

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, March 6, 2023 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. INVOCATION**
- IV. ROLL CALL**

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

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

Absent: Evans

The Mayor announced that Alderman Evans was absent due to illness.

- V. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA**

- 5-1 Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, **February 20, 2023**
- 5-2 Approval of Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings, **February 20, 2023**
- 5-3 Approval of Treasurer's Report – **January 2023**
- 5-4 Approval of Fee Adjustment Amount for LaLuzerne & Smith Ltd. of **\$140** for Prosecution Fee; **\$185** Non-prosecution
- 5-5 Approval of TAI Work Order Not to Exceed Amount of **\$47,900** to Prepare Lead Service Line Replacement Project Planning Report
- 5-6 Approval of TAI Work Order Not to Exceed Amount of **\$372,000** for the Design of Lewis Avenue Detention Basin Project
- 5-7 Approval of Purchase of One New Sutphen Fire Department Engine Not to Exceed Amount Of **\$861,413.49**
- 5-8 Approval – Resolution Reallocating **2023** Volume Cap of **\$3,603,480** to the Village of Buffalo Grove, IL
- 5-9 Approval of Ordinance Declaring Surplus and Authorizing Disposal or Sale of Real Estate for **0** Hillcrest Ave., **1420** Lewis Ave. and **0** West Birchwood and Rescinding Previous Declaration – **1635** Sheridan Rd.
- 5-10 Approval – Transfer of Lucky Spin Video Gaming License to Bumi Cheudery at **1506** Sheridan Rd.
- 5-11 Approval – Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Agreement between the City of North Chicago and Netwrix Corporation in Amount Not to Exceed **\$13,749.56**
- 5-12 Approval of Zoning Map Amendment from **B2** – General Business District to **R3** - Single Family Residential District at **730** Broadway Avenue
- 5-13 Approval of Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment Regarding Variety of Parking Regulations
- 5-14 Approval of Resolution – **2023** CDBG Program Funding (Funding Services)

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

City Clerk Lori L. Collins explained the minutes of Safety Committee March 6, 2023 does not show return of Alderman Jackson; he did not return until the start of the next Committee. She noted the correct spelling of “Marshall” would be changed to “Marshal”

In the Council Minutes of March 6, 2023 Roll Call reflects that Alderman Murphy was present and absent; will correct to show absent only.

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to remove item 5-3 Treasurer’s Report – January 2023.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: January

Absent: Evans

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Rockingham announced that Alderman Evans contacted him to inform that his absence was due to illness; continue to pray for him.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: January

Absent: Evans

MOTION CARRIED

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ken Endress – Naval Station Great Lakes Representative

Thanked the Planning Department for working with him concerning Naval Housing. He announced it was his last meeting as liaison; 52 years of military service. He introduced the new liaison; Mike Quinlin; he already joined discussions with the Planning Department.

The Mayor expressed his appreciation for his great service and in the North Chicago community. Thanked him and wished him well.

Alderman January asked for introduction from Mr. Quinlin; Mr. Quinlin stated he looked forward to working with the City.

Alderman January clarified that the Omnibus Vote Agenda had not been voted on in its entirety after the removal of the Treasurer’s Report.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda with the exception of Item 5-3.

ROLL CALL FOR OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA WITHOUT 5-3:

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: January

Absent: Evans

MOTION CARRIED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO AND BBB SKOKIE LLC

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to Approve 7-1 the Ordinance for the First Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement and Economic Agreement by and Between the City of North Chicago and BBB Skokie, LLC.

Alderman January asked for a briefing of item 7-1; Economic Development & Community Development Director Victor Barrera explained that it extended the project completion date.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Evans

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO AND LAUTERBACH AND AMEN LLP IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,467 A MONTH

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve item 7-2; Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement between the City of North Chicago and Lauterbach and Amen LLP in an Amount Not to Exceed \$16,467 monthly.

Alderman Jackson asked for an overview and had questions; Consulting Chief of Staff Dave Kilbane explained since the approval of Interim Comptroller Tawanda Joyner absence of TTP LLC there needed a higher level of account services. Also needed to train the new Finance Analyst short term. There wasn't (3) proposals because there was less than (21) days due to the get assistance, this firm has done business with the City. Lauterbach & Amen would not be making any decisions; it was time to view different options to stabilize the Finance Department. The agreement was month to month.

Alderman January was highly concerned with conflict of interest as they were currently making recommendations parallel with making a decision; Mr. Kilbane clarified only providing technical support and wouldn't interact if need of decisions. He reiterated that he spoke with the City Attorneys to assure there was no conflict of interest with hiring Lauterbach & Amen.

The Mayor urged council to move forward with Lauterbach & Amen; he noted that a new system was being implemented and emphasized month to month agreement.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: Jackson, January

Absent: Evans

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

General Corporate Fund	\$	195,203.17
Library	\$	70.97
Motor Fuel Tax	\$	54,369.14
Water Operations	\$	65,150.54
Grant Fund	\$	8,239.35
CDBG - Community Development	\$	4,111.87
Retiree's Insurance Prem	\$	474.20
 TOTAL	\$	 327,619.24

MOTION:

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to pay the bills of Council Run 3/6/23 the amount of **\$327,619.24** including Special Bill Run when funds become available.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith
 Nays: January
 Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman January questioned Interim Comptroller Tawanda Joyner if there were sufficient funds to fund the City Bills and balance of Water Fund as of close on Thursday; Ms. Joyner clarified funds were available with the exception of grant monies to be received by end of FY23 and as of Thursday the Water Fund balance was **\$6,080,711.21**.

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

VARIOUS CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Alderman Allen clarified new officer was employed (2) days and quit; Human Resources Director Liz Black explained the State of IL reimbursed the City for the police training; trying to receive reimbursement from individuals for uniforms provided is they quit; option of small claims. Alderman Allen agreed they should pay for the city services.

The Mayor questioned clarification with the small claim you can represent yourself; Alderman January suggested deducting any fees from the check that would be paid for any days works. The Mayor recommended more aggressiveness. Alderman Smith agreed with deduction from check.

Alderman January asked the laptop status; the Mayor explained it should be by the end of the week.

The Mayor announced he would be out Wednesday thru Friday at a conference in Washington, D.C. There would be (16) representatives either Senate or Congress; lobby for Great Lakes concerning erosions, lead lines; Asian Carp. The trip was funded by Great Lakes Seaway not the City.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Evans was absent.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins, City Clerk