

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023**

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

**Following City Council Meeting**

**HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**8:22 PM**

Alderman Dona Murphy called the meeting to order

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Smith, Murphy

Absent: Allen, January

**I. DISCUSSION OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:**

Liz Black, Human Resources Director provided overview of the department monthly report.

No workers compensation reported; (3) New liability claims; reviewing overtime issues through paylocity; commencing negotiations with IAFF (Illinois Association of Firefighters) and explained a wellness program.

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson that Human Resources stand adjourned.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Smith, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: Allen, January

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

# FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

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8:24 PM

Alderman Mayfield called the meeting to order.

## ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Smith, Murphy

Absent: Allen, January

### **I. DISCUSSION OF INTERIM COMPTROLLER, TAWANDA JOYNER:**

Alderman Mayfield commented that she doing a great job and was looking forward to working with Ms. Joyner.

### **II. DISCUSSION AMENDING THE AGREEMENT WITH COMPREHENSIVE TTP LLC:**

Chief of Staff, Dave Kilbane explained the amended agreement with Mr. Peterson; Comprehensive TTP LLC. It would offer more high level technical support and additional finance services

Alderman Jackson asked if it was re-negotiable with the vendor; Mr. Kilbane acknowledged it was and re-opened the contract according to council.

Alderman Jackson requested the same.

### **III. DISCUSSION OF FINANCE/AUDIT DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:**

Assistant Comptroller, Tawanda Joyner provided overview of the Finance/Audit Department Monthly Report; Travel & Training expenses for Aldermanic and Mayoral; received state check; **\$636,023.90**

from 1 mil grant issued for council chambers remodel and City's roof.

### **IV. DISCUSSION OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER FOR TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Alderman Mayfield mentioned there would be only November Treasurer's Report for discussion; she mentioned there wasn't enough documents received for the month of December.

Treasurer, Vance Wyatt provided overview of the Treasurer's Report; date correction to reflect **November 30, 2022** and summary of all banks accounts; city investments by accounts; **(3)** bonds matured; according to new investment policy, there was a not to exceed amount; itemized by investment categories; multi-tax received from State of IL funds that were arriving **October 2022** and city received in **December 2022**;

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

## ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Smith, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: Allen, January

The Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

# **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023**

**8:40 PM**

Vice Chair, Alderman Kenneth Smith called the meeting to order.

## **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Smith, Murphy

Absent: Allen, January

### **I. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:**

Public Works Superintendent, Tommy Johnson provided overview of the Public Works Department Monthly Report; reporting (6) water main breaks last month; repairing potholes in alleys and streets; first mild snow event; addressed fly dumps; continuing moving dead trees throughout the City; and repaired the (6) water main breaks.

Alderman Smith questioned if water entered the home from a water main break; Mr. Johnson explained could submit a claim to the City Insurance.

### **II. DISCUSSION OF WATER DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:**

Consulting Public Works Director, Bob Miller provided overview of the Water Department Monthly Report. Also seeking authorization to bid for WTP (Water Treatment Plant) Intake Valve Vault Repairs. He mentioned the Chlorine lines were scheduled for repair and the (4) High lift pumps as well at the water plant.

### **III. DISCUSSION OF ENGINEER MONTHLY REPORT:**

City Engineer, Steve Cieslica provided overview of the Engineer Monthly Report;

Mr. Cieslica explained the biddings for Sanitary Storm and Sewer cleaning were scheduled its completion by end of Fiscal Year; the contract allowed language for the contractors; CDBG Sewer Line project was out for bid.

### **IV. DISCUSSION TO SEEK AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLICLY ADVERTISE/BID – THE WTP INTAKE VALVE VAULT REPAIRS:**

Mr. Cieslica explained was seeking authorization to publicly advertise bid for WTP intake valve vault repairs; rebuilding structure on top of it matching with existing water plant. A large project and assisting with the water flow. He was working on the budget.

### **V. DISCUSSION TO SEEK AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLICLY ADVERTISE/BID – THE 16<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND KEMBLE AVE. WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN PROJECT:**

Mr. Cieslica explained was seeking authorization to publicly advertise bid for 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Kemble Ave. Water Transmission Main Project. It was a large project and it would assist in the water flow for any fires. It was similar to Dickey Avenue project; they would be grinding and resurfacing the roads; repairing the sidewalks and curbs.

**VI. DISCUSSION TO SEEK AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR RAISE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE SHERIDAN ROAD CORRIDOR PHASE I ENGINEERING PROJECT WITH THE CITY OF WAUKEGAN:**

Mr. Cieslica explained was seeking authorization to apply to raise grant application for Sheridan Rd. Corridor Phase I Engineering Project with the City of Waukegan. Would be partnering with City of Waukegan with funding for feasibility study for Sheridan Rd. Corridor. He elaborated further with the project. He asked and received authorization to bid from Council.

