

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, June 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Rockingham, Jr., presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon the Roll Call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Absent: None

4-1 Presentation to Recognize North Chicago High School Warhawks Male and Female Track Team

The Mayor explained both, male and female, track teams of North Chicago High School Warhawks placed/won the State of Illinois Championships. City Clerk Lori Collins read both teams Proclamation.

The Mayor asked that 7th Ward Alderman Dante Brooks also proceeded forward as he was part of the North Chicago School District and was involved with the athletes. He presented the proclamation to the athletes.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Wray to Approve the Proclamation Recognizing the North Chicago High School Warhawks Boys Track Team

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

4-2 Presentation to Recognize North Chicago High School Warhawks Boys Track Team

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Wray to Approve the Proclamation Recognizing the North Chicago High School Warhawks Girls Track Team

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Mayor was very appreciative of the young men and women with their accomplishments. He presented them with a monetary gift card from an unnamed business in North Chicago.

V. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

5-1 Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, **May 19, 2025**

5-2 Approval of Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings, **May 19, 2025**

5-3 Approval of Engagement Agreement with Kevin Riggs Consulting Group for Government Relations in the Amount Not to Exceed **\$60,000**

5-4 Approval of Purchase and Implementation of BS&A Purchase Order Module at an Annual Increase of **\$7,955** and One Time Setup Amount of **\$8,280**

5-5 Approval of First Amendment to ATC (American Tower Corporation) Cell Tower Contract - **3501 Buckley Rd. (Fire Station #2)**

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to Approve Items 5-1 thru 5-5 in the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS****Kenneth Smith**

He commended the Public Works Department and the 5th Ward Alderman Wray. His business building was vandalized on MLK Dr., he announced and explained the Special Event, **June 20 and 21st** City-wide Revival with local pastor's coming together as a team.

Foss Park

Commissioner Carmecia Hawthorne – announced that several parks were vandalized and she suggested the neighborhood watch, new Angel Park was ready at 24th and Sherman Ave., she encouraged the children and adults to attend and enjoy the inflatables and listed event, **6/14/25** for the Woman Support Group from **10:00** to **12:00 p.m.**

VII. REGULAR AGENDA**7-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF THE REAPPOINTMENT FOR LEISA MITCHELL CHAIRPERSON TO NORTH CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Alderman Coleman moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson to Table Items 7-1 and 7-2.

ROLL CALL TO TABLE

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED**7-2 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF THE REAPPOINTMENT FOR HORNSBY KNEELAND VICE CHAIRMAN TO NORTH CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY****INCLUDED WITH ITEM 7-1 TO TABLE****7-3 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING A GROCERY RETAILER'S OCCUPATION TAX AND MUNICIPAL GROCERY SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX FOR THE CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO**

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Coleman to Approve the Ordinance Implementing a Grocery Retailer's Occupation Tax and Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax for the City of North Chicago.

Chief of Staff Jackson explained that Governor Pritzker removed previous tax and **\$105,000** annually was for the City.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED**7-4 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS**

General Fund	\$	215,868.28
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$	33,542.52
Capital Projects Fund	\$	2,086.55
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$	136,751.57
Water, Sewer, & Refuse Fund	\$	26,252.39
Vision Fund	\$	1,096.92

TOTAL \$ **278,846.66**

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to pay the Regular bills of Council Run **6/2/25** in the amount of **\$278,846.66** when funds become available.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Alderman Brooks commented his appreciation for the acknowledgment to the athletes. It was important to recognize their achievements and advancements.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Evans that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins, City Clerk