

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, March 20, 2023 at 6:01 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr., presiding.

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. INVOCATION**
- IV. ROLL CALL**

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

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

Absent: None

V. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

- 5-1 Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, **March 6, 2023**
- 5-2 Approval of Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings, **March 6, 2023**
- 5-3 Approval of Resolution to Lease New Truck #401 Not to Exceed **\$750/Month** and Allow Enterprise to Dispose of Older #401 Truck
- 5-4 Approval of Resolution for an Extension from April 1st to October 31, 2023 for Public Works Operation Assistance Agreement with Robert J Miller Dba AMM Enterprises, Inc.
- 5-5 Resolution Approving and Authorizing Execution of an Agreement Between the City of North Chicago and Tri-State Platinum Landscapes, LLC (Landscape Maintenance) in an Amount Not to Exceed **\$120,000**
- 5-6 Resolution Approving and Authorizing Execution of an Agreement Between the City of North Chicago and Tri-State Platinum Landscapes, LLC (Vegetation Abatement Program) in an Amount Not to Exceed **\$45,000**
- 5-7 Approval of Resolution Approving 3 Year Contract with TKG Street Sweeping Services in an Amount Not to Exceed **\$40,000** per Year

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda items; 5-1 thru 5-7 as presented.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kenneth V. Hachikian – Armenian Americans

He discussed the topic of the Armenian Genocide. He requested North Chicago to recognize Armenian Americans on **April 24, 2023** by raising the Armenian Flag in honor of the Armenian Americans.

Alderman Smith clarified a ceremony; Alderman January thanked him for bringing to knowledge of the Armenians in the community and also asked for a Proclamation.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR FIRE AND POLICE PENSION FUNDING POLICIES

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman January to Approve Item 7-1; Resolution for Fire and Police Pension Funding Policies.

Attorney Simon highlighted that the policies were designed to fully fund obligation to the pensions; however there are provisions that don't exactly match the pension code. Pension codes would result in there being balloon payments in the future; the pension funding policy would make a level funding amount over a long period of time. Asking each pension board to accept this policy after the Council approves.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

General Corporate Fund	\$	237,876.84
Motor Fuel Tax	\$	1,306.86
Water Operations	\$	147,857.43
Dental and Vision	\$	1,658.21
Siezed Drug Monetary Fund/ST	\$	31,500.00
Skokie Highway TIF 111	\$	1,565.00
Capital Project	\$	<u>43,280.00</u>
 TOTAL		\$ 465,044.34

MOTION:

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to pay the bills of Council Run 3/20/23 the amount of **\$465,044.34 when funds available.**

Alderman Evans inquired who was Frank Viscuso and concerned with amount of **\$1,500**; the Mayor explained was a seminar for staff from **8:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.** and the amount was budgeted. Alderman Evans questioned pages 4 and 8 for Ancel Glink **\$48,000**; Attorney Simon explained was for the months of November 2022, January and February 2023. He also questioned **January** bill; **\$14,000, \$15,000; \$18,000** and he asked why the bills were late; Attorney Simon explained. Mayor Rockingham offered the aldermen to review the bills in the Comptroller's Office at any time. Alderman Evans was very concerned of the high quantity of bills. Alderman Allen explained that bills were available in the vault (electronically) also.

Alderman January questioned Interim Comptroller Tawanda Joyner if there were sufficient funds to fund the City Bills and when checks would be sent. Ms. Joyner said funds were available checks out by Wednesday. Alderman January asked if the funds were received for the grants; Ms. Joyner said there were no bills for grants this bill run. Alderman January asked for balance of Water Fund as of close on Thursday; Ms. Joyner stated the amount of **\$6,115,962.72**.

Alderman January if the City was caught up with water billing; Ms. Joyner explained that there may be some bills outstanding if there were vacancies or shut-offs, there were shut-offs every

month. Alderman January asked for documentation of those at next meeting. Alderman Murphy clarified that December bill for Ancel Glink was on Feb 6th bill run.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

VARIOUS CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Alderman January asked status when she would receive her computer; the Mayor explained that was informed by I.T. that her computer was ready. The Mayor directed staff would receive a personal City credit card if necessary.

Alderman Evans explained the 3rd Ward hosting Driver License Bureau **April 23rd 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** at City Hall for the citizens.

Alderman Allen had high concerns with the compost mulch odor from on Casimir Pulaski Economic & Community Development Director, Victor Barrera explained the lease terminates **June 2023** and would not be renewed.

Alderman Smith was appreciative with the attendees of the 5th Ward meeting and activities.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9-1 Executive Session 5 ILCS 120 2 (c)(12) – Establishment of Reserves or Settlement of Claims
Alderman Jackson moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to suspend at **6:32 p.m.** to Executive Session 5 ILCS 120 2 (c)(12) – Establishment of Reserves or Settlement of Claims.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Council Resumed at **6:45 p.m.**

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Smith returned at 6:48 p.m.

9-2 Possible Action on Executive Session Items (Open Session)

NONE

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

Alderman Evans announced that Mr. Reggie Boyson was hosting 1st time Homeowner's Seminar, Thursday, **March 23, 2023**, held at the Foss Park Golf Course Pavilion Building from **6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** Mr. Boyson (J & J Homes) said there was a financial literacy class every other Thursday also.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins, City Clerk