

# MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, March 07, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

## I. CALL TO ORDER

## II. INVOCATION

## III. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

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

Absent: None

## IV. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

4-1 Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, **February 21, 2022**

4-2 Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings, **February 21, 2022**

4-3 Approval of Abbvie Agreement Resolving State of Illinois Department of Revenue Sale Tax Distribution Adjustments

4-4 Approval of Proposed Agreement with ARC Management Group, LLC for the Collection of Unpaid Tickets

4-5 Approval of Agreement with Northeastern Illinois Regional Laboratories

4-6 Approval of Gov/Temp Contract Agreement with Sarah Jones, Interim Community Information Coordinator

4-7 Approval of Ajilon Contract for Temp Staff in the Comptroller's Office and Police Department

**Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda items 4-1 and 4-2; moving 4-3 thru 4-7 to Regular Agenda as presented.**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

## MOTION CARRIED

## V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

### Tim Coleman

City Clerk, Lori Collins read the e-mail from Tim Coleman, Public Works employee.

### Lee Maxey

Mr. Maxey commended the Mayor and staff on the expeditiousness of his call concerning a flood in the basement of the church; First Baptist Church.

### Ken Endris – Community Liaison with Great Lakes Naval Station

Mr. Endris mentioned that he was present in the ribbon cutting for the new council chambers, it was a quality facility. He was impressed with some of the plan projects, which included the cleaning and repaving of Sheridan Rd. also the bike path associated with Martin Luther King Dr. He would reach out to the Commanding Officer if the City had anything interfaced with Great Lakes Naval base.

Alderman Allen asked if North Chicago was on the list for hotel development and what were their plans. Mr. Endris explained there wasn't any recruiting for a 4-week span due to COVID procedures. He stated would address the issue. Alderman Allen and Mayor expressed appreciation to the Captain and Mr. Endris.

## **VI. REGULAR AGENDA**

4-3 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF ABBVIE AGREEMENT RESOLVING STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SALE TAX DISRIBUTION ADJUSTMENTS

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Abbie Agreement resolving State of Illinois Department of Revenue Sale Tax Distribution of Adjustments.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

4-4 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH ARC MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC FOR THE COLLECTION OF UNPAID TICKETS

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve proposed agreement with ARC Management Group, LLC for the collection of unpaid tickets.**

Alderman January questioned if there was a fee for the collection; The Mayor stated received a certain percentage. Police Chief, Lazaro Perez explained an administrative fee of **\$50** and assessment fee of **\$25**; a total **\$75**.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

4-5 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS REGIONAL LABORATORIES

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve Agreement with Northeastern Illinois Regional Laboratories.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

4-6 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF GOVTEMP CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH SARAH JONES, INTERIM COMMUNITY INFORMATION COORDINATOR

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Gov/Temp Contract Agreement with Sarah Jones, Interim Community Information Coordinator.**

Alderman Allen questioned the salary; Liz Black, Human Resource Director the interim salary of **42/hr**. Alderman Evans asked the contract term; Mrs. Black explained from January **2022** until April **2022**.

Alderman Smith inquired how the amount was considered; Mrs. Black explained it was a negotiated rate with the agency as the current rate including her skills.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

4-7 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AJILON CONTRACT FOR TEMP STAFF IN THE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE AND POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Ajilon Contract for Temp Staff in the Comptroller's Office and Police Department.**

Alderman January questioned specific duties of Temporary for both the Comptroller's Office and Police Department; Mrs. Black explained both roles; Comptroller's Office would be the roles of cashier, data entry and assisting the residents, the Police Department; assisting administratively with grant funding.

Alderman Smith questioned clarification assisting with grants; if it was grant writing; Mrs. Black explained assisting with statistical data for the grants.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

6-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF 2022 GP LIQUOR LICENSE – FULL MOON RESTAURANT

**Alderman Jackson moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the 2022 GP Liquor License to Full Moon Restaurant.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

6-2 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL – DONATION OF \$500.00 FOR SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM FROM THE NORTH CHICAGO ALDERMEN TO SHIELDS, WAUKEGAN AND LIBERTYVILLE TOWNSHIPS

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the donation of \$500 for Snow Removal Program from the North Chicago Aldermen to Shields, Waukegan and Libertyville Townships.**

The Mayor stated had donated **\$500** to each Township.

Alderman Murphy asked if all townships were included in the snow removal project.

