

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023

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

Following City Council Meeting

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

6:47 PM

Alderman Jackson called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Murphy

I. DISCUSSION FOR PURCHASE OF LUCKY SPIN (BUMI CHEUDERY) AT 1506 SHERIDAN RD:

The Mayor explained that Mr. Cheudery asked to purchase existing building at **1506** Sheridan Rd.

Mr. Bombra was assisting as the Business advisor for the potential owner. He provided his experience in retail and restaurant and he preferred it to remain as a Video Gaming Parlor.

Alderman January questioned clarification if the existing building to purchase was for purpose of Video Gaming; The Mayor acknowledged it was.

The Mayor explained if profitable with the video gaming, they would purchase the entire building with expanding to generate other businesses.

Alderman January preferred a sit-down restaurant with fine food. The Mayor stated would not be able to have a restaurant at that location due to inadequate space.

Mr. Bombra would prefer exploring more in North Chicago.

This item will be placed on the next **Council Agenda, March 6, 2023**

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield that Committee of the Whole stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Murphy

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Alderman January left after roll call at 6:54 p.m.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023

6:55 PM

Alderman Jackson called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith

Absent: Murphy, January

I. DISCUSSION OF LALUZERNE & SMITH LTD; - FEE ADJUSTMENT REQUEST FOR CITY PROSECUTION SERVICES:

Prosecuting Attorney, Attorney LaLuzerne & Smith LTD, requested a fee adjustment for his services. The prosecution fee would be **\$140** and non-prosecution services **\$185**.

Alderman Allen had questions/concerns why the increase; Attorney LaLuzerne & Smith LTD explained.

The Mayor clarified that the firm had been a standing law office with the City; he suggested from **\$125** to **\$140** to show verification for increase of prosecution services and remained **\$185** for non-prosecution cases. Attorney LaLuzerne stated would send a revised fee letter to the Mayor.

Alderman Evans questioned clarification of their firm working with Ancel Glink; Attorney LaLuzerne explained not currently with them jointly since **2016**. It involved other municipalities if any conflict arised etc. they would reach out to their firm; LaLuzerne & Smith Ltd.

This item will be placed on the next **Council Agenda, March 6, 2023**.

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Smith that Judiciary Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith

Nays: None

Absent: Murphy, January

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023

7:06 PM

Alderman Mayfield called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith

Absent: Murphy, January

I. DISCUSSION OF FINANCE/AUDIT DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:

Tawanda Joyner, Interim Comptroller provided overview of the Finance/Audit Monthly Report. Current grass maintenance season- has stopped until the new season; increase in **December; 6%** increase in residential water use; industrial; reduced usage and dollar amount and Commercial use was the same as industrial.

The Mayor questioned the City's portion of money from Waukegan casino; Ms. Joyner explained.

II. DISCUSSION TO PURCHASE NETWRIX AUDIT SOFTWARE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,749.56

Chris Franco, IT Network Administrator calculated amount to **\$4,614** annually for audit software.

III. DISCUSSION OF FIRE FUNDING AND POLICE PENSION POLICIES:

Ms. Joyner explained the Fire and Police Funding policies.

This item will be placed on the next **Council Agenda, March 6, 2023.**

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith

Nays: None

Absent: Murphy, January

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023

7:29 PM

Alderman Allen called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith

Absent: Murphy, January

I. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:

Robert Freeman, Public Works Supervisor provided the overview of the department monthly report.

Alderman Smith left at 7:30 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION OF WATER DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:

Bob Miller, Consulting Public Works Director provided detailed Water Department Monthly Report

Alderman Smith returned at 7:34 p.m.

Alderman Allen asked if the leaking line was repaired; Mr. Miller explained.

III. DISCUSSION OF ENGINEER MONTHLY REPORT:

City Engineer Steve Cieslica provided overview of the monthly report noting that 16th St. and Kemble Ave. were out to bid.

The Mayor asked if they are reviewing the hazardous sidewalks; Mr. Cieslica had noticed a few.

IV. DISCUSSION OF TAI WORK ORDER NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$47,900 TO PREPARE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT PLANNING REPORT:

The Lake County current project review was the storm water; \$2.75 mil; discussed the DECO Grant;

V. DISCUSSION OF TAI WORK ORDER NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$372,000 FOR THE DESIGN OF LEWIS AVENUE DETENTION BASIN PROJECT:

There was discussion of a work order not to exceed amount of \$372,000 for the design of Lewis Avenue Detention Basin Project.

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield that Public Works Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith

Nays: None

Absent: Murphy, January

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023

7:59 PM

Alderman Evans called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith

Absent: Murphy, January

I. DISCUSSION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:

Police Chief, Lazaro Perez provided review of the Police Department Monthly Report; he announced the retirement of both Officers Mejia and Marquardt.

II. DISCUSSION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:

Fire Chief, John Umek provided overview of the Fire Department Monthly Report.

Alderman Jackson left at 8:10 p.m.

