

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

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

Following City Council Meeting

**JUDICIARY
COMMITTEE MEETING**

7:43 PM

Alderman Jackson called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None

**I. DISCUSSION REVIEW OF ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 3
– DUTIES OF TREASURER**

Item I would be placed on the next **Committee Agenda, May 6, 2024** for continued discussion.

He explained would prefer the original attorney who initiated the discussion. Alderman Coleman agreed.

**II. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF- PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR
DEPARTMENT PURCHASES FROM \$50 TO \$100:**

Alderman Coleman explained the Ordinance Amendment related to department purchase increased from **\$50** to **\$100**. Chief of Staff Jackson explained it was an inflationary adjustment.

Item II would be placed on the next **Council Agenda, May 6, 2024**.

**III. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 2 –
ALDERMANIC SPENDING:**

Greg Jackson, Chief of Staff explained the Ordinance Amending Aldermanic Spending.

Alderman January asked why not include all elected officials. Chief of Staff Jackson clarified that the Mayor served as a Department Head. He deferred it to the attorney. Alderman Evans echoed Alderman January's sentiments with need of checks and balances and accountability. Every elected official

The Mayor added in the position thereof, the Executive Officer had the responsibility and utilizing the funds properly. Alderman January stated that possible tweaking to fit a home-rule municipality.

Alderman Coleman clarified the Head of the City did have different responsibilities though to provide exclusivity for the Mayor and followed accordingly.

Item III would be placed on the next **Committee Meeting, May 6, 2024**, for continued discussion.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

I. DISCUSSION OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:

There were no questions addressed and no meeting was held.

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

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7:56 PM

Alderman Smith called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

There was no discussion.

II. DISCUSSION OF REALLOCATION OF 2024 VOLUME CAP TO VILLAGE OF BUFFALO GROVE, IL

Greg Jackson, Chief of Staff was unaware of the item to be discussed. The Mayor chimed in explaining was annually reallocated to Village of Buffalo Grove, IL.

Comptroller Tawanda Joyner explained the procedures of the reallocation of **2024** Volume Cap to Village of Buffalo, Grove, IL. It affected the larger project that impacted the Health & Welfare of bigger communities with airport, housing and development. A certain amount was allocated per population; **\$125** per cap x population. It essentially reallocated the bonds not actual funds so the taxpayer would be exempt from paying taxes on it.

Alderman Evans questioned clarification with the item. Ms. Joyner explained it as a pool fund project approved by the state or federal. He asked if the City could utilize the bond pool if eligible. She emphasized there was no major development.

Chief of Staff Jackson asked for samples of scaled type-projects for the council members.

Alderman Smith questioned amount reallocated and if there was a minimum or maximum bond pool amount. Mr. Joyner explained.

Alderman Coleman questioned clarification if it impacted the taxpayers. Ms. Joyner stated there were no taxes from the citizens and she offered to send him the link. He trusted what was explained and asked for additional information on how it could be used in an alternative method without impacting the taxpayers. He asked the pros and cons of the item. The Treasurer Vance Wyatt clarified his office wasn't involved with the item. He agreed with Comptroller Tawanda Joyner, unaware of its qualifications.

Alderman Coleman asked if it was beneficial for the community and Treasurer Wyatt acknowledged it was.

Alderman Jackson asked if Sheridan Crossing would potentially qualify, Ms. Joyner didn't believe it would be large enough. The Mayor didn't recall any municipality for redevelopment purposes. Alderman January added wasn't for single use; needed multiple communities utilizing it at one time.

Item II will be placed on the next **Council Agenda, May 6, 2024.**

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

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8:10 PM

Alderman Evans called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

I. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:

There was no discussion.

II. DISCUSSION/REVIEW TO APPROVE THE FY 2025 PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT VENDOR LIST:

Bob Miller, Consulting Interim Public Works Director explained the list was updated annually.

Alderman Evans had received many complaints throughout the City and asked to reduce the contract time. Mr. Miller clarified could determine the contract time though would increase the cost. Alderman Evans recalled when the City had unlimited pick-up and requested its return.

