

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022  
7:38 PM**

Alderman Evans called the meeting to order.

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

Absent: Mayfield

**I. DISCUSSION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:**

Alderman January expressed her frustration with not being provided with the summer safety plan.

Alderman Evans explained that it was not ready at the time due to Police Chief being ill.

Police Chief, Lazaro Perez provided the departmental monthly report. He had attended a prayer vigil, scheduled **June 25, 2022** and noted 3 new officers entered the Police Academy; 2 shootings and 1 homicide.

Alderman Allen highly stressed need of focusing with crime in the City; Chief Perez explained had mapped the areas with the main incidents; added there was a grant provided.

Alderman Jackson agreed with Alderman January lack of having a plan report; hopeful of command staff present at council meeting and also spoke with Police Chief Perez of names for potential candidates.

Alderman Smith inquired of the hot areas in **1<sup>st</sup>** and **2<sup>nd</sup>** Ward; questioned update with **14<sup>th</sup>** St., Brookstone at Cole Park. Alderman Allen explained received security assistance with grant provided. He, Alderman Smith asked if the video could be compressed and e-mailed to the councilmen.

Alderman Allen questioned the status for a Deputy Chief position; Alderman Jackson recalled the Chief was gathering names for that position.

Chief Perez explained would prefer altering the structure and clarified would prefer discussing it with the Public Safety Chair, Alderman Evans. He encouraged feedback from the Aldermen before the final decision.

**II. DISCUSSION OF HUNT MILITARY COMMUNITIES POLICING AGREEMENT:**

Chief Perez explained the policing agreement; there would be an annual income of **\$870,000**. The amount could increase or decrease contingent upon the Consumer Price Index or Police budget; whichever was lower.

Alderman Allen questioned changes last **(3)** years; Chief Perez explained it was a 5-year agreement and a 12-month notice before terminating; Attorney Simon explained.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman January that the Public Safety Committee Meeting Stand Adjourned.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

**FINANCE/AUDIT  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022  
7:58 PM**

Vice Chair, Donna Murphy called the meeting to order.

Present: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Absent: Mayfield, January

**I. DISCUSSION OF FINANCE/AUDIT DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:**

Tawanda Joyner, Assistant Comptroller explained there were 3 additional payments for landscaping at Grant Place from **February to April 2022**. Following next meeting, it would be fully paid. They were in process of completing the audit and awaiting finalized documents. Currently not transferring from Water Fund to General.

**II. DISCUSSION OF SHARED REVENUE PROCUREMENT AGREEMENT WITH ABBVIE:**

Chief of Staff, Dave Kilbane explained that Abbvie has asked for additional 10-year share revenue procurement agreement with the City of North Chicago.

**III. DISCUSSION OF COMMUNITY DAYS FIREWORKS AND STATUS REPORT:**

Amy Whitis, former Information Coordinator explained she was asked by the Mayor to assist as interim in absence of a Coordinator.

Alderman Allen questioned clarification; Amy clarified only had report of committed funds. She directed him to speak with Assistant Comptroller Tawanda Joyner or Interim Comptroller Mike Peterson for the expenditure report.

Alderman Murphy agreed with the report indicating collection status. The City should ensure sponsor commitment before the event.

Alderman Smith questioned layout of Community Days on Friday including spraying for mosquitos. Mrs. Whitis explained that Friday would include “Movie in the Park” hosted by the Foss Park District; she noted that Foss Park would be managing the spray for mosquitos, hosting Basketball Tournament and Bingo. The Foss Park District, School with City of North Chicago were committed resources and fundraising was jointly as well.

Alderman Allen asked her fee as Coordinator; she said she was working through Trotter & Associates.

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield, January

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

# **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING/ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022  
8:17 PM**

Alderman Smith called the meeting to order.

Present: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Absent: Mayfield, January

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

Victor Barrera, Economic & Community Development Director provided the departmental monthly report.

Alderman Jackson questioned update for 611 10<sup>th</sup> St.; Mr. Barrera said the construction plans were received that day. Alderman Jackson asked for information regard 2526 25<sup>th</sup> St.; Mr. Barrera had not been to the property as of yet since granting the extension.

