

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024

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

Following City Council Meeting

**HUMAN RESOURCES
COMMITTEE MEETING**

7:43 PM

Alderman Murphy called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson (RP), Coleman, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy, January

Absent: None

I. DISCUSSION OF RMA RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE PROPOSAL – 12/1/25-12/1/26

Chief of Staff Greg Jackson requested to ratify **Item I** before **11/15/24**, a discount of **\$12,027**.

Chris Cordy RMA Risk Management Specialist explained saved estimated **\$140,000** with the cost sharing program. The exposures were elevated around **5%** with an increase of **3.5%**.

Alderman Jackson questioned clarification. Chief of Staff Jackson explained need the transaction at the next Meeting, **November 18, 2024**.

Alderman Jackson questioned clarification with the ratification. Chief of Staff Jackson explained.

There was a general consensus to ratify decision formally at the next meeting for the discount of **\$12,000+**.

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson (RP), Coleman, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**JUDICIARY
COMMITTEE MEETING**

MONDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2024

7:51 PM

Alderman Jackson called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson (RP), Coleman, Evans, Allen, Smith, January

Absent: Murphy

Alderman Murphy left at 7:51 p.m.

I. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF BROOKSTONE AT COLES PARK:

There was no meeting discussion.

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Allen that Judiciary Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson (RP), Evans, Allen, Smith, January

Nays: None

Absent: Murphy

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING/ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

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7:53 PM

Alderman Smith called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson (RP), Coleman, Evans, Allen, Smith, January
Absent: Murphy

I. DISCUSSION OF SBA CELL TOWER LEASE SECOND AGREEMENT:

Economic & Community Development Director Taylor Wegrzyn explained the second agreement for the SBA Tower Lease. There was a piece of equipment on the tower that SBA desired to decommission. If the equipment fell, it had to be recalibrated resulting in a higher cost. The staff recommendation was to approve the second agreement and to preserve the current tower.

Alderman January asked for clarification of the monthly cost to lease the tower. The surrounding communities received higher amounts for leasing. Mr. Wegrzyn explained there were (2) separate towers.

Alderman Coleman left at 7:59 p.m.

She, Alderman January questioned proposal to update the tower. Mr. Wegrzyn stated there were alterations to be reviewed. She questioned if this was the only tower with Emergency equipment. Mr. Wegrzyn acknowledged it was.

Alderman Jackson asked if the City had any rights for what items would be placed on the tower. Mr. Wegrzyn clarified a permit would be required. The City would receive **50%**.

II. DISCUSSION OF SOLAR ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT:

Mr. Wegrzyn explained the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment didn't accommodate solar zoning. The requester for solar zoning would require a Special Use Permit. He preferred to expand all solar aspects. The Planning/Zoning Commission agreed to the solar farms. It wasn't restricted to a specific zoning district. There would be a zoning guide.

Alderman Evans questioned the location of solar systems. Alderman Smith asked how the City would benefit. Mr. Wegrzyn clarified more advantage with more opportunities for the green policy. The solar text amendment also added protection and provided an appropriate balance.

Alderman January clarified the company was seeking location at **0** Casimir Pulaski Drive for a solar farm. She questioned the type of area and who would benefit the use of it. Mr. Wegrzyn explained would allow providers of various types and could possibly accommodate community solar groups with state programs.

III. DISCUSSION – RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS LAND BANK AND NAME TAYLOR WEGRZYN AS COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE:

Economic & Community Development Director Taylor Wegrzyn explained the purpose of joining The Northern Illinois Land Bank and the procedures. He suggested dissolving current land bank. They would elect (2) community representatives for all Lake County.

Alderman Smith questioned the opinion of the Economic & Community Development Director as the community representative. Mr. Wegrzyn explained.

Alderman Jackson asked to move forward with **Item III.**

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

ROLL CALL:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**FINANCE/AUDIT
COMMITTEE MEETING**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024
8:49 PM

Alderman Allen called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson (RP), Evans, Allen, Smith, January
Absent: Coleman, Murphy

**I. REVIEW/DISCUSSION OF PERMIT FEE RELIEF FOR MIDWEST VETERANS
CLOSET:**

Alderman Allen asked Council members to support relief and directed by attorneys waving amount of **\$4,898.71** for the Veterans Closet. This was the second set of permit fees.

Alderman Jackson had concerns of future waiving of the fees. Alderman Allen explained that just the particular one. Alderman January noted there were (2) other buildings to be built.

Chief of Staff Greg Jackson clarified there were (3) other buildings and waiving just (1). The future buildings would need to follow through a grant.

The Mayor added it was the City's contribution to the Veterans Closet for this project.

Alderman Jackson asked for some clarity. Alderman Allen explained.

This will be placed on the **Next Council Agenda, November 18, 2024**.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.