

**TUESDAY  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 02, 2026**

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

Following City Council Meeting



**COMMITTEE OF THE  
WHOLE**

**6:57 p.m.**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy (RP), Brooks

Absent: Coleman

**1. DISCUSSION OF OPERATIONAL POLICY FOR CITIZENS RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

Chief of Staff reviewed the three outstanding applications. He asked the Council to review and contact him with ideas and would discuss at the next meeting.

Alderman Allen questioned the current ordinance verbiage that signs would only remain for 10 years. Chief of Staff explained that the family would have to maintain the signs for them to remain posted.

**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 7:00 p.m.

**JUDICIARY  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 02, 2026**

**7:01 p.m.**

Alderman Wray called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy (RP), Brooks

Absent: Coleman

**I. DISCUSSION FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CITY CODE SECTION 8-15 – CONCERNING KEEPING AND FEEDING ANIMALS:**

Economic & Community Development Director Taylor Wegryzn reviewed Section 8-15-2A and the concern of this section being too brief and no definition of dangerous animal. It was updated and extended to provide more verbiage and details.

8-15-6C was updated as well. The concern about Legislation possible impact and other local government as it pertains to animals as well. This section had been updated to cover concerns.

- Alderman Brooks questioned Section 8-15-1 of the ordinance as it pertains to cruelty to animals (left outdoors for extended periods of time and making loud noises). He questioned the penalty. Mr. Wegryzn said it would be a general violation of the city's ordinance, which could be \$750 per occurrence, but it would be up to the Judication officer. Could also cite noise ordinance violation being a nuisance, noting in section 8-15-3, Disturbing the Peace.
- Alderman Brooks questioned if repeated violators could lose their pet
  - Attorney David Silvermand stated that according to Illinois law pets are property, and you can't deprive someone of their property. However, there can be processes, such as the judication process which can deem the animal being treated in an inhumane manner.
- Alderman Brooks asked about the horses known in the City
  - Mr. Wegryzn stated that the horses weren't housed in the city and owners indicated that they would bring the horse to town, however the horse does not stay overnight in the city.
- Alderman Allen stated there needs to be consequences for these violations.
  - Attorney reiterated that there could be action and required a process that needs to be followed
  - Taylor mentioned the importance of obtaining documentation of the instances.
  - Attorney asked for an additional meeting with the committee to discuss further and asked that it be continued until the first meeting in March.

**Alderman Jackson moved, seconded by Alderman Brooks that Judiciary Committee Meeting stand adjourned.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 02, 2026  
7:15 p.m.**

Alderman Evans called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy (RP), Brooks

Absent: Coleman

**I. DISCUSSION OF AN ORDINANCE RENAMING FARWELL AVENUE TO FRONTENAC AVENUE:**

Economic & Community Development Director Taylor Wegryzn. explained the roadways and the upcoming roadway construction project for Compass Fuel. There is a proposal to rename the completed road Frontenac Avenue. Mayor Rockingham noted that there may be some undesired traffic for residents in that area. Alderman Murphy agreed but there is understanding and also know development was needed.

**II. DISCUSSION OF AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BID THE FY26 STORM SEWER CLEANING AND TELEVISION SERVICES:**

Engineer Steve Cieslica explained that \$150,000 was budgeted for annual sewer bid cleaning and would like to have project bid. He informed that there were flooding complaints in the area for this year's cleaning.

**III. DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF AGREEMENT WITH GFT INFRASTRUCTURE, INC. IN THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$124,660 FOR THE LEWIS AVENUE/ROUTE 137 (BUCKLEY RD) INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT- PHASE II ENGINEERING:**

Mr. Cieslica said North Chicago had received grant funding to provide intersection improvements and upgrades. The turn lane was going to be a bus stop. CMAP 80% and another 10% grant funds. City costs would be minimal.

**IV. DISCUSSION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LOAN AGREEMENT THROUGH IEPA PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN PROGRAM FOR THE LEAD SERVICE REPLACEMENT PHASE I PROJECT AND THE WATER TOWER NO. 1 AND TRANSMISSION MAIN PROJECT:**

Steve provided a breakdown of the loan amount and percentage details, further explaining that the amount that the city would be minimal. The city was been provided with a grant. The loan process includes principal loan forgiveness. The City would pay upfront and submit the payment for reimbursement. Reimbursement would be sent back to the city electronically. The timeframe for the IEPA to process usually took about 30 days or less.

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**Ayes: Jackson, Evans, Allen, Wray, Murphy (RP), Brooks**

**Nays: None**

Absent: Coleman

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

