

Regular Meeting, Monday, December 17, 2012

DRAFT OF MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, December 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Absent: DeVost

The Mayor requested that 3-2 thru 3-16; all annexation items be moved from Omnibus Vote to Regular Agenda.

Alderman Abrams moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels that the Omnibus Vote Agenda items 3-2 thru 3-16 be moved to Regular Agenda.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: DeVost

III. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

3-1 Department Head Reports
3-1A Treasurer's Report – November 2012
3-1B Water Department Report – November 2012

3-2 Petition/Ordinance – Zoning Text Amendment Approval (Vulcan)

3-3 Petition/Ordinance - Zoning Map Amendment Approval at 29841 N. Skokie Highway (Vulcan)

3-4 Petition/Ordinance – Variance Approval at 29841 N. Skokie Highway (Vulcan)

3-5 Petition/Ordinance - Special Use Permit Approval at 29841 N. Skokie Highway (Vulcan)

3-6 Petition/Ordinance – Zoning Text Amendment Approval (Meyer)

3-7 Petition/Ordinance - Zoning Map Amendment Approval at 30285 N. Skokie Highway (Meyer)

3-8 Petition/Ordinance – Variance Approval at 30285 N. Skokie Highway (Meyer)

3-9 Petition/ordinance - Special Use Permit Approval at 30285 N. Skokie Highway (Meyer)

3-10 Petition/Ordinance - Zoning Map Amendment Approval at 941 N. Skokie Highway (Curran)

3-11 Petition/Ordinance – Variance Approval at 941 N. Skokie Highway (Curran)

3-12 Petition/Ordinance for Special Use Permit at 941 N. Skokie Highway (Curran)

3-13 Resolution Approval Authorizing Execution - Annexation Agreement with Vulcan

3-14 Resolution Approval Authorizing Execution - Annexation Agreement with Curran Contracting Co.

3-15 Resolution Approval Authorizing Execution - Annexation Agreement with Meyer Material Co. LLC

3-16 Ordinance Approval Annexing Certain Territory to the City of North Chicago

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda item 3-1; Department Head Reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman DeVost was absent.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

3-2 ANNEXATION PROPERTIES thru 3-15

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to approve items 3-2 thru 3-15 approving the annexation, rezoning and Special Use Permits for 29841 N. Skokie Valley Highway (Vulcan); 30285 N. Skokie Valley Highway (Meyer Material) and 941 Skokie Valley Highway (Curran) as presented.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman January questioned if it was agreed to forcibly annex the Full Moon Restaurant. Attorney Smith explained it was agreed to a voluntary annexation. The Full Moon should be annexed probably in January 2013.

Attorney Smith advised that the motion required a vote of the Corporate Authority that would include Mayor Rockingham.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, Mayor Rockingham

Nays: January

Absent: DeVost

MOTION CARRIED

3-16 ORDINANCES ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to approve the Ordinance Annexing Property on Route 41 as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, Mayor Rockingham

Nays: January

Absent: DeVost

MOTION CARRIED

4-1 ASPHALT MATERIAL BID/CONTRACT APPROVAL TO PETER BAKER & SONS - \$35,850

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Bid/Contract to Peter Baker & Sons in the amount of \$35,850.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: DeVost

MOTION CARRIED

4-2 ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5; CHAPTER 21; RAFFLES

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Ordinance amending Title 5; Chapter 21; Raffles as presented.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January suggested parameters were necessary; any person involved with the City made their raffles cumbersome. There needed to be some guidelines and there should be a limit of \$10,000 established. It was similar to a lottery and could become an extortion issue.

Attorney Smith suggested the item be tabled and returned to committee for further discussion and review.

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to table Ordinance amending Title 5; Chapter 21; Raffles and move to committee for further discussion.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels

Nays: January

Absent: DeVost

MOTION CARRIED

4-3 APPOINTMENT APPROVAL OF ANTOINETTE POWELL – HUMAN RESOURCE

DIRECTOR Alderman Abrams moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the appointment of Antoinette Powell to Human Resource Director.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman January emphasized that "it was a travesty," he clarified didn't imply that she was unqualified.

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels called for the question. ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels Nays: January Absent: DeVost

MOTION CARRIED

ORIGINAL MOTION TO APPOINT ANTOINETTE POWELL - VOTE

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels

Nays: January

Absent: DeVost

MOTION CARRIED

V. CITY BILLS

5-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 12/17/12

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to pay the bills of Council Run 12/17/12 in the amount of \$233,405.11 as presented when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned if and when funds would be available; Account Manager explained they were and checks would be written the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: DeVost

MOTION CARRIED

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

WELCOMING AND HOLIDAY WISHES

Mayor Rockingham welcomed Ms. Antoinette Powell to the City as the Human Resource Director.

Mayor Rockingham wished all a safe and happy holiday season

MRS. BROOKS

Alderman Mayfield recognized a stellar citizen, Mrs. Brooks for her thirty-nine (39) years of service to the community; she was delighted and honored Mrs. Brooks in the City of North Chicago.

PRAYERS

Alderman Abrams asked for prayers to families in Connecticut as they faced devastation from a grade school gun shooting resulting in many deaths.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Alderman Allen encouraged the council to attend School Board Meetings; Alderman Abrams there was development of strategic plan for the school district and suggested the council collaborate with the school board; a quality school system would result in economic development.

Alderman January emphasized the city need for strategic plan and goals. It was imperative for citizens becoming more involved voicing themselves included in the process. The additional prayers were also necessary for the Connecticut families.

Mr. Ralph Peterson explained had important information to be presented and requested additional time. Mayor Rockingham acknowledged his request.

VII. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Patricia Axelrod – 340 McKinley Avenue, Libertyville, IL
She clarified that it was noted December 3, 2012 by the City Attorney that North Chicago operated as a Strong Mayor form of government. The resolutions of the City did not state that information.

She stated had submitted a Freedom of Information Request for a copy of Police Policies/Procedures and other information.

Anthony Coleman – 1439 Elizabeth Ave., North Chicago
He wished everyone happy holidays. Mr. Coleman directed question to Alderman Allen for definition of a TIF District. Mayor Rockingham suggested that he inquired Alderman Allen following the Council Meeting. Mr. Coleman again questioned Alderman Allen, as a candidate for Mayor what was a TIF District. Mayor Rockingham explained, due to the political nature of the question, it would have to be answered at another choice of time.

Joseph Walls – 1421 Elizabeth Ave., North Chicago
He requested that the council members ceased bickering; clarified that the council needed to cooperate in union of one another. Mr. Walls stated that the annexation agenda item to be approved was vague and no clarification of the properties. He advised that the officers with allegations or complaints against them be removed from duty until further investigation. He stressed the need of protecting the public including the officers. Wadell Brooks – 1932 Sherman Ave., North Chicago He extended appreciation to Alderman Mayfield for acknowledgement of his wife and those aldermen that had attended. He explained “without a vision people perish” and suggested encouraging one another.

Chandler Walker – 1400 Argonne Dr., North Chicago
He stated strong concern of drug seizure funds and mismanagement of the monies. The council should be aware of the amount in the fund. Mayor Rockingham explained he would contact him with the information.

Susan Dixon – 1620 Kemble Ave., North Chicago
She was ashamed that the City wasn’t moving forward. Stated there wasn’t any economic

development due to the council's actions. He water bill has tripled in cost and there wasn't an explanation.

Betty Harris – North Chicago

She was gratified with everyone that donated to the Angel Tree Organization and had attended School District Meetings. The State of Illinois was #1 in juvenile incarceration and emphasized that North Chicago was among fifty (50) of the worst quality of education schools in the country.

Ralph Peterson – 3814 Delany Rd., Gurnee, IL

He emphasized that Sergeant Cecala should be relieved of his duty. He presented pictures of the alleged victim abused by police. On a call, Sergeant Cecala & Officer Keske were on a domestic call; the woman and her child were seized by the officers. They were similar officers involved in the "Hanna case." He suggested review of the reports and recommended removing the officers.

Mr. Peterson requested five (5) minutes to speak at the following meeting. Officer Greyor waited outside a restaurant to speak to him.

James Boyland – 1419 Broadway Ave., North Chicago

He explained was a dispute between him and his girlfriend on the night in question. Once the police arrived, the situation was under control and the police were requested to leave by his girlfriend. He questioned why his two (2) year old daughter was being handled by the officer. As he reached for his daughter he was punched several times. Once he hit the ground he was stomped, kicked, punched and hit with batons. He was told by the officer "I'm going to make sure you never see your daughter again" after he refused to sign a statement. He was jailed for two (2 1/2) months. Ralph Peterson advised that Mr. Boyland was charged with a felony for false allegations. Mayor Rockingham stated the city was reviewing allegations since it had been brought to their attention.

Alderman Allen emphasized he was upset with all police abuse allegations and it needed to cease, Nothing had been resolved; the officers needed to be held accountable. Mayor Rockingham explained the city was working on the issues. Alderman Abrams stressed that the issues should have been managed in year 2011 when the incidents first occurred. The Mayor reiterated that issues were being reviewed and that Chief Jackson had a tremendous responsibility to handle everything; the department couldn't be changed instantly. He requested that the council supported the Chief in an effort to mend the department.

Alderman January addressed Mr. Boyland, apologized to him for his experience with the police that shouldn't have transpired.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman DeVost was absent.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, December 03, 2012

DRAFT OF MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, December 03, 2012 at 7:18 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, Abrams, Runnels, January

Absent: DeVost, Allen

Mayor Rockingham stated that Alderman Allen called and said he would be absent.

Alderman DeVost returned to the Council Chambers.

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, November 05, 2012; 7:00 p.m. and Regular Council Meeting, November 19, 2012; 7:10 p.m., Special Council Meeting, November 26, 2012; 8:19 p.m. and Special Council Meeting, November 29, 2012; 5:00 p.m. were modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION:

Alderman Abrams moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels that Regular Council Meeting, November 05, 2012; 7:00 p.m., Regular Council Meeting, November 19, 2012; 7:10 p.m. Special Council Meeting, November 26, 2012; 8:19 p.m. and Special Council Meeting, November 29, 2012; 5:00 p.m. be passed as presented with the correction of November 29, 2012 to state Thursday not Monday.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Allen

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 PUBLIC HEARING – VARIOUS ANNEXATION AGREEMENTS

Attorney Smith explained that the due notice was published in Lake County New-Sun for annexation of certain property East side of Route 41 and South of Buckley Road. This would be the opportunity allowed for citizens to comment or ask questions concerning the annexation of said property.

Attorney Derke Price explained the properties were Lands Inc., Curran Inc. and Meyer Material. He further stated the access road was a state highway and approved unanimously by the Zoning Board of Appeals. According to the ordinance, the property owners would be allowed six (6) months to connect with North Chicago water under Route 41. Through the 3-year agreement, the companies would connect the water which was an immediately economic opportunity for the City.

Mayor Rockingham appreciated the companies cooperating with the City not to be forcibly annexed. He clarified they weren't previous located within North Chicago.

Alderman DeVost referenced a portion of the agreement relevant to use of the water wells. Attorney Price explained the cost of the connections would be divided by the companies to be annexed. He explained that the well water would continue to be utilized for industrial processing purposes and cleaning the property; not for potable use. Mayor Rockingham explained there currently was a line connection on the west side of Route 41 and the annexed properties would connect a line on the east to the current west line.

Alderman January questioned property owner's cost and it may take more than three (3) years if an easement was involved; Attorney Price explained there would be a request for an extension if the state took longer than three (3) years for the easement. The approximated cost of new water line was \$25,000-\$50,000. It was contingent upon what was encountered under the road and would be divided among the property owners. The Full Moon property owner's attorney decided to proceed separately.

Alderman January questioned the "recapture process" of well water that was currently utilized; Attorney Price explained that each property owner had separate wells. Attorney Price said the language of recapture in the agreement pertained to the cost due to Full Moon was not included in the current agreements. There would be a pipeline for their use if/when they decide to utilize the water. Those that had invested monies to make the water connection would recapture some of money in order for Full Moon use of the waterline.

Attorney Price requested that Item 7-16 be held until 12/17/12.

Joe Walls – 1421 Elizabeth Avenue Welcomed the progress of new businesses although inquired what would be the benefit of the property owners. Mayor Rockingham explained that the City previously approached the property owners and had attempted to annex for numerous years. The properties were surrounded by North Chicago. The owners opted for a volunteer agreement vs. to be forcibly annexed. Mr. Walls presumed there should have been a town hall meeting to obtain more details for the citizens; Mayor Rockingham acknowledged there was. Attorney Smith requested a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing on the annexation agreements until December 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to adjourn the Public Hearing until December 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

7-2 PETITION/ORDINANCE – ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT APPROVAL (VULCAN)

ITEMS 7-2 THRU 7-16 TABLED UNTIL DECEMBER 17, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman DeVost to table items 7-2 thru 7-16 until December 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Runnels, January

Nays: Abrams

Absent: Allen

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 PETITION/ORDINANCE – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT APPROVAL AT 29841 N. SKOKIE HIGHWAY (VULCAN)

TABLED

7-4 PETITION/ORDINANCE – VARIANCE APPROVAL AT 29841 N. SKOKIE HIGHWAY (VULCAN)

TABLED

7-5 PETITION/ORDINANCE – SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPROVAL AT 29841 N. SKOKIE HIGHWAY (VULCAN)

TABLED

7-6 PETITION/ORDINANCE – ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT APPROVAL (MEYER)

TABLED

7-7 PETITION/ORDINANCE – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT APPROVAL AT 30285 N. SKOKIE HIGHWAY (MEYER)

TABLED

7-8 PETITION/ORDINANCE – VARIANCE APPROVAL AT 30285 N. SKOKIE HIGHWAY (MEYER)

TABLED

7-9 PETITION/ORDINANCE – SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPROVAL AT 30285 N. SKOKIE HIGHWAY (MEYER)

TABLED

7-10 PETITION/ORDINANCE – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT APPROVAL AT 941 N. SKOKIE HIGHWAY (CURRAN)

TABLED

7-11 PETITION/ORDINANCE – VARIANCE APPROVAL AT 941 N. SKOKIE HIGHWAY (CURRAN) TABLED

7-12 PETITION/ORDINANCE FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT AT 941 N. SKOKIE HIGHWAY (CURRAN)

TABLED

7-13 RESOLUTION APPROVAL AUTHORIZING EXECUTION – ANNEXATION AGREEMENT WITH VULCAN LANDS, INC.

TABLED

7-14 RESOLUTION APPROVAL AUTHORIZING EXECUTION – ANNEXATION AGREEMENT WITH CURRAN CONTRACTING CO.

TABLED

7-15 RESOLUTION APPROVAL AUTHORIZING EXECUTION – ANNEXATION AGREEMENT WITH MEYER MATERIAL CO. LLC

TABLED

7-16 ORDINANCE APPROVAL ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO

TABLED

7-17 APPOINTMENT APPROVAL OF CASSANDRA BROWN TO CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the appointment of Cassandra Brown to the Citizen's Advisory Committee.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January stated there was no mission statement and didn't know the purpose of the committee. Economic Development Director Joseph Napolitano explained that the committee was required by the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG); it was to review public service agency applications and determine recommendation to which requestors should be funded. It was a seven member committee and currently had three positions vacant.

Alderman DeVost questioned names of appointees and their term of office; Mr. Napolitano added it was two (2) years and could be continually re-appointed. Alderman January

inquired if Ms. Brown's daycare was eligible for any of the CDBG funds administered; Ms. Brown acknowledged they weren't and the daycare was "for profit" gain.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Allen

MOTION CARRIED

7-18 APPOINTMENT APPROVAL OF SHAWNA HULEY TO CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the appointment of Shawna Huley to the Citizen's Advisory Committee.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman DeVost stated wouldn't approve of the appointment due to a conflict of interest to have Ms. Huley on the CAC Committee.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Abrams, Runnels

Nays: DeVost

Pass: January

Absent: Allen

MOTION CARRIED

7-19 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 1812-1820 SHERIDAN ROAD

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman DeVost to approve the Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of 1812-1820 Sheridan Road. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman January questioned $\frac{3}{4}$ council majority required and questioned the amount. The Mayor stated was \$1,500. He, Alderman January requested amending amount and clarification.

Attorney Smith explained there was a current motion from another Alderman and that the City received only one (1) bid and would violate the bid process.

Alderman DeVost explained the land value was between \$5-7,000 and that the property was vacant five (5) years or more. She clarified there wasn't TIF funding. The agreement was that he would continue to employ estimated forty (40) citizens. The additional revenue and would spike economic growth.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Allen

The Mayor voted in the absence of Alderman Allen.

MOTION CARRIED

7-20 APPOINTMENT OF BRIAN MARABANIAM AS HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

REMOVED PER MAYOR'S REQUEST

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 12/03/12

MOTION:

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to pay the bills of Council Run 12/03/12 in the amount of \$490,458.37 with reduction of \$9,200 (HVAC Repairs), and addition of \$437.19 (Janet Manzella's Reimbursement); an amended total of \$481,696.16 as presented when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman January questioned the check availability. Attorney Smith explained that the City would be written to be released the following day.

Ms. Manzella clarified refused to sign a release.

Alderman DeVost requested to review the hours/bills of Belski Electric and to hold them.

Alderman DeVost questioned legal requirements if she doesn't sign. Attorney Smith suggested an amendment to the motion. There was a property damage claim against the City and would release it from any potential liability.

Alderman January stated that he was aware of damaged property regarding animals and questioned if a release was signed for all cases.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION:

Alderman DeVost amended motion, seconded amendment by Alderman January to hold the bills of Belski Electric in the amount of \$5,203 with an amended total of \$476,493.16.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Allen

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

PETITION CHALLENGES

Alderman January questioned challenges to petition was according to state statute regulations. City Clerk Lori Collins referred him to the Local Election Candidate's Guide, pg. 14.

STRONG MAYOR GOVERNMENT

Alderman January questioned adoption with the "Strong Mayor Form of Government". City Attorney Smith added there were various state statute amendments.

REDISTRICT CHANGES

Alderman January questioned a special election requirement for ward redistricting. Attorney Smith explained it was contingent upon the census population. The ward maps were redrawn to broaden the boundaries accordingly.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor announced Alderman Mayfield's birthday and wished her many more.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

The Mayor stressed that there were no political comments from the elected official candidates.

City Clerk Lori Collins read citing from the Illinois Municipal Handbook relative to the rules that could be established concerning citizens comments.

Alderman Abrams left at 8:02 p.m.

Alderman January requested amending to exceed three (3) minutes. The public should "have the right to speak" at all times.

Alderman DeVost clarified that the Mayor couldn't make a ruling. She explained that the item was placed on the agenda to approve.

The Mayor announced the "tree lighting ceremony," Thursday, December 13, 2012.

Alderman Abrams returned at 8:07 p.m.

Alderman Runnels left at 8:08 p.m.

Alderman Runnels returned at 8:11 p.m.

WADELL BROOKS – 1932 SHERMAN AVE.

He commended his Wife with various established organizations acknowledging former "Youthbuild" members. He announced his wife's birthday, December 15, 2012.

GLORIA CARR

She clarified that her son was extremely beaten that she couldn't identify him. There were fine officers and those that didn't uphold to "serve and protect" the public. Her goal was continuing to pursue the issue until it was resolved and deterred the developers.

ANTHONY COLEMAN – 1439 ELIZABETH

He consoled Ms. Carr to remain encouraged as "change will come." There was \$14 billion dollars available to the City of North Chicago. He agreed with new businesses, questioned the type of agreement and quantity of employees to be hired. Alderman DeVost explained there was an agreement verbal and written one. She directed the Economic Development Director.

PATRICIA AXELROD

She addressed and read information of the "open meetings act." She cited 5ILCS 120/1, questioned the City Attorney's familiarity. She read and explained it. The minutes should be displayed available on-line within seven (7) days.

CARL EVANS – 2205 SEYMOUR AVE.

He questioned clarification of a property tax increase. Alderman DeVost explained there wasn't one.

JOSEPH WALLS – 1421 ELIZABETH AVE.

He requested that everyone should be allowed to speak at the meetings with applied discretion. He suggested that local businesses become more involved with projects and city development.

RALPH PETERSON JR.

He recalled a complaint that never received following Darrin Hanna's beaten incident. It involved the victim beating December 10, 2011 and the repeated wrongful officers: Cecala, Strong and Keske.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins
City Clerk

Special Meeting, Thursday, November 29, 2012

DRAFT OF MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Special meeting **Thursday**, November 29, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Rockingham Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, Abrams, Runnels

Absent: DeVost, Allen, January

III. REGULAR AGENDA

3-1 IPMG PROGRAM APPROVAL – EFFECTIVE 12/01/12

Alderman Abrams moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the IPMG Program in the amount of \$942,331, effective 12/01/12.

