

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, August 18, 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, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Absent: Coleman

4-1 Presentation of Police Department for the following:

- Life Saving Award to Police Officer Hewad Wardak
- Letter of Recognition to Police Officer Benjamin Wells
- Letter of Recognition to Police Officer Jorge Ruiz

Police Chief read the recognitions of the (3) officers for life saving measures of a shooting victim. He also commended the EMS, Fire and Dispatch for saving lives.

The Mayor stated that it wasn't easy as an officer, he appreciated and commended them.

V. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

5-1 Approval of Minutes for Regular Council Meeting, **August 4, 2025**

5-2 Approval of Standing Committee Meeting Minutes, **August 4, 2025**

5-3 Approval of RFP (Request for Proposal) to Advertise for Consultant Services – Non-Residential Appearance Code for **Amount Not to Exceed \$20,000**

5-4 Approval of an Agreement with the Deigan Group for Oversight of CRA Clean Closure – Sheridan Crossing Site for **Amount Not to Exceed \$436,883**

5-5 Consideration/Approval of an Ordinance Granting Certain Garage and Shed Variations – Marcus Williams at **1701 Greenfield Ave.**

5-6 Consideration/Approval of an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit – Trino Espinoza LLC for Limited Commercial Residence at **601 10th St.**

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to move items 5-5 thru 5-6 to Regular Agenda.

The City Clerk noted there was a typo in the Council Minutes of August 4. Chief of Staff Greg Jackson asked that Items 5-5 & 5-6 be moved to Regular Agenda.

Alderman Murphy moved, seconded by Alderman Brooks to Approve items 5-1 thru 5-4 as presented.

ROLL CALL TO MOVE ITEMS 5-5 & 5-6 TO REGULAR AGENDA:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

ROLL CALL FOR ITEMS 5-1 thru 5-4:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Atlas

Mr. Atlas emphasized need to improve the quality of life, military town, North Chicago housed the only Navy boot camp. The City needed to change perception, North Chicago had substantial buying power and **July 4, 2026**; marked the **250th** Anniversary of the Nation including a parade for/with the Navy.

Carmecia Hawthorne – Foss Park Commissioner

Ms. Hawthorne announced the following:

- “These Feet are Made for Walking” Tuesday, **August 19, 2025**
- Bingocise

She urged everyone to contact Foss Park to get information about upcoming events.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

- 5-5 Consideration/Approval of an Ordinance Granting Certain Garage and Shed Variations – Marcus Williams at **1701 Greenfield Ave.**

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Ordinance Granting Certain Garage and Shed Variations – Marcus Williams at 1701 Greenfield Ave.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

- 5-6 Consideration/Approval of an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit – Trino Espinoza LLC for Limited Commercial Residence at **601 10th St.**

Alderman Jackson moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to Approve an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit – Trino Espinoza LLC for Limited Commercial Residence at 601 10th St.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

- 7-1 Consideration/Approval of an Ordinance Denying a Special Use Permit – Transforming Realities Children and Youth Services for Youth Community Residence at **816 18th St.**

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Brooks to approve Item 7-1 Denying a Special Use Permit as presented.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

- 7-2 Consideration/Approval for Liquor B-W(2) and G-P for **1234** Foodmart, Inc. **1234** Sheridan Rd. for New Officers; Secretary Albin Matthew **33%** Ownership and Treasurer Tosmy Simon **33%** Ownership

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve item 7-2 as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Nays: Jackson

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

General Fund	\$	258,102.60
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$	9,524.08
Capital Projects Fund	\$	24,785.16
Debt Service 2007C Fund	\$	475.00
Water, Sewer, & Refuse Fund	\$	170,534.56
	\$	463,421.40
Special - Kimberly Guerra	\$	119.00
Special - Refuse Collection	\$	96,868.29
Special - Community Days	\$	60,475.50
	\$	620,884.19

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to pay the Regular bills of Council Run 8/18/25 in the amount of \$463,421.40 and Special Bills: \$157,462.79 = \$620,884.19 when funds become available.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

- Mayor Rockingham explained that Abbvie was expanding at a cost of **\$195 mil.** In the City of North Chicago. There would be additional jobs, contracts and permits to be purchased from the City. He commended those who participated from other places for the Food Trucks.
- Alderman Allen thanked those that attended the First Baptist Church Backyard Party. He recognized the Police Chief, Police & Fire and Chief of Staff.
- Alderman Evans appreciated everyone who attended and participated in the Annual Yard Sale.
- Alderman Wray appreciated those who participated at the 5th Ward Meeting

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

9-1 Executive Session 5iles 120 2 (c)(5) – Purchase or Lease of Real Estate

Alderman Murphy moved, seconded by Alderman Wray to suspend the Regular Order of Business at 6:29 p.m. to Executive Session 5 ILCS 120 2 (c)(5) – Purchase or Lease of Real Estate.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to resume the Regular Order of Business at 6:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Coleman was absent.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins, City Clerk