THRU DECEMBER 01, 2023.**

Mrs. Black explained the Insurance Broker Agreement. She stated would negotiate on the City's behalf And fees were paid by PMA; **\$78,000**.

Discussion/Review of the Owens Group – Insurance Broker Agreement **December 01, 2022** thru **December 01, 2023**.

Alderman January questioned comparison of cost from previous contract; Mrs. Black stated basically the fees were in line with last year and claims were reduced.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

**FINANCE/AUDIT
COMMITTEE MEETING**
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022
7:34 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 FINANCE/AUDIT DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:

Tawanda Joyner, Assistant Comptroller, provided report, duly noted and she was excited of bond ratings and revenue increase; she acknowledged those who assisted and their involvement.

Ms. Joyner explained the Capital Projects.

Alderman Smith asked the projected date of upgrade; the Mayor said **March 2023**

Dave Kilbane, Consulting Chief of Staff was hopeful of increased ratings in **February or March 2023**.

Alderman Allen questioned status of the grants; Ms. Joyner stated would research its status.

This will be placed on the next **Council Agenda, January 03, 2023**.

II. DISCUSSION OF TREASURER'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2022:

This will be placed on the next **Council Agenda, January 03, 2023**.

III. DISCUSSION OF AMO ATHLETES DONATION OF \$500:

Alderman Mayfield explained the athletes and time they were in the City of North Chicago. They were asking donation of **\$500**.

IV. DISCUSSION OF PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT ORDINANCE FOR THE GENERAL OBLIGATION SERIES 2007C:

Consulting Comptroller, Mike Peterson had attentively scheduled **March 2023** meeting with Fire Pension; **Friday 10:00 a.m.** located at the North Chicago Library.

V. DISCUSSION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY ORDINANCE:

Mike Peterson, Consulting Comptroller discussed Surplus Property Ordinance and the surplus items included (mainly office equipment).

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022
7:57 PM

Alderman Allen called the Public Works Committee Meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Murphy

I. DISCUSSION OF WATER DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:

Public Works Consulting Director, Bob Miller provided a detailed Water Report; certifications by the 1st of the year;

II. DISCUSSION OF ENGINEER DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:

Alex Dye, Engineer Assistant provided overview of the Engineer Department Monthly Report; Sheridan Rd. Diet paved and closed; Brookstone Regency @ Coles Park; Sanitary Sewer specs for bid and preconstruction meeting for 2022 Demo Project.

Alderman Smith commented that Sheridan Rd. had a cleaner view, appreciated the merge prior to Post Office

III. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:

Public Works Superintendent, Tommy Johnson provided department monthly report; removing dead trees; water main breaks resulting in employee injury and returned to duty; the majority of former trash and recycle bins removed and continued to monitor fly dumping.

Alderman Allen acknowledged the Public Works employees and Alderman Smith commented the Public Works Department with other seasonal issues managed well.

The Mayor explained the incident on Lewis Ave.

IV. DISCUSSION TO PURCHASE A STAINLESS STEEL HOPPER SPREADER WITH ANTI-DEICING CAPABILITY NOT TO EXCEED \$17,000:

Mr. Miller explained there was a truck ordered yet didn't have a spreader though had a plow with anti-deicing capabilities.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Murphy **left at 8:04 p.m.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022
8:07 PM

Alderman Evans called the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Murphy

I. DISCUSSION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:

Police Chief, Lazaro Perez provided overview of the Police Department Monthly Report; Shop with a Cop servicing families; 911 training; future **2023** goals; unpaid tickets reported and working with the Finance Department of the Comptroller's Office

Alderman January left at 8:08 p.m.

Alderman Murphy returned at 8:08 p.m.

Alderman Allen questioned/concern of the Quicket Tickets monetary collection; Police Chief Perez explained and Mike Peterson, Consulting Comptroller elaborated further that the software issued no second notices etc. Secondly, Alderman Allen had cost concerns of housed animals; Chief Perez explained. Any complaints were managed by Adjudication Court. The Records Department was consolidated and relocated the Comptroller's Office

Alderman January returned at 8:12 p.m.

Alderman Smith questioned amount; Mr. Peterson explained was **\$361**.

Alderman January questioned if there was an agreement with Lake County and if there was one when the City of North Chicago changed the process; Chief Perez explained it was always in place; **\$75** per canine; **\$15** for the 1st (5) days and becomes the county responsibility thereafter. Chief Perez stated tracked the number of canines and would include it in the next report.

Alderman Mayfield questioned future goals concerning the surveillance cameras and its benchmark; Police Chief explained attentively the end of January **2023**.