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Smith, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: Allen, January

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING/ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023

8:56 PM

Alderman Smith called the meeting to order.

## ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Smith, Murphy

Absent: Allen, January

**Alderman Murphy left at 8:56 p.m.**

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

Victor Barrera, Economic & Community Director provided overview of Department Monthly Report. Mr. Barrera provided list of demolitions since 2017 with property addresses; (42) have been completed; (5) Demo by Property Owner; (2) of 37 are pending; (4) were tentative to Rickey Rockets; (1) from Neal Math & Science Academy; (12) Rehabs were completed, list pg. 7 under progress.

### **II. DISCUSSION OF CLEAR CHANNEL OUTDOOR – SIGN VARIANCES:**

Mr. Barrera explained south of Full Moon was proposing to switch to a digital sign. They needed to conform with the sign regulations and necessary variance.

### **III. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC AUCTION – SURPLUS BD OPENING – 1809 AUDREY NIXON BLVD. AND 0 AUDREY NIXON BLVD. (PINS 08-32-402-043 AND 08-32-402-044):**

Nimrod Warda, City Planner had reported only one bid received for 1809 Audrey Nixon Blvd; \$5,100 and 0 Audrey Nixon Blvd. from Matthew 519 LLC (Renew Communities).

Alderman Evans questioned how residents were aware of the properties for bid; Mr. Warda explained was placed in the newspaper (3 cycles) and on the city website. He reached out to the initial party; J.J. Holmes and he elected not to place a bid.

### **IV. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC AUCTION – SURPLUS PROPERTY BID OPENING – 730 BROADWAY AVENUE (PIN 12-04-106-016):**

There was (1) bid received for 730 Broadway Ave; \$2,550 from Matthew 519 LLC.

**Alderman Murphy returned at 9:03 p.m.**

### **V. DISCUSSION OF CDBG CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RESIDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE) UPDATE:**

Mr. Warda stated it was proposed to change name of CDBG Citizens Advisory Committee to (Resident Advisory Committee.) Mr. Warda clarified there was no distinction of the (2) Committees. The requirements as a member; Resident or Associated Business Owner for the City; It would require to update the guidelines. There was (2) openings ; He announced scheduled dates; formally approval for the change or name and official date February 06, 2023 and February 8<sup>th</sup> as the first Committee Meeting with new name of Resident Advisory Committee.

Alderman Jackson questioned clarification of (2) open positions; Mr. Warda acknowledged there was.

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Smith, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: Allen, January

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

# **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023**

**9:08 PM**

Alderman Evans called the meeting to order.

## **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Smith, Murphy

Absent: Allen, January

### **I. DISCUSSION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:**

Police Chief, Lazaro Perez provided overview of Department Monthly Report; there was not mechanism in Lake County to share issue with Gang violence; there would be monthly meetings held with other municipalities on the issue hopeful of the following month. Included would be the officers trained as gang specialist. It would be beneficial to the City and throughout.

### **II. DISCUSSION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:**

Fire Chief, John Umek provided overview of Department Monthly Report; **74%** of **220** calls were rescue; calls year to date were **3068** calls and training revue.

### **III. DISCUSSION OF DISPOSAL/DONATION OF EXPIRED FIREFIGHTER TURN-OUT GEAR:**

Fire Chief Umek explained disposal/donation of expired firefighter turn-out gear. There were (15) expired for sets for surplus College of Lake County sparked interest in donation of the equipment. Effectively following the Ordinance for surplus equipment.

### **IV. DISCUSSION OF AN ORDINANCE IN THE CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO AMENDING TITLE 4; CHAPTER 11; (FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE LICENSE FEE BOARD)**

Fire Chief Umek discussed ordinance amending Title 4; Chapter 1; (Foreign Fire Insurance License Fee Board, drafted by City Attorney with mirrored amendments.

Attorney Simon explained the amendment that the General Assembly adopted a state law in year of **2022** that revised it accordingly to confirm to state law amendments. Noted the rate was unchanged.

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy that Public Safety Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

## **ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Smith, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: Allen, January

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023**  
**9:15 PM**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Smith, Murphy

Absent: Allen, January

**I. DISCUSSION OF “JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY”:**

The Mayor informed the Council of another recognized City Holiday; he asked that it was officially approved and directed it to legal.

Attorney Simon explained it was to be specified in the employee manual and Collective Bargaining Unit; the Calendar already allowed for the Juneteenth Holiday. The Mayor clarified was a National Holiday (Federal).

Alderman Murphy agreed to add it correctly. Mayor acknowledged.

This will be placed on the next **Council Agenda, February 06, 2023**

**II. DISCUSSION – RECOGNITION OF DYSHAWN GALES, SOUTH DEKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL; NCAA 2022 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS:**  
**UNAVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSION**

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

**MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

**Alderman Allen and January were absent.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.



