

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson to amend the agenda for Public Safety Meeting to take place first.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman January was absent due to Zoom technicalities.

**PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, JUNE 06, 2022
7:01 PM**

Alderman Evans called the meeting to order.

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

Absent: January

I. DISCUSSION OF GRANT FROM STATE SENATOR ADRIANE JOHNSON:

Alderman Allen mentioned there was a **\$50,000,000** development with Brookstone at Cole Park; there have been gangs, shootings and problems. He spoke to Senator Johnson and she would earmark **\$600,000**; a portion of money to be utilized for the 1st year's security of **\$250,000**. The funds were scheduled, **July 01, 2022**. He asked that the City worked harmoniously for the community.

Alderman Jackson questioned clarification with the services; Shawn, Cole Park Manager explained night patrol etc. and alert the tenants of their responsibility with the associations and their guests. He also mentioned individuals have trespassed in the area because of it not fenced securely.

Alderman Jackson asked the type of services to be provided; Shawn explained that the property was federally funded therefore armed security was not allowed. Alderman Evans questioned fencing; Shawn said it was being in development when funding was available.

Alderman Jackson question asked if they would be able to fund security after the year of City contribution. Would like assurance that funding was available after that contribution. The Mayor explained that the City would continue to request monies from the State for the security.

Alderman Smith questioned the qualifications of the security companies; why prolong installing a fence and the cost. Representative estimated **\$500,000**. Alderman Smith felt that the fence would be more beneficial for monitoring all activity; already giving half the cost.

Alderman Jackson questioned terms of grant; could the City enter into the type of agreement. Attorney Silverman said yes. Chief of Staff David Kilbane explained there was verbal verification from the State Senator. Attorney Silverman noted that competitive bidding would have to be waived because of ordinance requirements.

Alderman Jackson asked which was priority; fence or security; Shawn felt that visible security would be most immediate help.

II. DISCUSSION OF POLICE 2022 SUMMER PLANS:

Alderman Jackson spoke with Police Chief Perez concerning the summer plan presentation.

**III. DISCUSSION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION 5 ILCS 120 2 (c)(1) – PERSONNEL MATTERS:
NO EXECUTIVE SESSION, DUE TO ABSENCE OF THE POLICE CHIEF**

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield 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 7:26 p.m.

**FINANCE/AUDIT
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, JUNE 06, 2022
7:26 PM**

Alderman Mayfield called the meeting to order.

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

Absent: January

Alderman Mayfield requested to change the Committee Order to allow Public Safety Committee before Finance/Audit Committee Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman January was absent.

I. DISCUSSION OF ATTORNEY FEES INCURRED BY STAFF:

Chief of Staff explained there was a policy put in place for staff. Staff was instructed that Attorneys were to be contacted only after matters were attempted to be resolved in house first, through his office.

Alderman Evans was satisfied that matters would be handled firstly in house. It was staff's job to know what they were doing.

II. DISCUSSION OF ENTERPRISE FLEET LEASE FOR MAYOR ROCKINGHAM JR.

Interim Comptroller Mike Peterson explained that the Mayor's vehicle lease end was coming due. It was a \$1,500 increase over the previous lease (4 years); \$10,612/year.

Alderman Evans asked if there was a possibility to purchase the current vehicle. Alderman Allen questioned if purchase would save money. Mr. Peterson said that maintenance cost would increase. Alderman Allen commented that police cars were utilized 24 hours per day and last longer than the Mayor needing a new one. Alderman Evans questioned the necessity.

III. DISCUSSION OF DONATION FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Alderman Allen explained that he took care of the matter

IV. DISCUSSION OF APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE (FY 2023)

Mr. Peterson state the total appropriations was **\$69,212,050.**

Alderman Murphy moved, seconded by Alderman Evans that Finance/Audit Committee Meeting Stand Adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, JUNE 06, 2022
7:40 PM**

Alderman Allen called the meeting to order.

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

Absent: January

I. DISCUSSION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CLARKE ENVIRONMENTAL MOSQUITO MANAGEMENT INC:

Interim Public Works Director Bob Miller explained that Clarke had been utilized for many years. The contract was for **\$28,500** through **2024** (3 months each year). Alderman Jackson asked if it was bid; Mr. Miller stated that there were limited companies and the cost was held for several years.

Alderman Smith questioned coverage and said the lakefront was infested with mosquitoes. Mr. Miller explained that the spray only killed mosquitoes that were sprayed that day. There was also going to be air sprays from helicopters; could do additional sprays at separate cost.

Alderman Murphy suggested educating the public of possible mosquito nesting opportunities that could help alleviate some of the breeding. Mayor Rockingham suggested partnering with the Park District to help with cost at lakefront and parks.

II. DISCUSSION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MURRAY & TRETTLER METEOROLOGICAL CONSULTING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

Mr. Miller explained that it was a **24/7** forecaster and cost **\$4,100/year**; notifies the City of very accurate weather developments.

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson that Public Works Committee Meeting Stand Adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING/ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

**MONDAY, JUNE 06, 2022
7:55 PM**

Alderman Smith called the meeting to order.

