

# MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, May 04, 2020 at 6:02 p.m. via Virtual media Zoom Link with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr., presiding.

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

## **II. INVOCATION**

## **III. ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Runnels, January

Absent: Evans, Markham

## **IV. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA**

- 4-1 Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, **April 20, 2020**
- 4-2 Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings, **April 20, 2020**
- 4-3 Annual Engagement Agreement with Sikich – Fiscal Year Ending **April 30, 2020**
- 4-4 Consideration/Approval of Awarding Contract for **2020** Street Sweeping to LRS Recycling Services; the Low Successful Bidder on a Municipal Purchasing Cooperative Solicitation for Bids
- 4-5 Consideration/Approval – Extending **2019** Publicly Bid Contract Awarded to Olmos Landscaping, Inc. for **2020** Landscape Maintenance Services for City-owned Properties/Medians on Argonne Dr. and Adams St.
- 4-6 Consideration/Approval for Extending **2019** Publicly Bid Contract Awarded to Tri-State Platinum for **2020** Landscapes Maintenance Services of Various Right-of-Way and Vacant Scattered Site Properties Maintained by the City
- 4-7 Consideration/Approval for Request – Authorization to Advertise for Bid (Traffic and Pedestrian Control Signal Maintenance Services)
- 4-8 Consideration/Approval for Procurement/Installation of Materials Request for Honorary Street Naming for Ward **3** – Hazel S. Moore Way, according to the Policy set forth for such Honorary Naming of City Streets
- 4-9 Consideration/Approval for Procurement/Installation of Materials Request for Honorary Street Naming for Ward **5** – Michael “Snip” McBride Way, according to the Policy set forth for such Honorary Naming of City Streets
- 4-10 Consideration/Approval of a 2-year Term – N.C. Public Library Reappointment for Herbert Handy, Edward Houston, Lawrence Brown and Jeanette Allen

**Alderman Markham joined meeting at 6:05 p.m.**

**Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve items 4-1 thru 4--10 of the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.**

### **ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Markham, Runnels

Nays: January

Absent: Evans

### **MOTION CARRIED**

## **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**NONE**

**VI. REGULAR AGENDA**

6-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL – EXTENSION OF INTERIM COMPTROLLER, DANIELA PARTIPILO’S CONTRACT WITH GOVHR UNTIL OCTOBER 30, 2020

**Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Extension of Interim Comptroller Daniela Partipilo’s Contract with HRGov until October 30, 2020.**

Alderman Allen stressed the need of training for the Assistant Comptroller to avoid continual extensions for the Interim. Mayor Rockingham agreed and stated that was the direction.

Alderman January requested to refresh with the salary and the amount previously. Chief of Staff, Deb Waszak explained that GovHR was paid \$70/hour for approximately 40 hrs/week.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Evans

**MOTION CARRIED**

6-2 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL – REQUEST FOR DECLARATION OF SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZATION SELLING VEHICLES LISTED TO ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT FOR APPRAISED VALUE

**Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Declaration of Surplus/Authorization selling vehicles to Enterprise Fleet Management to appraised value.**

Alderman Allen suggested that several of the vehicles could be utilized in other departments; opposed to buying new vehicles. Mayor Rockingham stated that option was being reviewed. Alderman Allen further stated that the vehicles were not fuel efficient for everyday use.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Markham, Runnels

Nays: January

Absent: Evans

**MOTION CARRIED**

6-3 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

<b>General Corporate Fund</b>	\$	<b>469,324.63</b>
<b>Library</b>	\$	<b>6,185.85</b>
<b>Motor Fuel Tax</b>	\$	<b>21,279.80</b>
<b>Water Operations</b>	\$	<b>135,605.01</b>
<b>Grant</b>	\$	<b>9,828.98</b>
<b>Community Development - CDBG</b>	\$	<b>2,109.60</b>
<b>TIF Grant Place Debt Service</b>	\$	<b>166.67</b>
<b>TIF 2007A Debt Service</b>	\$	<b>166.67</b>
<b>TIF Debt Service 2007B</b>	\$	<b>166.66</b>
<b>Dental and Vision</b>	\$	<b>201.00</b>
<b>Retiree's Insurance Prem</b>	\$	<b>14,887.44</b>
<b>Grant Place Operating Fund</b>	\$	<b>1,928.26</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>661,850.57</b>
<b>Additional</b>	\$	<b>380,963.75</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>1,042,814.32</b>

**MOTION:**

**Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to pay the bills of Council Run 5/04//20 in the amount of \$1,042,814.32 when funds become available.**

Alderman January questioned if funds were available and when checks would be disbursed. Mrs. Partipilo stated funds were available and checks sent by end of week. Alderman January asked amount in the Water Fund and the next transfer. Mrs. Partipilo stated the amount in the Operating Water Fund **\$1,219,991.82**; she was not sure what the final transfer amount would be until a budget was approved but approximated **July** in the amount of **\$650,000**.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Runnels

Nays: Markham, January

Absent: Evans

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Alderman Evans joined meeting at 6:30 p.m.**

**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS**

**VARIOUS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

Alderman Markham questioned progress of progress for the 911 Call Center and the number of dispatch operators currently working. Police Chief, Lazaro Perez stated the transfer date of **June 03, 2020** and currently 8 dispatchers. Alderman Markham asked if 8 dispatchers was enough; Chief Perez said there was only **(1)** on duty at times.

Alderman Markham asked if someone was in charge of emergency services, other than the Chief of Staff. The Mayor explained that Fire Chief Urban provided information to Staff and Chief of Staff (who distributes the information).

Alderman Markham questioned the number of casualties in North Chicago from COVID-19; Mayor Rockingham estimated **250-259** cases and unsure of number of casualties. Alderman

Markham asked if there was to be a testing center in North Chicago; Mayor Rockingham said it was organized by the Governor and County.

Chief of Staff Deb Waszak explained the Rosalind Franklin does testing of public if you call; cost incurred if there is no insurance. Also that she was only aware of one fatality.

Alderman January appreciated the information update. Fire Chief Dell Urban explained that she was only aware of one fatality from COVID-19. The number of cases changes daily. Alderman January asked if any first responders had tested positive for the disease; she stated there weren't in the Fire Department; Police Chief Lazaro Perez stated one officer tested positive.

Mayor Rockingham explained that one employee tested positive was quarantined and is back to work. He recommended that everyone quarantine on their own.

Alderman Mayfield stated concern with cost about drive-by celebrations and visits by the first responders. Chief Urban stated there was no overtime, there was cost of fuel and have been considered public relation events. Chief Perez said the shifts were able to do the drive-by without overtime.

Alderman Mayfield requested the Comptroller and Treasurer to present an overview of the City's investments.

Alderman Evans expressed appreciation to those that have participated in giving to those in need during this time. Alderman January questioned if there was liability with food drives and requirements from the Health Department. The Mayor explained that the City gave approval to the drive but not sure if Health Department was needed. Alderman January requested that an application be presented for the drive-by events.

City Treasurer Kenneth Robinson announced there would be a North Chicago High School graduation ceremony May 29<sup>th</sup> in the parking lot.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

### **MOTION CARRIED**

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

### **ATTEST:**

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**Lori L. Collins**, City Clerk