Alderman DeVost entered the council chambers at 5:04 p.m.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Abrams emphasized unification within the council members.

Tom Filippini explained acknowledging the city commitment and strong attention with the issue. An additional amount of 50,000 was reduced from the program. A city monthly report was requested.

Alderman DeVost questioned the contract with Gallagher. The Mayor explained it was for health insurance purposes. It was monthly and the city could dissolve the services.

Mr. Filippini explained the payments were the same. He recommended implementing the safety and wellness program.

The Mayor stated that the City had an opportunity with a group pool for rate reduction although was unable.

Mr. Filippini explained that controlling cost was impacted by the amount of claims. Educating the employees in utilizing the wellness program continually produced its effectiveness.

The Mayor recognized Alderman Mayfield upon her conference cancellation.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Abrams, Runnels

Nays: DeVost

Absent: Allen, January

MOTION CARRIED

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council; a motion was made by Alderman Runnels, seconded by Alderman Abrams that the Special Council Meeting stand adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The meeting adjourned at 512 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L Collins, City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, November 19, 2012

DRAFT OF MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, November 19, 2012 at 7:10 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, DeVost Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Absent: Mayfield

III. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

3-1 Department Head Reports

3-1A Treasurer's Report – October 2012

3-1B Water Department Report – October 2012

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Mayfield was absent.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

4-1 2012 LEVY/TAX ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE APPROVAL

Alderman Allen moved to approve the 2012 Levy/Tax Assessment Ordinance in the amount of \$6,612,716.65 being a 4.9% increase of property taxes.

MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF SECOND

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the 2012 Levy/Tax Assessment Ordinance in the amount of \$6,303,829.03 with 0% increase of property taxes.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: DeVost

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman DeVost asked for the record to recant her vote to reflect "aye" for 0% tax levy.

4-2 TAX ABATEMENT ORDINANCE – 2005A BOND SERIES APPROVAL

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the Tax Abatement Ordinance for 2005A Bond Series in the amount of \$875,894 with interest and principal to be paid.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

4-3 TAX ABATMENT ORDINANCE – 2005B BOND SERIES APPROVAL

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the Tax Abatement Ordinance for 2005B Bond Series in the amount of \$301,075 with interest and principal to be paid.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

4-4 2012 ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT APPROVAL

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to approve the 2012 Annual Audited Financial Report.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman DeVost questioned the cost of the audit; Comptroller John Gantz explained that it was a progress payment of \$62,950 installment was \$5,000 on the bill run. Alderman DeVost asked how long Miller Cooper performed audits for the city; Mr. Gantz stated since FY2002.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: DeVost

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

4-5 27th ANNUAL NORTH CHICAGO SENIOR CITIZEN'S BREAKFAST DONATION APPROVAL OF \$500

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the donation of \$500 for the 27th annual North Chicago Senior Citizen's Breakfast.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

4-6 RE-APPOINTMENT APPROVAL OF BETTY FISHER, EVELYN ALEXANDER AND ELIZABETH MARSHALL TO NORTH CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

Mayor Rockingham explained that Elizabeth Marshall was an oversight and Roberta Rouse should have been included in the appointments.

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the re-appointments of Betty Fisher, Evelyn Alexander and Roberta Rouse to the North Chicago Housing Authority Board.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned the appointment terms; City Attorney stated five (5) years although not including all members. Alderman January inquired if the appointees resided in North Chicago; Mayor Rockingham acknowledged they did.

Alderman Fisher requested to reclude himself.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Recluded: Fisher

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

V. CITY BILLS

5-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – **11/19/12**

MOTION: Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to pay the bills of Council Run 11/19/12 in the amount of \$347,385.16 as presented when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman DeVost questioned pg.1 Sun Times bill; Comptroller John Gantz explained it was for announcement of 5th Monday meeting in the newspaper. Alderman DeVost question pg.4 & pg.18 Smith & LaLuzerne bill; John Gantz explained that they were divided; pg.4 bill was from the General Fund and pg.18 bill was charged to the TIF Fund. She also inquired the City Attorney's retainer fee; Attorney Smith explained there wasn't a retainer fee and the hourly rate was \$150/hr. He clarified it was the same amount since year 2005. Mr. Gantz explained the invoice reflected for professional services.

Alderman January questioned pg.7; Belski (street light repair) was for one light; Alderman DeVost stated it was for the lights on Argonne Drive. Mayor Rockingham added that the City was responsible for repairs. Alderman January questioned if pg.9; CDW service plan was for 2013; Mr. Gantz confirmed it was.

Alderman January questioned if funds were available; Comptroller John Gantz explained they were and checks would be written the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield, DeVost

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman DeVost left the Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. and returned at 7:31 p.m.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

TRASH

Alderman Abrams questioned/suggested if the city website could include the changes of trash pick-up within the city; Mayor Rockingham replied he would arrange it on the website and marquee.

NORTHSTAR EVENT BID OPENING 1812-1820 SHERIDAN ROAD

City Attorney explained that there was supposed to be presentation of bids to be opened for the sale of 1812-1820 Sheridan Road. Economic Development Director Joe Napolitano stated the bids were due at 4:00 p.m. that day and there only received one bid. Mr. Napolitano opened required bid for the amount was \$1,500. The pin numbers were 12-04-106-009 and 12-04-106-010, 8,800, sq. feet was to be utilized for outdoor seating/parking with landscaping to his proposed catering business.

Alderman DeVost questioned clarification of the total lot size; Mr. Napolitano approximated 8,800 square feet. Alderman DeVost advised there was much property to accept \$1,500. An analyzed bid would be presented with included comparative properties and his recommendation at the following meeting.

PERSONAL EMAILS Alderman Abrams inquired who was responsible for additional personal emails to the distribution list. Mayor Rockingham explained whatever email the aldermen provided was the address that was applied. Attorney Smith advised council members that personal emails were subject to FOIA request. Mayor Rockingham suggested that the aldermen provided his secretary the email address they would prefer.

FOIA REQUEST Alderman January stated that a FOIA request was submitted to the City Clerk's Office for the Human Resources Department and was no response. The Mayor stated was unaware of the issue, he requested a copy of the information and he would follow up

THANKSGIVING EVENT Alderman DeVost recognized all attendees of the 27th annual Thanksgiving Dinner. There were 200+ families were feed.

GUN REMOVED Alderman Allen questioned the status of the gun removed from Ms. Manzella; Mayor Rockingham explained that she would be reimbursed.

BEST WISHES Mayor Rockingham acknowledged and wished all the citizens an enjoyable and safe Thanksgiving.

VII. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Wadell Brooks – 1932 Sherman Ave.

Requested his time was extended to present the Neighborhood Implementation Grant information. The City was depressed and the grant needed community support. Mayor Rockingham suggested that Mr. Brooks was included on the following Economic Development Committee agenda. Mr. Brooks explained the rules of decorum were different in Waukegan vs. North Chicago. Mayor Rockingham assured he would be cooperating with Mr. and Mrs. Brooks obtaining the grant.

Gloria Carr – North Chicago

Recognized Public Works Director Josh Wheeler commending him with great repairs and maintenance of Park Avenue. She also extended her appreciation to supporters during the anniversary of her son's death. Mrs. Carr would prefer to commence healing and move forward. She emphasized wouldn't forget how his death occurred.

Anthony Coleman – 1439 Elizabeth Ave.

He wished that everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving.

Janet Manzella

Questioned when she would be reimbursed the \$399 + 9.7% tax for the gun that was removed from her home and illegally destroyed; Mayor Rockingham stated it was anticipated December 3rd city bill run following council approval. There were discrepancies in the reports and it was an on-going issue.

Ralph Peterson, Jr.

There was a continual concern and requested police brutality item was added to agenda for discussion. Sergeant Cecala requested there be destruction of Ms. Manzella's gun which was illegally removed from her home. He referred to reports and paperwork that Sergeant Cecala illegally destroyed the property. He questioned the information that he received from the City Attorney had no signatures, wasn't valid and he was very livid.

Mayor Rockingham explained that Citizens Comments and Questions was the opportunity for individuals to speak and clarified that the police brutality item wouldn't be added to the agenda.

Patricia Axelrod – People's Advocate

Was very appalled of how wrongful deaths were being managed and investigated in the City. On behalf of the people, police brutality should be added to the agenda this evening.

Tom Rudd

Extended his appreciation of being allowed to speak, those who elected him to Coroner. He also would have an "open door policy."

Carl Evans – 2205 Seymour Ave.

Stated he needed council assistance for unification. He requested that the council submitted to the Hanna family and support them.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Mayfield was absent.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L Collins City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, November 5, 2012

DRAFT OF MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, November 05, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels

Absent: DeVost, January

Alderman DeVost and January were in the building not seated in the council chambers at the time of Roll Call.

Alderman January returned to the Council Chambers at 7:04 p.m.

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, October 01, 2012; 7:00 p.m. and Regular Council Meeting, October 15, 2012; 7:10 p.m., were modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher that Regular Council Meeting, October 01, 2012; 7:00 p.m., and Regular Council Meeting, October 15, 2012; 7:10 p.m. be passed as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman DeVost was absent.

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 Justice for Darrin Community/Unity March, November 10, 2012

Alderman Abrams moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman DeVost was absent.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 ABBOTT/ABBVIE RAW WATER AGREEMENT APPROVAL

Alderman DeVost entered at 7:05 p.m.

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve Abbott/Abbvie Raw Water Agreement.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 ROUTE 41 ANNEXATION AGREEMENT APPROVAL

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman January to table item 7-2; Route 41 Annexation Agreement until December 03, 2012.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 APPROVAL OF \$47,576.61 PROGRESS PAYMENT TO PINMAR CONSTRUCTION

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the progress payment of \$47,576.61 to Pinmar Construction.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: DeVost
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 RESOLUTION APPROVING DESIGNATION OF ELIZABETH AVE. BETWEEN 17TH ST. AND ARGONNE DR. TO HONORARY DION ROBERTS WAY

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Resolution Designating Elizabeth Ave. between 17th St. and Argonne Dr. to Honorary Dion Roberts Way.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 11/05/12

MOTION: Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to pay the bills of Council Run 11/05/12 in the amount of \$395,554.49, as presented when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman DeVost questioned pg.3; Soaring Eagle Publishing and Sun Times Media. The Mayor explained that it was for a city ad payment to Soaring Eagle Publishing.

Attorney Smith added that the Sun Times Media bill was for the purpose of a legal notice.

Alderman January questioned if funds were available; Comptroller John Gantz acknowledged they were and checks would be distributed the following day.

Alderman DeVost questioned pg. 24; Ciorba Group bill. Mr. Gantz explained the bill was for the signal-interconnect and that there would be additional bills for the same project. She inquired the quantity of work and approximate cost. Mr. Gantz stated he was unaware of the future bill amount. He clarified it wasn't totally city funded.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

CODE OF ETHICS ATTACHMENT

Alderman Fisher encouraged council review of the distributed "code of ethics" attachment. It would be reviewed in the near future and he was hopeful of its acceptance. Additional questions or suggested changes could be discussed at a meeting before approval.

VEOLIA TRASH PICK-UP

Alderman Abrams announced the new trash pick-up day Thursday vs. Friday exclusively for the 5th Ward.

PRAYERS

Alderman Abrams extended his sympathy to the Hanna family. He explained there would be a representative from his family at the march for Darrin Hanna.

INVESTIGATION/OTHER CONCERNS

Alderman January was appalled for being unaware of former Police Chief Michael Newsome's investigation. Angriely stated was the Mayor's responsibility to notify the Aldermen.

He expressed a need for a policy/risk management manual to terminate an employee. The Council was the taxpayer's overseers of funds. He advised that there were current plans for greater city functionality. Alderman January also suggested that committee meetings didn't require the attendance of all the aldermen considering that each committee had a Chairman, Co-Chairman and an additional alderman.

Alderman Fisher advised that investigations were confidential. Alderman DeVost clarified it was the duty of the council to protect the taxpayers.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Alderman DeVost announced and invited citizens to the "7th annual Thanksgiving Dinner," November 17, 2012.

Alderman Runnel left the Council Chambers at 7:17 p.m.

VARIOUS COMMENTS

Mayor Rockingham explained he was aware of former Police Chief Newsome's investigation and that he was informed by the current Police Chief Jackson. Once initiated, it was managed by the State's Attorney's Office and he was instructed to maintain its confidentiality. There was a process that needed to occur. He has cooperated with the State Attorney's Office with any information necessary to complete their inquisition.

Alderman Runnels returned to the Council Chambers at 7:21 p.m.

Mayor Rockingham added that he was disappointed and betrayed by the situation. He acknowledged the aldermen who attended the prior Saturday's retreat. The city was attempting to develop a strategic plan with the assistance of the entire city council. He recognized Building/Community Development Director/Chief of Staff Steve McInnis for his assistance and retreat planning.

Mayor Rockingham extended condolences to Mrs. Carr and her family with the incident that occurred with her son Darrin Hanna. There were present changes within the city and speculated would be for city betterment.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

GLORIA CARR

Strongly stated was continually mourning for her son, Darrin Hanna, being killed by six (6) North Chicago police officers. She clarified that her son was treated as a lynching without a weapon and emphasized that he was "innocent until proven guilty." She believed was tortured to be silent by attempting to swab her mouth and taken to a remote location to speak with her.

Mrs. Carr indicated that Darrin should have had his "due process." The six (6) officers involved in the case should have displayed their pictures in the newspaper. They weren't "above the law" and had no right to damage the entire Police Department. Suggested that the officers received psychological therapy. None of the six officers encouraged the other to cease during her son's incident.

Mayor Rockingham was appreciative of Mrs. Carr's patience with the process of the case concerning her son.

WADELL BROOKS

Mr. Brooks encouraged everyone to vote November 6, 2012. He requested justice on behalf of Darrin Hanna. He explained that Alderman DeVost previously suggested an investigation and accountability from the Police Department. Alderman January questioned police visibility.

TOM RUDD

Referenced and read an article of New York Times pertaining to a police beating of an alleged burglary which resulted in death. Ralph Peterson possessed video tapes that should be presented to the State's Attorney's Office.

MARY KAY LARSON

Questioned there wasn't an apology imparted to Mrs. Carr by the Mayor until election time.

RALPH PETERSON JR.

He questioned who destroyed the DUI records and why there were records for year 2002 excluding 2001. He explained there needed to be authorization from the state to destroy records. He was going to submit a FOI request to obtain 1997-2001. He referenced a letter from Attorney Smith that stated the records were no longer available. Mr. Peterson read the requirements to retain records. Perceived there was a cover-up for Sergeant Cecala and Attorney Chuck Smith was the "root of the problems." Mr. Peterson stated that former Police Chief Eugene Williams had recommended Sergeant Cecala's termination due to several misconduct issues.

JANET MANZELLA

She requested the termination of Sergeant Cecala for falsifying a report of a gun removed from her home claiming was utilized in a crime. She clarified it was submitted to a crime lab and cleared. He never returned the gun and informed her he would not return it contingent upon the State Attorney's instructions. Police Chief Jackson has since instructed him to return the gun and she hasn't received it. She questioned reimbursement for the purchase of the gun including the sales tax informed by Sergeant Theis.

TIM JOHNSON

Stated was expressed by an officer that they, the officers threatened bodily harm.

ANTHONY COLEMAN

Read a report from the newspaper and he clarified that previously the Mayor was aware of former Police Chief Newsome's misconduct.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, October 15, 2012

DRAFT OF MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, October 15, 2012 at 7:10 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, DeVost Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Absent: Mayfield

III. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

3-1 Department Head Reports

3-1A Treasurer's Report – September 2012

3-1B Water Department Report – September 2012

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to approve Omnibus Vote agenda.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

4-1 2013 MFT MAINTENANCE BUDGET APPROVAL

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the 2013 MFT Maintenance Budget.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman DeVost questioned amount. Mr. Wheeler stated the total was \$596,344.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: DeVost

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-2 RESOLUTION APPROVING DESIGNATION OF ELIZABETH AVE. BETWEEN 17TH ST. AND ARGONNE DR. TO HONORARY DION ROBERTS WAY

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman DeVost requested to table item 4-2 as she was scheduled to meet with residents of Elizabeth Avenue.

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman January to table item 4-2.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, January

Nays: Abrams, Runnels

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED TO TABLE

4-3 DISABILITY DISCOUNT PROGRAM ORDINANCE APPROVAL

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman DeVost to approve the Disability Discount Program Ordinance.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman January had concerns of a specific quantity of persons receiving the discount in the future.

Alderman DeVost explained the individual was qualified to receive the disability discount providing they owned and occupied the home with proven documents.

The Mayor clarified that the City didn't collect revenue. He called "Question on the Motion" and proceeded with roll call.

Alderman January called "point of order." He specified the motion required a second per "Robert's Rules of Order."

Alderman Abrams seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-4 RESOLUTION APPROVING VEOLIA REFUSE HAULING/SERVICES AGREEMENT

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Resolution for Veolia refuse hauling/services agreement.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman January had strong concerns with a 5- year contract and clarified that waste was revenue. Mayor Rockingham explained that the rate was slightly lower. The yard waste was negotiated transporting to the North Chicago site and also it included improved recycle bins. It was a fair contract and he encouraged residents to recycle.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels

Nays: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-5 RESOLUTION APPROVING KONICA MINOLTA COPY/PRINTER LEASE/ SERVICES AGREEMENT

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the Resolution for Konica Minolta copy/printer lease/services agreement.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-6 APPOINTMENT APPROVAL – JAMES JACKSON TO CHIEF OF POLICE

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the appointment of James Jackson to Chief of Police.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Mayor Rockingham said Interim Chief Jackson was a strong advocate of leadership reaching out to the community.

Alderman January disagreed with him employed for nine (9) months. He explained didn't attend the Executive Session to discuss his appointment. Alderman January clarified the position for police chief wasn't posted. He questioned hiring a retired police officer and there was no clear directive of the police department.

The Mayor explained that Interim Chief Jackson had arrived during the time of city duress. He had assisted to reorganize the police department. The general orders were altered to ensure correct officer deployment and accountability. The Mayor's office appointed the department head. The correct direction would support changing the moral. He clarified could handle the responsibility of a police chief within the 9-month employment. Alderman DeVost had concerns of an armed robbery at a gas station and received the information second-hand. She requested that the aldermen were properly informed. Interim Chief Jackson explained the direction was from the Mayor contacting the aldermen exclusively for shootings and then if an individual was shot. Alderman Abrams emphasized aggressively increasing the police compliment and community awareness needed collectively as a whole. Interim Chief had responded to the aldermanic requests.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Abrams, Runnels Nays: DeVost, Allen, January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Abrams had inquired what had transpired. He had requested that Police Chief informed the community more effectively.

4-7 DEMOLITION BIDS APPROVAL – 2307 SHERMAN AVE; 819/1227 BROADWAY AVE.; 1804 VICTORIA ST.

Alderman Abrams moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve demolition bids approval for 2307 Sherman Ave., 819/1227 Broadway Ave., and 1804 Victoria St. totaling \$81,200.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS Building/CD Director/Chief of Staff Steve McInnis clarified two bids included in the total; Lake County Grading \$33,500 and Geater Backhoe for \$47,700.

Alderman January questioned the need for multiple vendors and standard practice of the lowest proposal. Mr. McInnis explained that each property was individually bid.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-8 SURPLUS LAB EQUIPMENT DONATION

Alderman Fisher moved, Alderman Allen to approve surplus lab equipment donation to alternative school.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS Alderman January questioned clarification who would be receiving the equipment and alternative school it was operated from. Alderman Abrams explained it was the school that Mr. King, former Water Superintendent was teaching.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

V. CITY BILLS

5-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 10/15/12

MOTION: Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to pay the bills of Council Run 10/15/12 in the amount of \$397,005.18 as presented when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman DeVost questioned page 7; multiple board-ups for the same address on 1440 Seymour Avenue. Building/Community Development Director Steve McInnis explained that the house was subject to several warrants which resulted in a complete board up of the home; (\$1,900). There were attempted break ins and it was re-boarded.

Alderman DeVost stated that the boards weren't secure and suggested that he check them to verify they were performed properly and securely. Mr. McInnis explained he provided police notification contacting him on all complete board-ups.

Alderman January questioned if funds were available; Accounting Manager Mike Miller acknowledged they were and checks would be written the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, DeVost, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

BUSINESS LICENSE LIST Alderman Allen questioned if a business license list was available and if not when the projected time. Mayor Rockingham explained the citizens should complete a freedom of information act request form.

ANIMAL WARDEN Alderman January questioned Alderman Allen about status of Animal Warden collecting fees and fines for animals. He was aware of several animals with no tags; Mayor Rockingham requested that he forward the information to the Police Chief or Animal Warden directly.

