

**MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024**

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

Following City Council Meeting

**JUDICIARY  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**7:16 PM**

Alderman Jackson called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: January

**I. DISCUSSION OF AMENDING TITLE 2; CHAPTER 4; SECTION 3 – DUTIES OF  
TREASURER:**

Alderman Coleman asked to postpone item **I** until **April 1, 2024**, for review.

Alderman Allen disagreed.

Alderman Murphy inquired of the document and Alderman Jackson explained a hard copy was placed on the council member's desks.

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

**HUMAN RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024**

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

**There was No Meeting Held**

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024**

**7:20 PM**

Alderman Jackson called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: January

**I. DISCUSSION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

**There was no discussion.**

**II. DISCUSSION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HEALTH ENDEAVORS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL PHYSICALS NOT TO EXCEED \$12,835 – FY 25:**

Fire Chief John Umek requested to move item **II** to **Council Agenda, April 1, 2024 (FY 25)**.

**III. DISCUSSION TO ENTER INTO A 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 – FY 25:**

Fire Chief John Umek requested to move item **III** to **Council Agenda, April 1, 2024 (FY 25)**.

Alderman Allen inquired of the bids provided. He was supportive of businesses in the City of North Chicago and asked if any locals were contacted. Chief Umek would address the Chief of Staff as requested.

Alderman Coleman questioned clarification of the amount. Attorney Simon explained the city code that contract **\$20,000+** required a bid and **\$10,000+** required council approval.

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

**There was no discussion.**

**V. DISCUSSION OF SECURITY CAMERAS FOR THE CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO:**

Police Chief Lazaro Perez explained the City had secured **\$600,000** from the State of Illinois in grant funds and asked to waive competitive bidding. The amount of **\$290,00** was for the purpose of security cameras and **\$250,000** was initially for Brookstone and Regency Coles Park the **\$250,000** was re-applied for additional **(6)** cameras and **(6)** license plate readers. He would prefer to remain with the same vendors for the cameras.

Alderman Coleman asked if a camera could be placed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward. Chief Perez replied there were several cameras posted in the ward. Substation, **901 10<sup>th</sup> St., 17<sup>th</sup> block of Sheridan Rd., 12<sup>th</sup> St./Adams St., Sheridan Rd./Broadway Ave. and** remaining **(2)** should be posted at **Brookstone Regency Cole Park**. He added they were multi-head cameras providing additional location coverage. Trying to utilize cameras in high-crime areas. Alderman Coleman questioned external cameras for Kukla Towers. Chief Perez explained there were internal cameras at that location. Alderman Coleman asked if cameras needed for Abbott, Chief Perez clarified that Abbvie would provide full access only

on a needed basis. Alderman Coleman noted cameras on 16<sup>th</sup> and Sheridan Rd. Chief Perez explained those were inactive. Alderman Coleman recognized one of the Housing Commissioners present to address safety issues.

Treasurer Vance Wyatt stated that Foss Park installed a camera at Neal Park including 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward.

Alderman Smith questioned why Brookstone didn't prefer security cameras as they were in crime areas and how could their issues be resolved. Chief Perez explained that Alderman Allen, Mayor and staff were involved with them for several years. The ownership group of the development wasn't cooperating. The **\$250,000** was grant money and needed to spend it first for reimbursement. Alderman Smith questioned clarification of pro-active measures with cameras not utilized. Chief Perez added that the cameras had a shelf-life of **5 to 7 years**. The Mayor suggested placing item(s) needed in the budget for its continued maintenance and relying on more technology. He named/listed the current ones reducing crime accordingly. The drones were for consideration with certified officers. Chief Perez had thoroughly researched the various drones for efficiency and cost. Alderman Smith echoed his sentiments.

Attorney Simon explained a senate Bill pending in Springfield, IL regarding tool for landlords ensuring honest tenants. It was sponsored by Karina Villa in the 25<sup>th</sup> District. Chief Perez was familiar with her from West Chicago. Attorney Simon urged speaking with the State Representatives. Chief Perez stated would reach out to her. Alderman Allen echoed Attorney Simon.

Alderman Jackson noted the upcoming lobby day and suggested speaking of tangible subjects and the costs. The Mayor added surrounding districts leaving a business card. Alderman Coleman noted his care for the residents and their safety.

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024**

**7:50 PM**

Alderman Evans called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: January

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

**There was no discussion.**

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

**There was no discussion.**

**III. DISCUSSION OF ENGINEER REPORT:**

**There was no discussion.**

**IV. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF A 1-YEAR TIME EXTENSION FOR M.E. SIMPSON FOR CALIBRATION OF LARGE WATER METERS PROJECT:**

Engineer Steve Cieslica explained the 1-year time extension for M.E. Simpson with calibration of large water meters project. The amount of **\$149,000** wasn't in the budget for **September 23, 2023**.

Additional funding was applied in **2025**. The Mayor asked the size of the meters. Mr. Cieslica explained and said letters will be sent to property owners. The contact information would be acquired from the Comptroller's Office.

Alderman Coleman questioned clarification of specific company. Mr. Cieslica explained he was asking for a 1-year time extension from the already working company.

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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

**MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024**

**7:55 PM**

Alderman Smith called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: January

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

**There was no discussion.**

**II. DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION – 2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDS:**

Economic & Community Development Director Taylor Wegrzyn explained there was approximately **\$37,000** available for **2024** CDBG funds. There were **(4)** of **(5)** applications and named the chosen.

Alderman Evans asked if there was a tally for number of North Chicagoans that benefited from those funded organizations. Mr. Wegrzyn indicated there was no count provided. Alderman Evans asked what the accountability of funds given to them. Mr. Wegrzyn explained.

Alderman Jackson asked how a North Chicago count could be identified. It would be beneficial to be privy to the number that utilizes the services.

The Mayor directs the residents to the companies for assistance. Alderman Evans added he receives calls from the residents and directed them to the necessary service organizations. He asked if the City was charged for them. Mr. Wegrzyn clarified no bill was incurred. He elaborated on the procedures. It was open to the community, allocated of the chosen list.

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**FINANCE/AUDIT  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024**

**8:02 PM**

Alderman Allen called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: January

**I. DISCUSSION OF FINANCE/AUDIT DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:**

**There was no discussion.**

**II. DISCUSSION OF TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Vance Wyatt highlighted information that **\$1.4 million** accrued for interest and dividends, **\$1.3 million** for Home-Rule Sales Tax, **\$495,000** from the casino with shared revenue. The budget numbers had exceeded and beneficial for the City.

Alderman Allen questioned clarification with amount for Home-Rule Tax. Treasurer Wyatt projected the fiscal year amount of **\$600,000+**. Funds would be applied to pensions.

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: January

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

# **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024**

**8:05 PM**

Mayor Rockingham called the meeting to order.

## **ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: January

## **I. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE USE POLICY:**

Alderman Coleman asked if item **I** could be placed on the next Council Agenda, **April 1, 2024** for a vote. Attorney Simon explained Sections **1, 2** and **3** were applicable to the elected officials.

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

## **MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

Alderman January was absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.