

MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting, Monday, April 20, 2026, at 6:01 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, Evans, Allen, Wray, Brooks

Absent: Coleman, Murphy

Mayor Rockingham announced that Alderman Murphy was ill and would like to join the meeting via Zoom. Mayor Rockingham asked if a motion could be entertained to allow Alderman Murphy to join virtually.

Alderman Jackson moved, seconded by Alderman Brooks to approve Alderman Murphy to participate via Zoom.

V. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

5-1 Approval of Minutes for Regular Council Meeting, **April 20, 2026**

5-2 Approval of Standing Committee Meeting Minutes, **April 6, 2026**

5-3 Approval of a One-Year Contract Renewal for Communication Services with Jenich Marketing and Communications **not to exceed \$ 45,000**

5-4 Approval of a One-Year Contract Renewal for Government Affairs/Lobbyist Services with Kevin Riggs Consulting Group **not to exceed \$60,000**

5-5 Approval of the appointment of David Hudson to the PZC Commission

5-6 Approval of the Resolution approving and authorizing execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement for Public Wi-Fi projects between the County of Lake and the City of North Chicago

5-7 Approval of the Resolution Supporting the Nomination of a Census Tract Within the City as a Qualified Opportunity Zone

5-8 Approval of a Disabled Parking Permit for **1815 Lincoln Street**

5-9 Approval of a One-Year Contract Renewal for Interim Public Works Director Services with AMM Enterprises, LLC, **not to exceed \$120,000**

5-10 Approval to Waive Competitive Bid for the Design, Fabrication, and Installation of Single Face Monument Gateway City Entrance Signs and Enter into a Contract with Bright Light Sign for Nine Signs **not to Exceed \$190,416.48**

5-11 Approval of the Lewis Avenue Detention Basin Phase II Project

5-12 Approval of the contract renewal with MGT for Daphne Reyes

5-13 Approval of a For Service Agreement and the Municipal Contract Service Fees with the Lake County Health Department for Animal Control Services

- 5-14 Approval of grant application for **\$50,000** towards the purchase of mobile data terminals, training and records management
- 5-15 Approval to enter a contract with Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. for the purchase of Firefighting Bunker Gear (PPE), **not to exceed \$27,305.00**, for FY27
- 5-16 Approval of an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit at **2929 23rd Place** for contractor yard/shop – concrete
- 5-17 Approval of an Ordinance Approving Variations for Outdoor Storage Yard at **2929 23rd Place**
- 5-18 Approval of an Ordinance Approving a Zoning Map Amendment for the Property Located at **812 Audrey Nixon Blvd**
- 5-19 Approval of an Ordinance Approving Variations for a Parking Lot at **812 Audrey Nixon Blvd**
- 5-20 Approval of an Ordinance Approving a Sign Variation at **3100 Skokie Highway** (The Mulch Center)

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda Items 5-1 thru 5-20 as presented.

Alderman Brooks asked to moved Item 5-10 to the Regular Agenda. Alderman Allen and Evans amended their motions.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Linda Coats – Ollie Coleman

She felt that the City needed to recognize Ms. Ollie Coleman more, for her years of living in and dedication to the City. She suggested an honorary street sign. Mayor Rockingham, Jr. explained that the City voted by Resolution there would be no more honorary street signs. Recognition would be in other ways.

Mike Atlas - North Chicago / Naval Branding

Gave a history of Naval Station Great Lakes and being the only naval boot camp. Explained that he had spoken to a representative at the NEX to sell North Chicago branded items “gear”. It would spread the North Chiago brand, hoping to have it available for sell soon.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

- 5-10 APPROVAL TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BID FOR THE DESIGN, FABRICATION, AND INSTALLATION OF SINGLE FACE MONUMENT GATEWAY CITY ENTRANCE SIGNS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BRIGHT LIGHT SIGN FOR NINE SIGNS NOT TO EXCEED \$190,416.48

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to Approve Waiving Competitive Bid for the Design, Fabrication, and Installation of Single Face Monument Gateway City Entrance Signs and Enter into a Contract with Bright Light Sign for Nine Signs not to Exceed

\$190.416.48.

Staff Greg Jackson explained that it was accepted by Committee unanimously. He said it was for 9 9 signs stone structures. Price was frozen for 45 days. There was a need to waive competitive bids and that was the reason on Council agenda.

Alderman Allen noted that bids were taken months ago at came back at approximately \$300k. Mr. Jackson recognized there were considerable savings.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

- 7-1 APPROVAL TO WAIVE FIRST READING/CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN VANTAGE PRODUCTION GROUP AND THE CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO FOR COMMUNITY DAYS EVENT AUDIO AND VISUAL EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES NOT TO EXCEED \$21,000

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to Approve Waiving First Reading/Consideration and Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Vantage Production Group and the City of North Chicago for Community Days Event Audio and Visual Equipment and Services not to Exceed \$21,000.

Alderman Jackson asked if there was funding. Mr. Jackson explained that it would come from Community Days account. He hoped to bring report fundraising outline monthly.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

- 7-2 APPROVAL TO WAIVE FIRST READING/CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OVER LAND USE AND ZONING

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to Approve Waiving the First Reading of a Resolution Affirming Municipal Authority Over Land Use and Zoning.

Mr. Jackson said that it would be presented in Springfield the following week.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

- 7-3 CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF THE CITY BILLS

General Fund	\$	278,354.81
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Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$	631.53
Capital Projects Fund	\$	7,710.72
Debt Service 2007C Fund	\$	53,688.50
Water, Sewer & Refuse Fund	\$	280,329.84
Vision Fund	\$	615.77
Library Fund	\$	20.59
	\$	690,642.71
SPECIAL		
Carlos Smith	\$	6,000.00
C.O.P.S & F.I.R.E PROMO EXAM	\$	975.00
TOTAL	\$	697,617.71

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to pay the Regular, Special 1 and Special 2 bills of Council Run 04/20/26 in the amount of \$697,617.71 when funds become available.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

- **Alderman Evans**

-Announced the 3rd Ward Meeting, May 16, 2026, 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at City Hall

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins, City Clerk