

**City of North Chicago**  
**1850 Lewis Avenue, North Chicago, IL 60064**  
Following City Council Meeting  
**FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023**

**6:33 PM**

Alderman Mayfield called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: None

**I. DISCUSSION OF TREASURER’S REPORT – JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2023:**

Treasurer Vance Wyatt provided Treasurer’s report for **January** and **February 2023**.

**January:** Ending balance of all funds was amount of **\$41,207,416.66**; an increase of **3.143** due to Congress failing to increase the debt ceiling and a deal unlikely happening in the near future;  
The Treasurer will review the **29.972%**, along with the U.S. Treasuries and U.S. Agencies.

**February:** Ending balance of all funds was amount of **\$39,633,967.89**; a decrease of **3.79%**.  
The main decrease in the investments was due to U.S. Treasuries and U.S. Agencies.

The new city investment policy increased the collateralization from **100** to **102%** of deposits on hand.

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

# HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

**MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023**

**6:38 PM**

Alderman Murphy called the meeting to order.

## ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: January

## **I. DISCUSSION OF PSEBA (PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ACT) ORDINANCE:**

Attorney Simon discussed the ordinance. He provided option of an appeal.

Alderman Evans asked for clarification process; Human Resources Director Elizabeth Black clarified the Ordinance was specifically for the Public Safety Employees (Fire & Police). Alderman Evans questioned why other employees were denied; Attorney Simon explained that there were IMRF rules to be followed exclusively with Safety Employees.

The Mayor asked the number of employees affected; Mrs. Black explained was under **10** individuals. The Spouse and children could also covered. Attorney Simon clarified the children would be covered until **25** years of age.

This item would be placed on the Next **Council Agenda, April 17, 2023.**

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

## ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

# **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023**

**6:48 PM**

Alderman Allen called the meeting to order.

## **ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: January

### **I. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF NORTH CHICAGO METRA INTERIOR RENOVATION PROJECT NOT TO EXCEED \$85,000 INCLUDING ANY CHANGE ORDERS:**

Consulting Public Works Director, Bob Miller explained the North Chicago Metra Interior Renovation Project. The outside project and now the interior. It was **Not to Exceed \$85,000** including any change orders.

### **II. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF NCPD RENOVATION OF SMALL MEN'S RESTROOM AND PAINT COMMON HALLWAYS AND DOOR IN INVESTIGATIONS AND POLICE HALLWAYS; (3) BIDS; ILLINOIS BUILDERS; \$24,000, TOWNSEND CONSTRUCTION; \$19,280 – RICK HELM BUILDERS AND REMODELERS; \$31,000:**

Mr. Miller discussed the various project with bid proposal amounts; Townsend Construction cost for NCPD project was lowest bid of **\$19,280**.

### **III. DISCUSSION/REVIEW – CONSIDERATION TO BID ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR RENOVATION OF NCPD WOMAN'S LOCKER ROOM AND OLD DISPATCH CENTER:**

Mr. Miller explained the cost for renovation of NCPD women's locker room and former Dispatch Center was by Interwork **Not to Exceed \$20,000**. Mr. Miller explained was to bid architectural services.

### **IV. DISCUSSION/REVIEW FACILITIES JANITORIAL CLEANING CONTRACT RENEWAL – PLUS CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000:**

Mr. Miller explained/decided with the same company, Crystal Maintenance in Amount **Not to Exceed \$75,000**:

Attorney Simon questioned the contract time period explained that bids needed to be waived. Alderman Smith asked for a 3-year contract with the same amount; Mr. Miller explained needed to follow the bid procedures.

Mr. Chirikos explained the owner agreed to secure the same price for another year and after an increase of **3-4%**.

### **V. DISCUSSION/REVIEW CINTAS CONTRACT RENEWAL NOT TO EXCEED \$82,400:**

Mr. Miller explained Cintas; first-aid kits, carpets and uniforms contract renewal for year of **2023. Not to Exceed \$82,400**. Alderman Smith questioned last year's price; Mr Miller would provide the amount to him; Alderman Murphy recalled price of **\$80,000**.

Attorney Simon question if it included all departments; Mr. Miller acknowledged it did. He clarified it was a 3-year contract.

**VI. DISCUSSION TO PURCHASE A 2023 DROP DECK TRAILER FROM BURRIS THROUGH SOURCEWELL IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,000:**

Mr. Miller was proposing to purchase a **2023** Drop Deck Trailer from Burris through Sourcewell **Not to Exceed \$12,000**. Was needed to hall the mini-excavator.

**VII. DISCUSSION OF A PURCHASE PRICE UPGRADE FOR A 2023 FORD F-550 IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$189,000:**

Mr. Miller clarified was already approved, described as an aerial truck, ordered in **2022** and the amount was **Not to exceed \$185,000**. Because of backorder the cost has gone up.

Alderman Jackson questioned clarification with time and increased price; Mr. Miller explained.

Attorney Simon explained the issue unable to obtain the items; experiencing supply chain disruption.

**VIII. DISCUSSION TO PURCHASE (2) SNOW PLOW TRUCKS THROUGH ENTERPRISE IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$315,000:**

Mr. Miller explained that 2 trucks were ordered last year, cancelled and was notified the trucks were to be built and hopefully delivered **October or November 2023**; to be serviced in year of **2025**. It was factored into the Public Works Budget.

Alderman Smith questioned locking in the price; Mr. Miller he was incapable.

**IX. DISCUSSION/REVIEW THE FY 2024 PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT VENDOR LIST AND NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNTS:**

Mr. Miller noted a few changes; composed of 4 components: streets, sewer & water, water treatment plant and facilities; noted **pg. 4 \$40,000** amount corrected; **pg.3** duplication of **\$20,000**; adding Hock Equipment; **\$20,000**; Crystal Maintenance Plus; **\$75,000**.

