

**JUDICIARY
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, JULY 18, 2022
8:05 PM**

Alderman Evans called the Judiciary Committee Meeting to order.

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

Absent: None

**I. DISCUSSION OF NORTH CHICAGO SALE OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY
ORDINANCE – RESIDENTS FIRST - UPDATE:**

Human Resource Director Elizabeth Black explained that the auction was held **July 12, 2022**. Four of the five purchases was one bidder; the highest purchase was the **2014** Ford Explorer in the amount of **\$1,400**. The pick-up deadline for the vehicles was **July 22, 2022**. Attorney Simon explained the purchase did not include the cost to remove the equipment.

Alderman Murphy asked to notify the Council if there was profit/loss with the Resident First process; Mrs. Black agreed to notify. Alderman Allen noted that the taxpayers paid for the vehicles initially.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield that the Judiciary Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

**HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING
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MONDAY, JULY 18, 2022
8:10 PM**

Alderman Murphy called the Human Resources Committee Meeting to order.

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

Absent: None

I. DISCUSSION OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:

Human Resources Director Elizabeth Black briefed the Council of monthly activities of the Human Resources Department.

II. DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION – INSURANCE RENEWAL INFORMATION FOR MEDICAL, DENTAL, VISION AND LIFE INSURANCE:

Difficult year for health care & insurance. It was explained that the COVID lockdown rendered lack of service. When the pandemic weakened, those unable to get services during that time visited doctors more when pandemic slowed down. The number of large claims grew because of the lack of provider assistance during the pandemic. Negotiations were made with Blue Cross and Blue Shield (BCBS). With all factors involved explained the **6.8%** increase.

Increase of dental coverage was **7%**. Approximately **68** employees in PPO plan and **82** in HMO plan and claims exceeded the previous year. Alderman Murphy asked if the Met Life Dental and Vision was comparable to the BCBS plan; representative said it was; benefits were identical. Premium costs were lessened. He explained the variations in medical drug costs.

Alderman Allen questioned if the copay for HMO changed; Representative said it had not.

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, JULY 18, 2022
8:29 PM**

Alderman Allen called the Public Works Committee Meeting to order.

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

Absent: None

I. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:

Foreman Clarence (Tommy) Johnson gave Public Works briefing. Audrey Nixon Blvd. was complete and the North Chicago lead-line compliance study underway. New equipment was received; Alderman Allen noted there was a savings on the purchase.

II. DISCUSSION OF WATER DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:

Interim Public Works Director Bob Miller gave Water Department monthly report.

III. DISCUSSION OF ENGINEER MONTHLY REPORT:

Mr. Miller gave Engineer's monthly report. Costs were rising on the cost of asphalt.

IV. DISCUSSION OF UPDATE ON CITY WASTE REMOVAL AGREEMENT:

Interim Chief of Staff Dave Kilbane explained that the contract was comparable to the previous contract. Waste Management proposed a **56%** increase from **\$24.80/mo.** To **\$36.68/mo.** Staff recommended approval of a 5-year contract with LRS. Executive Director of SWALCO Walter Willis explained further.

Alderman Evans questioned the bulk (mattress) pick-up; Mr. Willis said one was allowed per pick-up. Alderman Smith noted that bulk pick up was currently unlimited (Waste Management). Mr. Willis said an additional cart was needed; excess of the one item.

City Planner Nimrod Warda explained that the current contract provided some exception WM did pick-up the extra although the contract stated items needed to be in the cart. Attorney Simon clarified bulk items. Alderman Smith requested that there be clarification with unlimited pick-up. Alderman Evans agreed that unlimited should mean any refuse someone puts out.

Mr. Kilbane reiterated that the contract was mirror of the current contract with Waste Management. Unlimited services would need to be defined; could mean emptying a home. He would get the clarification of the meaning of unlimited. Attorney Simon asked if the field charge would be eliminated; Mr. Willis said no. Attorney Simon questioned how much time was needed to convert; Mr. Willis said within the month.