Alderman Smith suggested to address the issues to the company. The services were to roll over from previous company. He will review the initial contract. Alderman Smith possibly suggested sending a letter from the attorney. Mr. Miller would convey the complaint to the General Manager.

Treasurer Wyatt recalled had asked to remove bulk item from his address and LRS Company required payment of **\$50** for pickup.

Alderman January had several questions addressed; why Mr. Miller didn't have a copy of the contract. He explained it wasn't forwarded to him and could be arranged. Secondly, if Mr. Miller assisted in gathering the information of the contract. The Former Chief of Staff was the main negotiator. The City needed to have assurance of contract language and the current copy of the contract when complaints received were addressed. Mr. Miller clarified if the language was in the contract, he would ensure it was enforced.

Alderman Evans highly commended the change of the current Chief of Staff and was moving forward.

Item II will be placed on the next **Council Agenda, May 6, 2024.**

III. DISCUSSION OF WATER DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:

There was no discussion.

III. DISCUSSION OF ENGINEER MONTHLY REPORT:

There was no discussion.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

**PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING**

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8:21 PM

Alderman Jackson called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

I. DISCUSSION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:

There was no discussion.

II. DISCUSSION ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH CDS OFFICE TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE PURCHASE OF (4) PANASONIC TOUGHBOOKS (COMPLETE WITH MOUNTING BRACKETS AND APPLICABLE WARRANTIES) IN AMOUNT OF \$17,621.00 TO REPLACE THE 2018 MODELS CURRENTLY USED FOR PATIENT REPORTING:

Fire Chief John Umek explained the necessity of the Toughbooks replacing the **2018** Models currently being utilized for patient reporting.

Item II will be placed on the next **Council Agenda, May 6, 2024.**

III. DISCUSSION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:

There was no discussion.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

**FINANCE/AUDIT
COMMITTEE MEETING**

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8:25 PM

Alderman Allen called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

I. DISCUSSION OF FINANCE/AUDIT DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT:

There was no discussion.

II. DISCUSSION OF TREASURER REPORT – MARCH 2024:

There was no discussion.

Item II will be placed on the next **Council Agenda, May 6, 2024.**

III. DISCUSSION OF I.T. SURPLUS DESTRUCTION:

There was no discussion.

Item III will be placed on the next **Council Agenda, May 6, 2024.**

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

8:26 PM

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

I. DISCUSSION OF GP LIQUOR LICENSE – GAMING PARLOR REQUEST FROM MR. KAJUAN HODGE AT 1611 AUDREY NIXON BLVD:

The Mayor explained that Mr. Kajuan Hodge was a business owner who had multiple business at **1611** Audrey Nixon Blvd. and was currently requesting a video gaming parlor. He distributed the attachment. Mr. Hodge added was renting to several tenants and elected to choose a “different route.”

Alderman January asked the type of liquor license. Mr. Hodge explained would have only snack items. The Mayor clarified that no liquor would be served at the video gaming parlor. It was compared to the other ones located on Sheridan Rd.

Alderman Smith mentioned the diagram indicated a dining area. Mr. Hodge explained the area was utilized for candy/snack area. The Mayor explained with a gaming license, he was required to pay for the beer and wine license though not serving.

Tawanda Joyner, Comptroller explained the amount of **\$2,000** for a GP License and **\$1,000** annually per machine locally and additional State costs for the license. The Mayor added would also need a gaming distributor for the machines.

Alderman Murphy questioned clarification of the GP Gaming License procedures, obtaining a liquor license though option not to serve beer and wine and the only food served would be packaged snacks.

Alderman Smith asked if **(6)** machines would be included, Mr. Hodge stated whatever was allowed. The Mayor explained that that number was the maximum.

Alderman Coleman mentioned that the business was in the 2nd ward and he supported Mr. Hodge as he was from the City of North Chicago.

Alderman Jackson asked if he was the sole owner of the establishment, partnership or LLC. Mr. Hodge acknowledged it was an LLC.

Item I will be placed on the next **Council Agenda, May 6, 2024.**

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.