

MONDAY
MARCH 17, 2025

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

Following City Council Meeting



Committee of the Whole

1. Discussion of Department Monthly Reports:

➤ Economic Development	➤ Police
➤ Engineer	➤ Public Works
➤ Finance Budget Report	➤ Treasurer – January
➤ Fire	➤ Water
➤ Human Resources	

There was no meeting discussion.

**JUDICIARY
COMMITTEE MEETING**

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025

7:58 PM

Alderman Jackson called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Absent: January

I. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF BROOKSTONE AT COLES PARK:

Attorney Adam Simon explained the operator has met all deadlines, the flock cameras were to be installed in **April 2025** and the meeting deadlines were making progress. They have communicated with the police and the number of calls has been reduced. They have hired new counsel who has cooperated with the City. They were asked to submit the permits. He was hopeful within the next **2-3** weeks.

Chief of Staff Greg Jackson clarified that Benoit was taking personal interest. Currently, there was a **\$750** per day fine.

Elaine Collins was collaborating with the social worker to establish programs especially a “Women’s Day” to empower the women at Brookstone. The residents were actively engaged communicating with each other and city staff. There was (1) incident within (2) months. There was continual contact to the North Chicago Police Department, Economic & Community Development Department and himself with Brookstone.

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy that Judiciary Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Smith, Murphy

Nays: None

Absent: January

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING/ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025

8:05 PM

Alderman Smith called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Allen, Smith, Murphy

Absent: January

I. DISCUSSION – AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO A SPECIAL USE PERMIT, FINAL PLAT OF RE-SUBDIVISION AND PLAT OF VACATION:

Taylor Wegrzyn explained the differences including all the amendments. This related to the Compass Project on Skokie Highway and was nearing completion. Currently, it was in the building permit process. The last portion would be the Vacation for the Right-of-Way.

Item #1 will be placed on the next Council Agenda, April 7, 2025.

II. DISCUSSION – RESOLUTION FOR 2025 CDBG PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDS:

Mr. Wegrzyn explained the amount of estimated **\$37,500** for the final dollars to be determined whether funding the City or not. This would be determined by federal funds.

Alderman Jackson asked if any local organizations applied for the funding and if they qualified. Mr. Wegrzyn stated there was a probability.

Alderman Coleman asked if Lake County made the determination. He asked if the funding could be utilized for the local businesses. The Mayor stated the funds were previously re-allocated and could per council approval. The City had their own board that was transferred to Lake County.

Mr. Wegrzyn explained the impact of the local community was related to the scoring accordingly. The proposed program would be scored on how it benefited the North Chicago Community.

Alderman Coleman clarified the former board would focus with the smaller business and higher score with the local board. He asked if the City could refer previously with separate boards. The Mayor explained that Lake County had the final factor and they absorbed the funds.

Attorney Simon added that they administered the funds which were utilized more efficiently.

Alderman Murphy added needed to follow the application process.

Alderman Jackson asked if the applicants were informed of the award and amount would be received. Mr. Wegrzyn explained there was a meeting scheduled.

Alderman Smith asked where to apply. Mr. Wegrzyn stated the Lake County would place the Legal Notices. All were to apply through Lake County. The City reached out to prior applicants if there was interest.

Alderman Coleman asked if requirements to apply. Mr. Wegrzyn explained the Government Agency or Non-For-Profit Agency.

PENDING MATTERS

GAMING MORATORIUM STUDY

Chief of Staff Greg Jackson explained the gaming moratorium study. It was electronically distributed and placed in the council member's mailboxes. The Moratorium expired in **May 2025**.

The next Committee of the Whole, there would be discussion of the findings and recommendations of the Video Gaming Study.

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Evans, Smith, Murphy, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

