

# MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, April 3, 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

### **4-1 Public Hearing for FY 2024 Budget.**

Interim Comptroller Tawanda Joyner presented the budget. She highlighted General Fund FY23 would have a ending surplus balance of \$4,246,513 of which \$3,015,250 would be set aside for Police and Fire pension reserve and \$1,231,263 would be transferred to Capital Projects. The property tax rate was same as FY2021

New/Additional Revenue: Property Tax Increment 2014A due to the TIF being expired into the General Fund, Home Rule Sales Tax, Casino Revenue and Reduced Debt Service and Interest Payment Liability. New expenditure line item for support of community organizations (donation).

### **QUESTIONS:**

Charles January – questioned how much Grant Place was sold for; Ms. Joyner estimated net of **\$540,000** because cost involved in the closing. She elaborated there was some debt remaining.

**Alderman Jackson moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to close the Public Hearing.**

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Public Hearing opened at **6:04 p.m.** and closed at **6:18 p.m.**

### **4-2 Approval of 2024 City Budget**

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

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman January to Table item 4-2, 2024 City Budget until first meeting in May.**

### **ROLL CALL TO TABLE:**

Ayes: Evans, Allen, Smith, January

Nays: Jackson, Mayfield, Murphy

Absent: None

### **MOTION CARRIED**

## **V. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA**

### **5-1 Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, March 20, 2023**

- 5-2 Approval of Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings, **March 20, 2023**
- 5-3 Resolution Approving and Authorizing Execution of Termination Agreement between the City of North Chicago and Tyler Technologies Inc.
- 5-4 Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for Day Care Facility at 1114 Audrey Nixon Boulevard
- 5-5 Approval of Ordinance Amending Title 5, Chapter 4; Title 5 Chapter 14; Title 6 Chapter 5; Title 12 Chapter 1; Title 14 Chapter 7 – Landlord Licensing
- 5-6 Resolution Approving Certain Closed Session Meeting Minutes

**Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda items; 5-1 thru 5-6 as presented.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

**VII. REGULAR AGENDA**

- 7-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ARMENIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY AND RAISING AREMENIAN FLAG APRIL 24, 2023

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson to Approve Item 7-1; Proclamation Recognizing Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day and Raising Armenian Flag April 24, 2023.**

Alderman January asked that the proclamation be read; City Clerk Lori L. Collins read the Proclamation.

**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	\$	318,606.69
Library	\$	6,347.18
Motor Fuel Tax	\$	32,733.43
Water Operations	\$	98,689.26
Grant Fund	\$	12,528.30
Dental and Vision	\$	452.00
Retiree's Insurance Prem	\$	17,485.17
TIF II Sheridan Crossing	\$	6,250.00
Skokie Highway TIF III	\$	850.00
Capital Project	\$	232,378.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>726,320.03</b>

**MOTION:**

**Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to pay the bills of Council Run 4/3/23 the amount of \$726,320.03 when funds available.**

Alderman January questioned to Interim Comptroller Tawanda 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 **\$5,991,472.57**.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: January

Absent: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS**

**VARIOUS CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

Alderman Evans announced to wear blue every Monday in April. He suggested to residents to contact the Community Partnership of Affordable Housing for housing assistance.

Alderman Jackson asked suggested that City offer a clean-up week; The Mayor stated he contacted LRS who said \$41,000 but thought it could be less expensive; working with Chief of Staff and Public Works Department.

Alderman Evans announced that the Driver License facility scheduled from **10 a.m.-2:00 p.m. April 22, 2023**

Alderman Mayfield informed the public of a Family Resource Fair, **April 15, 2023** at the Mosaic Center focusing on Grandparents and extended relatives raising children. She congratulated Officer Steve Roberts on 38 years of service

Alderman Smith discussed several openings in the Police & Fire Department and encouraged to spread the announcement.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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**Lori L. Collins**, City Clerk