VII. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Anthony Coleman

Commended the City with finalizing Veolia's refuse contract. He questioned water rates increasing to \$5.04 per gallon; Mayor Rockingham acknowledged they were although was unsure of the exact amount.

He stated there needed to be a solution for Ms. Carr and Ralph Peterson in order for the city to start unifying and its healing.

Tom Rudd – Lake Forest, IL

Explained it was approaching the anniversary, November 13, 2012 of Darrin Hanna's death. Mr. Rudd read Mr. Hannas's obituary.

Wadell Brooks

Stated citizens were awaiting some advancement in North Chicago and stressed that the council members needed to be proactive in their decisions. He offered that Mrs. Brooks would speak to those citizens that remained non-compliant in changing their water meters.

He encouraged people to attend the Shields Township meeting October 18, 2012. The Mayor ensured that it would be posted on the city's web-site.

Isaac January

Questioned if there was equality in North Chicago and how citizens were treated. He sensed there was no fair treatment toward and for the citizens.

Ralph Peterson

Emphasized that no domestic call should result in a person being tased and struck repeatedly. He continually hasn't received a response to his question whether the officers were trained at the time of Darrin Hanna's death. He clarified that Mr. Hanna's death "would not be in vain."

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L Collins City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, October 1, 2012

DRAFT OF MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, October 01, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Absent: DeVost

4-1 RESOLUTION HONORING DION ROBERTS

City Clerk Lori L. Collins read resolution honoring Navy Petty Officer Dion Roberts.

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to approve the Resolution Honoring Navy Petty Officer Dion Roberts after being killed while training in Afghanistan.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, September 04, 2012; 7:22 p.m. and Regular Council Meeting, September 17, 2012; 7:02 p.m., were modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION:

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Allen that Regular Council Meeting, September 04, 2012; 7:22 p.m., and Regular Council Meeting, September 17, 2012; 7:10 p.m. be passed as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

NO OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 2013 MFT RESOLUTION APPROVAL - \$655,000

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the 2013 MFT Resolution in the amount of \$655,000.

QUESTIONS: Alderman January inquired the current rate. Comptroller John Gantz explained it was based on per capita/population and was approximately \$23-\$26 per person. He would forward an email the following day with the exact amount.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 JELLY BELLY/CITY AGREEMENT APPROVAL – MORROW AVENUE

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Jelly/City Agreement for Morrow Avenue.

QUESTIONS: Alderman January questioned the cost; Attorney Smith explained that the estimated amount was \$214,000. The Agreement was that Jelly Belly would pay up to \$107,000 of the total cost.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 2012 HALLOWEEN PROCLAMATION APPROVAL

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the 2012 Halloween Proclamation.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: The Mayor announced other events offered through Greenbelt Cultural Center and CeaseFire. Alderman Abrams emphasized to be conscious of the molesters in his ward and city-wide; he also was not in favor of "Trick-or-Treating."

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Runnels

Nays: Abrams, January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 TAXI RATE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT APPROVAL

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Taxi Rate Ordinance Amendment.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: DeVost

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 10/01/12

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to pay the bills of Council Run 10/01/12 in the amount of \$447,269.80, as presented when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman DeVost questioned pg 4; NCCHS Warhawks for Community Day. The Mayor explained there were two entities; one for the car show and the other was North Chicago Alumni Association. The proceeds were applied towards grant scholarships. Alderman DeVost requested a complete list of funding for the 2012 Community Days. Comptroller John Gantz explained that a complete financial report would be provided to the council upon its finalization: the expense budget was in the amount of \$75,000 and the revenue exceeded the expense.

Mayor Rockingham clarified that the same information would be provided to the School District and Park District.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: DeVost

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

TICKETS ISSUED

Alderman DeVost had concerns of receiving numerous calls relative to tickets placed on vehicles during the football game. She addressed it to Interim Police Jackson who stated would handle the issue. She added there wasn't any cited code violations.

The Mayor explained that the primary three rows were designated for the police. Interim Police Chief Jackson agreed to remove them.

COMPLAINTS

Alderman DeVost explained she received complaints from the 1900 block of Grove with individuals speeding through the alley. She requested a one-way sign posted and to improve the lighting.

The Mayor directed her to contact Public Works Director Josh Wheeler for stronger lighting and Alderman Fisher, Judiciary Chairman, for the one-way sign.

FORTY + ACRES

Alderman January questioned forty acres that the City was to receive from the Navy. The Mayor explained that the Navy had to deem property surplus prior to obtaining it. Forrest City was currently managing it; the land was presently occupied and not considered surplus.

Alderman DeVost explained there was a bill proposed not approved by the Senate.

WATER RATES

Alderman January explained he had received approximately eleven (11) calls with water rate and meter concerns. He clarified there was an ordinance that required the change. The rates had doubled upon the meter change. The Mayor explained the process was to upgrade the city that the majority of the residents had adhered. Few of the previous meters had not been read properly and the rates were higher. The fees would be waived with the initial reading if the rates were higher following a meter change.

Alderman DeVost was informed by a ninety-three old constituent concerning a concerning a certified letter he received. It stated the water would be turned off if he did not comply. Mayor Rockingham explained that it was agreed with the council that a certified letter would be sent to those persons not in compliance. Alderman DeVost questioned if there was a state statute or FDA if not complied to allow the city turn off the water. The Mayor clarified that it was stated in the ordinance. He could accommodate here to become compliant; he explained that utility employees needed to confirm that the equipment was operating efficiently.

Alderman January questioned date the city needed to be in compliance and/or if a fine would be assessed to the city by the FCC; the Mayor said by the end of December which would result in the City being unable to read the meters and receiving inadequate city revenue upon non-compliance.

Alderman DeVost questioned previous procedure; the Mayor explained the meter changes. The FCC regulations changed the frequencies and the process was to change all meters.

Alderman January suggested reviewing the rate for water/gallon. The Mayor suggested comparing prices with surrounding municipalities and North Chicago was one of the lowest in the county.

NORTH CHICAGO

Mayor Rockingham commended and extended his appreciation to North Chicago City Hall staff, residents and students for their support during the funeral procession of Dion Roberts who lost his life in Afghanistan. He stated that Isaiah Stokes, North Chicago Alumni requested renaming Elizabeth St. in the honor of Dion Roberts. The Mayor acknowledged that Alderman DeVost was the 3rd Ward Alderman and directed Mr. Stokes or an alumni member to address suggestions to her. He said he was in agreement with renaming the street.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mayor Rockingham explained that the citizens were requested to sign in before 7:00 p.m. and have a limit of three minutes to speak.

Alderman DeVost questioned if it was required in the ordinance that residents signed in to speak. She questioned the rebate for homeowners regarding piping; Mayor Rockingham said it was offered optionally to citizens for insurance up to \$4,000 toward sewer/water line repairs that were connected from their homes to the service line in street. The insurance was \$39 annually.

Alderman DeVost questioned if it was allowed for petitioners to obtain signatures while in city hall. Attorney Smith explained per state statute in the gift ban act, it prohibited a city employee during working hours from utilizing public facilities for political purposes. He clarified that the State Board of Elections would allow posting political signs on city property.

Janet Manzella

She suggested that the City install speed bumps in alleys. It was stated that citizens were fearful in North Chicago and a lack of compassion. She stated Officer Strong falsified his police report when they came to her house.

Timothy Johnson

Also attended meeting with the Department of Justice; alleged that Mayor Rockingham made racial comments and clarified that he condoned the wrong actions of the officers; Rincon, Strong and Rollins.

Anthony Coleman

He stated officers shouldn't have written tickets for people and who parked in lot while attending the North Chicago High School home football game. It seemed to be a lack of communication in the police department. He suggested that those people who had not received a water meter change should not be shutoff and encouraged that the council members changed the ordinance.

Wadell Brooks

Referenced an article previously in the newspaper and stressed that the citizens were "the losers". There was no retribution when their concerns weren't addressed.

Ralph Peterson

Emphasized that Officer Greyor shouldn't be on the police force and read his report in the "Darrin Hanna and Van Alston case" stressed that multiple tasing administered to both of them.

Juan Santos

He expressed his gratitude for the changes with security management at the Prairie View Apartments and the paramedics care for his son during a football injury.

Tom Rudd

He announced a website that citizens could visit with child molesters; photos and assistance of where they reside. Explained that tasers could cause death and asked if the council voted to accept tasers; he further suggested the council experience it.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, September 17, 2012

DRAFT OF MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, September 17, 2012 at 7:02 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, DeVost Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Absent: Mayfield

III. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

3-1 Department Head Reports

3-1A Treasurer's Report – August 2012

3-1B Water Department Report – August 2012

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to approve Omnibus Vote agenda with Item 3-2 being moved to Regular Agenda Item 4-13.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Mayor Rockingham announced that Alderman Mayfield was ill and unable to attend.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

4-1 2013 MFT ENGINEERING CONTRACT APPROVAL

Alderman Abrams moved, seconded by Alderman to approve the 2013 MFT Engineering Contract in the amount of \$82,117.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

4-2 LAKE COUNTY WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT APPROVAL

Alderman Abrams moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance Amendment Approval.

Alderman Allen questioned clarification; City Attorney Chuck Smith explained that North Chicago was a certified community and the technicality of the amendments in agreeing that the wetlands would be protected.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

4-3 AWNING COST APPROVAL – MS. GLORIA CARR

Mayor Rockingham requested that item 4-3 be stricken due to the matter had been resolved.

4-4 ASBESTOS ABATEMENT BID AWARD APPROVAL TO UNIVERSAL ASBESTOS REMOVAL - \$13,600

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve asbestos abatement bid award to Universal Asbestos at 1804 Victoria St, 2307 Sherman Ave. and 819/1227 Broadway Ave. in the amount of \$13,600.

Alderman DeVost inquired if the work was to check for or remove the asbestos; Building/Community Development Director/Chief of Staff Steve McInnis explained that removal and surveys had already been completed. Alderman DeVost questioned the process following the asbestos removal; Mr. McInnis explained that bids were sought for demolition.

Alderman DeVost stated there was available funds for the City to obtain upon a demolition and questioned why there wasn't rehabilitation to the properties to retrieve taxes. Mr. McInnis explained that if it had cost 50% of fair market value to rehabilitate and that it was automatically demolished. He stated the probability that 1804 Victoria would be bought by an adjacent owner to provide for bigger yards; 2307 Sherman Avenue was a buildable lot, the house was deteriorating and was being utilized as a "drug house".

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: DeVost

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

4-5 PETITION/ORDINANCE – SPECIAL USE PERMIT AT 1236 PARK AVENUE

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Petition/Ordinance for Special Use at 1236 Park Avenue.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

V. CITY BILLS

5-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 09/17/12

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to pay the bills of Council Run 09/17/12 in the amount of \$317,289.48 as presented when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman DeVost questioned bill for Dell Marketing (pg. 1, \$2,111.36); Mayor Rockingham explained that it was to replace his broken laptop computer. Alderman DeVost questioned (pg. 3, \$38,000); Miller & Cooper Audit Co.

Comptroller John Gantz explained it was for the audited statements consisting of TIF, fraud and the single audits, fiscal year 2012. It was the first progress payment and the services were previously approved by council. Alderman DeVost questioned bill for Night and Day Restoration (pg. 6, \$220); 1122 Lincoln St. Mr. Gantz explained that it was

for board-ups. Alderman DeVost was concerned that the City utilized two companies. Mr. McInnis explained for response time, one company may not be available when needed. Alderman DeVost clarified it wasn't financially city feasible. Alderman January questioned if funds were available; Mr. Gantz acknowledged they were and checks would be issued the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Mayfield

MOTION CARRIED

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

SHOOTINGS

Alderman DeVost stated concern with gun fire in her ward and requested to be notified when there was a situation that involved the police. Mayor Rockingham explained there were multiple shootings and aldermen were to be informed if someone was shot or injured. Alderman DeVost strongly requested to be informed of any crime in her ward.

Alderman DeVost stated that the blotter didn't have that specific information; Alderman Abrams disagreed and clarified that the blotter included shootings. He also received calls from constituents concerning shots fired. Alderman January also agreed that aldermen should be informed of any shots fired.

Alderman DeVost voiced concern with the number of burglaries in her ward and requested updates from the Chief of Police. She reiterated the need to be contacted with any information pertaining to matters of Ward 3 and would further discuss the issue with him following council.

VII. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Wadell Brooks

He announced Shields Township meeting September 20, 6:30 p.m., held in the North Chicago Council Chambers. He emphasized the importance of attending the meeting due to lack of services provided by Shields Township. He acknowledged previous Mayor Bette Thomas. He had received feedback from viewers of the council meetings who were embarrassed. He strongly expressed the lack of communication within the council.

Ralph Peterson

He read a report of Officer Sibet reflecting his use of the taser; he emphasized the need of Officer Hartman's termination due to his abuse. Mr. Peterson clarified that officers hadn't been disciplined for any of their actions.

Gloria Carr

She stated had been confronting the council concerning complaints of officers and nothing had been resolved. She further stated had appreciated citizens for their support. Mrs. Carr explained had an appointment scheduled for a water meter change and no one had arrived.

Anthony Coleman

He announced that School Board meetings were being televised on Sundays following the council meetings.

Timothy Johnson

He stated that Officer Strong damaged his door and wasn't able to file charges. He was informed that it would be investigated and questioned the status.

Monty Beckwith

He suggested that citizen comments and questions be moved to beginning of the agenda; congratulated the North Chicago High School football team on their current success and invited everyone to attend the Flames and High School football teams on Sundays.

Mayor Rockingham was grateful that Mr. Brooks announced the Shields Township meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman DeVost was absent at adjournment.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L Collins City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 4, 2012

DRAFT OF MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 8:07 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Absent: DeVost

4-1 PRESENTATION AWARDING KYLE MARTINELLI AS "FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR"

Fire Chief Urban expressed her gratitude to Firefighter Kyle Martinelli for his exceptional work in the Fire Department. She stated in addition to his regular duties, he streamlined the physical fitness program for the Fire Department.

Kyle Martinelli thanked the council for his opportunity in the Fire Department and felt it was an honor to service the city. Mayor Rockingham felt pride of the firefighters and congratulated all of them.

4-2 DOUG WINSTON'S PROMOTION TO LIETENANT BY BOARD OF POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Fire Chief Urban announced the promotion of Doug Winston and explained that he had served seventeen (17) years thus far and it was an honor to have him as a firefighter.

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, August 6, 2012; 8:07 p.m. and Regular Council Meeting, August 20, 2012; 8:14 p.m., were modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams that Regular Council Meeting, August 6, 2012; 8:07 p.m., and Regular Council Meeting, August 20, 2012; 8:14 p.m. be passed as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 Senior Walk, September 08, 2012

6-2 Girl Scouts Annual Fall Product and Cookie Programs

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman January questioned the absence of Alderman DeVost; Mayor Rockingham said he was unaware.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 FLEET MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE APPROVAL

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Fleet Management Software from CFA in the amount of \$27,885.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Abrams, Runnels

Nays: Allen, January

Absent: DeVost

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 ICOPS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT APPROVAL

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the ICOPS Collective Bargaining Agreement.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: DeVost

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT APPROVAL BETWEEN CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO/DISTRICT 187

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between City of North Chicago and District 187.

Mayor Rockingham explained that the schools (Forrestal and L.E.A.R.N. Charter School) were federally owned by Great Lakes, would be policed by North Chicago and required an agreement.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: DeVost

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 APPOINTMENT APPROVAL OF JOSHUA RICKABAUGH TO SHIFT COMMANDER

Alderman Fisher first questioned if it was necessary to approve the appointment; Attorney Smith clarified that according to the ordinance it was necessary. Alderman Mayfield requested that Josh Rickabaugh stood up.

Alderman January questioned the number of Shift Commanders; Chief Urban explained two including this one and would be requesting another. Chief Urban expressed honor to promote Mr. Rickabaugh. He had been a committed firefighter for 17 years thus far.

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the appointment of Joshua Rickabaugh to Shift Commander.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: DeVost

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 09/04/12

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to pay the bills of Council Run 09/04/12 in the amount of \$293,611.61, as presented when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned if funds were available; Comptroller John Gantz acknowledged there were and checks would be distributed the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: DeVost

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

DOORS – STREET DEPARTMENT

Alderman January questioned remaining broken doors at Street Department and when they would be replaced; Mayor Rockingham explained the worst doors were replaced and the others were budgeted for replacement in the near future.

PIT BULLS

Alderman January voiced concern of pit bulls in the City and questioned if tickets were being written for those without dog tags. He witnessed six (6) pit bulls with no tags. Mayor Rockingham suggested he called the police department or animal warden.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Monty Beckwith

Proudly announced that at the “3 on 3” tournament, hosted by the Police Department, gave seventy-five (75) book bags with school supplies to children. He explained that the revolving marquee in front of city hall needed to be updated.

Alderman Runnels left the Council Chambers at 7:44 p.m.

He felt the issue with the vicious dogs needed to be addressed as the children were returning to school. He suggested more patrol for the safety of the children when they walk to and from school.

Anthony Coleman

Thanked the council for the city’s support with “Parents that Care”.

Alderman Runnels returned to the Council Chambers at 7:47 p.m.

He announced a “meet and greet” for elected officials the following day at the North Chicago Public Library between 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Wadell Brooks

Commended Ms. Carr for her ambition towards justice for her son. He stressed that the City needed to be proactive with issues concerning it. Mr. Brook’s requested that a portion north of 14th Street be renamed to Prince Hall Mason. Ralph Peterson, Jr. Questioned City Attorney Chuck Smith if the officers involved in the Darrin Hanna Case were current with training of weapons utilized in the incident. Sensed there was a cover-up and Officer Greyor’s training certificate had no signature; he had no right to carry the taser or baton. Illinois state law cited that it was required to be re-certified annually to carry any weapon that could cause a death”.

Lamont Hanna

Concerned with the 2nd ward robberies that he was a victim of as were several neighbors on the same block of Kemble Ave. He informed the Public Works Director Josh Wheeler that there were three lights out on the block and was told it would be handled.

He was also concerned with stray animals in his neighborhood. The new neighbors had pit bulls and poodles that roamed the area. He stated the employees of Novak King Elementary school were not parked in the lot; it obstructed the flow of traffic and didn’t allow for emergency vehicles to pass through. Chief Urban explained that she had been monitoring the area and had contacted Public Works Director Josh Wheeler/City Planner Nimrod Warda to implement better signage.

There have not been any answers or resolution to the Darrin Hanna case. The Hanna family had been disrespected and was becoming tired.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, August 20, 2012

DRAFT OF MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, August 20, 2012 at 8:14 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Absent: None

III. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

3-1 Department Head Reports

3-1A Treasurer's Report – July 2012

3-1B Water Department Report – July 2012

3-2 DJ Fink; Foss Park/Tastemaker Labor Day Event, September 02, 2012

Mayor Rockingham asked that Item 3-2 be placed under regular agenda as Item 4-13.

Alderman Abrams moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve Omnibus Vote agenda with Item 3-2 being moved to Regular Agenda Item 4-13.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

4-1 PURCHASE APPROVAL OF FLEET MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

TABLED

4-2 ALL NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN (ANHMP) RESOLUTION APPROVAL

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman to approve the All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Resolution as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-3 PIPE PAINTING PROPOSAL AWARD APPROVAL TO STRIED PAINTING - \$45,975

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve pipe painting bid to Stried Painting in the amount of \$45,975.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-4 CITY CODE AMENDMENT APPROVAL – CHAPTER 11

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the City Code amendment for Chapter 2, 9, 11 & 12 as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-5 PETITION/ORDINANCE APPROVAL – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT AT 1500 ELIZABETH AVE.

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the Petition/Ordinance for zoning map amendment at 1500 Elizabeth Ave. as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-6 PETITION/ORDINANCE APPROVAL – ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the Petition/Ordinance for zoning text amendment.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: DeVost
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-7 SURPLUS ITEMS; TRUCK 125/OLDER ASPHALT ROLLER APPROVAL

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to approve the surplus items; truck 125 and older asphalt roller.

Alderman DeVost clarified that the animal warden truck was not included; Mayor Rockingham said it was not.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-8 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT APPROVAL BETWEEN FOSS PARK AND CITY NORTH CHICAGO

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Foss Park and the City of North Chicago.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-9 AWARDING OF BIDS APPROVAL FOR FOSS PARK AVENUE PAVING

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the bid for repaving of Foss Park Ave to Rabine Paving in the amount of \$20,444.49 subject to a 1 year warranty and approval by Foss Park Board.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-10 APPOINTMENT APPROVAL – DELL URBAN TO FIRE CHIEF

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman DeVost to approve the appointment of Dell Urban as Fire Chief.

