

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, March 02, 2020 at 6:03 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 roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels, January

Absent: None

V. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

5-1 Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, **February 17, 2020**

5-2 Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings, **February 17, 2020**

5-3 Departmental Reports – **February 2020**

5-4 Audit Fiscal Year Ending, **April 30, 2019**

5-5 “Summer Up” Program Agreement

5-6 Ordinance Amending **Title 6** of the City Code to Adopt Fair Housing Regulations

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve items of the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

Alderman January requested to move items **5-4 – 5-6** to Regular Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Suzanne Belinky

Announced that early voting had started at City Hall through March 17, 2020.

Karim Merchant

Mr. Merchant explained that he would like to have a liquor license to sell more than beer and wine. Mayor Rockingham informed him that he would be allowed to present at the time of Committee; it was on the agenda.

5-4 AUDIT FISCAL YEAR ENDING, APRIL 30, 2019

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Audit Fiscal Year Ending, April 30, 2019 as presented.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

5-5 “SUMMER UP” PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the “Summer Up” Program Agreement as presented.

Alderman January asked for a brief overview. Chief of Staff, Deb Waszak explained the Parameters of the program that **100** students to work with the City over the summer break. The **\$80,000** grant was from the Stein’s Foundation; Ms. Carter (Program Administrator) would be paid **\$60,000** and **\$20,000** for transportation. There were also college courses the students could attend, paid directly from the Stein’s Foundation.

5-6 ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE6 OF THE CITY CODE TO ADOPT FAIR HOUSING REGULATIONS

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Ordinance Amending Title 6 of the City Code to Adopt Fair Housing Regulations.

Alderman Allen asked if there were any changes from what was presented previously; Senior City Planner Nimrod Wards assured there were not.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL – RESOLUTION REALLOCATING 2020 PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND CAP AMOUNT OF \$3,125.850 TO BUFFALO GROVE, IL

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Resolution Reallocating 2020 Private Activity Bond Cap Amount of \$3,125,850 to Buffalo Grove, IL

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL – AUTHORIZATION FOR COMCAST SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT OF \$27,518.39

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Comcast Settlement Agreement of \$27,518.39.

Alderman Allen clarified that the funds were to be paid to the City; Mayor Rockingham acknowledged.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL – RESOLUTION of 2020 CDBG PUBLIC SERVICES FUND

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Resolution of 2020 Public Services Fund.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

General Corporate Fund	\$	369,701.39
Library	\$	7,720.51
Motor Fuel Tax	\$	32,485.51
Water Operations	\$	150,989.02
Grant	\$	13,250.04
CDBG	\$	7,803.45
911 Emergency Telephone Sys.	\$	475.00
Retiree's Insurance Prem	\$	15,776.69
TIF II Sheridan Crossing	\$	3,436.25
Skokie HWY TIF III	\$	7,443.67
Grant Place Operating Fund	\$	877.86
TOTAL	\$	609,959.39

MOTION:

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to pay the bills of Council Run 3/02/20 in the amount of \$609,959.39 when funds become available.

Alderman Markham questioned page 12, NICASA; Interim Comptroller Daniela Partipilo explained the bills were for teen court of which NICASA inadvertently had not Billed for over a year. He asked if the Illinois Municipal League (IML) was to pay for any of the Mayor's conference expenses since he was the current President. Mayor Rockingham explained that certain conferences/expenses for travel and lodging would be paid through IML.

Alderman Markham questioned airfare for the Chief of Staff to Cuba; Mayor Rockingham said that they were both going as delegates for the National League of Cities.

Alderman January questioned if funds were available and when checks would be disbursed. Mrs. Partipilo said funds were available and checks sent by end of the week Alderman January asked how much was in the Water Fund and the next transfer; Mrs. Partipilo stated \$1,308,660.50; the next transfer would be April in the amount of \$650,000.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Evans, Allen, Markham, Runnels
Nays: January
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

5TH WARD MEETING

Alderman Markham announced the 5th Ward Meeting at the Foss Park Community Center, Saturday, **March 07, 2020; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** He invited everyone.

CENSUS

Alderman Mayfield announced the census was approaching and there would be a “Come to Census Kickoff” **March 22, 2020; 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

CORONAVIRUS

Fire Chief, Dell Urban explained the virus was similar to the common cold or influenza. Recommended stressing good quality hygiene and cleaning the surfaces. She clarified it Wasn't at the pandemic stage yet and also no vaccine for the corona virus. Recommended Remaining at home if any flu-like symptoms. If affected the elderly and people with low Immune. Pamphlets were provided on the back counter of the council chambers. Any further Questions/concerns, contact the Fire Department or CDC Website. Masks were provided to Police Chief Perez for the officers. She reiterated if any contact with flu-like symptoms, to contact the Fire Department. She would updated the information as received.

Alderman January questioned if the masks were professionally fitted. She requested that the Officers were tested for the virus beforehand.

The Mayor added there were conference calls from the White House in the process of issuing more tests for the virus. The main issue was good hygiene. Chief Urban stated it was presumed that up to (1) year for the vaccination. The Mayor expressed his appreciation for the update.

VARIOUS

Alderman Evans had concern of attendees for the 3rd Ward Meeting, Saturday, **March 14, 2020; 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**, held at the Foss Park Community Center. He added the announcement of the Black Woman Expo, **April 14, 2020;** the fee of **\$25** and the check be issued to the City of North Chicago re: 3rd Ward Meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Runnels, seconded by Alderman Allen that the meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Fisher was absent.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins, City Clerk