

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024

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

Following City Council Meeting

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MEETING

7:02 PM

Alderman Jackson called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Evans, Smith, Murphy, January

Absent: Allen, Coleman

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

Item I was removed.

Alderman Allen returned at 7:03 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5, CHAPTER 33 – MORATORIUM ON ISSUANCE OF SUPPLEMENTAL LICENSURE FOR VIDEO GAMING TERMINAL OPERATIONS:

Chief of Staff Greg Jackson asked for an Ordinance Amendment to **Title 5, Chapter 33** – Moratorium on issuance of supplemental licensure for Video Gaming Terminal Operations. There were **199** terminals currently in the City; feedback received of too many requests for video gaming; if a business closes observing at locations at **Rt. 41, Green Bay Rd.** and **MLK Dr.** to be more strategic and asked permission collaborating with attorneys formalizing an ordinance.

Alderman Jackson asked for possibility of searching what liquor licenses weren't utilized. Chief of Staff Jackson explained it would be an in-depth study. Alderman January questioned timeline, Chief of Staff Jackson anticipated a year or sooner. He may possibly need additional time to ensure the data was thorough.

Alderman January asked to be informed with the status as the Chair for licenses. She questioned if liquor licenses were separate from video gaming. The City was inundated with video gaming and liquor licenses. She had strong concern with saturation of gaming and felt it had a negative impact to economic growth. North Chicago and the Comprehensive Planner disagreed with liquor and gaming. Chief of Staff Jackson acknowledged it would be comparable to other communities.

Alderman Evans suggestive an alternative to florescent lighting for attraction to the establishments. Chief of Staff Jackson agreed was an unattractive appearance and agreed vested with curbing it. Alderman Evans added each establishment currently was full of gaming machines throughout the City. Chief of Staff Jackson suggested attempting for a healthier economy.

Alderman Smith questioned if the moratorium would impact the truck stops. Chief Jackson stated wouldn't prefer a potential misrepresentation. He would refer to legal and the Economic & Community Development Director Taylor Wegrzyn. He clarified this wouldn't affect the current establishments, only the forthcoming ones.

Alderman January suggested that the existing businesses were informed accordingly to be honest and transparent. Also, she asked the expected revenue during the study with the moratorium in place.

Treasurer Vance Wyatt directed Alderman January to the Treasurer's Report for the gaming revenue.

Alderman Allen left at 7:18 p.m.

The Mayor stated based on the Comprehensive Plan that video gaming and liquor licenses had controlled the community. He questioned depending on acreage that truck stops were allowed video gaming regardless. He would refer to the attorneys to confirm. Chief of Staff Jackson assured nothing would be compromised if already approved and granted by the Council members.

Item II will be placed on the next **Council Agenda, June 17, 2024.**

Alderman Jackson explained **Item I** was removed due to the sponsor being absent. He recognized Treasurer Wyatt's belated birthday.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Allen, Coleman

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

**BUILDING/LICENSE
COMMITTEE MEETING**

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024

7:24 PM

Alderman January called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Evans, Smith, Murphy, January

Absent: Allen, Coleman

I. DISCUSSION OF SPECIAL EVENT, MOSAIC SUMMER KICK-OFF, SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024 FROM 1:00-4:00 P.M. AT 1645 LINCOLN ST:

Alderman January explained the Special Event. There were no police needed for the event.

II. DISCUSSION OF SPECIAL EVENT, 3-DAY FESTIVAL JUNETEENTH LAKE COUNTY, FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024; 5:00 – 9:00 PM; SATURDAY, 12-11:00 PM AND SUNDAY; 12-9:00 PM AT 1901 FOSS PARK AVE:

Alderman January explained Juneteenth 3-day event was free at **1901** Foss Park Ave. though a **\$20** admission fee for the concert. There was a petting zoo of **(6)** ponies and **(12)** small animals.

Treasurer Wyatt was also the President of Foss Park Board and explained they were partnering with Greater Waukegan Development Coalition. He explained why needing a special event with the City of North Chicago. It was an annual event comparable to the Caribbean Festival.

III. PENDING MATTERS:

Alderman January provided the status of her husband, Charles January with ambulating better through physical therapy homecare and she was free for any calls with related chairman duties under Building/License. She appreciated everyone's efforts.

Alderman Jackson moved, seconded by Alderman Smith that Building/License Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Smith, Murphy, January

Nays: None

Absent: Allen, Coleman

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024

7:30 PM

Alderman Smith called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Evans, Smith, Murphy, January

Absent: Allen, Coleman

I. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL SURPLUS REAL ESTATE:

Economic & Community Development Director Taylor Wegrzyn explained the properties for potential surplus real estate at **1421** Renken Dr., **0** Dugdale Rd., **0** Kennedy Dr. and **0** Barrett Court.

There was no need to maintain the properties. The location of **1421** Renken Dr. (Public Works), Youthbuild had expressed interest at **0** Kennedy Dr. for a townhome and building.

