

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, July 7, 2025, at 6:03 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, Brooks

Absent: Murphy

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson to allow Alderman Murphy to attend Council Meeting via Zoom remote participation.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

V. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

5-1 Approval of Minutes for Regular Council Meeting, **June 16, 2025**

5-2 Approval of Standing Committee Meeting Minutes, **June 16, 2025**

5-3 Approval of Treasurer's Report – **April/May 2025**

5-4 Approval of FY **2026** MFT Resolution, Estimate Cost and Maintenance Engineering Agreement

5-5 Approval of LexisNexis Agreement

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to Approve items 5-1 thru 5-5 as presented.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF FY 2026 PULIC WORKS VENDOR LIST

Alderman Evans moved, Seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the 2026 Public Works Vendor List.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF THE REAPPOINTMENT OF LEISA MITCHELL, CHAIRPERSON TO NORTH CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY (TERM FROM 6/20/24-6/20/28)

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Reappointment of Leisa Mitchell, Chairperson to North Chicago Housing Authority (Term from (6/20/24 – 6/20/28).

Alderman Coleman stated that he hadn't the opportunity to reach out to the Housing Board and requested item 7-2 be tabled. He was aware of the condition of Kukla Towers and preferred asking both members what they would do differently at Kukla Towers, that wasn't done.

The Mayor asked to move forward as requested by the Housing Board that the members remain in position.

Alderman Coleman stated was speaking for the residents at Kukla and Thompson Manor and would vote no.

The Mayor mentioned Housing Authority budget constraints, couldn't police the people within their apartments with many issues, the police attempted to walk the halls as often as possible. Alderman Coleman clarified the members were unavailable at the time he had the opportunity to reach out to them.

Alderman Coleman withdrew motion to table.

Alderman Jackson asked if members would appoint vs. Council to approve the current positions. City Clerk Lori Collins explained their current positions were as stated and was approving the reappointment of both members and not their position. Alderman Jackson stated wasn't comfortable approving the current positions, it appeared the Council would be approving their positions.

The Mayor opted to amend to reflect current positions for the reappointments.

Alderman Evans amended motion, seconded by Alderman Allen to reflect the reappointment of Leisa Michell as current chairperson for term of 6/20/24 – 6/20/28.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: Coleman

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF THE REAPPOINTMENT OF HORNSBY KNEELAND, VICE CHAIRMAN TO NORTH CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY (TERM FROM 11/2024 – 11/2028)

Alderman Evans amended motion, seconded by Alderman Allen to reflect the reappointment of Hornsby Kneeland as current position of Vice Chairman for term of 11/20/24 – 11/20/28.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: Coleman

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE
COMPENSATION OF NON-REPRESENTED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN THE
CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO FOR THE PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT FROM MAY 1, 2025
– APRIL 30, 2026

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to remove and return the City Salary Ordinance to Committee for further discussion.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Coleman, Evans, Allen, Wray

Nays: Jackson, Murphy

Abstain: Brooks (Attorney Silverman explained abstention vote was reflective with the majority)

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

General Fund	\$	385,673.03
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$	456,700.23
Capital Projects Fund	\$	21,355.20
Water, Sewer, & Refuse Fund	\$	181,235.33
Retiree Premium Fund	\$	15,854.70
Library Fund	\$	7,174.80
	\$	<u>1,067,993.29</u>
Special Bills	\$	223,500.00
	\$	<u>6,150.00</u>
TOTAL	\$	1,297,643.29

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Brooks to pay the Regular bills of Council Run 7/7/25 in the amount of \$1,067,993.29 plus Special Bills: \$223,500 + \$6,150 for a total of 1,297,643.29 when funds become available.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Alderman Coleman asked to pray for the Smith Family.

Alderman Brooks congratulated Alderman Jackson and his wife on their Anniversary.

Alderman Allen recognized the Police and Fire Department providing an ice cream truck for the children and youth.

The Mayor announced the food truck arrival on the second Thursday, **July 10, 2025**, from **4:30 - 8**. He encouraged participation. He informed the Council members he would be out on vacation Monday, **July 21, 2025**.

X. 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 6:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins, City Clerk