The Mayor stated noted a forklift company locally in North Chicago; **pg.4** under category of water; Mr. Miller clarified wasn't required in any company. Alderman Allen added **pg 3**; Val's Towing and said there tire shops in North Chicago, including North Chicago Auto; he supported local businesses within the community and the need of viewing the current business list. Mr. Miller noted **pg. 7**; correction from **\$70,000** to **\$75,000**.

Alderman Jackson asked for a cleaner copy with the corrections; Mr. Miller acknowledged would be.

**X. DISCUSSION/REVIEW TAI WORK ORDER FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES:**

City Engineer Steve Cieslica explained the TAI work order for construction services of 16<sup>th</sup> St. & Kemble Avenue Transmission Main agreement. He stated that there was bid opening the prior week, the bids were higher than anticipated; estimated \$8.2 million and bid came in at \$8.9 million. Working with IEPA to see about moving forward.

Alderman Allen clarified the amount; Mr. Cieslica stated that there was a 2 step process for the construction of that project. Trotter Associates Inc. service fee was \$787,000 and was in the budget. It was an IEPA low interest loan; thought \$9.2 mil was the set loan amount which included engineering to date including construction services, 1.29% in principal forgiveness. The loan can be for 20 years or 30 years which the City had not decided yet.

Mayor Rockingham asked that Mr. Cieslica explain the project to the residents. Mr. Cieslica gave briefing of the project to start after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July explaining that the tie-ins of the water mains would be increased. It would increase the water pressure and create a better flow, the system would be completely tied together. Alderman Allen asked the anticipated completion date; Mr. Cieslica said November the following year. The lines near the high school would be done after school is out and not during the winter months. The streets involved would also be improved.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING/ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023

7:22 PM

Alderman Smith called the meeting to order.

## ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: January

## **I. DISCUSSION OF THE DEIGAN GROUP – PROPOSAL/AGREEMENT RENEWAL:**

City Planner Nimrod Warda explained the Proposal/Agreement Renewal; he stated there was no timeline, it was for work to be conducted. Mainly informative, the approved contract was for **\$82,500**, still an ongoing contract; they had to renew the insurance, which was received. This was Sheridan Crossing IEPA Project. Alderman Allen asked if the cost was part of a grant; Mr. Warda was not sure. Mayor Rockingham explained the grant of \$4,000,000 was specifically for clean-up; working on additional funding. Interim Chief of Staff Dave Kilbane estimated cost to clean-up the site was approximately \$5 - \$5.5 mil, additionally \$2 mil for IEPA site.

Alderman Evans questioned the progress at the site; there was supposed to be development already. Mayor Rockingham explained that the IEPA no longer would adhere to the 2011 letter of approval to build on the site; it is now required to clean the entire site prior to development. Alderman Evans asked if the site was never cleaned before how was it going to be developed. Attorney Simon explained the letter approved for building as long as certain rules were followed; nothing was built during that time. The City thought that the letter was still valid.

Mayor Rockingham elaborated that the letter approved for a cap of the contamination. The new requirement is to remove all the footing and material under the floor, inflating the cost. Alderman Evans emphasized that it was 12 years later and surrounding communities are continuing to build; when is the City start building. Mayor Rockingham said approximately \$5.5 million grant monies already approved.

Mr. Warda said the City has been working on the site. If there was movement prior there might be limitations not; with the full clean-up there can be development as the City chose, now and future. Mayor Rockingham said there is no limitation as to what could be built there now that it would be a full clean-up and not a cap, including residential.

Alderman Smith asked who was responsible for finding more grant funds; Mayor said himself, Chief of Staff and Economic Development. Alderman Smith suggested a lobbyist.

Mr. Warda said there was no action needed to be taken on the agreement.

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

## ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

# **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023**

**7:39 PM**

Alderman Evans called the meeting to order.

## **ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: January

## **I. DISCUSSION OF AGREEMENT WITH ABBVIE TO PROVIDE POLICE SERVICES:**

Police Chief Lazaro Perez explained the agreement with Abbvie. The rate to approve was \$75 per hour

Alderman Murphy expressed concern with liability while off-duty if available; Chief Perez explained that it would still be part of the City's Worker's Comp. Chief Perez elaborated that the rate could not increase for another year; Mayor Rockingham suggested to raise the rate at that time.

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

## **ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

# **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023**

**7:42 PM**

Mayor Rockingham, Jr., called the meeting to order.

## **ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: January

### **I. DISCUSSION OF ANTHONY MCINTYRE DONATION REQUEST FOR “A SALUTE TO HIDDEN TREASURES” GALA:**

Mr. McIntyre explained the Antmound Foundation and requested a donation for the first annual “Salute to the Invisible Treasures. The event would highlight individuals that work in the community and their value as a treasure; would give an award in 4 different categories.

Mayor Rockingham explained that the Donation Policy was in discussion therefore the Council’s prerogative to approve current donation

### **II. DISCUSSION OF GP LIQUOR LICENSE AND GAMING REQUEST FROM SPIROS PSIHOS, 2851 FRONTENAC ST:**

Mayor Rockingham clarified the request; Representative Attorney of Mr. Psihos explained the request was for a full liquor license. Attorney Simon clarified the purchase of the liquor would be on premises only; Mr. Psihos Attorney agreed. The hours of operation would be limited. It would be a bar & grill atmosphere. Mr. Psihos explained the capacity would be 28 people.

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

## **MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

**Alderman January was absent.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.