

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023

**City of North Chicago
1850 Lewis Avenue, North Chicago, IL 60064**

Following City Council Meeting

**JUDICIARY
COMMITTEE MEETING**

7:35 PM

Alderman Jackson called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Murphy

Absent: Coleman, Smith, January

I. DISCUSSION AMENDING NUMBER – BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS:

Greg Jackson, Chief of Staff explained had collaborated with BFPC for enhancements needing a quorum and suggested approving an Ordinance to amending the number from **3** to **5**- member board commission.

This will be placed on the next **Council Agenda, November 20, 2023.**

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans that the Judiciary Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman, January

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING/ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023

7:38 PM

Alderman Smith called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Absent: Coleman, January

I. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED HOMELESS RESOURCE CENTER – 1919 SHERMAN AVENUE:

Greg Jackson, Chief of Staff explained existing building at **1919 Sherman Ave.** was previously Daisy's Resource **501C3** Center; the facility was closed several years and lost state funding and the Special Use Permit; currently zoned at **R3** – Single Family Home. The purpose was to discuss the proposed homeless resource center. The building at **1919 Sherman Ave.** would move proposal to accept or deny Item **I** to the Zoning Commission. The Executive Director and members were present.

Mr. Stacy Bullard, President/Chairman reviewed the slides and attachments explaining the Vision and Mission of the Company.

Alderman Jackson asked the view of the ward alderman on the project; Alderman Smith explained.

Alderman Allen questioned if any men with their children; Mr. Bullard stated the focus was on the targeted market of women with children at the time. Vice President, Lamonica Barrett added that men weren't included with women though not eliminated.

City Clerk, Lori Collins questioned facility across the street from the center; Mr. Bullard was very familiar with the Allendale facility; the homeless resource center was a 12-month program; collaborated with a chosen selective group supervised and controlled outside. She also asked if there was an evaluation of the neighborhood; Mr. Bullard explained was minimal houses and the goal was to alleviate any issues.

Mrs. Bullard explained the age requirement was **18 years** and older; their applicant screening process was from various organizations ensuring was the "right fit" for their center; they were responsible for them to be provided another facility. Alderman Evans questioned clarification of **24hrs.** how it was managed; Mr. Bullard clarified the program was understood as a commitment choice; there were many activities and scheduled field trips etc. The applicants needed to change their previous environment.

The Mayor questioned what county; Mrs. Bullard stated strictly from Lake County; he questioned funding; Mr. Bullard explained the 1st grant was for constructing and remodeling; there was a commitment to the second grant working out the details; goal was to open in **October 2024**. They were marked government funds issued for exact purposes.

Alderman Smith gave a scenario of leaving program in 6-month time with the center and number of hired employees; Ms. Barrett explained the applicant required commitment. Mr. Bullard explained a probation period; hopeful of selecting the correct applicants. There were **6**; a full-time police officers, someone to manage the facility and volunteers.

II. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CANNABIS DISPENSARY – 0 FAREWELL AVENUE (PIN 12-07-302-015):

Chief of Staff Jackson introduced a proposal from CanAFarm for dispensary and its location on Farwell Ave., A Special Use Permit application was needed and the organization team members were present.

Talvin White, Owner Licensee

Lavell Wynn, Operations Manager

Lamont Ivy and Reggie Boyson, Construction Consultants all from North Chicago

Mr. White explained he was a north Chicagoan, hoping to generate revenue with the City; he had multiple businesses within and preferred giving back to the community and essential partnerships. He Reviewed the blueprints of the building floor plan; would be collaborating with the North Chicago Police Department with on-site security.

Alderman Allen questioned clarification of the company goal. Mr. White explained to bring revenue and maintaining businesses in the City.

Treasurer, Vance Wyatt asked of their plans. Mr. White was willing if the state would allow him to open a transport business. Treasurer Wyatt recommended adopting an ordinance to remain competitive with local dispensaries.

Alderman Evans questioned their goal; Mr. White stated once council approved by **February of 2024**. The Mayor clarified were pros and cons with a cannabis dispensary; adding State of IL had legalized facilities allowed to operate and preferred generating additional revenue within the City. Mr. White added he was hoping for revenue from the naval base.

