

MONDAY
April 20, 2026

City of North Chicago
1850 Lewis Avenue, North Chicago, IL 60064

Following City Council Meeting



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

6:23 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Coleman

1. DISCUSSION OF DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS:

- Finance Budget Report
- Fire
- Human Resources
- Public Works

There were no questions or concerns about the Departmental Reports.

2. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE SOLID WASTE AGENCY OF LAKE COUNTY.

Chief of Staff Greg Jackson stated this would be an amendment to the already established agreement with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County. They were looking to make sure of more participation in a quorum therefore looking to expand who can serve as a director and/or alternate director.

3. CONSIDERATION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND THE CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO FOR THE FORMER R. LAVIN & SONS, INC., SECONDARY SMELTER SITE FOR A \$1,000,000 LOAN FOR REMEDIATION WITH \$500,000 FORGIVABLE.

Chief of Staff Greg Jackson explained another opportunity to bring in money into the community. North Chicago received multiple grant funds from various sources. The IEPA was challenging in the past to move remediation forward, was now offering to give money.

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) had a Brownfield funding program and was offering the City of North Chicago \$500k 100% forgivable and \$500k with 1% interest over 30

years, if needed. This information was for informational purposes.

Alderman Allen inquired about, how much would be owed later. Mr. Jackson said the review was already in motion, there were conversations with the mayor and the comptroller. Alderman Allen stated he would like to review the numbers. He curious to know the impact on the City with interest in the future.

Chief of Staff Jackson and Mayor assured Alderman Allen that they were diligently reviewing process. Alderman Brooks asked for clarification, “this is a just in case, if needed?”

Chief of Staff Greg confirmed that there would be funds that would be available as needed for any project, not sure exactly what that would be, however, once it’s approved, it’s up to the City to utilize it.

4. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION - INTENT TO CONTINUE JOINT RECIPIENT AGREEMENT FOR CDBG FUNDS WITH LAKE COUNTY

Economic & Community Development Director Taylor Wegrzyn explained that (ECD) was looking to continue the agreement with Lake County, who administers the funds for CDBG. Lake County was looking for a Notice of Intent to continue the arrangements that were currently in place. The deadline with HUD was April 28th, to provide the City’s Notice of Intent. The City had been in agreement with Lake County since 2014.

Staff recommended continuing the same arrangement, as it was a win-win situation. Lake County earned up to 20% in administrative fees, from the grant dollars, their direct benefit. The city’s direct benefit was not to need additional personnel to manage the program. It was a three-year agreement. If it is decided to continue, Notice of Intent to continue the program would be provided to the Lake County and the State.

Alderman Jackson questioned the timeline. Mr. Wegrzyn clarified the process, timetable and next steps.

Alderman Jackson asked if Council’s approval was need to move forward. Mr. Wegrzyn clarified based on his understanding there wasn’t any formal action that needed to take place until June. This was correspondence that an action would be taken. There is nothing formal until June 10th. In the absence of a decision, they would proceed with the arrangements already in the current agreement.

Alderman Murphy stated that she was aware that voting does not take place in committee, however, is there a way without a vote to seek consensus on moving forward because there were no questions raised. Due to there being no concerns and having the intent to move forward.

Council members had no concerns. Mayor Rockingham Jr. stated that Taylor could inform them that Committee agreed to move forward.

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY,
APRIL 20, 2026, 6:33 p.m.**

Alderman Evans called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Coleman

1. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE FY 2027 PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT VENDOR LIST(S) – FACILITIES MANAGEMENT, STREETS, AND WATER

Engineer Steve Cieslica stated that for the past four years a list of vendors has been utilized by Public Works in their day-to-day work throughout the City. Documentation was provided and cost with not to exceed amounts for the various vendors and services used through the department.

2. DISCUSSION OF TAI WORK ORDER FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR LEWIS AVENUE DETENTION BASIN PROJECT – PHASE 1 IN THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$80,000

Mr. Cieslica explained that this was for the Lewis Avenue Detention Basin Project and was awarded \$1.56 million. He hoped to have a groundbreaking ceremony soon. The documentation provided was the contract for Trotter and Associates to provide the construction and inspection services. The city would monitor the work and workload. The city would handle all monies and payouts.

3. DISCUSSION OF CHANGE ORDER TO CONTRACT WITH PIPE VIEW AMERICA FOR THE FY 2026 STORM SEWER CLEANING AND TELEVISIONING PROGRAM, INCREASING CONTRACT BY \$17,568.40 FOR A NEW TOTAL OF \$150,000

Mr. Cieslica explained that the change was for budgeting reasons. When bids were previously made, the funds were maxed out in usage, therefore funds needed to be increased. They have been working to clean up the streets, especially with the recent rainy weather conditions, and storm sewers were performing well. There had only been two complaints about the water and flooding, which was great.

The goal was to spend \$150,000 annually on the storm sewer system. Explained the route from one end of the city and work towards the other side of the city. To date, the storm sewer cleanup was south of Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. and all the storm sewers East of Glenn Drive. Current year's projects started at 14th St./Audrey Nixon Blvd., using Glenn Dr. and Lewis Ave., and working back south to Martin Luther King, that is the area they are currently working on.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Jackson that Public Works Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Wray, Brooks

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

**BUILDING/LICENSE
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY,
APRIL 20, 2026, 6:38 p.m.**

Alderman Murphy called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Coleman

**1. REPORT ON AN APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENTS FOR MATTHEW HOMES
FAMILY CONNECT BLOCK PARTY, 1714 GROVE AVE.**

Alderman Evans stated they have good parties.

No questions or concerns were stated.

Alderman Brooks moved, seconded by Alderman Evans that Building/License Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

**HUMAN RESOURCES
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY,
APRIL 20, 2026, 6:40 p.m.**

Alderman Murphy called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Coleman

**1. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF THE REVISED CITY SALARY ORDINANCE (CSO)
AND PAY SCHEDULE.**

Chief of Staff Greg Jackson gave an overview of the annual salary ordinance that is revised and updated yearly. Greg highlighted details within the documentation of changes, while detailing those changes. Stating the importance of a succession plan in all departments, in the event of staff changes, the city can continue to operate as normal.

Alderman Evans asked a clarifying question about bringing in a social and who is not utilizing what is in place.

Chief of Staff Greg clarified, isn't a who, it more of a what type of services is being provided. Explaining while our police and fire staff are trained from de-escalations, there are levels of intimacy that takes place when someone that is not wearing a uniform, that has the skill, education and expertise that can support in a way that a police officer may not be able to.

Alderman Evans stated his awareness of the multiple programs and questioned if the people have a n issue will interacting with the police how they will interact with a social worker.

Chief of Staff Greg will be out working on various caseloads that may involve domestic violence victims. This would allow for a more intimate setting than one with someone just talking to a police officer. Alderman Evans confirmed that this would be field work position.

Chief of Staff Greg explained yes this would be a daily duty, offsite role that an individual will be out handling cases.

Alderman Jackson asked due to positions being recodified, this would be some cost savings. Which would help pay for the additional roles that are being created. Chief of Staff Greg confirmed that was correct. Detailing that the budgets had been thoroughly reviewed.

Alderman Brooks moved, seconded by Alderman Evans that Human Resources Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy, Brooks

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