Alderman January questioned other municipalities utilized LRS; Mr. Willis said approximately **50** others. Mr. Kilbane added within the region.

V. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF PROPOSAL FROM TWIN SUPPLIES, LTD FOR THE UPGRADING OF ALL INTERIOR & EXTERIOR LIGHTING TO LED IN ALL CITY FACILITIES:

Interim Public Works Director Bob Miller explained that there was internal discussion with Facilities Manager, Chris Chirikos to convert all City lighting to LED. Several deficiencies and many lacked brightness. Bids were received and Twin Supplies was the least expensive and recommended to utilize them. The amount not to exceed was \$**123,973.82** included with a **5%** contingency. Attempting to use “\$0” grant but had not received a reply as of yet.

Alderman Allen questioned the rebate amount from ComEd; Mr. Miller said \$**72,049.78** was total incentives. Alderman Smith asked to replace the light on Argonne Dr. (not bright enough and purple). Alderman Murphy asked was additional cost savings there may be beyond the rebate; Mr. Miller said with the cost of labor and frequency to change would be less. The lights had a 5-year warranty. Those matters would reduce the electric bill; City Hall (building) and Water Plant did not currently get billed.

Alderman Jackson left the Council Chambers at 9:11 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Jackson

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

**MONDAY, JULY 18, 2022
9:13 PM**

Alderman Evans called the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order.

Present: Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Absent: Jackson, January

I. DISCUSSION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:

Chief of Police Lazaro Perez gave the Police Department monthly report brief. He noted a Town Hall Meeting **August 18, 2022** in the Council Chambers to discuss with residents ideas of community needs. Alderman Smith commended department with enforcing speeding regulations. Alderman Allen concerned with overnight parking in the 4th Ward; Chief Perez said the department was attempting to address that area.

Alderman Jackson returned to the Council Chambers at 9:14 p.m.

III. DISCUSSION OF TAXICAB FEE INCREASE:

Chief Perez explained that the Taxicab companies requested allowing a fare increase. He noted that “the metered rows would be removed from the list if the change in the ordinance is approve as they will no longer be regulated by the ordinance.” There had not been an increase since 2010; inflation was also a factor.

Mayor Rockingham, Jr. explained that it would be on **August 1, 2022** Council Agenda.

II. DISCUSSION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:

Fire Chief John Umek gave the Fire Department monthly report. Alderman Allen asked the number of summer students hired in the Fire Department; Chief Umek explained 3. Alderman Smith asked how the students were chosen; Chief Umek said they were assigned. Alderman Smith stated excitement of the work of firemen and suggested engaging the children.

Police Perez announced National Nite Out, **August, 2, 2022**

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman January was absent.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

**MONDAY, JULY 18, 2022
9:28 PM**

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

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

Absent: January

I. DISCUSSION OF FINANCE/AUDIT DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:

Assistant Comptroller Tawanda Joyner gave monthly Finance Report for **May 1 – May 31, 2022**. Positively, revenue was higher than the target and expenditures below. Aldermanic expenses was divided separate. There were some transfers: General Fund to Retiree Fund; **\$175,000 on May 31, 2022** and General Fund to Dental & Vision; **\$30,000 on May 31, 2022**. No transfers would be from the Water and Sewer Fund. Alderman Allen asked if Gillette would be donating to Community Days; Ms. Joyner said funds had not been received to date.

II. DISCUSSION OF KROLL – DUFF & PHELPS FIXED ASSET REPORTING \$1,400:

Interim Comptroller Mike Peterson explained intent of engaging services of Kroll – Duff and Phelps for fixed asset reporting

IV. DISCUSSION OF AVENU INSIGHTS & ANALYTICS – RENEWAL 05/01/22 – 04/30/23

Mr. Peterson explained that the contract renewal increase **6.1%** from **\$15,819.13** to **\$16,782.52**. Current software before kickoff of BS&A software beginning phase of implementation **June 27, 2022**.

