

**MONDAY
March 2, 2026**

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

Following City Council Meeting



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

6:40 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Coleman

1. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH TRUE CONGLOMERATE PRODUCTIONS FOR 2026 COMMUNITY DAYS PROMOTION AND PRODUCTION SERVICES NOT TO EXCEED \$31,000 ENGINEER

Chief of Staff Jackson explained that staff were seeking approval for the 20th anniversary contract for Community Days. True Conglomerate marketing for previous year's Community Days and was looking to engage another year. They would assist with fundraising for the event also. The target last year was **\$95k** and intended to double contributions that this year. There were things in place to raise money for the event, and True Conglomerate would be paid through contributions. Mayor Rockingham stated that Carlos Smith would be spearhead for the event, as the City currently does not have an Information Coordinator. Carlos would be working with Tameka Wilson. Mr. Smith's role was assuring the event was run properly.

Alderman Jackson asked if there asked if there was a salary for Carlos Smith. Mayor Rockingham, Jr. said the salary would be **\$3k** per month; funds would come directly from the Community Days funds.

2. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

Economic and Community Development Director Taylor Wegrzyn explained it was time to re-appoint five members to the Planning and Zoning Commission -Angelica Douglas, Antonio Jackson, Renee Jones, GeanNell Jackson and Virginia Gibbs. All would be a 2-year term. The terms would not run together as some have already started and were due to end December of 2026 and the others expiring December of 2027.

-There were 2 vacancies on the commission and recommended the new appointment of Joshua Franklin.

Mayor Rockingham, Jr. opened the floor if there were any questions for Mr. Franklin. Joshua Franklin said he was a lifelong resident of North Chicago, employed by the School District and resident of the 3rd Ward. Mayor Rockingham, Jr expressed gratitude for Mr. Franklin's desire to give back to the community. Indicating that he would be added to the vote for the next city council meeting.

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

**JUDICIARY
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY
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6:48 p.m.**

Alderman Wray called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Coleman

**1. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF CITY CODE AMENDMENT REGARDING MOBILE
FOOD VENDOR BUSINESS LICENSES**

Economic and Community Development Director Taylor Wegrzyn

Introduced proposed amendments to the Business License code category for mobile vendors (food trucks). People within the community and outside of the community attended food truck events hosted by the City, that was pilot project created by the Mayor and Chief of Staff. The purpose of those events was to attract individuals to the city. We would like to create a permit for food truck vendors to be able to sell food throughout the city under certain parameters. This proposed ordinance creates operation hours, locations, permitting process and inspection process to allow for food trucks in a controlled environment.

Summary- Food trucks vendors must obtain a Business License from the Economic Community Development Department and inspected by the Fire Department. Food Trucks would be permitted by owner's permission on private property in non-residential zoning districts or only permitted in striped parking spots on public streets that are designated for vendor use (Sheridan Rd., Audrey Nixon Blvd., 10th Street, Commonwealth Ave., parking would only be in spaces/spots and streets permitted. Placement would be first come, first serve process.

Hours of operation would be between 7am-10pm. Not within 50ft to any establishment that already prepares food. Cost for license was **\$200/year**, the fee would not be prorated, the fee was not applicable to established brick and mortar restaurant owners in the city. The waiving of this fee would be an incentive for North Chicago business owners, already invested in the city. Truck vendors would also be responsible for paying taxes to the city as well.

Alderman Allen asked would an event space such a Baquet Hall be permitted to have a food truck, if they pay \$200 and they had adequate parking? Taylor Wegrzyn explained if it were the same business that owned a food truck they could operate on their property.

**2. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF CITY CODE AMENDMENT REGARDING KEEPING
AND FEEDING OF ANIMALS**

Mr. Wegryzn clarified that the language of the ordinance had been clarified and amended by the City Attorney.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans that Judiciary Committee Meeting stand adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY
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7:00 p.m.

Alderman Evans called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Coleman

1. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BID THE FY 2026 WTP PAINTING PROJECT

Engineer Steve Cieslica Expressed the need for the work needed in order to preserve the Water Treatment Plant and gave insight with comparison of work that had been done and the future necessities. The facility should be a sterile environment.

Alderman Evans invited elected officials to tour the facility.

2. DISCUSSION OF ANNUAL SLUDGE REMOVAL WITH SENESAC CORP. IN THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$30,000

Interim Public Works Director Bob Miller explained the need to remove sludge (sediment) annually. This was the most economical approach to removing sludge that had been there for several years. This was not a punishment to employees.

Alderman Brooks asked if prior to bidding the project did the employees have the equipment to perform the removal. Mr. Miller said the equipment was antiquated.

Chief of Staff Greg Jackson explained that WTP operated through the Enterprise Fund. Monies collected were used for the Water Plant. This was the most economical way.

3. DISCUSSION OF ANNUAL STREET SWEEPING WITH LRS IN THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$50,000

Mr. Miller said that TKG was the lowest bidder in previous years but through consortium with LRS it was cheaper. Also, was not pleased with TKG. The cost for a sweeper \$300k; thought it was a good idea. He noted that there was no penalty to end contract

Aldermen Evans suggested that a Ward schedule be provided to let the residents know when they would be in the area. Mr. Miller agreed.

4. DISCUSSION OF EQUIPMENT PURCHASE FOR WATER PLANT

Mr. Miller said in order to maintain good water there was some equipment needed:

- Turbidimeters – remaining 8 meters **\$58,666.87**
- Turbidity monitor – 3 sensors **\$12,915.47** (been inoperable for several months)
- Heavy Duty Turb Handles - **\$13,105** (controls water intake)

All equipment from HACH; only company to supply this equipment and WTP already has this brand. HACH was the sole source.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING/ZONING
COMMITTEE MEETING**

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7:19 p.m.

Alderman Brooks called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Coleman

**1. DISCUSSION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING VARIATIONS FOR THE
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 29521-29681 WAUKEGAN ROAD, COMMONLY KNOWN
AS FOREST POINTE**

Mr. Wegryzn explained that the Zoning Board approved
-annexed in 1987, relief/zoning approval should have been granted
-want to legalize the correction

**2. DISCUSSION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING VARIATIONS FOR THE
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1601 JACKSON STREET**

Mr. Wegryzn explained the petitioner was currently seeking a 2-unit apartment building variation and clarified that there was not enough square footage for a 2-unit. The variation would allow a 2-unit. Alderman Allen asked if there was sufficient parking; Mr. Wegryzn said there was plenty.

**3. DISCUSSION TO PASS RESOLUTION APPROVING SALE OF SURPLUS REAL
ESTATE AT 1700 MORROW AVENUE, 2238 HERVEY AVENUE, AND 712
BROADWAY AVENUE**

Mr. Wegryzn explained the green book method was used. All 3 bids were from the same company; Matthew 524 LLC (Renew Homes) \$5,500 per property. Same conditions as other properties was to build single family homes.

**Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Murphy that Economic Development /
Planning / Zoning Committee Meeting stand adjourned.**

ROLL CALL:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