Alderman Murphy was in favor for revenue maintaining within and commented there were many other local facilities surrounding the city. She recalled the city had amended the ordinance accordingly when it became legalized. She was curious and concerned with any crime statistics. Attorney Eliza Solowiej explained there was no crime increase reported. Mr. White stated the bank would assume liability for armored vehicles.

II. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED GROCERY STORE – 1490 LEWIS AVENUE:

Chief of Staff Jackson explained there was no supported documentation or proposed owners weren't present for discussion of Item **II**.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson that Economic Development/Planning/Zoning Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman, January

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023
8:30 PM**

Alderman Jackson called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Absent: Coleman, January

I. DISCUSSION OF SHOTSPOTTER CONTRACT RENEWAL 3-YEAR EXTENSION:

Police Chief clarified reduced shootings since ShotSpotter. He had included the statistics and amount was budgeted and beyond.

This will be placed on the next **Council Agenda, November 20, 2023.**

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Smith that the Public Safety Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman, January

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

**FINANCE/AUDIT
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023
8:33 PM**

Alderman Allen called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy
Absent: Coleman, January

I. DISCUSSION OF TREASURER'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2023:

Treasurer, Vance Wyatt provided overview of the Treasurer's report for **September 2023**.

Treasurer Wyatt stated should exceed the record earnings at the end of **November 2023** from the previous year.

Alderman Jackson questioned numbers from Casino earnings; Treasurer Wyatt explained and exceeded earnings were also for the end of **October** month.

This will be placed on the next **Council Agenda, November 20, 2023**.

II. DISCUSSION OF 2023 PROPERTY TAX LEVY:

Comptroller, Tawanda Joyner discussed more of the Truth & Taxation for the **2023** Property Tax Levy. This would include reducing the expenditures.

A higher than **5%** increase would require a Public Hearing. The City has pledged to pay the Fire and Police Pension soon as possible. She suggested revenue from the Home Rule Sales Tax and the Casino to be applied towards the shortfall.

Treasurer Wyatt suggested applying cannabis revenue when able towards the **(2)** Pensions to offset their costs and reducing the General Funding amount.

Ms. Joyner explained the reason for the shortfall due to police pension though it was based on the funding policy that she was adhering to. No debt service for sale of Grant Place last year that was abated and it would be applicable this year with the Levy. Treasurer Wyatt clarified the discussion was more informational and the decreased asset value was controlled by the State of IL. Ms. Joyner added needed additional funding for reduced liability.

Item **II** will be placed on the next **Committee Agenda, November 20, 2023**, for further review.

Alderman Jackson moved, seconded by Alderman Evans that the Finance/Audit Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023

8:50 PM

Alderman Evans called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Absent: Coleman, January

I. DISCUSSION/REVIEW PROPOSAL FROM HUTCHINSON DESIGN GROUP LTD. FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT ROOFING, WINDOW REPLACEMENT & MASONRY RESTORATION PROJECT NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$150,000:

Engineer, Steve Cieslica explained previously performed study in year **2019**. The roofing project was last completed in the 3rd Phase in **1990**. It was advertised on the city website. There was a study performed on the building at the Water Treatment Plant for what was needed.

This will be placed on the next **Council Agenda, November 20, 2023**.

II. DISCUSSION/REVIEW PROPOSAL FROM CTW WELLS AND PUMPS FOR HIGH LIFT MOTOR MAINTENANCE PROJECT NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$30,147:

Received **3-4** solicits and **2** responded for basic maintenance of the CTW Wells and Pumps for the High Lift Motor Maintenance.

This will be placed on the next **Council Agenda, November 20, 2023**.

III. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF MEADE'S NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE RATE AGREEMENT AND ANY DAMAGES THAT MAY OCCUR THROUGHOUT THE YEAR IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000:

Bob Miller, Consulting Public Works Director explained Meade's new Traffic Signal Maintenance Rate Agreement and any damages that may occur throughout the Year.

The Mayor asked who shared the maintenance at Lewis and Audrey Nixon Blvd; Mr. Miller explained with Lake County and the State.

Alderman Smith questioned insurance for any damages that may occur; Mr. Miller was hopeful of the new insurance.

This will be placed on the next **Council Agenda, November 20, 2023**.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Smith that the Public Works Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman, January

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.