

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, April 1, 2024, at 6:01 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, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy, January

Absent: None

4-1 Proclamation Certificate Presentation to Brian E. Smith II, 1st Place Champion in the 1-A Division 400m Dash for the State of Illinois

City Clerk Lori L. Collins read the proclamation and Mayor Rockingham presented.

Mayor Rockingham asked Mr. Smith (high school junior) for details of the race. Mr. Smith won 1st of over 400 participants, he said there were several higher ranked runners which he beat. Mayor Rockingham gave words of encouragement for his future endeavors and noted that he could achieve anything he set out to do.

Alderman Murphy congratulated Mr. Smith and thanked him for doing North Chicago and the 6th Ward proud.

V. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

5-1 Approval of Minutes for Regular Council Meeting, **March 18, 2024**

5-2 Approval of Standing Committee Meeting Minutes, **March 18, 2024**

5-3 Approval of Treasurer's Report – **February 2024**

5-4 Approval of Contract with Health Endeavors – Fire Department Annual Physicals **Not to Exceed \$12,835 – FY25**

5-5 Approval of Contract with On Time Embroidery, Inc. DBA Unique Apparel Solutions for Outfitting of Fire Department Issued Uniforms and Safety Boots **Not to Exceed \$19,800 – FY25**

5-6 Approval of 1-year Time Extension for M.E. Simpson for Calibration of Large Water Meters Project

5-7 Approval of Security Cameras for City of North Chicago in Amount of **\$250,000** Reimbursable Grant Funding

5-8 Approval of Resolution for CDBG Program Funding Allocation

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marian Scott

Citizen and resident in North Chicago for over 40 years. She received parking tickets in her driveway (her property and in front of her garage) at 3:41 a.m. the ticket was for parking adjacent to the sidewalk. Mayor Rockingham directed that she discusses with Assistant Police Chief Gary Lunn to handle the situation.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TRANSFORMING THE GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE RIVER BASIN INTO A THRIVING BLUE-GREEN ECONOMIC COORIDOR WHILE SAFEGUARDING OUR FRESHWATER RESOURCES

Alderman Evans moved, seconded Alderman Allen to approve Resolution Transforming the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin into a thriving Blue-Green economic corridor while safeguarding our freshwater resources.

Mayor Rockingham noted that he was a member of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Board and the resolution would be presented at meeting in May, Montreal Canada.

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE POLICY

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the Elected Officials Technology Resource Policy.

Alderman Jackson asked for clarification of sections 1-3 effect on the Elected Officials. Attorney Silverman suggested adopting as presented which incorporates the amendments. Alderman Jackson questioned what fund monies would be withdrawn. Mayor Rockingham thought it to be from the already budgeted \$9,000; Attorney Silverman said it was not specific in the policy but does say part of budget and appropriation. There was flexibility to determine where it would come from.

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

General Corporate Fund	\$	333,993.05
General Grnats Fund	\$	15,581.70
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$	116,669.27
CDBG Fund	\$	244,405.20
Federal Forfeiture Fund	\$	700.00
State Seizure Fund	\$	3,000.00
Capital Projects Fund	\$	30,667.73
Water, Sewer & Refuse Fund	\$	284,358.32
Retiree Premium Funds	\$	14,590.90
Library Fund	\$	6,600.23
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TOTAL	\$	1,050,566.40
 SPECIAL RUN		
General Fund	\$	1,758.40
Federal Forfeiture Fund	\$	4,200.00
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TOTAL	\$	5,958.40

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to pay the bills of Council Run 04/01/24 the amount of **\$1,056,524.80 (inclusive of Special Run)** when funds become available.

Alderman January asked Comptroller Tawanda Joyner if there were sufficient funds, when checks would be cut and sent, also amount in Water Fund. Ms. Joyner said funds were available, checks would be cut the following day and sent Wednesday; the amount in the Water Fund as of Thursday was **\$9,164,287.76**.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: Coleman, January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

VARIOUS CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

* Alderman January questioned Assistant Police Chief Gary Lunn on many vehicle break-in and theft incidents in the 7th Ward between midnight and 4 am. Chief Lunn was hopeful of Neighborhood Watch and explained that the Police Department was working with State's Attorney office and Waukegan to assist with the process of capturing the criminals because much of the problem is coming from other areas. The addition of a mobile camera system would also help, there was a meeting to be held with Hunt Group Housing concerning the matter.

* Alderman Smith announced that the 5th Ward Meeting was awesome and thanked all that attended.

- * Alderman Allen requested that there be a Resolution for Dave's Barbershop and Frank's Lounge on April 15th Council for have businesses in North Chicago for 60+ years.
- * Alderman Evans announced 3rd Ward Meeting and Fashion Show April 20th, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Foss Park Community Center.
- * Mayor Rockingham hoped all had a Happy Good Friday and Easter. He suggested the consideration of limiting fingerprinting for business owners if the owner had not changed. He felt once fingerprinted it was unnecessary to require it to be done annually although backgrounds should remain an annual requirement. Also, the possibility of allowing fingerprints to be allowed at other police departments.

Alderman January asked the attorney state law/requirements, she noted that her profession (RN) only required background checks every 2 years and agreed that if already fingerprinted no need to repeat.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9-1 EXECUTIVE SESSION 5 ILCS 120 2 (c)(12) – ESTABLISHMENT OF RESERVES OR SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman January to suspend the Regular Order of Business to Executive Session 5 ILCS 120 2 (c)(12) – Establishment of Reserves or Settlement of Claims at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to reconvene the Regular Order of Business at 6:48 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins, City Clerk