Alderman Allen commended the Code Enforcers and report provided; noted the revenue collection of **\$1,000,000** in permit fees. Alderman Smith questioned the amount of fees owned for billboards; Mr. Barrera said he would provide at the next meeting

## **II. DISCUSSION OF 2920 20<sup>TH</sup> PLACE – TIME EXTENSION & FEE WAIVER:**

Mr. Barrera explained it was purchased for **\$10,000** though had not been able to obtain a building permit. The purchaser (Amias Turman) was seeking to offset some of the cost for legal fees. Alderman Allen further noted that there was a fence on the property that the owner would not remove; he felt it was only fair for City to waive the fees.

Alderman Jackson agreed with extension and not waiving fees. Alderman Murphy agreed with Alderman Jackson. Alderman Allen suggested that it was the City's fault for the situation. Attorney Simon emphasized that he would not agree with situation being the City's fault. Alderman Evans agreed with time extension and waiving; he noted there were things the City paid for without hesitation yet Mr. Turman was attempting to do the right thing.

Alderman Smith questioned the amount; Mr. Barrera said approximately **\$4,000**.

## **III. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF TALL GRASS LENGTH AMENDMENT:**

Alderman Evans verbalized disagreement with the new **8"** grass length amendment that was approved and felt **5"** was more appropriate. He said citing after **8"** would allow for additional inches before being cut. Attorney Simon asked approximately the number of citations that the residence resolved the issue before the City had to intervene; Mr. Barrera said about **50/50**. Attorney Simon suggested sending warning notification when grass became **5"**. Mr. Barrera said it was allowed **7** days to correct the citation.

**Alderman Murphy left at 8:56 p.m. and returned at 8:59 p.m.**

Alderman Evans stated that it was not fair to those that followed the rules. Alderman Smith asked if there were complaints from residents to the City about grass being too tall; Mr. Barrera acknowledged there were. He said the City did not send additional notice after **8** days and the contractor was notified to cut.

Alderman Smith noted that upon review there was more money being spent to contractors when the ordinance was **5"**. Attorney Simon suggested experiencing the new ordinance and effectiveness prior to changing again. Alderman Murphy clarified that some properties were abandoned and there was no one to give notice to.

Alderman Smith agreed with keeping the current ordinance and wait for the process.

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield, January

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022  
9:01 PM**

Alderman Allen called the meeting to order.

Present: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Absent: Mayfield, January

**I. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC WORKS MONTHLY REPORT:**

Foreman "Tommy" gave briefing of Public Works monthly report. He noted that there were trees donated and offered to the public.

**II. DISCUSSION OF ENGINEER MONTHLY REPORT:**

City Engineer Steve Cieslica provided monthly Engineer report.

**III. DISCUSSION OF WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Mr. Cieslica provided the Water Department monthly report. Alderman Jackson asked for update with lighting at Sheridan Rd. and 10<sup>th</sup> St. Interim Public Works Directors Bob Miller said there may need to be some rewiring.

**IV. DISCUSSION OF OXCART PERMITTING SYSTEMS:**

Interim Public Works Director Bob Miller explained that many municipalities that utilize it. There was currently no ordinances for overweight vehicles in place to do allow for the system. An Ordinance, fees and travel roads needed to be established. Attorney Simon explained that it was only for City roads and did not apply to County or State roads within the City.

**V. DISCUSSION OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT IN PUBLIC WORKS – COLD PLANER, EXCAVATOR WITH RUBBER TRACKS & A HOTBOX TRAILER:**

Mr. Miller explained the Track Excavator was to dig holes and repair waterlines or shoulder work; Hot Asphalt Box to keep temperature of asphalt in the plant; Cold Planer (mill) grinds the road, 24" wide and would help with leveling ground and grind areas that needed to be lifted.

Purchases would be through Sourcewell procurement. The items were all budgeted. Alderman Smith asked the best way to report potholes; Mr. Miller said to contact him.

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Smith that Public Works Committee Meeting Stand Adjourned.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield, January

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022  
9:22 PM**

Alderman Murphy called the meeting to order.

Present: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Absent: Mayfield, January

### **I. DISCUSSION OF HUMAN RESOURCES MONTHLY REPORT:**

Human Resources Director, Liz Black provided the Human Resources Department Monthly Report. She noted Safety and OSHA compliance training; open positions (announced) and cost of temporary employees.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Smith that Human Resources Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

### **MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

**Alderman Mayfield and January were absent.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.