COMMENTS

Mayor Rockingham said Ms. Urban was Interim Chief, performed the duties that was asked of her and she managed staff exceptionally. He expressed gratitude for her ability to write and obtain grants; such as the grant to obtain a state of the art fire truck.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman DeVost congratulated Dell Urban on her appointment and stated that she exemplified great leadership through her passion and dedication for the community. Chief Urban thanked the Council and Mayor for the opportunity. She also thanked her family, staff and Knollwood Fire Chief for their support at the meeting during the appointment.

Alderman January also thanked the Knollwood Chief and fire for supporting North Chicago during fires. Mayor Rockingham also thanked Knollwood for their support.

4-11 APPOINTMENT APPROVAL – DELL URBAN TO E911 BOARD/FIRE PENSION BOARD

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman DeVost to approve the appointment of Dell Urban to the E911 Board/Fire Pension Board.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-12 APPOINTMENT APPROVAL – STEVE MCINNIS TO CHIEF OF STAFF

Mayor Rockingham explained that Steve McInnis would remain Community Development Director in addition to Chief Staff. His appointment would include a 10% stipend to his salary. Mayor Rockingham felt that as a resident of North Chicago and through his military experience Steve McInnis would advance the City.

Alderman Abrams moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the appointment of Steve McInnis to Chief of Staff with a 10% stipend.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman DeVost said there were no qualifications presented to the council and thought the Chief of Staff position would not be filled. Mayor Rockingham stated that although the qualification may not be met the experience outweighed requirements. Alderman Allen felt that it should have been discussed prior to being voted.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Abrams, Runnels
Nays: DeVost, January
Pass: Allen
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Steve McInnis expressed that it was not a career move and felt that his background in the Navy afforded him experience to bring the departments together. He thanked the council for the opportunity.

4-13 DJ FINK; FOSS PARK/TASTEMAKER LABOR DAY EVENT, SEPTEMBER 02, 2012

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve DJ Fink; Foss Park/Tastemaker Labor Day Event contingent staff approval.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

V. CITY BILLS

5-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 08/20/12

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to pay the bills of Council Run 08/20/12 in the amount of \$469,589.40 as presented when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman DeVost questioned bill in Police Department bills for Thomas West (\$1,280); City Clerk Lori L. Collins explained that it was a publishing company for state books. Alderman January asked if funds were available; Comptroller John Gantz said there were and checks would be written the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

SCHOOL IN SESSION

Alderman Abrams asked that citizens be mindful that children are back in school and be cautious while driving.

CONGRATULATIONS

Alderman Mayfield congratulated Angelo Kyle for 25 years of a successful AfroFest; she also congratulated Dell Urban on being appointed to Fire Chief and being only currently full time Fire Chief in Lake County.

FAMILY TIES

Alderman DeVost encouraged citizens to attend the Family Ties events September 8 – 9, 2012.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Alderman January felt there weren't enough officers and dispatchers in North Chicago. It was imperative to hire more police officers. He felt that there being a Chief a Staff might assist in proper departmental functionality. He commended the new Fire Chief Dell Urban on her appointment.

Alderman Abrams left the Council Chambers at 8:42 p.m.

Alderman Mayfield left the Council Chambers at 8:43 p.m.

VII. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mary Kay Larsen Olloway

Thanked the council for the donation to "Fat Cat Rescue". She clarified that her 501(c)(3), not-for-profit organization, was pending. Mayor Rockingham explained that there was a letter addressed to her for not-for-profit clarification for the city's accounting purposes. City Attorney Chuck Smith said Ms. Larsen needed to be registered with the Attorney General's charitable trust division and he would contact her attorney.

Alderman Abrams returned to Council Chambers at 8:45 p.m.

Anthony Coleman

Alderman DeVost left the Council Chambers at 8:47 p.m.

Mr. Coleman thanked the Council for approving the opening of a store located at 1500 Elizabeth Ave. and clarified that there was no agreement for store operator to fix the sidewalk.

Alderman DeVost and Mayfield returned to the Council Chambers at 8:49 p.m.

Gloria Carr

Said that her son Darrin Hanna didn't have a weapon when the police beat him; there being no resolution for her son's death she hadn't been able to bury him. She didn't want anyone to have the same experience..

Ms. Carr commended Chief Urban on her appointment and felt the Fire Department was being operated the best. She said police officers weren't above the law and one of the officers who allegedly beat her son had Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome and needed counseling.

Since the situation with her son her house had been egged and received hate letters; she questioned bill for her awning and if the council was going to pay the bill. Alderman Allen said that it would be discussed with the council.

Vastoria Parker

Welcomed the Dollar Store to the city but questioned why there were no North Chicago employees. Stated that she was an ex-felony (25 years) and unable to get a job; she asked that the city work on recidivism. She also stated that a street light was out on Kemble Ave; Alderman DeVost asked that Public Works Director Josh Wheeler check the lights on the 2200 block of Kemble Ave and asked that Interim Chief Jackson order patrol in the area.

Alderman Fisher and DeVost left the Council Chambers at 9:05 p.m.

Wadell Brooks

Questioned if citizens were safe now; there had been many reports and complaints against the police.

Alderman DeVost returned to Council Chambers at 9:09 p.m.

Clarise Stingly

Asked the position of Officer Rincon and stated that he was ordered to stay away from the school his son attends but disobeyed the order; Mayor Rockingham said he would look into the report that she filed. Alderman DeVost said the case needed to be reopened.

Mayor Rockingham said the city was working with individuals and witnesses concerning Officer Rincon; Alderman January said the situation needed immediate attention, he was not supposed to be at the school.

Ralph Peterson, Jr.

Mr. Peterson asked if the officers involved in Hanna case were certified. He read police reports from Darrin Hanna's arrest. Questioned results of Sergeant Cecala leaving the evidence room open and unattended. Stated that Rev. Jesse Jackson wanted case reopened; he asked why Mr. Hanna was beaten if report stated his arms were under his body.

Joe Lewis

Felt that Officer Rincon harassed children.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Fisher was absent at adjournment.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L Collins City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, August 6, 2012

DRAFT OF MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, August 6, 2012 at 8:07 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Absent: Fisher

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, July 2, 2012; 7:04 p.m., Special Council Meeting July 9, 2012; 7:09 p.m. and Regular Council Meeting, July 16, 2012; 7:00 p.m., were modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman January that Regular Council Meeting, July 2, 2012; 7:04 p.m., Special Council Meeting July 9, 2012; 7:09 p.m. and Regular Council Meeting, July 16, 2012; 7:00 p.m. be passed as presented and dispensed with any necessary corrections.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Mayor Rockingham announced that Alderman Fisher's brother passed away and expressed his condolences.

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 Proclamation Honoring Julian Vincent

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Proclamation Honoring Julian Vincent.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Fisher was absent.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 PETITION/ORDINANCE – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT AT 14th ST./HERVEY AVE.

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Petition/Ordinance – Zoning Map Amendment at 14th St./Hervey Ave.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None
Absent: Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 PETITION/ORDINANCE – VARIANCE AT 14th ST./HERVEY AVE.

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Petition/Ordinance – Variance at 14th St./Hervey Ave.

ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 PETITION/ORDINANCE – ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT (DAY CARE ETC.)

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman DeVost to approve the Petition/Ordinance – Zoning Text Amendment (Day Care Etc.).

ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 “FAT CAT” RESCUE DONATION APPROVAL

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the “Fat Cat” Rescue donation in the amount of \$7,500.

ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE APPROVAL

TABLED AT THE REQUEST OF LAKE COUNTY

7-6 CITY CODE AMENDMENT APPROVAL – CHAPTER 11

TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7-7 PETITION/ORDINANCE – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT AT 2850 SKOKIE HIGHWAY

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Petition/Ordinance for Zoning Map amendment location 2850 Skokie Highway.

ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None
Absent: Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

7-8 PETITION/ORDINANCE – VARIANCE AT 2850 SKOKIE HIGHWAY

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to approve the Petition/Ordinance for a Variance at 2850 Skokie Highway.

ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

7-9 PETITION/ORDINANCE – VARIANCE AT 2851 FRONTENAC AVENUE

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to approve the Petition/Ordinance for a Variance at 2851 Frontenac Avenue.

ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

7-10 PETITION/ORDINANCE – ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT (B1 MIXED USE)

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Petition/Ordinance Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment (B1 Mixed).

ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

7-11 PETITION – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT AT 1500 ELIZABETH AVENUE

ITEM W-AS HELD FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

7-12 ORDINANCE APPROVING SALE OF 2205 SEYMOUR AVENUE (PIN 12-05-406-053)

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Ordinance for sale of 2205 Seymour Avenue (PIN 12-05-406-053).

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman January questioned if there should be a specific amount; City Planner Nimrod Warda explained the amount was \$499 and the 8 foot parcel near Seymour Ave. was for \$1. He also stated that the funds had been received.

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Allen adding the sale price of \$499 to motion.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

7-13 ORDINANCE APPROVING SALE OF 8 FOOT PARCEL NEAR SEYMOUR AVENUE/MLK DR.

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the sale of eight (8) foot parcel near Seymour Avenue in the amount of \$1.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 08/06/12

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to pay the bills of Council Run 07/02/12 in the amount of \$569,582.23 as presented when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman January questioned if funds were available; Account Manager Mike Miller stated there were and checks would be distributed the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

Community Days

Alderman Abrams extended his appreciation to Cease Fire, Police, Fire and staff for their attendance at Community Days and acknowledged that it was a safe event considering the threats.

Alderman January apologized for people having to wait for fireworks at Community Days due to the rain.

Alderman Mayfield commended staff for the successful Community Days.

Alderman Allen expressed gratitude for a successful Community Days; he also thanked staff for the lien reimbursement from Knights Inn demolition.

Mayor Rockingham expressed gratitude to the staff, school district and park district for their labor with Community Days. He especially commended Tamara Siwala for her planning of and assistance with Community Days. The event was for citizens to enjoy and emphasized that the fireworks display was the most successful since the development of Community Days.

Mayor Rockingham announced the opening of a new Subway Restaurant on Route 41. Alderman DeVost congratulated Mr. Patel for the new restaurant.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Kimberly Duty

Stated that she wanted to move her current business, Sweet Things & Gifts, from Lake Bluff to North Chicago. She said she would rather be in North Chicago than any other city, possibly Grant Place. She clarified that no real estate agent would show her available buildings in North Chicago. Alderman DeVost explained would be of assistance in her endeavors. Ms. Duty said that Nimrod Warda and Joe Napolitano of Economic Department showed her 1821 Sheridan Road.

Alderman DeVost suggested she speak with agent Debbie Richards for Grant Place.

Gloria Carr

Questioned if the estimate for her awning would be reimbursed to her. Alderman DeVost suggested that she provide it to the Finance Chairman; Alderman Allen explained it would be paid through the Council's budget.

Alderman DeVost left the Council Chambers at 8:36 p.m.

Anthony Coleman

Thanked council for consideration of approval for grocery store on Elizabeth Avenue. There were vendor bidding dates that needed to be considered for the location.

Isaac January

Suggested that Council supported the people to progress in the city.

Ralph Peterson

He alleged that Officer Kesky lied on his police report for Darrin Hanna. There was no reason for Mr. Hanna to be beaten by officers during the arrest because they were not in danger.

Keiwon Little (11 years old)

Alleged that Officer Rincon put handcuffs on him and threatened that he would take him to jail. Mr. Little's mother stated she was told by the Mayor there wasn't enough evidence, there were two police reports and officer Rincon has been harassing her at home by riding by and laughing.

Alderman Abrams questioned if she contacted the school administration; Keiwon's mother acknowledged that she had. She also stated was never contacted when the incident happened until she went to the school for a play that Mr. Little had participated.

Alderman DeVost clarified that this incident was grounds for discipline to the officer and that held him accountable. Mayor Rockingham suggested she speak through her attorney.

Alderman Abrams, DeVost and January left council chambers at 8:55 p.m.

Mary Kay Larsen

Clarified there was an epidemic of 'parvo' in North Chicago and explained that "Fat Cat Rescue" offered a \$5 shot that normally had cost \$50-\$60 vaccinated by a veterinarian.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, July 16, 2012

DRAFT OF MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, July 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Absent: None

III. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

3-1 Department Head Reports 3-1A Treasurer's Report – June 2012 3-1B Water Department Report – June 2012

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

4-1 WATER PLANT INTAKE BID AWARD – LINDAHL MARINE; \$64,985

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the bid award to Lindahl Marine in the amount of \$64,985.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-2 ASSISTANT ENGINEER CONTRACT APPROVAL

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Assistant Engineering Contract to Gewalt Hamilton. Alderman Mayfield amended motion, amended second by Alderman Runnels to approve the assistant engineering contract subject to Attorney approval and to strike Paragraph E; tax benefits and royalties.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-3 CITY CODE AMENDMENT – CHAPTER 11

Alderman January requested that item be tabled for a clear and completed document; Alderman Fisher stated that it would be on the following weeks Judiciary agenda.

4-4 CEASE FIRE DONATION - \$21,000

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to approve the donation of \$21,000 to Cease Fire.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman DeVost suggested that the City fully fund the request of \$63,000. The current amount was not sufficient for their salaries. Alderman Abrams extended his appreciation to Cease Fire for their assistance and requested that they "stay true" in the mission of assisting the community. He also encouraged that the churches aggressively provide for the betterment of North Chicago.

Alderman January expressed his appreciation to Cease Fire although stated the total funding wasn't feasible for the City financially. Mayor Rockingham reflected that someone "turned themselves in" through the assistance of Cease Fire.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

V. CITY BILLS

5-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 07/16/12

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to pay the bills of Council Run 07/16/12 in the amount of \$270,371.72 as presented when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned funds availability; Comptroller John Gantz acknowledged they were and checks would be written the following day.

Alderman DeVost questioned where the seized money was and what account it would be deposited Mayor Rockingham explained the case was pending in court and explained that North Chicago would obtain a percentage of it.. Attorney Smith explained it would be deposited in the law enforcement account and not less than 40% would be returned to the city. Alderman DeVost assumed seized funds were to benefit with other projects in the community.

Alderman Allen questioned \$19,800 bill amount for Lake County Door Co.; page 18 and if it was bid; Mr. Gantz explained he was unsure of the specifics although the threshold before bidding was necessary at \$20,000. Mr. Gantz stated it could be removed from the bill run if there were questions to be answered; Alderman Allen didn't want it removed however emphasized precaution with cost of projects.

Public Works Director Josh Wheeler explained Lake County's familiarity with the street department garage doors. Alderman DeVost questioned quantity of doors replaced; Mr. Wheeler stated five (5). Alderman Allen suggested being more cognizant of the cost.

Alderman January suggested lowering the threshold with bid requirement. Alderman DeVost recommended that the cost was communicated to the chairman before any work was completed.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: DeVost

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

EVIDENCE ROOM

Alderman DeVost questioned status of investigation with the evidence left open for the second time; Interim Chief Jackson explained the investigation was ongoing, there were interviews of employees and the tapes were in process of being reviewed. Alderman DeVost said there were only supposed to be two people with keys; Mr. Jackson clarified that was part of the investigation.

FORFEITURE FUNDS

Alderman DeVost questioned if stated forfeiture funds were missing; Chief Jackson assured her there weren't any funds missing.

POLICE POLICIES

Alderman January questioned if there were changes made to the police policies and questioned seniority issues in the contract; Interim Chief Jackson explained it was an internal issue and he could not respond. Attorney Smith explained there was no contract with the sergeants to date and he would discuss it further with Alderman January.

Alderman January acknowledged that police department were paramilitary and seniority was governed by the state.

RALPHIE'S PLACE

Alderman January expressed concern with lack of information from the Mayor regarding Ralphie's Place. He clarified that council could withhold city monies. He sensed a lack of communication between the mayor and aldermen. He suggested utilizing North Chicago citizens that were willing to volunteer. He commended Charlie Burleson for her assistance with the animals and the shelter.

Alderman January emphasized a great expense for the City to utilized Lake County for retrieval of animals in the city and felt shameful for the situation not being concluded. He assumed the City was at a "standstill" with resolving the animal shelter issues.. He explained needed changes to city animal ordinance.

FAMILY TIES

Alderman DeVost announced North Chicago Family Ties events September 7-9, 2012 and she explained a family history book would be available to view.

POLICE OFFICERS

Alderman January stated that officers were being overworked and suggested hiring more. He inquired status of additional dispatchers; Mayor Rockingham explained that three (3) additional dispatchers were hired and with police, it needed to be negotiated with the union. Mayor Rockingham explained in addition, the police residency issue and termination resulted in lack of officers .

VII. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Ralph Peterson

Emphasized he has continually questioned if officers were trained and current with tasers use and batons at the time of Darrin Hanna incident; Attorney Smith explained they were with tasers. Mr. Peterson questioned person responsible for removing batteries from the tasers used in Hanna case; Mayor stated he would not answer.

Mr. Peterson clarified that Officer Borzich resided in Plainfield and hadn't been terminated. He strongly stated the need of Officer Strong's termination.. Alderman DeVost presumed the officers weren't held accountable for their actions.

Janet Manzella

Stated that she called police concerning disturbing neighbors at which time Officer Strong broke into her home and "body slammed" her. Following the incident she attempted to press charges and contacted the Mayor. She emphasized the "system had failed".

Mayor Rockingham explained he would review the allegation

Tim Johnson

Alleged to have been attacked by Officer Strong and Price at a convenient store of and suggested officers were held accountable. He approached the mayor in his office and was directed to discuss it to former Chief Newsome, and the complaint was never addressed. He and Ms. Manzella weren't permitted to file complaints concerning the police officers.

Gloria Carr

Emphasized that if there was action on complaints against the officers, the Darrin Hanna incident would not have occurred. She encouraged anyone who was abused by police to come forward. She demanded justice for victims abused by the police.

Rita Mayfield

Awaiting a resolution for police abuse and expressed fear of reverse discrimination. She stated had received many calls of complaints regarding officers.. Mayor Rockingham stated that he would coincide with State Representative Mayfield concerning the complaints. Alderman Abrams questioned the statute of limitation concerning assault; Attorney Smith explained eighteen (18) months for misdemeanor assault and three (3) years for felony assault. Attorney Smith explained there wasn't a limitation with police discipline and stated that he would retrieve information from Park City Police Department concerning the convenient store incident.

Alderman DeVost left the Council Chambers at 8:10 p.m.

Wadell Brooks

Explained there were several investigations completed with nothing resolved and people of North Chicago had suffered.

Barb Cantrell

Explained that she was called to retrieve a dog and welcomed volunteering. She was threatened by a police officer and reported it to Interim Police Chief Jackson. Jill Janezich Questioned Mayor when he recently spoke to Ralphie's Place; Mayor replied the prior week.

Anthony Coleman

Stated that his realty company had polled ratings that had increased for people not wanting to move to North Chicago.

Monty Beckwith

Expressed his appreciation to City Clerk Lori Collins for assisting a disabled citizen by providing notary service in her home.

Mr. Beckwith disagreed with the amount funded to Cease Fire and strongly stated there was no assistance throughout the city.

COMMUNITY DAYS

Mayor Rockingham announced and welcomed residents to participate in Community Days August 3-5, 2012. Included in Community Days was a health fair.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman DeVost was not present in Council Chambers at time of adjournment.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins City Clerk

Special Meeting, Monday, July 9, 2012

DRAFT OF MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Special meeting Monday, July 9, 2012 at 7:09 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Rockingham Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Runnels

Absent: Abrams, January

III. REGULAR AGENDA

Alderman January returned to Council Chambers at 7:10 p.m.

3-1 CITY HALL AIR CONDITIONING CHILLER

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the City Hall air conditioning chiller in the amount of \$89,053.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman January questioned the length of time to replace the chiller; Building/Community Development Director Steve McInnis replied ten days and that one air conditioner would be out of service for approximately eight hours while it's installation.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Abrams

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Abrams returned to Council Chambers at 7:12 p.m.

3-2 RESOLUTION – DEMOLITION LIEN SETTLEMENT OF \$212,008.23

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Resolution Demolition Lien Settlement in the amount of \$212,008.23.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman January requested clarification for a lien settlement; Attorney Jim Hartman explained it was a full payment to the City with interest. The bank was to "take over the lien". Alderman DeVost questioned length of time before the city was to be reimbursed; Attorney Hartman wasn't sure of an exact date.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Isaac January

Stressed the council had changed and there was a perception of North Chicago being crime ridden. He emphasized the City had to unite and the need of finer examples established.

Ralph Peterson

Requested status of investigation with evidence room remaining open and questioned who removed batteries from taser. He perceived that Officer Greyor and Strong needed to be terminated. He clarified that Mr. Darrin Hanna never attempted to strike police while being attacked.

Gloria Carr

Explained that Cease Fire was a good cause although money city donated to them didn't equate to the amount the city expended for investigator Colonel Johnson. She questioned who was going to "deal with gang members" in the police department and sensed some had tattoos to represent it.

