

PUBLIC HEARING

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021
5:46 PM**

Mayor Rockingham called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Murphy

Absent: Smith, January

I. PUBLIC HEARING – PROPERTY TAX:

Comptroller Mike Peterson explained an estimated **\$500,000** increase; absorbed half from commercial/residential properties. There were individuals still in process of property appeal. The City was seeking amount of **\$10, 593,600** for the **2021** Tax Levy.

Attorney Simon explained why the City was holding a Public Hearing due to less than **5%** requested property tax increase; a portion of the Levy was unrelated to bonds. The net increase to properties with amount collected; other taxing bodies and accessed value by a sufficient amount would determine how it would impact each city homeowner individually.

City Clerk, Lori Collins read a public comment written in the zoom chat room from Kenneth Robinson; what was the average increase for homeowner with a **\$100,000** accessed home value; Mr. Peterson stated providing that amount remained the same in **2021**, it would be a **\$15.00** tax decrease.

Attorney Simon questioned EAV (Estimated Accessed Value); Mr. Peterson stated amount of **\$208,000,000** and climbing to **\$220,000,000**.

II. ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield that the Public Hearing stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Murphy

Absent: Smith, January

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021
5:30 PM
1850 LEWIS AVENUE
NORTH CHICAGO, IL 60064
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Held Virtually Via Zoom

Mayor Rockingham called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Mayfield, Allen, Markham, Runnels

Absent: Evans, January

I. Preliminary Environmental Impact Determination for the 16th Street and Kemble Avenue Water Transmission Main Project

City Engineer Steve Cieslica explained the parameters of the work:

The project includes a new 12-inch water main along an alley from Lewis Avenue east to Kemble Avenue, then south on Kemble Avenue to 13th Street, then west on 13th Street to Lewis Avenue, connecting to the existing 12-inch water main on the west side of Lewis Avenue. The project also includes a new 12-inch water main along 16th Street from Kemble Avenue to Sheridan Road, then south along Sheridan Road to Foss Park Avenue, then east along Foss Park Avenue and connecting to the existing 16-inch water main near the southern entrance to the AbbVie pharmaceutical manufacturing plant. Finally, the project includes the replacement of undersized 4-inch water mains on Victoria Avenue, Lincoln Street, and Park Avenue with 8-inch water mains from 16th Street south to 17th Street.

He stated that there was no financial impact to the citizens of North Chicago, **NO WATER RATE INCREASE.**

City Clerk Lori Collins said there were no public comments via email or cellular.

Alderman Allen clarified that size of the water main pipes; Mr. Cieslica explained the size change from 6" to 12". Alderman Allen asked if the installation was in the street or on the parkway; Mr. Cieslica replied the street. Alderman Allen questioned why not in the parkway to avoid the street in case there were future main issues.

Mayor Rockingham asked the approximate life expectancy of the new line. Bob Benson of Trotter & Associates estimated at least **50** years; explained it was wrapped in a polyethylene encasement.

Alderman Allen asked if the life expectancy could be included in the contract.

Alderman Markham asked if it was currently budgeted; Steve Cieslica said that it was; there was a CIP Plan in the budget, the city paid the contractors invoices upfront then were reimbursed.

Treasurer Kenneth Robinson questioned the 30-year loan and if there was a possible increase of water rates; Mayor Rockingham explained that they may increase but it would not be due to this project.

Mr. Benson stated there was a certain possible principal interest forgiveness (changes year to year). It was contingent on federal funding. Only interest payments were made during construction.

Mr. Cieslica replied **1.35%** was the current interest from IEPA; Mr. Benson explained the City would pay **75%** of that amount.

Alderman Jackson questioned the interest time period; Mr. Benson explained it was a fixed rate.

Mr. Robinson questioned the timeline to complete the project; Mr. Cieslica approximated (1) year to construct it.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels that the Public Hearing stand adjourned

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