**Alderman Smith amended motion, seconded by Alderman January to approve only Waukegan and Shields Township.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

6-3 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO AND IDOT FOR SHERIDAN RD. – PRELIMINARY PHASE I STUDY ROAD DIET

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Agreement between City of North Chicago and IDOT for Sheridan Rd. with Preliminary Phase I Study Road Diet.**

Alderman Allen questioned clarification if city expense; Engineer, Steve Cieslica explained that AbbVie was contributing amount of **\$95,000** and IDOT the remaining.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

6-4 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF TAI WORK ORDER IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000 FOR DESIGN AND BIDDING SERVICES FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT INTAKE VALVE REPAIRS

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the TAI work order in Amount Not to Exceed \$35,000 for Design & Bidding Services for Water Treatment Plant Intake Valve repairs.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

6-5 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF GEWALT HAMILTON ASSOCIATES PROPOSAL IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$173,480 FOR OPERATIONAL & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to table item 6-5.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

6-6 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER OF PROPERTY AND GRANTING OF EASEMENTS

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Intergovernmental Transfer of property and granting of Easements.**

Alderman January questioned clarification of item **6-6**; Attorney Silverman explained it was an Intergovernmental Agreement with Foss Park District for the Water Tower property and best method in saving its money.

The Mayor questioned the semantics; Attorney Silverman stated would bring water to the golf course. The sale was contingent upon the purchase.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: Allen

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

6-7 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF REAL ESTATE SALE CONTRACT WITH MT. SINAI BAPTIST CHURCH IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Real Estate Sale Contract with Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in Amount Not to Exceed \$200,000.**

Alderman Jackson questioned any contingencies; Attorney Silverman explained the property met the requirements.

Alderman January questioned the line item and if utilized in the upcoming budget; The Mayor clarified needed to approve the item before added to the budget.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: Allen

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

6-8 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF FIREFIGHTER & POLICE PENSION ACTUARIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LAUTERBACH & AMEN AND WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR ACTUARIAL SERVICES NOT TO EXCEED \$

**Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Firefighter & Police Pension Actuarial Services Agreement with Lauterbach & Amen and waive competitive bids for actuarial services not to Exceed \$.**

Michael Peterson, Comptroller explained it was a 3-year contract and was a provision. The estimated amount was **\$11,200** increased annually. The Mayor clarified the need of approving the item. Attorney Silverman advised wasn't appropriate for a not to exceed amount due to the provision. He provided option of approving it or next meeting for consideration.

**Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to table item 6-8 for next meeting consideration, March 21, 2022.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

6-9 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

<b>General Corporate Fund</b>	\$	<b>284,505.97</b>
<b>Library</b>	\$	<b>7,835.45</b>
<b>Motor Fuel Tax</b>	\$	<b>4,387.21</b>
<b>Water Operations</b>	\$	<b>103,107.28</b>
<b>Grant</b>	\$	<b>12,212.15</b>
<b>Retiree's Insurance Premium</b>	\$	<b>14,146.68</b>
<b>Skokie Hwy TIF III</b>	\$	<b>1,110.25</b>
<b>Grant Place Operating Fund</b>	\$	<b>3,635.00</b>
 <b>Total</b>	\$	 <b>430,939.99</b>

**MOTION:**

**Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to pay the bills of Council Run 3/07/22 in the amount of **\$430,939.99** and pg. 3 was voted separately when funds become available.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve pg. 3; 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Christmas party.**

The Mayor explained had reviewed the receipt and noticed it was only for food and beverage

Alderman January stated didn't have the actual receipt and directed attorney's opinion. Attorney Silverman explained.

Alderman Smith questioned any illegalities; there was a receipt and the Mayor viewed it; Attorney Silverman acknowledged he did.

Alderman Mayfield clarified that Ancel & Glink clarified the Christmas Party was campaigning; Attorney Silverman explained that it was closer to campaigning vs. city-wide. He suggested a policy established.

Alderman Jackson questioned clarification; Attorney Silverman explained there was much latitude with the expenditures and to search conscious.

Alderman Murphy asked if campaign funds couldn't be reimbursed; Attorney Silverman explained should be separate and determined accordingly if a campaign event publicly as possible.

Alderman Jackson questioned if the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward event was opened to anyone; Alderman Evans acknowledged and explained the Chief of Staff had brought his ideas with aldermanic expenses; previously there was a total expense of **\$42,000** for aldermen related and nothing documented. He agreed with a policy.

Alderman January suggested continued discussion with state statutes; updating ordinances etc. establishing a precedence resolving it.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: Mayfield, Murphy

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED****VII. MISCELLANEOUS****VARIOUS**

Alderman Evans congratulated everyone on the new Council Chambers; emphasized need of paying attention with awareness of others.

**GRAND OPENINGS**

Alderman Allen clarified the grand opening of George's Fresh Market, **March 19, 2022**; encouraged city business support and upcoming Starbucks establishment. Alderman Smith echoed Alderman Allen's sentiments.

The Mayor was appreciative of the Elective Officials returning to the newly renovated Council Chambers.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Evans that the meeting stand adjourned.

**MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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**Lori L. Collins, City Clerk**