She thanked Larsen family for their assistance in cleaning her egged home and inquired reimbursement from City to replace her awning. She stated her son came from a fine family. She requested information of the individual who reported a highjacking at her home and stated nothing had been resolved concerning the threatening letters.

Alderman DeVost suggested that Ms. Carr was reimbursed for replacing her awning. Ms. Carr requested that Alderman Mayfield investigate dispatched call of an alleged highjack at her home.

Alderman Mayfield explained that she currently hasn't observed her address on the blotter. Alderman DeVost stated she would obtain the information from Lieutenant Brame.

Ralph Peterson stated there was allegation of missing seized money.

David Hood

He questioned Mediation Agreement between the city, Coalition of Communities and Department of Justice. Mayor Rockingham stated that August 8, 2012 there would be demonstrations on how to complete a use of force complaints. He also encouraged people to submit names for prospective participants of the seven (7) member Citizens Advisory Committee. The committee would coincide with the police and also review citizen complaints.

Mr. Hood explained his nephew was arrested and abused by Detective Rollins; stressed police was a portion of the problem in the city.

Shixing He (Steve)

Stated that there were continual break-ins at a property that he owned on Hervey and his fence was being removed daily. He said he issued two complaints to the police. Alderman DeVost inquired if a cement post could be installed.

Alderman DeVost questioned if there were cameras; Mr. He stated there weren't any cameras. Mayor Rockingham suggested scheduling a meeting and possibly obtain surveillance.

LISA MADIGAN

Alderman Allen questioned status from the Attorney General concerning an investigation; Mayor explained there currently wasn't a response. Alderman DeVost suggested the aldermen requested assistance from Attorney General's Office.

GUNS

Alderman DeVost commended Interim Police Chief for retrieving several guns throughout the city. The buildings had bullet holes in them and children were inside. She went "door-to-door" with the Chief. The issues needed to be diffused and she questioned the plan to rid of gunfire.

VARIOUS CONCERNS

Alderman January clarified there were non-operable cameras throughout the City. Called the police department twice, the police only arrived once. Stated the need for additional police officers

He emphasized that pending matters needed to be placed on all committees.

He was concerned with police procedural changes without council approval.

Questioned why fines weren't being administered to people for loud music.

Concerned with potential fire from fireworks displayed in the dry heat and grass.

Suggested Committee as a Whole for just citizens to speak.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L Collins City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, July 2, 2012

DRAFT OF MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, July 02, 2012 at 7:04 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

Pastor Sundin gave the invocation.

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Abrams, Runnels, January
Absent: Allen

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, June 04, 2012; 9:19 p.m. and Regular Council Meeting, June 18, 2012; 7:50 p.m., were modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION:

Alderman Abrams moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels that Regular Council Meeting, June 04, 2012; 9:19 p.m. and Regular Council Meeting, June 18, 2012; 7:50 p.m. be passed as presented and dispensed with correction of June 18th minutes, item 4-5 should read motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 Community Days – August 04-05, 2012

Alderman Abrams moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Omnibus Vote agenda as presented.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Mayor Rockingham clarified that Community Days dates were August 3-5, 2012. Alderman January asked if there was a city financial obligation; Mayor Rockingham explained there was not.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: Allen

MOTION CARRIED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 ASSISTANT ENGINEERING FIRM APPROVAL

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to approve Gewalt Hamilton Associates as assistant engineering firm.

Attorney Smith suggested that motion be amended to reflect that it was subject to approval of contract.

Alderman Mayfield amended motion, second amended by Alderman Abrams to approve Gewalt Hamilton Associates as the assistant engineering firm subject to approval of proposed contract.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Allen

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 VEHICLE 117 APPROVAL

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the purchase of a 2012 F450 4x4 in the amount of \$42,014.

Alderman DeVost clarified that the truck was the final purchase of trucks for Public Works; Mayor said it was the second vehicle that was budgeted for.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: DeVost

Absent: Allen

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 CITY YARD ROOF REPLACEMENT APPROVAL

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve A-1 Security Roofing for roof replacement at city yard in the amount of \$78,500 and not to exceed \$83,000.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Allen

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 2013 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE APPROVAL

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the 2013 Appropriation Ordinance totaling \$41,575,731.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Allen

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 LICENSE AGREEMENT APPROVAL – USE OF GREAT LAKES TRAIN STATION PARKING LOT (FIRST ESPIRIT DECORPS)

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the license agreement for use of Great Lakes Train Station to First Espirit Decorps.

Alderman January questioned handicap accessibility; Mayor Rockingham explained that services would be rendered in the parking lot. Attorney Smith clarified it was a trailer and wasn't inside a building

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: DeVost

Absent: Allen

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 ABBOTT SALES TAX AGREEMENT

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to approve the Abbott Sales Tax Agreement with Abbott Laboratories Purchasing Company LLC.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Allen

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 07/02/12

MOTION:

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to pay the bills of Council Run 07/02/12 in the amount of \$485,626.39 as presented when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned if funds were available; Comptroller John Gantz stated there were and checks would be distributed the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Pass: None

Absent: Allen

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

Ralphie's Place

Alderman January asked questioned status of the agreement with Ralphie's Place and the animal shelter. Mayor Rockingham explained there would be a meeting with Ralphie's Place to finalize an agreement and further check status of current Animal Warden. Alderman DeVost asked if the Animal Warden would obtain additional assistance when he returned and questioned if there was a budget for upgrading the shelter. Mayor Rockingham stated the budget would be discussed later.

Alderman January questioned the qualifications of Ralphie's Place; Mayor Rockingham explained a proposal would be presented to council.

Seized Funds

Mayor Rockingham explained there was a seizure of \$278,000 of suspected drug monies as officers responded to alleged home invasion.

Officer Bogdala

Mayor Rockingham explained there was an investigation performed by Interim Chief Jackson and Officer Bogdala was released from the police department as of June 29th.

Officer Hartman

Mayor Rockingham announced arrest of person alleged to have shot Officer Hartman.

Guns retrieved

Mayor Rockingham said there were 26 guns retrieved since January in the city and commended officers upon their efforts.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Gloria Carr

Extended her appreciation to the Public Works Director for 15th Street repairs. She requested the private investigator report performed by Colonel Robert Johnson. Attorney Smith explained there needed to be a protective order and he would continue to collaborate with her attorney for the report. It was not subject to FOIA because it was an internal investigation.

Ms. Carr requested if hate crime letters would be provided to her; Attorney Smith stated he would obtain a copy of the letters to her and the postal authority would supply any report they have to her.

Pastor Sundin

Commented that the property next to his church, 2801 Seymour Ave., was abandoned and there was potential for drug users to occupy.

Mary Larsen

Questioned if a non-profit organizations could coincide with the City; Attorney Smith acknowledged they could. Ms. Larsen asked if the shelter had a budget; Mayor Rockingham explained there was but not enough to complete all the work that needed to be completed.

Prince Montgomery

Stated that he was shot and was not treated like the victim. The police associated him with a gang and clarified he wasn't affiliated. Mayor Rockingham expressed empathy for him and stated the resident's need of becoming more involved with informing the police. Mayor explained that he would discuss with officers to be more respectful. He assured him the Interim Chief would address the issue and the responsible person would be sought.

Alderman DeVost knew of Mr. Montgomery and spoke highly of his character. She said there was nothing available for the younger generation. She stressed the officers involved mistreated him. Mr. Montgomery's mother stated there was no compassion from the police and they withheld some of his belongings for many days.

Wadell Brooks

Suggested residents were more involved and it relieved people when it resulted in arrests. Interim Chief Jackson stated more action had been taken; Mr. Brooks stated there seemed to be more communication from residents. Mayor Rockingham clarified there was also going to be an increase in traffic details.

Anthony Coleman

Stated that he had been stereotyped previously and hoped that officers were being trained to deescalate situations prior to arrests. Mr. Coleman asked if there was any funding for Community Days; Mayor Rockingham explained seed money was utilized.

Ralph Peterson

Suggested that Sergeant Cecala was removed from the police department. He questioned if Mr. Hanna was accused of attempted murder and why there wasn't a prior arrest. He emphasized that Sergeant Cecala lied on his report. He

further questioned the person who removed taser batteries and assumed it was Sergeant Cecala. He clarified that he left the evidence room open on various occasions.

EVIDENCE ROOM

Alderman DeVost questioned if the evidence room was left open and if it was acceptable; Chief Jackson said it was not acceptable and was being investigated as to who had access. Alderman DeVost stated that Sergeant Cecala and the Chief should be the only two with access to the room.

Alderman DeVost asked that any incidents in her ward be reported to her immediately.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Alderman January had concerns for lack of security at Housing Authority. There weren't enough police for a traffic detail; \$700,000 in overtime accumulated since last budget. He questioned status of hiring more officers.

Chief Jackson explained that Police Board would be providing him a status update of list to obtain more officers.

CURFEW

Asked that citizens help inform one another of curfew laws. Betty Harris stated there weren't enough activities for the children.

ALLEGED HIGHJACK

Ms. Carr asked for a status report of a highjack call placed to her home and clarified the call went through dispatch. Alderman DeVost inquired if there could be surveillance on Ms. Carr's home; Ms. Carr stated she didn't require surveillance.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, June 18, 2012

DRAFT OF MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, June 18, 2012 at 8:21 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Absent: Fisher

Mayor Rockingham acknowledged Alderman Fisher's absence and explained that he was out due to family matters.

2-1 RESOLUTION HONORING TED WILDER

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the resolution honoring retired Fire Chief Ted Wilder.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, DeVost, Allen Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

City Clerk Lori L. Collins read the resolution of Ted Wilder. Mayor Rockingham presented Fire Chief Wilder with signed resolution and commended him for his dedication and service.

Interim Fire Chief Dell Urban presented Ted Wilder with retired fire helmet. State Representative Rita Mayfield reflected on Mr. Wilder's accomplishments and presented him with a resolution from the State of Illinois.

County Commissioners Audrey Nixon congratulated him on his retirement; Mary Ross-Cunningham thanked him for his dedication and Angelo Kyle acknowledged that Mr. Wilder was the only African American Fire Chief in Lake County. Angelo Kyle announced June 18th to be Ted Wilder Day in Lake County.

Ted Wilder said that his goals weren't accomplished alone and thanked those that helped and supported him through his 28 years. He wished prosperity for the city.

Alderman DeVost left the Council Chambers at 8:07 p.m.

Mayor Rockingham stated some of Chief Wilder's accomplishments.

III. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

3-1 Department Head Reports

3-1A Treasurer's Report – May 2012

3-1B Water Department Report – May 2012

3-2 North Chicago Family Ties Parade

3-3 Proclamation Celebrating 100 years with Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine & Science.

3-4 Ordinance Approving Prevailing Wages

3-5 Memorandum Agreement – City of North Chicago and Coalition of Community Leaders/Clergy Approval

3-6 Resolution Honoring George “Lou” Pride

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Fisher, DeVost

MOTION CARRIED

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

4-1 SCRAP DEALER ORDINANCE APPROVAL

Alderman DeVost returned to the Council Chambers at 8:10 p.m.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Scrap Dealer Ordinance as presented.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

4-2 ALL SERVICE CONTRACTING APPROVAL – REPLACEMENT OF WATER FILTER #5

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the agreement between the City of North Chicago and All Service Contracting in the amount of \$88,038 and that the requirement for competitive bids be waived based on the fact that All Services Construction Corporation is an ITT Water and Wastewater USA, Inc. certified factory, authorized installer of FB Leopold brand filter under drain product line.

Alderman DeVost asked if another company could be sought as a back-up and to have alternative. Mayor Rockingham stated that the equipment was expected to last 50 years; if the city were to change all filters simultaneously other companies would be sought.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

4-3 DONATION APPROVAL – COLLABORATION CELEBRATION WITH CITY OF MIRACLES, INTERNATIONAL 14th ANNIVERSARY OF WALNUT STREET FESTIVAL/9th ANNUAL JUNTEENTH

Alderman Abrams moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the donation of \$500 to the City of Miracles.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: DeVost, Allen
Absent: Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

4-4 ORDINANCE APPROVAL PROVIDING TOWING LICENSING AND REGULATION

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Ordinance providing towing licensing and regulation; License "A" - \$1,000 and License "B" - \$200.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Runnels, January
Nays: Abrams
Absent: Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

4-5 TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM BJA (BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE) GRANT APPLICATION APPROVAL

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Traffic Enforcement Program BJA (Bureau of Justice Assistance) Grant Application.

Alderman Abrams questioned if the grant was for red light cameras; Mayor clarified that it was for police vehicle cameras.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: DeVost
Absent: Fisher

MOTION FAILED CARRIED

4-6 PETITION/ORDINANCE – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT (URO) AT SHERIDAN CROSSING

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Resolution – Water Main Across 22nd St. (currently Martin Luther King Dr.).

Alderman Runnels amended motion, Alderman Allen amended second to combine in motion, items 4-6 and 4-7.

Alderman January asked how much it has cost the city thus far. Mayor Rockingham explained that the Master Developer Weston Solutions has not charged the city for any of the work concerning Sheridan Road. Once there was development on Sheridan Road there would be financial benefits to them.

Alderman DeVost listened to concerns of Alderman January and said Sheridan Road hadn't been developed for many years; she felt that Weston would help in economic development for the city.

Alderman January said a Letter of Intent was not development and didn't mean anything; there was no understanding of what business Weston Solution was offering the city. There was no current business at the site.

Mayor Rockingham said that businesses would not come unless the site was "shovel ready" and it currently was. If there were no Letter of Intent there wouldn't be a contract, therefore was needed.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

4-7 PETITION/ORDINANCE – SPECIAL USE PERMIT (PUD) AT SHERIDAN CROSSING

ITEM 4-7 COMBINED WITH ITEM 4-6

4-8 PETITION/ORDINANCE – SPECIAL USE PERMIT AT 2850 SKOKIE HIGHWAY/2875 FRONTENAC AVENUE

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Special Use Permit at 2850 Skokie Highway/2875 Frontenac Avenue as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

4-9 WRATHER SETTLEMENT

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Wrather Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$40,000.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Pass: Abrams
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 06/18/12

MOTION: Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to pay the bills of Council Run 06/18/12 in the amount of \$825,343.00 as presented when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman January questioned if funds were available; Comptroller John Gantz acknowledged they were funds and checks would be written the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

ANIMAL SHELTER

Alderman Mayfield questioned the status of the Animal Warden and the shelter. Ordinances were being violated due to warden's absence; Mayor Rockingham said the city was working through Lake County and Ralphie's Place during warden absence. He said the city was reviewing the possibility of a temporary employee.

Alderman Allen suggested using volunteers to help; Mayor Rockingham explained there would added liability with volunteers. Alderman DeVost said there needed to be money budgeted for improvements at the animal shelter; Mayor Rockingham said there would be a proposal for council to approve.

DISTURBANCES

Alderman DeVost complained of people congregating on Broadway during late evenings. She attempted to contact the police department, there was no dispatch and wanted to know why. Lake County Sheriff was contacted and were hesitant to assist.

Alderman DeVost wanted to speak to mayor after the meeting to discuss a solution to the issue on Broadway. Mayor Rockingham said the problem was not centrally on Broadway and stated that other funding was needed to hire additional police officers. The city needed to be proactive in hiring new officers.

Alderman DeVost said the people deserved to be protected. Interim Police Chief Jackson explained there was a police shortage, he was aware of the problem and there was additional staff added to the night shift for safety reasons. There was a plan in motion to attempt handling excessive crowds congregating in one area.

Alderman DeVost again questioned the lack of dispatchers. Chief Jackson explained a dispatcher was sick and calls were forwarded to Park City, he said two dispatchers would be hired within the next two weeks. He stated there should be two dispatchers per shift. Alderman DeVost suggested rehiring former Telecommunication Supervisor Delsina Brown.

Alderman DeVost invited the Mayor and Interim Chief to evaluate the situation.

Alderman January stated his disbelief that there was no notification that calls were being dispatched to Park City. He was unclear as to why the Telecommunication Supervisor was fired and felt she needed to be rehired. Felt North Chicago needed to be proactive. It would take five aldermen to vote to rehire previous supervisor.

Alderman Abrams said there was an incident in North Chicago that a person died by the hands of officers. There was a problem in his home and a Waukegan officer went to scene. A resolution for dispatchers was necessary.

Alderman DeVost further said there were children violating the curfew laws. She asked how many dispatchers were allowed for third shift. Chief Jackson there were to be two dispatchers; Alderman DeVost suggested more than two.

ANIMAL SHELTER

Alderman January concerned with not having an animal warden on duty. He suggested Charlie Burleson or Mary Kay Larsen as a replacement while current warden was on medical leave. There needed to be immediate action concerning animal shelter.

Alderman Abrams left the Council Chambers at 9:01 p.m.; Alderman Allen left the Council Chambers at 9:02 p.m.

Alderman January said it would be more cost effective to hire someone rather than using Lake County to assist with animal control.

FRONT YARD BEAUTY CONTEST

Alderman DeVost announced the Front Yard Beauty Contest trophy day, July 28, 2012 and North Chicago Family Ties celebration September 8, 2012.

COOLING CENTER

Mayor Rockingham announced that City Hall was the official cooling center for the city when temperatures reach or exceed 90°.

Alderman Allen returned to Council Chambers at 9:06 p.m.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Alderman Abrams returned to Council Chambers at 9:06 p.m.

Wadell Brooks

He asked if Weston Solutions was giving a time limit to development on Sheridan Road. He suggested the city offer office internships for students. He questioned how Hornsby Kneeland was appointed to the School Board; Mayor said he not involved in the selection.

Nancy Lucas

Felt no respect for officers and they were unskilled. She went to police station and there was no one in attendance. She asked why assault rifles were drawn during vehicle searches.

Melaine Miller

She said officer abused her boyfriend, he was arrested without being recited miranda rights and didn't know why. She alleged that officers lacked respect and knowledge of dealing with citizens.

Mary Kay Larsen

Suggested the city utilize a foreclosed home for animal shelter. She felt the animal warden was being compensated for a job he wasn't performing; feared for safety of the citizens that live in the city while dogs were astray.

Susan Dixon

Thanked the city for support with Girls Connected organization, they were getting the assistance they needed. She referred to an incident and previously violated by the police.

Frank's Tavern Alderman Allen said there didn't seem to be a problem with Frank's tavern when he visited. Some issues needed to be handled by the City. Interim Police Chief explained that the owner and the police department were collaborating to deal with some of the complaints concerning Frank's.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, June 4, 2012

DRAFT OF MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, June 04, 2012 at 9:19 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels

Absent: DeVost, January

Alderman January returned to council chambers at 9:20 p.m.; Alderman DeVost returned to council chambers at 9:21 p.m.

RESOLUTION HONORING PAUL JOHNSON City Clerk Lori L. Collins read the resolution honoring Paul Johnson.

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Resolution honoring Paul Johnson as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, May 7, 2012; 9:03 p.m. and Regular Council Meeting, May 21, 2012; 7:51 p.m., were modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION: Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams that Regular Council Meeting, May 7, 2012; 9:03 p.m. and Regular Council Meeting, May 21, 2012; 7:51 p.m. be passed as presented and dispensed with the reading.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA 6-1 PROCLAMATION DECLARING JULY AS NATIONAL RECREATION MONTH

Alderman Abrams moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Proclamation declaring July as National Recreation month.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 LAWN MOWING CONTRACT APPROVAL

Attorney Smith explained there was no contract to approve and thought there was just approval to hire summer youth. Alderman DeVost asked what was going to be approved. Mayor Rockingham felt that it didn't need approval because the students would be hired through the City. The city collaborated with the Coach Coleman and Jimmy Baldwin at the high school and it was agreed that there would be students hired.

Alderman Allen left the Council Chambers at 9:28 p.m. and returned at 9:29 p.m.

Alderman DeVost felt the requirements continued to change and it was unfair to Ms. Harris who attempted to get youth hired through her program. Mayor Rockingham said that the opportunity should be available to all qualified youth. Alderman Abrams agreed with the mayor. Alderman Mayfield asked if workers were hired yet; Mayor Rockingham explained that applications were completed online and there were going to be interviews.

Ms. Bette Harris said that the project was for the children of North Chicago and the criteria changed from what was currently required. Alderman January asked how many students were to be hired; Mayor explained 2 college aged and 6 high school students. Alderman Fisher said that liability was a factor considered, therefore changes were made.

Alderman Allen recollected that Ms. Harris presented a proposal at which time Community Development Director presented a better financial solution. He asked if there was a way to hire two students through Betty Harris' program. Mayor Rockingham explained that he would have to check with insurance and he wasn't sure if they were able to utilize work the equipment at 14 or 15yrs old. Human Resource Assistant Sheire Farmer explained the requirement of 16 yrs. old in order to use the equipment. It was considered heavy equipment according to liability insurance. Ms. Harris asked that one 14 yr. old and one 15 yr. old was to be hired. Alderman Abrams stated that there were things requested from Ms. Harris that weren't provided.

