

# MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, April 17, 2023 at 6:03 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, **April 03, 2023**
- 5-2 Approval of Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings, **April 03, 2023**
- 5-3 Approval of Treasurer's Report – **January and February 2023**
- 5-4 Approval of PSEBA (Public Safety Employee Benefits Act) Ordinance  
Approving a Resolution
- 5-5 Approval of Resolution – Agreement between City of North Chicago and Integral Construction to Assist with Metra Interior Renovation Not to Exceed **\$85,000** including Change Orders
- 5-6 Approval of Resolution for Janitorial Cleaning Contract Renewal (Crystal Maintenance)  
Amount Not to Exceed **\$75,000**
- 5-7 Approval of Resolution for Cintas Contract Renewal **Not to Exceed \$82,400**
- 5-8 Approval of Resolution for an Agreement to Purchase a **2023** Drop Deck Trailer from Burris Through Sourcewell **Not to Exceed \$12,000**
- 5-9 Approval of Resolution Approving and Authorizing Execution of an Agreement between the City of North Chicago and AbbVie Inc. Police Services Agreement
- 5-10 Approval of Resolution for a Contract with Enterprise for **(2)** Snow Plow Trucks **Not to Exceed \$315,000** per Vehicle
- 5-11 Approval of Resolution Approving the Use of Various Public Works and Facility Vendors and Contractors in the City of North Chicago for **FY2024**
- 5-12 Approval of Ordinance Authorizing **\$10,659,000** Loan Agreement through the IEPA Public Water Supply Low-Interest Loan Program
- 5-13 Approval of Award for the **16<sup>th</sup>** Street and Kemble Avenue Water Transmission Main Project to Campanella and Sons, Inc. **Not to Exceed Amount of \$8,990,408.70**
- 5-14 Approval of Resolution Authorizing Agreement between the City of North Chicago/Trotter & Associates Work Order for Construction Services in Amount **Not to Exceed \$787,000** for **16<sup>th</sup>** Street and Kemble Ave. Water Transmission Main Project
- 5-15 Approval of Resolution for Engineering Services by Interwork Architects for the Women's Locker Room and Dispatch Center in NCPD **Not to Exceed \$20,000**

5-16 Approval of Resolution to Paint and Renovate NCPD Restroom and Hallways by Townsend Construction **Not to Exceed \$20,000**

5-17 Approval of Resolution to Purchase a **2023** Ford F550 from Runnion **Not to Exceed \$189,000**

**Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda from 5-1 thru 5-17.**

Alderman Jackson noted item **5-6**; discussed at the last meeting Attorney mentioned bids were to be waived for the Janitorial Contract (Crystal Maintenance) for its renewal. The Mayor requested to move item **5-6** from the Omnibus Vote Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

**ROLL CALL with EXCEPTION OF 5-6:**

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Myra Shegog – Executive Director of Hospitals for Humanity

Gave overview of Hospitals for Humanity, a non-profit organization that offers free open heart surgery to children in Africa. There were 1500 children on the waiting list currently. She asked for a monetary donation. Mayor Rockingham suggested that information be provided to staff for future discussion in Committee Meeting.

**VII. REGULAR AGENDA**

5-6 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR JANITORIAL CLEANING CONTRACT RENEWAL (CRYSTAL MAINTENANCE) AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Resolution for Janitorial Cleaning Contract for Crystal Maintenance in amount not to exceed \$75,000 and all bids be waived.**

Alderman January noted that there was no vote to remove the item from the Omnibus Vote Agenda. Mayor Rockingham agreed there was no vote and thanked her awareness.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

7-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF 2024 BUDGET

**Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the 2024 Budget.**

Alderman January questioned why it was back for approval; the last meeting it was voted to present at May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Mayor Rockingham said that he spoke with the alderman regarding concern/questions of the budget and asked him at the time if he was in agreeance to have it for the current meeting; he agreed and other aldermen did also.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: Jackson, January

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7-2 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL – DONATION TO NORTH CHICAGO EXCHANGE CLUB IN AMOUNT OF \$500**

**Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve the donation to North Chicago Exchange Club in amount of \$500.**

Alderman Jackson asked if there were funds available for this donation. Mayor Rockingham said yes and the Interim Comptroller Tawanda Joyner verbally confirmed. Alderman January asked what funds would be used; Ms. Joyner said funds from Mayor's account. Ms. Joyner elaborated there were funds from previous requests not presented this year which cleared some funds.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7-3 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL – DONATION TO ANTMOUND FOUNDATION IN AMOUNT OF \$500**

**Alderman Murphy moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve the donation to Antmound Foundation in amount of \$500.**

Alderman January asked for a brief overview; Mayor Rockingham explained the funds were for a banquet and it was an organization that assist persons re-entering society after prison.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Smith, Murphy

Nays: Allen, January

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Alderman Smith left the Council Chambers at 6:18 p.m.

**7-2 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS**

<b>General Corporate Fund</b>	<b>\$ 203,292.00</b>
<b>Motor Fuel Tax</b>	<b>\$ 90,813.25</b>
<b>Water Operations</b>	<b>\$ 129,609.60</b>
<b>Grant Fund</b>	<b>\$ 403.10</b>
<b>TIF Grant PI Debt Serv 2007C</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>Dental and Vision</b>	<b>\$ 1,233.91</b>
<b>Capital Project</b>	<b>\$ 259.33</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 426,111.19</b>
<b>Additional Run</b>	<b>\$ 580.00</b>
	<b>\$ 426,691.19</b>

**MOTION:**

**Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to pay the bills of Council Run 4/17/23 the amount of **\$426,691.19** when funds available.**

City Clerk Lori L. Collins clarified that Accounts Payable stated that \$580 did not need to be approved because it was just a check sent out. Interim Comptroller Tawanda Joyner said that it should be included for approval; it was a check that was sent to Gurnee Post Office.

Alderman January questioned to Ms. Joyner if there were sufficient funds to cover the City Bills and when checks would be sent. Ms. Joyner said funds were available with the exception of the Grant Fund not covered until FY24 and checks out by Wednesday. Alderman January asked for balance of Water Fund as of close on Thursday; Ms. Joyner stated the amount of **\$6,058,477.04**.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Murphy

Nays: January

Absent: Smith

**MOTION CARRIED**

**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS**

**VARIOUS CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

- Alderman Evans reminded citizens that the Secretary of State would be available at City Hall to issue and/or renew licenses and provide other services; was not limited to North Chicago residents.

Alderman Smith returned to Council Chambers at 6:21p.m.

- Alderman Allen said there was graffiti in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward that was removed and he appreciated the clean-up. Alderman January noted there was graffiti on the previous Ricky Rockets building. Mayor Rockingham said the City would continue to make sure the graffiti is removed; once permission is granted to be on the private property the City would remove it if the owner had not done so.
- Alderman Allen said there was a sweep of the city and issuance of stickers for abandoned vehicles and yard debris
- Alderman Evans announced April 29<sup>th</sup> the Fire Department would be hosting a Fire Safety Clinic 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Foss Park Youth Center.
- Mayor Rockingham announced Lobby Day in Springfield, he would be attending and wished other that was going safe travels.
- Mayor Rockingham noted the delivery of the new vehicle of Mayor's Office.
- Mayor Rockingham recognized that it was the last full Council meeting of Alderman Mayfield and stated appreciation of her tenure as alderman in efforts to better the City.
- Alderman Smith said that he would be traveling to Africa with Hospitals for Humanity beginning April 28<sup>th</sup>; Mayor wished him traveling graces.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

9-1 EXECUTIVE SESSION 5ILCS 120 2 (c)(12) – ESTABLISHMENT OF RESERVES OR SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

**Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson to suspend the Regular Order of Business and go into Executive Session at 6:29 pm.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Alderman Jackson moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to reconvene the Regular Order of Business at 6:51 pm.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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**Lori L. Collins, City Clerk**