

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, August 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon 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 – Report on Project Completion, Resident and Business Welcome Packages

Chief of Staff Greg Jackson provided a brief overview of the Mikva Challenge. It was a 6-week program; **50** students in the community building program.

Kimberly Guerra provided an overview of the Welcome Kit.

City Clerk Collins read a Resolution Honoring Kimberly Guerra.

The Mayor mentioned there was so much potential talent in North Chicago and thanked everyone Involved.

Alderman Jackson moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the Resolution Honoring Kimberly Guerra.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Coleman was absent.

V. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

5-1 Approval of Minutes for Regular Council Meeting, **July 21, 2025**

5-2 Approval of Standing Committee Meeting Minutes, **July 21, 2025**

5-3 Approval of Treasurer's Report – **June 2025**

5-4 Approval of Ordinance Amending City Code **Title 5, Chapter 33** (Video Gaming), **Title 8, Chapter 13** (Liquor Control) and **Title 12, Chapter 11** (Signs)

5-5 Approval of NearMap Software License

5-6 Approval of Insurance Renewal for Employee Medical, Dental, Vision and Life Plans

5-7 Approval of Repealing Ordinance **2021 – 27** – Waukegan/North Chicago Enterprise Zone Boundary Agreement

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to Approve items 5-1 thru 5-7 as presented.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Angela Patterson

Ms. Patterson clarified **60+** shell casings retrieved. Her house received **7** bullets in **July 2025** and a life was lost. The neighboring house had been a nuisance since **November 2023**; she called the police several times; their dog had attacked and was aggressive.

The Mayor promised Ms. Patterson that he would research the issue, nuisances could be addressed, including the leased dog or placed in a fence. He would do his best to protect the community.

Mike Atlas

Mr. Atlas questioned why there were no visitors from the Navy/Military and offered several suggestions for military involvement.

Carmecia Hawthorne - Foss Park Commissioner

Announcements – Great Community Days, Library, “Back to School Ice Cream Party, Foss Park Musical at Vision Park, Botanical Garden and Bingo.

Kegan Marcoux – Plainfield (Via Zoom)

Mr. Marcoux stated that North Chicago felt like “home away from home!” He mentioned was a new resident in North Chicago.

The Chief of Staff Greg Jackson explained he would follow up with him. The Mayor mentioned would also be reaching out.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 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**, adding the position of Building Inspections Manager, Pay Grade **A-26**

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Brooks to approve Item 7-1 as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Nays: Allen

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 Table Item 7-2.

Alderman Coleman was absent.

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 (a) Motion to Waive First Reading

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson to waive the 1st reading of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Lake County Community Project Funding Implementation.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

(b) Consideration/Approval of Sub-Recipient Intergovernmental Agreement with Lake County for Community Project Funding Implementation (Sheridan Crossing Environmental Remediation)

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the Sub-Recipient Intergovernmental Agreement with Lake County for Community Project Funding implementation (Sheridan Crossing Environmental).

Chief of Staff Jackson mention time had come to move on Sheridan Crossing, secured funding to be approved with items 7-4 and 7-5 and had a time limit to utilize the monies due to grant related.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 (a) Motion to Waive First Reading

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson to waive the 1st reading for Resolution with Letter of Incumbency – Sheridan Crossing Remediation Project

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

(b) Consideration/Approval of Resolution for Letter of Incumbency - Sheridan Crossing Remediation Project (Sheridan Crossing Environmental Remediation)

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Brooks to approve the Resolution for Letter of Incumbency – Sheridan Crossing Remediation Project (Sheridan Crossing Environmental Remediation).

The Chief of Staff added that item 7-4 was a Certificate of Incumbency that verified the Elected Officials if signatures were required.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 Consideration/Approval of Bid Award to Bluff City Construction LLC for Amount **Not to Exceed \$6,921,762** Sheridan Crossing Environmental Remediation

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Brooks to approve the Bid Award to Bluff City Construction LLC for Amount Not to Exceed \$6,921,762 Sheridan Crossing Environmental Remediation.

Alderman Jackson asked if there was funding available. The Mayor acknowledged there was from various sources; Congressman Brad Schneider obtained **\$4 mil, DECO** and Brownfield. Chief Jackson reiterated that it was guaranteed monies and couldn't be taken.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

The Mayor noted that the project started before he was elected as Mayor. It was finally at the crossing to remediate and he was very thankful. He also recognized Congressman Brad Schneider and appreciation of council members.

7-6 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

General Fund	\$	518,321.53
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$	40,269.21
Capital Projects Fund	\$	209,459.01
Water, Sewer, & Refuse Fund	\$	204,544.96
Retiree Premium Fund	\$	17,325.68
 Library Fund	 \$	 7,152.58
		 \$ 997,072.97

Special Bill	\$	18,510.48
Total		\$1,015,583.40

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to pay the Regular bills of Council Run **8/4/25** in the amount of **\$997,072.97** and **Special Bill: \$18,510.48 = \$1,015,583.40** when funds become available.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS****ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS**

- Alderman Wray announced the 5th Ward Meeting, **8/9/25**.
- Alderman Allen appreciated the condolences received for the loss of his Mother. He announced “Eternal Flame Community Days, **8/9/25; 10-12 p.m.** Health Screening and Backpacks would be available; also, First Baptist Block Party; **8/16/25; 11:00 – 3 p.m.**
- Alderman Brooks highly commented on Community Days with no hiccups.
- Alderman Evans announced the Annual 3rd Ward Yard Sale, **8/16/25**, located at MLK Dr. & Kristan Ave., **8** until dusk. All were welcome to attend and participate at no cost.
- Police Chief Lazaro Perez announce “National Nite Out” the following day starting at **18th & Sheridan Rd.**
- The Mayor echoed Community Days sentiments although, there was much cost cutting. He recognized District **187**, Foss Park and City of North Chicago staff. He elaborated further with the events.

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

Alderman Coleman was absent.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins, City Clerk