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve hiring 8 students at a rate of \$8.75/hour for the summer.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels
Nays: January
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – CITIZENS COMMENTS

Alderman DeVost asked for clarification; Alderman Mayfield explained that citizens comments would be in Committee as a Whole chaired by the Mayor. Alderman DeVost read the ordinance. Attorney Smith explained that the all Council meetings and Committee as a Whole provided an opportunity for citizens to comment.

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Ordinance amendment – Citizens Comments which added that comments be allowed during Committee As A Whole meetings.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 CITY SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Alderman Abrams moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the City Salary Ordinance.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Abrams, Runnels

Nays: DeVost, Allen, January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 RE-APPOINTMENT OF KEN ROBINSON AND TERESA MCSEE-ODOM TO POLICE AND FIRE PENSION BOARD

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve re-appointment of Ken Robinson and Teresa McSee-Odom to Police and Fire Pension Board.

Alderman January asked that the re-appointments be voted separately.

Alderman Runnels amended motion, Alderman Fisher amended second to approve Ken Robinson and Teresa McSee-Odom to Police and Fire Pension Board to the Police and Fire Pension Board.

Alderman Runnels moved, Alderman Mayfield seconded to approve Ken Robinson to the Fire Pension Board for three (3) years.

Alderman DeVost asked when Ms. McSee-Odom was first appointed; Mayor Rockingham approximated 2-3 years.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None Pass: DeVost

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Runnels moved, Alderman Mayfield seconded to approve Teresa McSee-Odom to Police Pension Board for two (2) years.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Pass: DeVost

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 BID APPROVAL – VISTA HEALTH SYSTEMS FOR GRANT PLACE BUILD-OUT

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve build-out of Vista Health Systems located at Grant Place in the amount of \$188,881 and that Vista pay \$129,440.50 and the city's portion of \$59,440.50.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 PURCHASE OF ASPHALT ROLLER AND PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLE APPROVAL

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the purchase of an asphalt roller - \$23,875.00, trailer - \$6,025.00 and 2008 Toyota Tacoma - \$22,993.75; totaling \$52,893.75.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-7 REPLACEMENT OF WATER FILTER #5 APPROVAL

HELD UNTIL JUNE 18, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 06/04/12

MOTION: Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to pay the bills of Council Run 06/04/12 in the amount of \$449,787.00 as presented when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman DeVost questioned bills for Secretary of State totaling \$495; Comptroller John Gantz explained the \$99 charges were for renewal of registrations for Police Department investigation bureau vehicles. Alderman January questioned if funds were available; Comptroller John Gantz explained they were and checks would be distributed the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels,

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

CeaseFire Alderman Abrams announced CeaseFire event at Marion Jones Friday, June 8, 2012 at 4 p.m.

Family Ties Alderman DeVost announced Family Ties celebration of families in North Chicago September 8, 2012 at Foss Park Golf Course.

Agendas Alderman January stated presumed that not including pending matters on an agenda was the chairman's decision. He said he presented the council with methods of how committees could operate and their function. Commended Dr. Wadell Brooks upon his efforts in having the meetings televised.

Alderman Abrams left the Council Chambers at 9:54 p.m.

Animals Alderman January was unclear as to the status of the Animal Shelter.

January Alderman January stated that his wife should not be addressed in any way and he would always defend her.

Procedures Alderman January stated there needed to be goals and objectives established for the City.

Apology Alderman January again apologized to the mayor for previous behavior.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Brotha Blanks

Presented Ms. Carr with a certificate from his organization for her strength and recited an original poem that he wrote.

Wadell Brooks

Suggested that the officers involved in Hanna case be suspended pending investigation from Attorney General and Department of Justice.

Betty Harris

Said she had faith the city would prosper.

Ralph Peterson

Clarified that Officer Fapso killed a person claiming the person attempted to hit him with a car and that he also shot at a 14 year old. Officer Strong continually assaulted Mr. Hanna after he was down, and Officer Greyor falsified reports. He questioned why he hadn't been disciplined. Hanna family requested a video of woman with broken eye socket she had from an officer and hasn't been provided it as of yet.

Mr. Peterson explained that former Deputy Chief Crystal Phillips stated in reports that there should have been an internal investigation concerning Van Alston and Chief Newsome did nothing to rectify the problem. Alderman DeVost suggested he submit a FOIA request form.

State Representative Rita Mayfield

Said there hadn't been any justice for the murder at the hands of police for Darrin Hanna. She extended her appreciation to Alderman DeVost, Allen, and January for their assistance with the Hanna family.

Mary Miller-Lane

She asked if there had been a response from Attorney General Lisa Madigan or Department of Justice of requested investigation into the death of Darrin Hanna. She felt that the police should not have been back on the force and that Ms. Carr continued to suffer.

Dr. Thom Rudd

Stated the best way to unionize was to not providing salaries and suggested there be a determination as to how many children were employed in the city.

Gloria Carr

Sensed shame how the city was operating. She couldn't bury her son until investigations were completed. Alderman Allen suggested the Mayor speak to Ms. Carr attempting a resolution; Mayor Rockingham acknowledged he would.

Mary Kay Larsen

Felt that children were afraid of the police and they traveled together to protect themselves. The children were bringing animals to her house.

Jill Janezich

Requested microchip and vaccination of animals availability at Foss Park, be placed on the city website. She was upset with the situation concerning the animal shelter and assumed there was contamination in the water.

Anthony Coleman

Expressed appreciation to the city for support of the high school students.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, May 21, 2012

DRAFT OF MINUTES

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Absent: None

III. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

3-1 Department Head Reports
3-1A Treasurer's Report – April 2012

3-2 Memorial Day Parade, May 28, 2012

3-3 Cease Fire – Peace Rally, June 08, 2012

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

CITIZENS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Wadell Brooks

Suggested some changes that were necessary. He commented that the City should have a plan and that there was prime real estate in North Chicago for development. He proposed a Plan Commission to assist with development ideas.

Gloria Carr

Stated that her son was murdered by the police and she would continue attending council meetings of the council. She questioned why the officers involved in case were still active on the police force. She stated that she had an appointment with Attorney General Lisa Madigan to investigate officers involved in the abuse of her son Darrin Hanna. She had also spoken with President Obama's aid who would be contacting her.

Ralph Peterson

Stated that there was no discipline of all officers who lied on their reports involving the Hanna case. The report claimed that Mr. Hanna held something in his hand and was later found to be untrue.

Mary Miller-Lane

Questioned if correspondence from the City was submitted to Attorney General Lisa Madigan requesting an independent investigation; Mayor Rockingham acknowledged it was. She inquired why officers involved in Hanna case were still active. They had caused many problems.

Dr. Tom Rudd

He referred to an unrelated autopsy report that took eighteen (18) days to determine and had reservations with Lake County Coroner's process of months writing Darrin Hanna's autopsy report.

Barb Cantrell

Concerned with animals being mistreated and handled improperly.

Alderman DeVost left Council Chambers at 8:43 p.m.

Mary Kay Larsen

Was informed there were funds for the animal shelter and hasn't been any improvements. Sensed that the animals were dying from water contamination and explained her conviction of having a new animal shelter.

Juan Santos

The issues appeared to improve at Prairie View Apartments with security. He suggested a meeting scheduled with the aldermen and residents at Prairie View Apartment to resolve the remaining issues at the complex.

Alderman Allen explained he would contact Mr. Santos and discuss the issues.

Alderman DeVost returned to Council Chambers at 8:50 p.m.

Brotha Blanks

Expounded his hopes for unity, the City needed organization and individuals needed to support of one another.

NORTH CHICAGO HIGH SCHOOL DISCUSSION

Marvsguita Warfield - Student Had great regret for Ms. Smith of North Chicago High School, Dean Robinson and Officer Val Nash being terminated. There was a march held by the high school students. Ms. Warfield referred to several incidents at the high school and expressed maltreatment by students not having books

Quiana Bailey – Student At one incidence as a student, she wanted to drop out. Ms. Smith, who had been terminated, supported and encouraged her to remain in school. The principal appeared not to care for them and sexual harassment by the security personnel. She was assaulted by 12-20 girls and it had resulted in her having to attend Daisy Resource Center.

Ms. Bailey's mother requested assistance for the children and was upset with the situation at the high school.

Former Administrative Assistant Smith - (North Chicago High School) Found discrepancies at the high school, she reported it to the Superintendent Gallagher and her job was terminated. The person that was notified remained employed by the high school.

Anthony Coleman - He explained that the children marched at the high school because there were no books at the school for students. The board was addressed including the Superintendent Milton Thompson with s no response

The State Superintendent Chris Koch would be requested by North Chicago to address the issues within the school district.

Alderman Abrams expressed his commitment in assisting the children. He had addressed the personnel concerning previous issues and urged everyone to become involved. Emphasized that Superintendent Thompson should be terminated.

Alderman DeVost admired the students for being courageous and asserting themselves concerning school issues. She stated was committed in supporting the children. She also appreciated Ms. Smith for her service at the high school. Questioned Interim Chief Jackson's awareness of children being bullied and why the officer on duty didn't intervene.

Alderman Abrams explained that the high school opted not to retain Officer Val Nash.

Alderman DeVost agreed that district number needed to be changed from 187. Alderman January acknowledged Ms. Smith, Anthony Coleman and Alderman Abrams for their dedication to the children. In order for there to be changes, a petition was necessary with 3,500 signatures stating justification of a new board.

Mayor Rockingham commended the Children that spoke. There was a problem with funds at the school district. He trusted in the unity of the City, School and Park District.

Assie Abrams - Clarified there was a teacher, formerly of Lake Forest, who was convicted of sexual assault and currently employed at the high school. She complained of issues at North Chicago High School and there was no respect for the students. She provided an example of teachers smoking in the alley as students were walking to school.

Emmanuel Hanna - He agreed there needed to be unity and respect amongst one another in order for prosperity in North Chicago.

David Hood - Commented that the abuse of cops needed to cease and the children followed in the similar manner.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

4-1 CITY COUNCIL VIDEO TAPING AGREEMENT APPROVAL – FRED ALEXANDER

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Agreement for Video Taping of all Council Meetings, no editing and at the cost of \$150/meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-2 WATER PLANT INTAKE RESTORATION APPROVAL

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Water Plant Intake Restoration in the amount of \$34,300 to Clark Dietz.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: DeVost

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-3 WATER PLANT PIPE PAINTING APPROVAL

As discussed in Committee only one bid therefore the item was being held.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

4-4 TEMPORARY SIGN APPROVAL AT GREAT LAKES TRAIN STATION

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve a temporary sign at Great Lakes Train Station.

Alderman January stated that he wasn't aware of the sign design. Mayor Rockingham explained there were no changes to the proposal as previously submitted. Alderman DeVost asked if the jewelry store would be opened to the public; Mayor acknowledged it would.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels

Nays: DeVost, January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-5 ORDINANCE PROVIDING TOWING LICENSING AND REGULATION

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Ordinance Providing Towing Licensing and Regulation as presented.

Alderman DeVost questioned the fees; Mayor Rockingham explained that License "A;" \$1,000 and License "B" was \$200. Attorney Smith clarified that the new licenses fees were "A;" \$1,000 and "B;" \$100.

Alderman DeVost presumed the understanding was not to lower the fees, it was either increase or remain similar.

Alderman Fisher amended motion, Alderman Runnels amended second that the Ordinance Providing Towing Licensing and Regulations be corrected that License "A" be \$1,000 and License "B" in the amount of \$200.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Allen, Runnels

Nays: Mayfield, DeVost, Abrams, January

Absent: None

MOTION FAILED

4-6 RESOLUTION – WATER MAIN ACROSS 22nd STREET (M L KING DR.)

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the Resolution – Water Main Across 22nd St. (currently Martin Luther King Dr.).

Alderman DeVost questioned cost; Building/Community Development Director Steve McInnis clarified "no cost to the city."

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-7 DEVOST SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the settlement agreement for Shamecia DeVost in the amount of \$15,000.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: Fisher

Reclused: DeVost

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-8 ADOPTION APPROVAL OF 2013 BUDGET

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the 2013 Budget as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-9 ORDINANCE AMENDING 4-7-1972 – GAMBLING

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Ordinance Amending 4-7-1972 – Gambling as presented.

Alderman January questioned if it would be located in areas with no children; Mayor Rockingham explained that children wouldn't be present was a state requirement.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

V. CITY BILLS

5-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 05/21/12

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to pay the bills of Council Run 05/21/12 in the amount of \$508,036.18 as presented when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Mayor Rockingham explained that Fred Alexander should be paid for services rendered of videotaping thus far in the amount of \$300 and requested the invoice was additional to bill run. There was a general consensus.

Alderman Allen amended motion, seconded amended by Alderman Mayfield to include the bill of Fred Alexander for videotaping and new total to be \$508,336.18.

Alderman January inquired if funds were available; Comptroller John Gantz acknowledged they were and checks would be written the following day.

Alderman DeVost questioned the bills for Lake County Collector totaling \$8,612.16. John Gantz explained that it was real estate taxes for city owned property that was not exempt from payment. The funds were paid to Lake County.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Rockingham suggested postponing May 29th meeting due to the holiday. City Council agreed.

KNIGHTS INN Alderman DeVost questioned if there had been a city reimbursement for demolition of Knights Inn. Attorney Smith explained that the sale of the land was scheduled June 14th. Alderman DeVost inquired if the City would receive money from the sale; Attorney Smith clarified that the city would bid the amount and was hopeful that someone would outbid the City later to be sold by it and anticipated the bank paying liens owed.

APOLOGY Alderman January formally apologized for incident with the mayor and stated that he would discuss any later frustration behind "closed doors." Mayor Rockingham also apologized for his reaction and outburst to Alderman January's comments at the previous meeting. His reaction was inappropriate and it didn't properly represent the City.

VII. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Previously handled in meeting, no further comments were made.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, May 7, 2012

DRAFT OF MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, May 07, 2012 at 9:03 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman DeVost asked that citizens comments and questions order was moved to the beginning of the agenda. It was a consensus of the council that comments were made prior to the regular business.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

Reverend Jesse Jackson strongly stated that it was disrespectful for the citizens to wait and speak. He requested that the Darrin Hanna case was priority.

Reverend Jesse Jackson provided the Invocation.

After invocation Reverend Jackson asked to allow the citizens were allowed to speak before the other business of the agenda.

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January Absent: None

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Ralph Peterson – Waukegan, IL

Referred to statement from Chief Jackson that stated Darrin Hanna was under the influence of a substance but statements from the officers stated they didn't know he was under any substance.

Mr. Peterson explained a report stated that he was struck twice in the face and questioned how his back was hit and ribs were cracked. He further stated that Officer Keske tased someone while in custody. He referenced more statements from officers in the Hanna case.

Mary Miller-Lane

Stated that the girlfriend of Darrin Hanna never wrote a complaint statement and she felt all the officers should have been charged.

Reverend Roberson

He sensed hurt and disappointment. Emphasized despair for the people that work for the city and weren't residents here. He explained that Ms. Carr would continue until justice is served and something needed to happen. The people of North Chicago didn't deserve the treatment they had experienced.

Dr. Tom Rudd

Referred to a study that tasers caused cardiac arrest or death and it was necessary for users to administer to know CPR. He suggested that policies were reviewed.

Kevin O'Connor

Questioned decision if reviewed from false reports. He also asked why other officers didn't write what occurred in the reports if the officer that lied and fired did not.

He claimed that Sergeant Cecala falsified the reports and should be terminated. Mr. O'Connor, stated that Cecala wasn't certified to perform breathalizers and there were many DUI convictions based on Sergeant Cecala's testing.

Mr. O'Connor stated that once a person was tased, there wasn't a threat to the police.

Bishop Grant

He noted that 524 Americans had been killed by tasers utilized by police. He was appalled by the silence of the council. The people were not going to be quiet until "justice had been served" and those officers involved needed to be terminated immediately.

Reverend Jesse Jackson

Reverend Jackson stated that officer who acted on Darrin Hanna was not worth the representation of the Mayor and that Mr. Hanna deserved more. He strongly stated that the officers should have been fired and charged. He explained that he had asked Attorney General Lisa Madigan to intervene with an investigation of the case.

He stated that Van Alston had been brutalized by police; Mr. Alston explained his encounter with the police. Reverend Jackson clarified that Darrin Hanna was handcuffed while he was being beaten.

Alderman DeVost explained that the council was provided the direction to remove the officers from the police force and asked that Mayor's powers were removed. She stressed that Sergeant Cecala needed to be held more accountable considering his position.

Alderman Abrams explained that the Mayor had been notified that Sergeant Cecala should be disciplined and complaints about Cecala didn't coincide with reports. He questioned why former Chief Newsome was disciplined and wasn't present at the scene although Sergeant Cecala was and he wasn't disciplined. Alderman January disagreed with Mayor's decision and suggested a "straw pole" to allow the investigation by Attorney General's Office and FBI. He further stated that Sergeant Cecala was rewriting policies/procedures which he shouldn't.

Reverend Jackson inquired if there was any objection with Attorney General to investigate. Alderman Mayfield agreed with Attorney General reviewing the situation.

Mayor Rockingham said it was requested by the Department of Justice to review the case. He also stated that he welcomed and would invite Attorney General to investigate. Reverend Jackson suggested correspondence to request Attorney General Lisa Madigan's presence for extended further investigation.

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to conclude citizens comments and questions.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

ATTORNEY GENERAL AND JUSTICE DEPARTMENT Alderman Abrams moved, seconded by Alderman DeVost to write a letter to Attorney General Lisa Madigan and Tom Perez of the Justice Department, Civil Rights Division, to investigate Darrin Hanna case and all other cases.

Alderman DeVost requested that Sal Cecala removed from the Evidence Department immediately.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January Nays: None Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman DeVost recommended removing Sergeant Cecala from Evidence Department. Reverend Jackson expressed that all police would be investigated.

Alderman Allen left the Council Chambers at 10:00 p.m.

BLOTTER - SHOOTINGS

Alderman Abrams stated his concern with the number of shootings in North Chicago. He explained there was a nuisance ordinance and asked Interim Chief Jackson what was going to be done regarding the shootings. There was an address repeatedly on the blotter which could be considered a nuisance and there was an existing ordinance.

Interim Chief Jackson stated there were canvasses and intelligence in process. There needed to be information from people to identify some of the problems and people involved.

Alderman Allen returned to Council Chamber at 10:04 p.m.

SERGEANT KURT NASH LETTER

Alderman DeVost questioned if there were going to be discussion or resolution to Shift Commander Sergeant Kurt Nash letter and stated concerns about how he had been treated.

It was explained that it needed to be discussed in Executive Session.

Alderman Fisher suggested there be further investigation of Sergeant Nash situation.

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, April 02, 2012; 7:44 p.m. and Regular Council Meeting, April 16, 2012; 7:51 p.m., were modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION: Alderman Abrams moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher that Regular Council Meeting, April 02, 2012; 7:44 p.m. and Regular Council Meeting, April 16, 2012; 7:51 p.m. be passed as presented and dispensed with the reading.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 Department Head Reports
6-1A Water Department Report – April 2012

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 PUBLIC WORKS SURPLUS ITEMS APPROVAL

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Public Works surplus items for auction as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION AND ADOPTING PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman to approve Ordinance Authorizing Electrical Aggregation and Adopting Plan of Operations and Governance as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 8-13-7 AND 8-13-8 – LIQUOR LICENSE FEES/LIMITATIONS

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Ordinance amending sections 8-13-7 and 8-13-8 – Liquor License Fess/Limitations as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 ORDINANCE PROVIDING LICENSING AND REGULATION OF TOWING BUSINESSES

Removed from Council Agenda for further discussion in Committee.

7-5 ORDINANCE AMENDING 5-25B – 4(B)(5) – PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLES

Alderman Fisher asked that items 7-5 and 7-8 be voted together.

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve items 7-5 thru 7-8 as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Runnels

Nays: DeVost, Abrams, January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 ORDINANCE AMENDING MUNICIPAL MOTOR FUEL TAX

Approved under Item 7-5

7-7 ORDINANCE AMENDING 10-5-24 – PARKING REGULATIONS

Approved under Item 7-5

7-8 ORDINANCE AMENDING 5-1-2 – BUSINESS AND LICENSE REGULATIONS

Approved under Item 7-5

7-9 ORDINANCE ANNEXING UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Ordinance Annexing a portion of Union Pacific Railroad to North Chicago.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-9 RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNEXATION AGREEMENT

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Resolution for Annexation Agreement.

