

# MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, March 16, 2026, at 6:03 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Rockingham Jr. presiding.

## I. CALL TO ORDER

## II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## III. INVOCATION

## IV. ROLL CALL

Upon the Roll Call being taken, the following members were present:

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

Absent: Evans, Wray

Mayor Rockingham announced that Alderman Evans and Alderman Wray were absent due to National League of Conventions

### 4-1 PRESENTATION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING LEVI CHRISTOPHER FINCH FOR HIS ATHLETIC, ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS

- 3.0 GPA, 4-year varsity basketball starter
- Levi – Thanked Mayor Rockingham Jr., dad and family
- He was grateful for the support as other children may not have the support
- Emphasized thanks to Coach Gerald Coleman
- Started with varsity

#### **Alderman Brooks**

- Pleasure of meeting and knowing him. Always kept his composure. His Family was always present. Coach Gerald Coleman also noted that he was an all-conference player not just a nominee and requested to change resolution.

**Mayor Rockingham Jr. announced that the Public Works Department received the APWA award and the plaque would be displayed.**

**Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Brooks to approve the Resolution Honoring Levi Christopher Finch for his athletic, academic, and community achievements.**

### **MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

### 4-2 PRESENTATION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF ANTHONY W. URBANIK

**Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Brooks to approve the Resolution Honoring the life of Anthony W. Urbanik as presented.**

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Allen, Murphy, Brooks

Nays: None

Absent: Evans, Wray

### **MOTION CARRIED**

**V. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA**

- 5-1 Approval of Minutes for Regular Council Meeting, **March 2, 2026**
- 5-2 Approval of Standing Committee Meeting Minutes, **March 2, 2026**
- 5-3 Approval of an Agreement with True Conglomerate Productions for 2026 Community Days Promotion and Production Services not to exceed **\$31,000**
- 5-4 Approval of a Resolution to Approving Appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission
  - Angelica Douglass – two-year term expiring December 31, 2026
  - Antonio Jackson – two-year term expiring December 31, 2026
  - Renee Jones – two-year term expiring December 31, 2026
  - GeanNell Jackson – two-year term expiring December 31, 2027
  - Virginia Gibbs – two-year term expiring December 31, 2027
  - Joshua Franklin – two-year term expiring December 31, 2027
- 5-5 Approval of City Code Amendment Regarding Mobile Food Vendor Business Licenses
- 5-6 Approval of a City Code Amendment Regarding Keeping and Feeding of Animals
- 5-7 Approval of Authorization to Advertise for bid the FY 2026 WTP Painting Project
- 5-8 Approval of Annual Sludge Removal with Senesac Corp. in the Not to Exceed Amount of **\$30,000**
- 5-9 Approval of Annual Street Sweeping with LRS in the Not to Exceed Amount of **\$50,000**
- 5-10 Approval of Equipment Purchase for Water Plant from Hach; “Tur” for **\$58,66.87**, three sensors **\$12,915.47**, Turb for influent for **\$13,105**. In total the sum Not to exceed \$ **84,687.34**
- 5-11 Approval of an Ordinance Approving Variations for the Property Located at **29521-29681 Waukegan Road**, Commonly Known as Forest Pointe
- 5-12 Approval of an Ordinance Approving Variations for the Property Located at **1601 Jackson Street**
- 5-13 Approval of Resolution Approving Sale of Surplus Real Estate at **1700 Morrow Avenue, 2238 Hervey Avenue, and 712 Broadway Avenue**

**Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented with the exception of Item 5-13.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Allen, Murphy, Brooks

Nays: None

Absent: Evans, Wray

**MOTION CARRIED**

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Therese Flowers**

- Thanked the Fire Chief John Umek for putting in her fire alarms and donated exercise equipment

**Michael Atlas**

- Thanked Alderman Jackson for asking about 250<sup>th</sup> year celebration
- Concerned with stating former Halsey Village as Zombie Village and would not have referred to any place in North Chicago as zombie
- North Chicago is home to the only Naval training installation
- Treated the way allowed to be treated

Mayor Rockingham explained that the television interview that Mr. Atlas was referring to was presented by Senator Duckworth. She visited and referred to it as such “we deserve better” and agreed. Will call it that until the Navy demolish and fund it. Senator Duckworth and Senator Durbin are in support of North Chicago.

Alderman Coleman asked if there would be a rebuild. Mayor Rockingham Jr. explained they were first to demolish it. There may be environmental cleaning needed, thus far had allocated dollars to clean up, would like for it to be considered surplus property in order to add on tax roll. The Navy expressed interest in possible leasing and he did not agree. He was unsure if there was development, yet remained owned by the military, if the city would be able to tax the property. There was 80 acres of land.

Alderman Coleman agreed with the City obtaining possession.

## **VII. REGULAR AGENDA**

### **5-13 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPROVING SALE OF SURPLUS REAL ESTATE AT 1700 MORROW AVENUE, 2238 HERVEY AVENUE, AND 712 BROADWAY AVENUE**

**Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Brooks that Item 5-13 be moved to the next Regular Council Meeting.**

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Allen, Murphy, Brooks

Nays: None

Absent: Evans, Wray

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

### **7-1 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ANNUAL MEETING 2026 CALENDAR**

**Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve Resolution Establishing Annual Meeting 2026 Calendar.**

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Allen, Murphy, Brooks

Nays: None

Absent: Evans, Wray

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

### **7-2 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF THE CITY BILLS**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>322,221.50</b>
<b>Motor Fuel Tax Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1.36</b>
<b>Capital Projects Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Water, Sewer &amp; Refuse Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>230,168.94</b>
<b>Vision</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>889.25</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$553,281.05</b>
<b>SPECIAL 1</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,955.42</b>
<b>SPECIAL 2</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>47,194.39</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$610,430.86</b>

**Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy to pay the Regular, Special 1 and Special 2 bills of Council Run 03/16/26 in the amount of \$610,430.86 when funds become available.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Ayes: Jackson, Coleman, Allen, Murphy, Brooks

Nays: None

Absent: Evans, Wray

**MOTION CARRIED**

**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS**

- **Alderman Brooks**  
-Reminded everyone to vote the following day
- **Alderman Murphy**  
-Noted that anyone can vote at any location and not specific to one polling place
- **Alderman Allen**  
-Congratulated Alderman Coleman on his son graduating the Police Academy
- **Alderman Coleman**  
-Stated that the next new Lake County Commissioner would be a North Chicago resident

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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**Lori L. Collins, City Clerk**