The grant requests have been sent excluding Brookstone & Regency prior to the funds.

II. DISCUSSION OF ABBVIE POLICE SERVICES AGREEMENT:

Alderman Allen questioned any City debt for the insurance and police vehicles; Chief Perez explained.

Alderman January clarified no security on the state road; wasn't necessary to be in business of traffic control. She suggested other alternative.

Alderman Smith questioned original agreement; Police Chief stated that Consulting Chief of Staff is researching arrangement. It can be return to Council; Alderman Jackson suggested to negotiate and Abbvie pay for city service of security. The Mayor suggested increasing fees for crossing guards for the schools with concern of them raising property taxes.

Alderman Allen acknowledged the Police Department with towing vehicles at Brookstone & Regency. Police Chief alerted that the Property Manager had resigned and no replacement at this time with cameras unconnected.

The Mayor stated that staff has outlaid issues unresolved.

Alderman Mayfield commented on Abbvie as a great partner and would prefer working with them with regarding cost and no city cost for their services. Chief Perez upon city council will direct issue to Mr. Kilbane and council members with an amount before sent to Abbvie with final decision.

Attorney Simon suggested the company that issued bond sue for reimbursement.

III. DISCUSSION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:

Fire Chief Umek provided an overview of the Fire Department Monthly Report; Fire Safety and Prevention; provided (9) detailed mutual assistance for out-of-towners; space heater safety information; Adopt a Sailor program; recruits spent Holiday Thanksgiving and were very grateful.

IV. DISCUSSION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NEW MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM, (MABAS) MASTER AGREEMENT ALONG WITH PROVIDED ALL DIVISIONS NOTICE:

Fire Chief, John Umek explained the Resolution Approving the New Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Master Agreement along with provided all divisions notice. Due for renewal in **January 2023**.

This will be placed on the next **Council Agenda, January 03, 2023**.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING/ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022
8:42 PM**

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None

**I. DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING/ZONING DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT:**

Victor Barrera, E&CD Director provided overview of the Economic Development-Planning/Zoning

Monthly Report; drafting Building Code Amendment to be review with Safebuilt; drafting ordinance Landlord License Amendment to be reviewed by attorney counsel hopeful in **February 2023** and presented to City Council for approval; pre-demo meeting city-owned properties for **1741 Elizabeth** and **1426 Greenfield** scheduled **February 2023**; Ricky Rockets RDA Amendment; home-owners able to perform own plumbing and electric; upcoming (4) single-family homes for and subdivision adjacent to Starbucks.

Alderman Evans questioned construction adjacent to Speedway; Mr. Barrera mentioned was finalizing review of the restaurant. Alderman Evans asked if the council could be informed of the upcoming establishments; he had concerns of illegal activity. Attorney Simon was researching tracking system and fines would be issued.

Alderman January suggested posting the upcoming establishments on the website; current website wasn't user friendly.

Alderman Murphy suggested following a process; Mr. Barrera added need to be more pro-active; list of rehabs for **2022** and list of demos since **2017**.

II. PENDING MATTERS (AGENDA ITEMS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED)

There was nothing for discussion.

Alderman Murphy 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 8:58 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022
8:59 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 G-P LIQUOR LICENSE FOR H AND DAUGHTERS, 1012 AUDREY NIXON BLVD:

Ms. Tawanda Joyner explained the approval of previous owner for Best Mart Inc. in year **2020**.

In **2021** there was a new name of establishment and owner; H and Daughters Food Mart Inc. They are requesting a G-P Liquor License for H and Daughters, located at **1012 Audrey Nixon Blvd**.

Alderman January questioned boundaries for location; The Mayor responded. He provided clarification with correct name and to be presented to Council.

This will be placed on the next **Council Agenda, January 03, 2023**.

II. DISCUSSION OF G-P AND BW(2) LIQUOR LICENSES FOR SHIBU JOHN OF ST. MARTIN GAS, 2704 MARTIN LUTHER KING DR:

The Mayor questioned clarification upon new ownership. Questioned if beer and wine could be packaged on the premises.

Alderman Allen questioned concern with previous owner and refused to sell hard liquor at a gas station establishment. Mayor clarified he would not be approving hard liquor to be sold at gas stations in town.

Alderman Murphy stated a worst case scenario; The Mayor clarified procedures. Attorney Simon suggested commencing police process before presented to Council.

Alderman Jackson questioned if the name would be the same; the Mayor explained.

This will be placed on the next **Council Agenda, January 03, 2023**.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.