III. DISCUSSION FOR PURCHASE OF (1) NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINE:

Fire Chief, John Umek explained the need of a new fire engine; request to replace the former **32** year-old one serviced since **1991**; approved in the **2025** budget. He acquired **(3)** quotes and preferred the Company Sutphen as the lowest bid. He explained the engine that included a Sutphen heavy duty custom pumper **(S)** complete and delivered for the total sum of **\$861,413.49**. It had non-proprietary parts, pricing and their customer service. It was needed before **March 15, 2023** and following; **\$70,000** increase.

Alderman Allen inquired if Fire Chief had sought a grant; Chief Umek clarified there was nothing for a fire engine and would be seeking a low interest loan approved by the Fire Marshal.

Alderman Smith asked when he would be able to start seeking for a loan; Chief Umek explained required to be selected by the Fire Marshal.

This will be placed on the next **Council Agenda, March 6, 2023**.

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith

Nays: None

Absent: Jackson, Murphy, January

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING/ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

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8:14 PM

Alderman Smith called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith

Absent: Murphy, January

I. DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING/ZONING DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:

Victor Barrera, Economic & Community Director provided overview of the Economic Development/Planning/Zoning Department Monthly Report. The demos are estimated **75%** complete. Mr. Barrera mentioned had discussion with the developer Bill Shiner concerning southwest corner of Rt. **41** and Buckley Rd. for a Starbucks franchise; he was a family friend of the original owner, Mr. Kaplan who had passed recently. He had spoken with Starbucks concerning a lease for remediation and development costs; attempted a need for a cross-access easement south of the site; IDOT has preliminarily approved a cross-access easement on Skokie Highway. There was a building permit north of the area for a diner and video gaming; expected completion date by **September 2023**.

Alderman Allen asked if Mr. Barrera had visited any businesses in the community within the last few months; Mr. Barrera stated only with the Full Moon owner. Alderman Allen had concerns with BS&A contracted company to reduce less time for him. Concerned with no development from last year.

Mr. Barrera stated had a meeting with BS&A concerning the department policies; permitting process and following work be able to work with the modules etc. The training commences **April 24, 2023**.

He and Police Chief, Lazaro Perez would be jointly visiting businesses that would be scheduled and budgeted accordingly.

Alderman Allen indicated George's Fresh Market was closed; there was money invested in their business. Mr. Barrera stated it was on and off hours. There was a scheduled auction that was cancelled.

Alderman Smith questioned consistency issue with the business hours; asked Mr. Barrera if he could visit the business with status information sent to the Aldermen; acknowledged he would.

II. DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO, ILLINOIS REALLOCATING 2023 VOLUME CAP TO THE VILLAGE OF BUFFALO GROVE, ILLNOIS:

Mr. Barrera explained was an annual process and it was due. That amount of **\$3.6** million would be allocated to Village of Buffalo Grove, IL.

III. DISCUSSION OF ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FROM B-2 (GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT) TO R3 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) AT 730 BROADWAY:

City Planner Nimrod discussed the Zoning Map Amendment from **B2** – General Business District to **R3** –Single Family Residential located at **730** Broadway Avenue. This would be rezoned prior to the property acquisition. There would be new homes on the roadway.

IV. DISCUSSION OF TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE NORTH CHICAGO ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING VARIETY OF PARKING REGULATIONS:

There had been parking issue; discussion of Text Amendment concerning variety of parking regulations. It would allow more for design language flexibility. There were rules to the entrance points.

Alderman Evans questioned area of Glenn Dr. & Commonwealth Ave. parking on unpaved areas. Suggested if it could be paved; Mr. Warda explained the City's benefit to be paved selectively and his department wasn't budgeted for improvement plans currently.

V. DISCUSSION OF 2023 CDBG PROGRAM FUNDING – PUBLIC SERVICES:

The RAC reviewed the applications and percentages upon the scores. Youthbuild had the highest % of residents in their program; PADS had a high demand and high debt amount.

VI. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL SURPLUS REAL ESTATE AND RESCINDING PREVIOUS DECLARATION:

Mr. Warda had discussion of potential surplus real estate; naming property names; **0** West Birchwood Ave., recommended declaring surplus and redevelopment; **1420** Lewis Ave formerly Jewel grocery; future plans disposing to rightful owner southbound.

Alderman Allen questioned clarification; Mr. Warda explained suggested disposing property next to **1420** Lewis; Alderman Smith questioned how it was acquired. Mr. Warda stated was approved for a subdivision of Family Dollar and now declared it surplus. Mr. Warda explained **0** South Greenfield Ave. to be declared surplus and requested to remove **1635** Sheridan Rd. from surplus list since it would be utilized for public improvement and expanding the water system at this time.

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith

Nays: None

Absent: Murphy, January

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

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8:47 PM

Alderman Jackson, Vice Chair called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith

Absent: Murphy, January

I. DISCUSSION OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:

Human Resources Director Liz Black provided overview of the Human Resources Department Monthly Report. Training Leadership continuing with Department Heads; 2 Workers Comp and Liability claims; Commencing Collective Bargaining with IAFF and OSHA training with Public Works.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Smith that Human Resources Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Smith

Nays: None

Absent: Murphy, January

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.