

**JUDICIARY
COMMITTEE MEETING**

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025

7:40 PM

Alderman Jackson called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Coleman (RP), Evans, Smith, Murphy January (RP)

Absent: Allen

I. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF BROOKSTONE AT COLES PARK:

Attorney David Silverman explained that the Benoit Group updated safety checklist improvements:

- Security Lighting was operating
- Private Officers Employed on Nigh Shift on Weekends
- (2) Security employees for Evictions and Pre-eviction Notices
- Bond Claim, Requested Detailed Punch List, Lawsuit w/ Bond Co.,
- The CEO has become More Involved

Alderman Smith questioned the number of evictions. Attorney Silverman clarified the information was reported to the City.

Attorney Silverman explained he was in the process of providing a detailed punch list. There was a need to ensure the lawsuit w/Surety Bond Co. had appropriate allegations supported by actual action items. Benoit obtained a local law firm to manage the property issues related to the surety bond.

The following itemized committed list was the following as weather allowed:

- Installation of detectable warning strips/updated drawings provided – **March 2025**
- Landscaping task/pavement stripping/patching/installation of missing benches/estimated - April **2025**

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman (RP), Evans, Smith, Murphy January (RP)

Nays: None

Absent: Allen

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025

7:43 PM

Alderman Evans called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Coleman (RP), Evans, Smith, Murphy January (RP)

Absent: Allen

I. DISCUSSION SEEKING TO OBLIGATE \$2,146,754.76 IN REBUILDING ILLINOIS FUNDS FOR THE ARGONNE DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT:

Engineer Steve Cieslica explained he was seeking funding of **\$2,146,754.76** in rebuilding the Illinois Funds for the Argonne Drive Reconstruction Project. The City had received the Rebuild Illinois funds from the State of Illinois and will be utilized towards the city local share of the project.

II. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 REDUCING THE CONTRACT VALUE BY \$196,757.10 TO A NEW CONTRACT VALUE OF \$8,793,651.60 FOR 16TH STREET AND KEMBLE AVE. WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN PROJECT:

Engineer Steve Cieslica explained was reducing the contract value by **\$196,757.10** to a new contract value of **\$8,793,651.60** for 16th Street and Kemble Ave. Water Transmission Main Project.

The change order was the final one for the project and all work has been completed. It was under **\$196,757.10** budget. The summary of the changes included, balancing adjustment, extra work addressing the unknown and unforeseen items that the contractor was required to complete as part of the project. Noted, the original contract completed date was **November 22, 2024**, seeking to extend so the City could verify landscaping was growing and to correct any related items (settlement, cracked concrete in the spring season.

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman (RP), Evans, Smith, Murphy January (RP)

Nays: None

Absent: Allen

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025

7:47 PM

Mayor Rockingham, Jr., called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Coleman (RP), Evans, Smith, Murphy January (RP)

Absent: Allen

I. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO TITLE 8, CHAPTER 13, SECTION 8A, INCREASING NUMBER OF B-W2 LIQUOR LICENSES, (REQUESTOR LUCKY SPIN NC LLC LOCATED AT 1500 SHERIDAN ROAD)

Chief of Staff Greg Jackson explained was expanding to sell convenient items and packaged goods.

Alderman Murphy questioned clarification with **B-W2**. Chief of Staff Jackson reiterated.

Alderman Jackson questioned clarification of a moratorium for liquor licenses and had strong concerns. He suggested initiating the renewals. The Chief of Staff explained only issued with the active licenses. Any amendments needed to be council approved. The current number of liquor licenses was unknown for liquor licenses.

Alderman Coleman explained the businesses were in his ward (2). He explained there was a video gaming establishment on the south end of the North Chicago Post Office and another one on the north end. It was his understanding that the council members stated no additional liquor licenses and misunderstood. He asked that his constituent reached out to him. The Mayor stated he would.

Alderman January questioned if the number changed when a business closed. The Mayor explained once the business closed, the license was connected to it. Chief of Staff Jackson clarified the liquor license wasn't transferable. City Clerk Collins explained the process. She, Alderman January questioned clarification, that once the gaming moratorium was reviewed/analyzed on the data, it would be the council's final decision. Chief of Staff Jackson confirmed it was. She asked in the interim that it should also be explained accordingly. Chief of Staff Jackson explained if gaming previous existed, it would continue.

Alderman January questioned if a cap on the number of video gaming licenses. Chief of Staff Jackson confirmed there was.

II. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO TITLE 8, CHAPTER 13, SECTION 8A, INCREASING NUMBER OF B-W LIQUOR LICENSES (REQUESTOR MIA'S PANCAKE HOUSE & GRILL, LLC, 2314 GREEN BAY ROAD)

Alderman Jackson had strong concerns with extending more liquor and gaming. Chief of Staff Jackson clarified that **B-W** liquor license didn't allow gaming with current moratorium in place and questioned if it was explained it to the owner. The Mayor clarified the name of the establishment formerly known as the CYOC (Create your own Cheesecake.) Chief of Staff Jackson explained that the owner was currently seeking beer and wine served.

Concerning the **B-W2** liquor license, Alderman Coleman asked to receive a consensus with issuing additional liquor licenses. The Mayor suggested addressing each alderman individually. He, Alderman Coleman asked the council members if a possible moratorium on both the liquor and gaming.

Alderman Smith stated no. Alderman Murphy wasn't aware it was under consideration for both and wasn't properly prepared to decide.

Alderman January agreed with Alderman Jackson. She questioned if there were requirements for liquor licenses and emphasized additional liquor licenses, which was destroying the city economic growth possibilities. She suggested ceasing both issuances of gaming and liquor licenses. Also, more stronger language amendments to the current ordinance. She was appreciative of Chief of Staff Jackson compiling the data.

Item I & II will be placed on the next Council Agenda, March 17, 2025

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Evans that Committee of the Whole stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Allen was absent.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.