Alderman January questioned if a Public Hearing was necessary. Mr. Wegrzyn stated was contingent upon the method of disposal utilized. She questioned clarification of Youthbuild's interest. Mr. Wegrzyn explained was one of the smaller parcels. They were seeking to move the existing facility to the location of **0** Kennedy Dr.

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Smith, Murphy, January

Nays: None

Absent: Allen, Coleman

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024

7:34 PM

Alderman Evans called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Evans, Smith, Murphy, January

Absent: Allen, Coleman

I. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF THE FY 2025 MFT MAINTENANCE RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,801,750:

Engineer Steve Cieslica explained the **FY 2025** Maintenance Resolution in amount of **\$1,801,750**. He explained what was entailed annual for maintenance.

II. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF TROTTER AND ASSOCIATES, INC. MAINTENANCE ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$176,750:

Mr. Cieslica explained the Maintenance Engineering Contract in the amount **Not to Exceed \$176,750**. There was a **5%** fee for preliminary engineering and **6%** fee for inspection projects for **\$1.25 mil** road program.

Alderman January questioned possibility of reducing the costs some. Mr. Cieslica clarified the increased costs. The City received **10%** discounted rates.

Both Items will be placed on the next **Council Agenda, June 17, 2024**.

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Smith, Murphy, January

Nays: None

Absent: Allen, Coleman

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

**PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING**

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024

7:38 PM

Alderman Jackson called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Evans, Smith, Murphy, January

Absent: Allen, Coleman

I. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF IGA (INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT) TO CONSOLIDATE WITH LAKE COMM AND THE DISSOLUTION OF THE CITY'S AGREEMENT WITH MUNDELEIN, NORTH CHICAGO AND WINTHROP HARBOR PSAP:

Police Chief Lazaro Perez explained **8 of 10** Lake County dispatch centers agreed to dissolve. It was Mundelein's intent to close their dispatch center when Lake County became operational. The Police and Fire Department needed a public safety answering point (PSAP). If the City agreed to consolidate with Lake County and form a board, they would need to establish the Lake County Consolidated Emergency Communication Center, joining the ETSB (Emergency Telephone System Board) as part of Lake County. North Chicago received a portion of the ETSB funds lowering costs for dispatch services. If the City selected Lake County Consolidated Emergency Communications (Lake Comm) it would follow the same process. Costs were somewhat higher.

Alderman Jackson questioned option not choosing Lake Comm. Police Chief Perez mentioned had to seek elsewhere. The Sheriff's office was undecided of the consolidation process.

Alderman January was certain of the issue that included difficulties with Mundelein, IL dispatch. Chief Perez clarified there would be potential hiccups. She asked if any cost would increase with the transfer. Chief of Staff Greg Jackson explained estimated dispatch costs with Police; **\$200k+** and Fire; **\$14,000** totaling **\$270k+**.

Alderman January asked alternative of returning to city dispatch center and compared City of Waukegan choosing not to consolidate with Lake County. Chief Perez estimated **\$3.5 mil** for building a new dispatch center including staffing costs of **\$1.3mil** annually. There was also a North Chicago census loss. It required census of **35,000** residents to have own dispatch center and City of North Chicago didn't meet the threshold. Chief Perez estimated **112-140** dispatchers needed for the consolidation. Lake County had requested a bond of **\$15mil**. The building was shared with emergency management, Public Health and Homeland Security. It would reduce the costs and calls would be directed to Lake County.

Chief of Staff Jackson commended Police Chief Perez, Fire Chief John Umek and Assistant Police Chief Gary Lunn upon their efforts.

Alderman January asked if the City could attempt to reduce any hiccups moving forward and the residence receive the proper service and more with the elderly. She recalled an incident unable to obtain a dispatched police officer previously. She was hopeful the new system would be better.

The Mayor communicated via speaker call indicating that he lobbied with Lake County Board requesting population vs. call volume reducing costs. Police Chief Perez added there were **(2)** boards formed; executive and operations that would serve as Lake County and the board members would control the operations. Chief of Staff Jackson adding were **(19)** members.

Alderman Jackson questioned the estimated amount of **\$54,000+** within the 5-year timeline and/or changes foreseen in the **5** years. Chief Perez expected it to be more stabilized, however hopeful of other members joining and costs may increase annually. Alderman Jackson asked the amount of the surcharge ETSB funds. Chief Perez; estimated **\$200,000** depending on the population. Alderman Jackson asked if the consolidation with Lake County was the best avenue for the City of North Chicago. Chief Perez clarified was the most viable and cost effective. Chief of Staff Jackson added that any further questions, could contact the Chief of Staff or Chief Perez.

Foss Park Board member, Kingston Neal had YouthBuild youth available **June 17** or **18th** to be deployed in various wards. He asked that the aldermen contact him if there were anyone who needed assistance with their yard etc. Alderman Smith questioned if lawn mowers were available for grass cutting. Chief of Staff Jackson was unaware.

This will be placed on the next Council Agenda, June 17, 2024.

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Smith, Murphy, January

Nays: None

Absent: Allen, Coleman

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.