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

Absent: January

I. DISCUSSION OF MIDWEST VETERANS CLOSET – CONCEPT PLAN:

Victor Barrera, Economic & Community Development Director noted the property as previous; Balmes Florist Shop and its greenhouse.

Michael Edgar, Design Studios presented the plans for additional plans of the property. Ms. Mary explained the start was 8 years previously to service veterans including food and clothing. Mr. Edgar said that the plans were to be fulfilled via grant monies. In the future would like to build for a commercial kitchen, warehouse and the closet.

Alderman Allen asked timeline for development; Mr. Edgar said as quickly as possible. He asked if Senator Duckworth was earmarking funds; Ms. Mary was still awaiting the possibility of those funds. Mayor Rockingham explained that he was on the Board and the funds had not been received so far.

II. DISCUSSION OF PLAN REVIEW & BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES - SAFEbuilt:

Mr. Barrera explained that B&F Construction and Code Services contract had expired and SAFEbuilt submitted proposal for contracting code services. He recommended accepting SAFEbuilt to perform code services.

Alderman Evans asked if there was a vision to hire permanent employees or continue to contract all services. Mr. Barrera options were being reviewed. Alderman Evans questioned if permanent staff was being sought; Mr. Barrera said no but was attempting to reduce cost without hiring more staff.

Alderman Mayfield questioned if the idea to use the Animal Warden was being considered still. Mr. Kilbane explained that City Salary Ordinance discussions were considering cross duty positions. Keith Rooney from SAFEbuilt introduced himself and noted that they work for over 3,000 municipalities. He explained that benefits and transportation was provided by SAFEbuilt for its employees.

Alderman Evans reiterated that he would still prefer to hire full-time people. Mr. Rooney stated that it was challenging hiring new employees; not reliable, the staff at SAFEbuilt was primarily retired persons that were previously in that line of work. Alderman Allen clarified the charges and monies the City received. Mr. Barrera explained that by the hour charges would be more costly.

Mayor Rockingham noted hired employees would generate cost in the slower months when they weren't necessary. Alderman Evans suggested that in those slower months to cross-train those employees to do more than one job; we want to give people of the community an opportunity.

III. DISCUSSION OF CANNABIS CONSUMPTION LOUNGE:

Nimrod Warda explained that it would be similar to a bar/lounge. The State currently did not allow consumption lounges without a dispensary associated but was in legislation.

Reggie Boysin stated his vision of a 300 person capacity facility to house the consumption lounge. Berwyn Thompkins introduced himself as a licensee for consumption, looking to bring other businesses to North Chicago.

Nikki Daley responsibility was to educate the consumer about consumption and dosage. Verification of age requirements, legalities and consumption to time it is safe to operate a vehicle are monitored.

Alderman Mayfield questioned status of legislation. Mr. Thompkins said associated with a dispensary or smoke shop; current discussion of micro-dosing allowance. Mayor Rockingham questioned if that type of business would have to be designated to location described by ordinance. Attorney Silverman agreed that it did.

Mr. Boysin said the decision of a location would have to be determined by the City. Alderman Smith questioned security; Security Professional Dwayne said there would be armed foot and mobile patrol. Alderman Murphy questioned difference in security concerning this type of facility; Mr. Thompkins said there would de-escalation training.

Alderman Smith clarified number of security present for the capacity. Mr. Dwayne said based on the capacity there would likely be 2 inside and 2 outside armed. The vehicles were also equipped with cameras.

Alderman Evans highly expressed that North Chicago needed to move on ideas for more development.

IV. DISCUSSION OF THE MULCH CENTER – ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:

Mr. Warda explained that the Ordinance Vacating for the Mulch Center did not clarify in the plat and needed to be amended.

V. DISCUSSION OF PETITION FOR ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FROM R3 TO CW AT 0 WRIGHT AVE (PINs 12-05-304-025, 12-05-304-026 AND 12-05-304-027), A.K.A. 2201 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DR.:

Mr. Warda explained previously Fat Cat facility. The new owner would like to operate a car repair facility and Zoning needed to be changed to accommodate the adjacent lots. North Chicago property owner for 26 years.

Alderman Murphy moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield that Economic Development/Planning/Zoning Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**MONDAY, JUNE 06, 2022
9:00 PM**

Mayor Rockingham called the meeting to order.

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

Absent: January

I. DISCUSSION OF BEER & WINE LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST FROM MR. ADNAN HAMEED – H & DAUGHTER’S FOOD MART, 1012 14TH ST. (BEST MARKET)

No Discussion. Petitioner did not attend.

II. DISCUSSION OF REQUEST FOR B-W(2) LIQUOR LICENSE FROM M. CARRETO CORPORATION (DBA SPEEDY TACO) AT 2272 MLK DR.

Mr. Carreto said they would like to serve beer or wine with purchase of meals. Mayor Rockingham clarified that the previous license was for gaming area only.

III. DISCUSSION OF CITY HALL MONUMENT SIGN REPLACEMENT

Economic Development Director explained that there were challenges to find replacement parts, the sign was the only portion to be replaced not the foundation and 3 proposals were obtained. It was budgeted for. Facilities Manager Chris Chirikos explained that the monument sign in front of City Hall would be similar to the Library sign.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.