

**MONDAY
AUGUST 18, 2025**

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

Following City Council Meeting



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025
7:37 p.m.**

Mayor Rockingham asked the Council if there were questions about any of the reports. There weren't any questions therefore the meeting did not convene.

I. DISCUSSION OF DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS:

- Economic Development
- Police
- Engineer
- Public Works
- Finance Budget Report
- Fire
- Human Resources

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025
7:37 p.m.**

Alderman Murphy called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

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

**I. DISCUSSION OF ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE RISK MANAGEMENT
ASSOCIATION (ILM RMA) INSURANCE:**

Human Resource Director Elizabeth Black explained that it was renewal of Risk Management Insurance and if paid before November 14th there would be **\$12,000** savings, approximately 1%. Fairly good year overall, slight increase in premium because of payroll increase.

Alderman Allen asked if the premium increase was because of loss. Chris from Risk Management explained that rating was based on payroll, City owned properties and equipment overall. Exposure went up by about 3%, making for a 3% increase. Alderman Allen asked if police accidents were part of the increase. Chris said that claims were not part of the equation, more on exposure. North Chicago was around 20% loss, which was excellent, not a factor until nearly 70%.

Alderman Murphy clarified that pay increases were part of the exposure. It would be on the next Council Meeting Agenda to vote in order to receive the \$12,000 savings before the 14th.

Alderman Coleman returned to Council Chambers at 7:41 p.m.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson that Human Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING/ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

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7:43 p.m.**

Alderman Brooks called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None

**I. DISCUSSION OF DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZATION TO
DISPOSE VIA AUCTION METHOD – 712 BROADWAY AVE., 2238 HERVEY AVE., 1700
MORROW AVE., 822 13TH AVE.:**

Economic and Community Development Director Taylor Wegrzyn explained that there were 4 properties the City acquired through the Lake County Green Book. 1700 Morrow Ave. was sold but it was deeded back to the City. 2238 Hervey Ave. and 822 13th Ave. were 2 parcels side-by-side. 712 Broadway Ave. property was demolished with grant money. There would be a map amendment and zoning change for the Broadway Ave. property from B2-Commercial to R3-Single Family Residential.

Disposal would be through the auction method. Alderman Murphy asked if there was a minimum; Mr. Wegrzyn said in the past there was, and bids were approved by Council. if the Council did not agree with offer the bids could be refused. Alderman Evans asked if the City sought to purchase properties; he was under the impression there were no more City owned properties.

Mr. Wegrzyn said the City owned quite a few properties and explained how the City acquired some of the properties. Alderman Evans asked for a list of all City owned properties. Alderman Coleman recalled a conversation he was told there was only 1 property. He said the land belongs to North Chicago but is never available to the residents. He said everyone should have the same opportunity to purchase properties, not just one person with all the money.

Alderman Coleman left the Council Chambers at 7:54 p.m.

Mr. Wegrzyn said that the disposal of property methods was being followed based on City Code. It is publicly advertised for bidding; there were not many single-family developable parcels.

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

**FINANCE/AUDIT
COMMITTEE MEETING**

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7:57 p.m.**

Alderman Allen called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Coleman

**I. DISCUSSION OF CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH LAUTERBACH & AMEN, LLP FOR
PENSION ACTUARIAL SERVICES; FY25 \$13,140, FY26 \$13,660 AND FY27 \$14,220**

Comptroller Tawanda Joyner explained that both Boards had been notified but had not been discussed yet, asking the Treasurer if necessary to hold. Treasurer Vance Wyatt explained that there were many Tier II bills in legislation and would make it cost more. Alderman Jackson asked that it be held until all the funding and numbers were clear.

Alderman Allen said that AMM Enterprises (Bob Miller) was charging the City for mileage, computer use and classes he attended all in the amount of **\$6,231**. Alderman Allen said that Mr. Miller did not want to reimburse because there was a verbal agreement for those charges. Alderman Allen did not think verbal agreements should be honored. The charges were for only 1 year. Treasurer Wyatt said he would suggest it be held from his next check.

Alderman Murphy also agreed there should be no verbal agreement. Alderman Evans said it should have been dealt with the previous Chief of Staff; he did not do anything illegally. Alderman Murphy said the written contract should have included those charges; there was a renewal, and it could have been added at that time but was not. Verbal agreements are not worth the paper it is written on; it should have been a Council decision. When there is a contract, the Council should be able to read all terms to make an informed decision.

Chief of Staff Greg Jackson explained that the newest contract mentions reimbursable expenses but not specifics. He stated, Mr. Miller said he was going to bill per hour from the time he left home. After Mr. Miller received the letter concerning reimbursing the City he rebutted that there should not be reimbursement because of the verbal with the former Chief of Staff.

Mr. Jackson noted that once the mileage pay was challenged the request for all reimbursements stopped.

Mr. Wyatt asked the attorney how far it could be collected; Attorney Silverman did not have an answer at the time but would have to review. Attorney Silverman explained that the former Chief of Staff David Kilbane did not have the authority to bind the City into a verbal agreement; cost should have been within the four corners of the contract.

Alderman Evans suggested that all contracts and consultants should be audited.

Alderman Wray moved, seconded by Alderman Brooks that Finance/Audit Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.