III. DISCUSSION OF LEASE VEHICLE - MAYOR:

Mr. Peterson asked for direction from Council what they would like for lease of new vehicle for the Mayor. Options were presented in the handout, including purchasing the vehicle outright. Alderman Jackson questioned the deadline; Mr. Peterson said it was dependent on the order bank closing.

Alderman Allen questioned why the current car couldn't be purchased outright. Mayor Rockingham said it was in rotation and part of the fleet. Mr. Peterson explained that vehicle would have to be removed from the fleet list and purchased at a dealership.

Alderman Jackson thought that maintenance cost would be more once purchased outright; the listed vehicles were the only ones available at the order bank. Alderman Evans suggested it be voted on. Alderman Allen asked why a cheaper car couldn't be purchased, considering there were many discussions of the City's lack of funds; be conservative.

Alderman Mayfield asked the Mayor's preference; Mayor Rockingham preferred a roomy vehicle. Alderman Mayfield suggested authorizing a dollar amount.

Alderman Allen left the Council Chambers at 10:06 p.m. and Alderman Jackson at 10:09.

V. DISCUSSION OF AUDIT SERVICES FY2022

Mr. Peterson explained that Miller Cooper projected delivery of **Audit, February 28, 2023**, which was not acceptable. After receiving proposals he recommended Lauterbach and Amen for one year. He did not recommend to switch Auditing companies so often. There were several matters in the audit that needed improvement including; travel & training reimbursement, credit cards purchases, sick & vacation. Additional cost at billable rate could happen if lack of internal control.

Alderman Allen and Jackson returned to Council Chambers at 10:09 p.m.

There was discussion of purchased items possibly of political nature and the process to make purchases.

Alderman Jackson moved, seconded by Alderman Allen that Finance/Audit Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman January was absent.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

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

**MONDAY, JULY 18, 2022
10:13 PM**

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

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

Absent: January

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

City Planner Nimrod Warda gave summary of the Economic Development/Planning/Zoning monthly report. He noted that the train station interior was being worked on, update of renovation at 24th Street. Increase in building permits and projects. Possible new TIF District.

Attorney Simon updated the Council that George's Fresh Market collateral property in the store had been sold to Mr. Anderson; additional equipment was being considered for collateral. Treasurer Vance Wyatt said that a portion of tax may have been paid, not sure the exact amount.

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman January was absent.

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING

**MONDAY, JULY 18, 2022
10:25 PM**

Mayor Rockingham, Jr. called the Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting to order.

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

Absent: January

I. DISCUSSION – REQUEST OF GP (GAMING PARLOR) LICENSE FOR CATINA DELI & FOOD AT 2004 MARTIN LUTHER KING DR. (KARIM):

Mr. Catina explained the business would be located in the additional portion of the building. The location would be a family restaurant/deli. Mayor Rockingham, Jr. clarified that there was a gaming license in the gas station currently and the new license would be for the new addition.

II. REVIEW/DISCUSSION WITH EXTENSION OF CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH DJK LLC FOR INTERIM CHIEF OF STAFF:

Human Resources Director Elizabeth Black explained that the contract was expiring in August and asked for consideration of approval. Alderman Allen suggested an additional **12** months. Alderman Jackson asked if it remained affordable. Interim Comptroller Mike Peterson said that there were no benefits paid and that it was affordable without those costs. Alderman Murphy clarified the ongoing search for a permanent Chief of Staff and ability to cancel his contract; Mayor Rockingham, Jr. said there was both.

Attorney Simon explained there was a request for curfew implementation for Community Day (Saturday only). It would apply to younger than **18** years of age to leave premises at 6 p.m. He would like to approve an ordinance on August 1. Alderman Allen felt **6 p.m.** was too early; Mayor Rockingham disagreed based on past experiences at the event. The Mayor said that he wanted it to be enjoyable and peaceful for everyone.

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman January was absent.

The meeting adjourned at 10:54 p.m.