

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024**

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

Following City Council Meeting

**PUBLIC WORKS  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**6:40 PM**

Vice Chair, Alderman Smith called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Jackson, Coleman, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Absent: Evans, January

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

Public Works Superintendent Clarence (Tommy) Johnson provided an overview of the monthly report. He explained placed sidewalks on **10<sup>th</sup>** St.; removed trees and replaced damaged signs in the **1<sup>st</sup>** Ward; **(6)** new employees starting for water treatment certification; installed **2<sup>nd</sup>** weather station on Sheridan Rd.

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

**There was no discussion.**

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

**There was no discussion.**

**IV. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF STP (SERVICE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM) PROJECTS AND FUNDING APPLICATIONS:**

Attorney Simon questioned clarification of the acronym; Engineer Steve Cieslica explained it should reflect STP (Surface Transportation Program).

Engineer Steve Cieslica explained the topic was informative for Council members; IL grant program for North Chicago; **Phase I** Argonne project was complete; **\$1.34 million** in STP grant funding Broadway Ave. & Argonne Dr. to **2027 \$12.53** million designated for rebuilding of Argonne Dr. and Natoma rebuild; **\$16.7 million** funding for estimation of **\$20 million** Project; reapplied for additional streets; **\$4.2 million** in STP funding for remaining streets; Green Bay-Argonne Dr. intersection, Sheridan Rd, Dugdale Ave., 10th Street, Jackson St. from 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> St., Jackson from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to Broadway Ave., mainly for STP funding; **\$1 million** per project if eligible for funding. It was questionable with the smaller resurfacing project. The City would be placed on a contingency list from other municipalities.

Alderman Allen questioned clarification of curbing with the streets and its expense. Mr. Cieslica stated had applied for funding.

Alderman Smith questioned Victoria Ave. status; Mr. Cieslica explained a temporary patching was complete and currently starting the watermain project from Victoria to 16<sup>th</sup> St. and weather permitting would commence in **February** thru **March 2024** replacing the lead lines.

Alderman Coleman asked if the City could request Argonne Dr. last block of Natoma Ave; Mr. Cieslica stated would need additional federal funding for completion of street and a separate project. **16<sup>th</sup>** St. was in the process of being redone and sidewalks needed repair and if it was on the list; Mr. Cieslica explained was replacing much of the sidewalk on **16<sup>th</sup>** St. It was budgeted accordingly.

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: Evans, January

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

# **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING/ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**JANUARY 16, 2024**

**6:58 PM**

Alderman Smith called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Jackson, Coleman, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Absent: Evans, January

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

**There was no discussion.**

**II. DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT TO SAFEBUILT AGREEMENT:**

Economic & Community Development Director Taylor Wegrzyn explained were in the last step for SafeBuilt Agreement Amendment in consolidating to one contract.

Alderman Allen questioned clarification of the Building Code Enforcers; Mr. Wegrzyn explained SafeBuilt were providing building inspections as needed; at this time, he was short staffed; seeking to hire a Building Division Manager to oversee code enforcement; also hiring another Code Enforcement Officer/Inspector. There was a 2-wk window with permits currently. SafeBuilt was additionally assisting in the interim.

Alderman Allen requested that their office staff explain the temporary situation to the callers.

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: Evans, January

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**JANUARY 16, 2024**

**7:04 PM**

Alderman Jackson called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Jackson, Coleman, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Absent: Evans, January

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

**There was no discussion.**

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

**There was no discussion.**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: Evans, January

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

**FINANCE/AUDIT  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**JANUARY 16, 2024  
7:06 P.M.**

Alderman Allen called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Jackson, Coleman, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Absent: Evans, January

**I. DISCUSSION OF BUDGET MONTHLY REPORT:**

**There was no discussion.**

**II. DISCUSSION OF TREASURER'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2023:**

Treasurer, Vance Wyatt explained the Home Rule Sales Tax has achieved **86.58%** of the budget projections while the Casino had reached **65.75%**.

Alderman Allen commended Treasurer Wyatt on the increased amount of city-share for the casinos.

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: Evans, January

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

**HUMAN RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**JANUARY 16, 2024**

**7:09 P.M.**

Alderman Murphy called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Jackson, Coleman, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Absent: Evans, January

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

**There was no discussion.**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: Evans, January

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.