Alderman DeVost asked if the annexations were approved by Union Pacific. Mayor Rockingham explained that this helped in possibility of acquiring property along Route 41.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 05/07/12

MOTION: Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to pay the bills of Council Run 05/07/12 in the amount of \$420,931.21 as presented when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman January inquired if funds were available; Comptroller John Gantz explained they were and checks would be distributed the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman DeVost requested an emergency Executive Session to discuss Sergeant Nash's complaint. It was explained by Attorney Smith that the item was not on the agenda and should not be discussed. Alderman January further noted that according to Open Meetings Act, that there was not to be any meeting unless it was stated on the agenda.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

NONE

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Beginning of Meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, April 16, 2012

DRAFT OF MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, April 16, 2012 at 7:12 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Absent: None

2-1 North Chicago Warhawks Basketball Team Presentation

Mayor Rockingham introduced the Warhawks Boys Basketball Team and congratulated them on achieving second place in the state finals. He commended their representation of North Chicago and that they represented excellence on and off the court. He presented the staff and players with medals from the city in appreciation.

WARHAWKS AND STAFF PRESENTED WITH MEDALS

Head Coach – Gerald Coleman

Players: Aaron Simpson , KeVante Curry, JaVairius Amos-Mays, Tyrone Linder, Jordan Duncan, Jamero Shelton, JayQuan McCloud, Marzhon Bryant, Denzal Terrell , Kurt Hall Marvin Warfield, Jarrod Coleman, Kelly Brown, Patrick Coleman

Staff: Superintendent – Milton Thompson, Asst. Coach – Brian Eck, Principal – Eric Gallagher, Asst. Coach – Jeffrey Hostenstein, Athletic Director – Dr. Brian Colbert, Asst. Coach – Kenny Wilson, Asst. Head Coach – Cheryl Coleman, Honoree Coach – Walt “Pops” Abrams, Asst. Coach – Michael E. Barry, Chaplain – Rev. Torrance Abrams Sr., Asst. Coach – Jarrod “JC” Coleman, Manager – Jamal Jackson, Asst. Coach – Jack White, Athletic Trainer – Laura Watkinson

Alderman January thanked Ms. Simpson for her dedication and help with the team.

Alderman Abrams gave a certificate of appreciation and dedication to Denzal Terrell for inspiring him. He also stated that Mr. Terrell was a model young man. Alderman Abrams also extended his appreciation to Mayor Rockingham for his support and participation at the basketball games, not only at the tournament but throughout the year.

Coach Coleman appreciated Detective Val Nash, Mayor, Superintendent and Daisy Brooks for their support and participation.

III. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

3-1 Department Head Reports 3-1A Treasurer's Report – March 2012 3-1B Water Department Report – March 2012

3-2 Peaceful Demonstration March, April 21, 2012

3-3 Salvation Army Donut Day, Friday/Saturday, June 01-02, 2012; Red Kettle Campaign Friday, November 16, 2012 – Monday, December 24, 2012

3-4 Obenauf Public Auction held May 12, 2012

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve Items 3-1 – 3-4.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

4-1 ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-2-6 G-H

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Ordinance Amending Section 2-2-6 G-H inclusive of three minutes as presented.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman Mayfield also questioned what the penalty was, as stated in the ordinance. Alderman DeVost read the decorum of the ordinance and questioned who initiated it.

Alderman Fisher Called for the Question.

Alderman Rockingham explained that the penalty exceed to \$750.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Abrams, Runnels

Nays: DeVost, Allen, January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman DeVost left the Council Chambers at 7:43 p.m.

Alderman DeVost returned to the Council Chambers at 7:44 p.m.

4-2 RESOLUTION – ADDITION OF LIBERTYVILLE/LINDENHURST TO CRACK SEALING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield that City Council approve the Resolution for the addition of Libertyville/Lindenhurst to the Crack Sealing Intergovernmental Agreement.

Public Works Supervisor Josh Wheeler explained that the agreement was approved last year and current 2012 included Libertyville and Lindenhurst. The agreement lowered cost of crack sealing.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-3 RESOLUTION REALLOCATING 2012 PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND VOLUME CAP TO VILLAGE OF BUFFALO GOVE, IL

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Resolution Reallocating 2012 Private Activity Bond Volume Cap to Village of Buffalo Grove, IL.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 04/16/12

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to pay the bills of Council Run 04/16/12 in the amount of \$370,168.54 as presented when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman DeVost questioned the use of Night and Day Restoration. Comptroller John Gantz explained the company provided board-up services for the City. Alderman DeVost questioned if there was a contract with Night and Day Restoration and the cost of each board-up. Mayor Rockingham stated that he would obtain the information for her.

Alderman January clarified that it was explained by Building/Community Development Director Steve McInnis that the company was ½ the cost of the company previously used.

Alderman January questioned if funds were available; John Gantz acknowledged that they were and checks would be written the following day.

Alderman January suggested a resolution for the police officers involved in the Darrin Hanna case and recommended not paying bills until the Mayor's final decision. He clarified that the

Council had the power not to pay the bills. He also suggested that the police involved badges and identification be retrieved until Mayor's decision.

Alderman DeVost explained that it would impact the services.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: DeVost

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

Alderman DeVost referred to Article 5 of the Fraternal Order of Police and explained the Mayor had the right to discipline the officers and clarified that it had been performed in four other states. She stated the Council could make the decision and was a general consensus that the officers were removed.

Alderman Abrams stated that he had "seen and heard enough." The officers involved in Hanna case could be interviewed right away and the family had anticipated enough. He explained that Interim Chief Jackson needed to provide a decision immediately.

Mayor Rockingham explained that the situation had been ongoing for many months and the City had only received the reports from the state police previously two weeks. He explained the tapes were provided to the City and wanted to interview each officer involved. The city's responsibility was to ensure they didn't violate policies and procedures. Mayor Rockingham explained that he had spoken to the officers involved in Hanna case the previous week.

He further explained that the Fraternal Order of Police stated would prefer to be present at the interviews of the officers that were scheduled. He elaborated that the City had no control whether the officers could be tried criminally and he would be making a decision that week. Discipline was contingent upon if policies and procedures were followed.

Alderman DeVost questioned what more proof was needed and there had been enough visual evidence presented. She presumed that the council had the power to remove the officers and it was to be followed immediately.

Attorney Muriel Collison explained that the video tapes were requested by her office from the City and the tapes were provided. She stated that the City had the information more than two (2) weeks.

Alderman January questioned if the officers could be removed pending the investigation. City Attorney Chuck Smith explained that the council could request the officers were removed He clarified that the Police Chief was to discipline and officers were to be provided their due process.

Alderman DeVost motioned to remove the officers.

Alderman DeVost left the Council Chambers at 8:06 p.m.

Alderman Mayfield reiterated that there could only be a recommendation to remove the officers similar to former Police Chief Newsome. It was the Mayor's decision in conjunction with the Police Chief. She explained would allow one week for the Mayor's final decision. She stated that disrespecting the Mayor was the wrong procedures to follow.

Alderman January seconded recommendation to remove the officers.

Alderman Abrams stated "for the record," that he wanted the officers removed from the police force. The situation occurred six months prior, he requested a final decision from Interim Chief Jackson and prior to following Monday. It was necessary to move the City forward.

Alderman Allen stated the Mayor had another week or the Council would have the final decision. Mayor reassured it would be the following Monday.

Alderman Fisher suggested that the final decision be made by the following Monday and that the officers were placed on leave immediately.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Alderman DeVost returned to the Council Chambers at 8:15 p.m.

Kenneth Robinson – 3021 16th Place

Announced charter school applications were being accepted at 1920 Sherman Avenue, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday. The deadline for applications was June 1st. Due to limited space, there would be a lottery if an abundance of applicants. More information was available on the city's website.

He also announced a job fair at the Foss Park District, April 28th.

Alderman Fisher left the Council Chambers at 8:19 p.m. Vanessa Peterson Presumed decisions were political, the Mayor was undecided concerning the Darrin Hanna case and he should terminate the officers involved.

Wadell Brooks

Stated there was lack of respect to the Mayor and City Attorney. Noted the City Attorney's presence at the meetings. He announced Shields Township meeting at City Hall. He questioned if the water was unsafe and if the city was going to hire another Microbiologist. Mayor assured that the water was safe.

Juan Santos

He questioned who was responsible for Prairie View Apartments and stated that there were flooding issues in the buildings. Cars were also flooded between building 8 and 9.

He stated his concern of streets not being repaired. Mayor explained street repair projects were beginning mid-summer and that he would discuss the flooding issues with the Engineer and DeBuehler Company (owners of apartment complex). Alderman Allen stated he would speak to the Public Works Director. Mayor Rockingham announced the 14th Street recapture and construction.

Christopher Blanks

Questioned why council members were editing the videos. He clarified that no elected official or their family should be in control of the recordings that could result in a lawsuit. He would prefer the meetings in its entirety.

Alderman DeVost stated she requested to have the edited information replaced and that the recording weren't controlled by Alderman January.

Alderman January stated that the tapes were not edited and there was a problem with the recording. Clarified he also had compensated for them. He strongly stated had reserved the 6 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. airing time Sunday for Mr. Brooks.

Mayor Rockingham stated he was in contact with Fred Alexander in reference to taping of Council meetings. Once the agreement was presented to council and it was agreed, Mr. Alexander would utilize the city's older recording equipment.

Mr. Brooks stated the meetings were not edited. Mayor Rockingham contacted Mr. Alexander and requested that photos of Darrin Hanna be removed from the tape.

Alderman DeVost stated that she was contacted by Alderman January and specifically instructed him not to edit the tapes under any circumstances.

Anthony Coleman

Inquired the penalty for unruly people as stated in the Ordinance pertaining to decorum; Attorney Smith explained the penalties were \$50 up to \$750. He questioned if there was a possibility of incarceration. Attorney Smith stated that it would be an ordinance violation not subject to criminal action.

Iлона Gersh

She referred to national cases of police brutality victories and encouraged the movement against it.

Alderman DeVost left the Council Chambers at 8:50 p.m.

Jill Janezich

Requested the contact number to the animal shelter. Mayor Rockingham provided the information to her. She explained there was another citizen's cat fatality.

Mary Kay Larsen-Ford

Stated that someone killed her cats and she appreciated the Hanna family for their invitation to the peaceful march April 21, 2012. Mayor Rockingham apologized for the loss of her cats.

Alderman DeVost returned to the Council Chambers at 9:01 p.m.

Ralph Peterson

He explained that Alderman January nor Mr. Brooks edited the video tapes of the Council Meetings. He stated that if the taping was removed from the Council it would be edited.

Sensed shame of Sergeant Cecala and questioned why he was allowed on the police force. Sergeant Cecala was never certified to do breathalyzer testing. Stated that he was in charge

of evidence of which he clarified there weren't batteries in the tasers. He requested that Sergeant Cecala was removed from the police department.

Alderman Allen left the Council Chambers at 9:04 p.m.

Betty Harris

She stated concern with children not being allowed to work for the city during summer. She also explained that she was willing to work with the city to employ children as previously. She stated the City paid prevailing wages for grass cutting the previous year totaling \$370,000.

Alderman Allen returned to the Council Chambers at 9:08 p.m.

Nancy Lucas

Stated the police stopped her son at which time he asked to speak to a supervisor as instructed. Strongly stated the situation was harassing. She clarified the letter written by Chief Newsome directing her son to contact the supervisor was void because he was no longer chief, according to Officer Darcy Brown.

She explained had listened to a police scanner and that there was videotaping of her family members.

Emmanuel Hanna

Appalled at lack of respect amongst the community; the enthusiasm should have been prior to incident. The community should unite as one placing pressure with the Mayor and council members..

Mary Miller-Lane

She explained that Ms. Carr was pleading for Mayor to act against officers and in justice of her son Darrin Hanna. Felt the Mayor was stalling for time and the officers should be relieved of duty.

D Hood

Requested that the Mayor apologized to Ms. Carr. He emphasized that the chief had been in the city long enough to make a decision.

Marquita McGee

Stated was abused by the Officer Brandon Youst. She requested that her arrest of obstruction of justice be removed from her record and questioned the process.

Mayor Rockingham suggested that an attorney could assist her with expunging the charge. Dr. Brooks suggested that she contacted Waukegan Township.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Fisher was absent at Voice Vote.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L Collins City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, April 2, 2012

DRAFT OF MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, April 02, 2012 at 8:59 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

The Mayor announced the passing of Milt Jensen, Mayor of Beach Park Illinois and requested he was included in the invocation.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

Mayor Rockingham gave Invocation.

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Absent: DeVost

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, March 05, 2012; 7:44 p.m. and Regular Council Meeting, March 19, 2012; 7:51 p.m., were modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

Alderman DeVost returned at 9:00 p.m.

MOTION: Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams that Regular Council Meeting, March 05, 2012; 7:44 p.m. and Regular Council Meeting, March 19, 2012; 7:51 p.m. be passed as presented and dispensed with the reading.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

NONE

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 2012 MFT PROJECT BID AWARD APPROVAL

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher that City Council approve the 2012 MFT Project Bid Award to Chicagoland for the amount of \$424,275.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 LIBRARY APPOINTMENT – LILLIE JOPLIN

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman January that City Council approve the Library Board appointment of Lillie Joplin.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 DEAN VINCENT CASE SETTLEMENT APPROVAL

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Allen that City Council approve the claim settlement of Dean Vincent estate vs. City of North Chicago, pursuant to the settlement case.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman DeVost questioned the amount of the settlement; the Mayor replied \$40,000.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 RENAMING ELIZABETH AVENUE – HONORARY PAST EUGENE ROBERSON DRIVE

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman January that City Council approve renaming Elizabeth Avenue (14th St. to 16th St.) to Honorary Pastor Eugene Roberson Drive.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Pass: Allen

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 OPENING OF BID DOCUMENT – VACANT REAL ESTATE (PIN 12-05-4056-047)

City Planner Nimrod Warda opened bid document for PIN 12-05-4056-04 that was awarded to Carl Evans in the amount of \$499.00.

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield that the City Council approve opening the bid document for vacant real estate (PIN 12-05-4056-047) be awarded to Mr. Carl Evans in the amount of \$499.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF HILLCREST AVENUE – DONALD STALLWORTH

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Allen that City Council approve the Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Hillcrest Avenue for Donald Stallworth.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-7 WATER PLANT HEATING SYSTEM – KIRWAN MECHANICAL SERVICES; \$105,265

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher that City Council approve the water plant heating system bid be awarded to Kirwan Mechanical Services in the amount of \$105,265.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-8 RESOLUTION HONORING CHIEF NATHANIEL HAMILTON

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher that City Council approve the Resolution Honoring Chief Nathaniel Hamilton.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman January requested a plaque mounted within the City in honor of Chief Hamilton; the Mayor stated that it could be arranged.

Alderman Runnels questioned/suggested if Great Lakes Naval Center would participate. The Mayor explained he would work towards it.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 04/02/12

MOTION: Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to pay the bills of Council Run 04/02/12 in the amount of \$292,376.01 as presented when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman January questioned if funds were available; Comptroller John Gantz acknowledged they were and the checks would be distributed the following day.

Alderman DeVost questioned Knights Inn \$200,000 demolition city reimbursement. Attorney Smith explained the suit would be in early May 2012. Alderman DeVost emphasized that the City Council was assured of reimbursement. Attorney Smith clarified the City had a lien and also a foreclosure.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels

Nays: DeVost

Pass: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

NONE

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Anthony Coleman

He recommended that there be a twenty-five dollar (\$25) processing fee for first year of a new business in North Chicago and the second year cost to be \$400 plus \$25 processing fee.

Betty Harris

Was grateful to the City Council upon their efforts in hiring youth for summer work. She strongly stated the need to "take our city back" and cleaning up the community.

Ralph Peterson

Was disrespected that the Mayor did not pray for Ms. Carr in her time of loss. He questioned character and background of various officers and clarified there hasn't been any discipline

for their actions. He provided pictures for the Mayor to review. Mayor Rockingham stated that all the allegations were in the process of investigation.

Van Alston

Stated the officers had beaten him. Alderman January stated it shouldn't have happened to him and apologized. He further explained that the Chief of Police was the only person that could remove the officers. Alderman DeVost clarified that the Mayor had the power and authority to remove the officers.

Allen Little

Asked if there were any "checks and balances" of power; Alderman DeVost explained the aldermen should remove the power of the Mayor and allow them to remove the officers. Mayor Rockingham explained that the Fraternal Order of Police contract was available to review. Dr. Tom Rudd There was no statement in the Police contract that read that murder was allowed. He explained the board certification requirements and clarified that the current pathologist hired by Coroner Yancey wasn't certified.

Mary Kay Larsen

Stated that the Animal Warden wasn't knowledgeable of cats having locator chips. She offered to power wash Ms. Carr house from being egged.

Gabriel Albarran

He questioned the proposed increases of only \$50 for liquor license and the \$800 for towing companies. He explained that the city was not charged for any service the towing companies provided. Barb Cantrell Alleged the Animal Warden left the dogs at shelter without food or water and calls had been ignored.

Tyrone Lewis – 1313 Adams St.

Stated had sensed arrogance from the Mayor.

Kenneth Ray Jr. – 1013 Jackson St.

Enjoyed residing in North Chicago as a whole and didn't previously experience any problems with the police department.

Emmanuel Hanna

Appalled at what was going on in North Chicago. The situation was unfortunate. although the incident resulted in unification of the residents.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L. Collins City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, March 19, 2012

DRAFT OF MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, March 19, 2012 at 7:51 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Absent: None

III. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

3-1 Department Head Reports

3-1A Treasurer's Report – February 2012

3-1B Water Department Report – February 2012

3-2 Easter Parade, March 31, 2012

3-3 Resolution Renaming of Elizabeth Street – Honorary Pastor Eugene Roberson Drive

3-4 Library Board Appointment – Lillie Joplin

3-5 Resolution Honoring Chief Nathaniel Hamilton

It was requested to move Items 3-2, 3-3 and 3-5 to the Regular Agenda.

Mayor Rockingham removed item 3-4 until next council meeting April 2, 2012.

Alderman Abrams moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve Item 3-1 Department Head Reports.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

4-0 RESOLUTION HONORING CHIEF NATHANIEL HAMILTON

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Resolution Honoring Chief Nathaniel Hamilton.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman January asked that a copy be submitted to council before approval. Mayor stated that it would be deferred to April 2, 2012 meeting.

Alderman DeVost rescinded motion, Alderman Allen rescinded second and deferred to April 2, 2012 Council Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

4-0-1 RESOLUTION RENAMING OF ELIZABETH STREET- HONORARY PASTOR EUGENE ROBERSON DRIVE

Alderman Allen had concerns with many streets in North Chicago that had been renamed for individuals and suggested further discussion.

REFERRED TO MARCH 26, 2012 COMMITTEE MEETING.

4-0-2 EASTER PARADE, MARCH 31, 2012

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to approve the Easter Parade for Eternal Flame A.M.E. Church March 31, 2012.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January Nays: None Absent: None

Alderman January said his vote was contingent verification of insurance was provided.

4-1 VEHICLE MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS APPROVAL

REMOVED

4-2 AUDIT OF BENEFITS APPROVAL

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to approve the Audit Benefits in the amount of \$10,000.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-3 RESOLUTION APPROVAL – SALE OF 2809 18th STREET TO HOLLY FOSTER

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Resolution for the sale of 2809 18th Street to Holly Foster.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-4 LAKE BLUFF/NORTH CHICAGO AGREEMENT

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Lake Bluff/North Chicago Agreement.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman DeVost requested that it was explained to the residents. Mayor Rockingham explained that the agreement was an upgrade to a wireless water meter system. The water meter reading system required more antennas and Lake Bluff provided a taller building for additional efficiency. He clarified there was no fee for the City to utilize the building in Lake Bluff.

Alderman January acknowledged it was a fifteen - year term.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-5 WATER PLANT HEATING SYSTEM

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman DeVost to table the approval of the Water Plant Heating System.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman January questioned the length of time for repairs. He clarified that it had worsened due to its time and weather conditions. Alderman Allen requested further review.

Alderman DeVost suggested there was a tour of the water plant prior to the decision.

Alderman Mayfield explained that she wouldn't advise the City anticipating any longer and suggested approving it soon.

Public Works Director Josh Wheeler requested that item 4-5 was held until April 2, 2012.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: DeVost, Allen

Nays: Fisher, Mayfield, Abrams, Runnels, January

Absent: None

MOTION DENIED

Alderman DeVost didn't previously recall requiring a motion to table a vote. Mayor Rockingham suggested that the council would reconsider the motion, April 2, 2012.

Alderman January stated the weather conditions were changing and presumed it was necessary expediting it. Mr. Wheeler agreed that warmer weather increased the risk although the likelihood of that situation becoming a major problem was low.

Alderman Abrams moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to reconsider the motion to table.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams

Nays: Fisher, Runnels, January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman DeVost to table.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams

Nays: Fisher, Runnels, January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-6 OPENING OF BID DOCUMENTS – VACANT REAL ESTATE LOCATED OFF SEYMOUR AVENUE

City Planner Nimrod Warda explained that there was a two-part sale. This particular bid was for access to a garage and the other bid was for a 25 foot parcel. He stated it included this vacation to be bid at \$1.

Alderman Allen questioned cost of the vacation and who's responsibility. Mr. Warda explained that the eight (8) feet and petition/ordinance for subdivision were a division of the same transaction. Funds were recouped from the sale of the twenty-five (25) foot parcel.

Alderman January questioned the total filing fees; Mr. Warda estimated \$900 cost and the City would pay \$500 for vacation fees.

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the bid of \$1 for portion of property.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels

Nays: None Pass: January

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-7 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF SWALCO 40% RECYCLING TASK FORCE

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to approve the Resolution Accepting Recommendations of SWALCO Recycling Task Force.

Alderman Runnels amended motion, Alderman Abrams amended second to approve Resolution Accepting Recommendations of SWALCO 60% Recycling Task Force.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-8 PETITION/ORDINANCE FOR ZONING MAP AMENDMENT – 1415 MLK AND 2205 SEYMOUR AVENUE

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Petition/Ordinance for Subdivision – 1415 MLK and 2205 Seymour Avenue.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-9 PETITION/ORDINANCE FOR SUBDIVISION – 1415 MLK AND 2205 SEYMOUR AVENUE

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman DeVost to approve the Petition/Ordinance for Subdivision – 1415 MLK and 2205 Seymour Avenue.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-10 OPENING OF BIDS DOCUMENTS – VACANT REAL ESTATE LOCATED OFF SEYMOUR AVENUE

Duplicate item

4-11 APPROVAL OF BID FOR DEMOLITION AT 1800 SHERIDAN ROAD (CITY OWNED PROPERTY)

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve bid for demolition of 1800 Sheridan Road (City owned property) by Givens Trucking in the amount of \$36,100.

Alderman DeVost clarified that it would be paid from grant funds.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 03/19/12

MOTION: Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to pay the bills of Council Run 03/19/12 in the amount of \$224,804.35 as presented when funds become available.

Alderman January questioned if funds were available; John Gantz acknowledged that they were and checks would be written the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

WARHAWKS Mayor Rockingham congratulated the North Chicago Warhawks boys basketball team for placing second in state tournament. He would invite the team to Council at a later date.

FIRE Mayor Rockingham said referred to a fire on Sheridan Road, destroying two businesses; Collision Solutions and Unique Towing. He expressed his appreciation for the mutual aid from various fire departments to combat the fire.

DARRIN HANNA Alderman Mayfield acknowledged that the autopsy of Darrin Hanna was received and demanded that officers involved in the incident be fired immediately. Further stated there was due process and the city had been fair. Mayor Rockingham respected what she said.

Alderman Mayfield said Mr. Hanna was tased 14 times and that is immediate grounds for dismissal. Mayor Rockingham was waiting for State's Attorney report and internal investigation before he made a decision.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Gloria Carr

She said Darrin Hanna had no weapons and didn't deserve to be tased 14 times resulting in his death; wanted officers removed. The officers involved were repeat offenders and the Mayor allowed them to continue to work in the Police Department.

Alderman DeVost wanted to remove power from Mayor in order to dismiss the officers. Ms. Carr said she wouldn't let the issue subside.

Attorney Smith stated removing the officers was covered by contract with Fraternal Order of Police. He explained that the Interim Chief could remove the officers but they could be grieved the dismissal. He anticipated that once the investigations were completed internally there would be a decision.

Ms. Carr referred to death certificate that read taser and trauma were cause of death. She felt ashamed of the Mayor.

Attorney Collison

Expressed there was no respect for Colonel Johnson and asked that Interim Chief was allowed to perform his duties by terminating the officers involved in Hanna case.

Rayborn Mayfield

He suggested that Alderman Fisher provide the Mayor with some advice. Mr. Mayfield questioned what additional proof was necessary to fire officers. He requested the officers on desk duty be removed or on administrative leave without pay.

Gloria Carr

She questioned how the Mayor was at ease with the situation and that he was a family friend. Felt the officers didn't care. She was trying to maintain peace and requested to speak to the six officers involved in Darrin Hanna case.

Van Alston

He was informed by Alderman January to "let his situation go and see a psychiatrist". He demanded the officers involved in Hanna case be charged with first degree murder. Alderman January responded that he told Mr. Alston he should try to "get over it".

State Representative Rita Mayfield

Stated the preliminary report of Darrin Hanna was not any different than the final report. Stated the final report already was completed. The final factor was for the City to decide what was to occur with the officers. Mr. Hanna wasn't perfect and there wasn't any indication of him being combative. She requested that Alderman Mayfield's recommendation for dismissal of officers was considered.

Alderman January strongly reiterated that three parts of Mr. Hanna's body were missing and the city should be calling the FBI to investigate. The only person with the authority to terminate the officers was the Chief of Police. There was already an independent pathology report.

Alderman January felt the Independent Investigator should not report to the Mayor only to the Chief.

Jill Janezich – 3136 21st Street

She appreciated the animal shelter was being adhered to. There was no phone number for the shelter in phonebook or online. Mayor Rockingham explained that calls were handled through city hall or through police in case of an emergency. Ms. Janezich referred to animal warden qualification and said he didn't fit the lifting requirement. She questioned when the pound was to be remodeled.

Alderman DeVost left Council Chambers at 9:13 p.m.

Mayor Rockingham said the city was working with Ralphie's Place to help with the animal shelter.

Wadell Brooks – 1932 Sherman Ave.

He asked if there was training for elected officials and was told it was on the job training. There was no recall in Illinois. He stated the streets needed to be repaired, positive public relations was needed and a crime prevention plan.

Mayor Rockingham explained there was a plan for the streets and directed him to Public Works.

Alderman DeVost returned to the Council Chambers at 9:21 pm.

Mary Miller-Lane – 2205 N. Butrick St., Waukegan, IL

She stated that the Mayor should give Interim Chief Jackson the tools to remove police involved in Hanna case. Something should be done for the people.

Juan Santos – Prairie View Apartments

Stated North Chicago had wonderful people. Complained that Officer Perrin falsely arrested him and asked if his family faced retaliation because of the complaint.

Mayor Rockingham said Interim Chief Jackson was working on several complaints Mr. Santos addressed.

Tommy Rhyan – 202 Baldwin, Waukegan, IL

Expressed empathy for Ms. Carr and stated Darrin Hanna reminded him of Emmitt Till case. He felt conviction that the city would get through this situation.

Dr. Tom Rudd

Stated that current Coroner Yancey didn't attend meeting to review autopsy; there had been four months with no response. Body parts were missing (thyroid, pancreas and gonads) and made cause of death impossible to "pinpoint".

Christopher Blanks

Mr. Blanks questioned the advancement of Independent Investigator Johnson's reports. Felt the Mayor needed to be of solid mind and that he was in the company of bad people.

Alderman DeVost stated that she voted against the Investigator.

Ralph Peterson, Jr.

Questioned why Darrin Hanna was tased 14 times with two broken ribs if he was already in custody; referenced reports officers wrote. He read reports of officers involved in the case.

Mayor Rockingham explained the city was waiting for coroner's report. Mr. Peterson questioned what Investigator Johnson had found thus far in his investigation. Alderman DeVost said the officers needed dismissal.

Vanessa Peterson

Stated her conviction about previous statements and felt no need to apologize.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L Collins City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, March 5, 2012

DRAFT OF MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, March 05, 2012 at 7:44 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

Reverend DeVost gave the Invocation.

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Abrams, Runnels, January

Absent: Allen

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, February 06, 2012; 7:25 p.m.; Special Council Meeting, February 13, 2012; 7:13 p.m., and Regular Council Meeting, February 20, 2012 were modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION: Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman January that Regular Council Meeting, February 06, 2012; 7:25 p.m.; Special Council Meeting, February 13, 2012; 7:13 p.m., and Regular Council Meeting, February 20, 2012 be passed as presented and dispensed with the reading.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Allen

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 AUDIT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman DeVost to approve the Audit Committee appointment.

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: Allen

MOTION CARRIED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 IDOT RESOLUTION FOR CONSTRUCTION ON A STATE HIGHWAY

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the IDOT Resolution for Construction on a State Highway.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: Allen

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 WATERSENSE PARTNER RESOLUTION

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to approve the WaterSense Partner Resolution as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: Allen

MOTION CARRIED

7-3 LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE CITY COUNCIL FOR ITEP STREETScape PROJECT

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Letter of Support from the City Council for ITEP Streetscape Project.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman DeVost asked for an explanation of the streetscape project and its cost. Public Works Director Josh Wheeler explained that the project was for Martin Luther King and Sheridan Road. He said the letter of support will assist in obtaining the grant to pay 80% of the project. He further stated that the 20% funds needed by the city would come from the TIF fund.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: Allen

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 RESOLUTION FROM NORTH CHICAGO FOR ITEP STREETScape PROJECT

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Resolution from North Chicago for the ITEP Streetscape Project.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Allen

MOTION CARRIED

7-5 PARAMEDIC BILLING SERVICES AGREEMENT

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Paramedic Billing Services Agreement.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman January stated that there was no definitive term for the agreement; Fire Chief Ted Wilder referred to page 4 that stated there was a three year term. Alderman DeVost questioned termination. Chief Wilder read from #10 that explained termination.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Allen

MOTION CARRIED

7-6 NORTH CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY/CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (KUKLA TOWERS WATER METER ANTENNA LOCATION)

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Kukla Towers for a water meter antenna location.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman DeVost asked if the residents at Kukla Towers were informed of the antenna being placed on the building. Mayor Rockingham explained that the Housing Board was notified and agreed.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Allen

MOTION CARRIED

7-7 PETITION/SPECIAL USE PERMIT – 1911 GREENFIELD AVENUE

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman DeVost to approve the Petition/Special Use Permit for 1911 Greenfield Avenue.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Allen

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 03/05/12

MOTION: Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to pay the bills of Council Run 03/05/12 in the amount of \$151,617.73 as presented when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman January asked if funds were available; Comptroller John Gantz explained they were and checks would be distributed.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Allen

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

Alderman January briefly overviewed the independent pathology report from Darrin Hanna case. The report stated there were three organs that were missing. He stated that it had been 4 months since the incident and there was no Coroner's report. He questioned where the organs were and asked what was taking so long.

Mayor Rockingham explained that the report was from the attorney handling the Hanna case. He said he couldn't accelerate the process and reports from the State's Attorney, Coroner's Office or State Police.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mayor Rockingham explained that by ordinance the citizens were allowed 3 minutes to speak and asked that comments not be of political or personal matter.

Alderman DeVost asked the process that allowed citizens comments and questions. She thought neighboring Waukegan allowed five (5) minutes and felt three minutes (3) wasn't enough to allow citizens to address concerns.

Mayor Rockingham further explained that Alderman January addressed the issue previously and until the ordinance was changed it would remain three (3) minutes. Alderman January said that he asked for it to be on the agenda and Alderman Fisher stated that the changes weren't in writing as of yet.

Alderman Fisher explained that he suggested that Alderman January ask the City Attorney to draft an ordinance and he would put it on the agenda.

Christopher Blanks – 409 Oak St., Waukegan

Mr. Blanks questioned compensation of the City Attorney and Independent Investigator Robert Jackson. He suggested that recruitment of officers be of North Chicago residents. He further recommended that a stipend be given to youth that were in recruitment and a youth academy.

He said that the Police & Fire Commissioners should be known by the public because they were responsible for the hiring and fire of police officers. The Police & Fire Commissioners should be held partially accountable for the officers also.

Mayor Rockingham stated the names of the Police & Fire Commissioners: Norma Harris, Peter Balmes, and Velma Dickers. He also stated that he appreciated the suggestion of a police academy and thought that it could be explored.

Alderman DeVost stated that she spoke with a minister that started a cadet program and would be working with him to resume a program for recruitment.

Joan Santos – 9 Prairie View Ct. 906C

He said that his rights were being violated by the security staff of the apartment complex and didn't want to be harassed any longer. He was told by management that she doesn't consider what the city says.

Mayor Rockingham explained that management was in charge of who they hire for security and directed him to Interim Police Chief Johnson. Alderman January said he knew the owner of the apartment complex and suggested Mr. Santos write a letter, including residents name, so he could submit the complaint.

Alderman DeVost didn't feel like they shouldn't put themselves at more risk by submitting a letter with their names.

Ralph Peterson, Jr. – 713 Delaney Rd.

He asked if the officers were up to date with baton and taser training. He asked that the officer with spider web tattoo be questioned about its representation of killing an African American. He asked if Officer Hartman was being fired from Northwestern University Police Department at the time of his hire with the North Chicago Police Department.

Mr. Peterson referred to several reports that officers signed themselves clear of force complaints and asked if that was proper. He read other discrepancies officers wrote in their reports and actions. Questioned why Officer King was disciplined but Sergeant Cecala was not for Mr. Smith's incident.

Mayor Rockingham said the use of force complaints were turned over to the Interim Police Chief. Stated there was an officer with a spider web on his elbow, if officer is doing his job the tattoo wasn't against policies or procedures.

Mayor Rockingham explained that Officer Hartman hit a deer while on patrol with Northwestern and was fired. He said there had been some changes to the use of force forms process. Further explained that Officer Bogdala was on leave and Sergeant Cecala completed a report but some were incomplete and sent to his superior.

Van Alston – 1639 Seymour Ave.

He stated his discomfort with going home because of abuse from officers.

Alderman DeVost suggested a letter of apology be written to Mr. Alston.

Nancy Wilson-Lucas – 724 Grand Ave., Waukegan

Stated that the officers involved with abuse or excessive force should have been terminated because people are afraid of the officers. She questioned the Last Change Agreement the police officers had to sign.

Mayor Rockingham explained that the process involving police officers had been changed. The Last Chance Agreement was to be signed by any officer involved in an incident. Furthermore, when the officer signed that he/she would not have the privilege to go to arbitration if there were another incident and the city wanted to remove them. Currently the officers could grieve any termination or discipline.

Alderman DeVost said officers should be disciplined and held accountable regardless of a union. She referenced other officers that were suspended without pay and suggested those involved in Hanna case be suspended.

Mary Miller-Lane – 2205 N. Butrick St., Waukegan

She questioned why officers involved in Hanna case were on desk duty being compensated and not terminated. She shouldn't be on television with negative publicity.

Dr. Tom Rudd – Pathologist

He stated that missing organs was virtually unheard of. He assumed that during the beating of Darrin Hanna the thyroid, pancreas and gonads were pummeled and unrecognizable. Presumed the organs were surrounded with blood and it destroyed the tissue.

Dr. Rudd said that it took generally only two months for an autopsy from the coroner and it had been 4 months already. Questioned why it was taking so long.

Wadell Brooks – 1932 Sherman Ave.

He invited Mayor to attend his television show. Mr. Brooks said the city needed a plan and asked what was going to happen with recording of the meetings. Said there needed to be more positive visions of the city.

Muriel Collison – Attorney

She said she wanted justice for the victims. Stated that some of the information the Mayor said was false and 15-20% of complaints were against Officer Diaz which signed himself off on force reports. She said Fire/Police Board Member Dickers wanted Diaz fired, Balmes wanted 15 days suspension and the other member didn't vote. The City Attorney Charles Smith argued to suspend Officer Diaz for 15 days not fired.

Barb Cantrell - Antioch

She appreciated information from Chief of Staff Angela McCray. She felt Animal Warden Ted McClelland was over compensated for the amount of work he does. Instead of retrieving wandering animals he has someone else pick them up. Part of his job description was to be able to lift 100 lbs. which he can't. Ms. Cantrell suggested two people be hired and split the salary.

Mayor Rockingham clarified that the salary of Animal Warden included benefits.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Alderman Allen and Runnels were absent at adjournment.

ATTEST:

Lori L Collins City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, February 20, 2012

DRAFT OF MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, February 20, 2012 at 8:07 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Absent: None

Mayor Rockingham acknowledged that Items 4-1, 4-3, and 4-4 would be held.

III. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

3-1 Department Head Reports

3-1A Treasurer's Report – January 2012

3-1B Water Department Report – January 2012

3-2 Street Block Permit – GSJ Community Outing, Saturday, June 23, 2012

3-3 Outdoor Permit – GSJ Tent Meeting, June 24-29, 2012

3-4 Ragnar Relay June 08-09, 2012

3-5 Proclamation – National Women's History Month

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

4-1 ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3; CITIZEN COMMENTS DURING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

4-2 COMPLETE REPAIR OF FILTER #5 - \$17,526

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the complete repair of filter #5 in the amount of \$17,256.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-3 PETITION/SPECIAL USE PERMIT – 1911 GREENFIELD AVENUE

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

4-4 VACATION INQUIRY FOR UNIMPROVED HILLCREST AVENUE – DONALD STALLWORTH

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

4-5 RENEWAL OF LISTING AGREEMENT WITH DRRG (DEBBIE RICHARDS REALTY GROUP) FOR GRANT PLACE

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the renewal of listing agreement with DRRG for Grant Place.

Alderman DeVost clarified that the guidelines as in the previous agreement were followed; DRRG would receive half of first month rent, DRRG would assume cost of advertisement expenses unless special ads or brochures were required and it would be negotiated at that time. Economic Development Director Joe Napolitano clarified that the stipulations were in the agreement.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-6 BID AWARD TO UNIVERSAL ASBESTOS REMOVAL NOT TO EXCEED \$8,250 FOR ASBESTOS REMOVAL AT 1800 SHERIDAN ROAD

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve Universal Asbestos Removal for 1800 Sheridan Road in the amount of \$8,250.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

V. CITY BILLS

5-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 02/20/12

MOTION: Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to pay the bills of Council Run 01/03/12 in the amount of \$276,620.85 as presented when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman DeVost questioned Ciorba bill for \$7,883 contract and asked when their contract would end. Comptroller John Gantz explained that Ciorba was in the process of a project on Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. and would continue until it was finalized.

Alderman DeVost questioned the William Y. Franks bills in the amount of \$7,696.60; Mr. Gantz explained that the Fire and Police Board hired the attorney.

Alderman January questioned if funds were available; John Gantz acknowledged that they were and checks would be written the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

Alderman Mayfield said she hadn't received the blotter and asked the Interim Chief about receiving the type of blotter Lieutenant Brame previously submitted; Interim Chief Jackson explained he would provide it to the aldermen.

Alderman January stated his concern of the animal shelter and questioned when the volunteers would begin and he requested documentation. Interim Chief stated it would be provided to the Aldermen.

Alderman January asked when the police officers would be fully equipped. Interim Chief explained the Police Department was in the process of equipping them with complete training.

Alderman DeVost announced that Reverend Al Sharpton would be speaking at the Greenbelt Cultural Center March 17, 2012 and encouraged citizen support.

VII. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mary Miller-Lane – 2405 N. Butrick, Apt. 228, Waukegan

Suggested that the Mayor separated himself from the police officers and terminate them. Mayor Rockingham explained there was a process and until the investigation was complete the officers would continue on desk duty.

Peggy Bankhead – 2106 S. Lewis Ave.

Explained her house was boarded and following was “in shambles.” Someone within the city was responsible. In addition, there were two vehicles removed from the property. She also received a \$4,000 water bill from a leak and would be pursuing an attorney.

Mayor Rockingham referred her to Interim Chief Jackson and apologized for Chief Newsome not tending to the situation.

Juan Santos – 9 Prairie View Ct. 906C

Complained about security in his apartment complex; February 2011 he was betrayed by the police. He received two citations and they stated that he was arrested, which he never was until he arrived at the police department. He was informed by Interim Chief that he would assist Mr. Santos.

Mayor Rockingham explained was unaware of the situation and suggested he provided Interim Chief Jackson an opportunity to assist with the situation.

Van Alston – 1639 Seymour Ave.

Questioned what occurred with Grant Place on Sheridan Rd. and asked if the contractors misused funds that they received. He presumed that the police “killed” Ms. Carr’s son and asked why they were currently active on the police force.

Alderman January left Council Chambers at 8:39 p.m.; returned at 8:40 p.m.

Mr. Alston believed that nothing had resulted to rectify the situation of the Hanna family and that everything had been reflected Police Chief Newsome’s fault. He questioned if Chief Newsome was presently being compensated.

Mayor Rockingham explained that Grant Place had been completed and was available for occupancy.

Charlie Burleson – Beach Park

Questioned current provisions for Animal Warden Ted McClelland upon his absence. She questioned when waivers would be available.

Mayor Rockingham explained if Ted was absent, there would be replacements. Some changes including blankets and power washes were placed at the animal shelter. The City was in process of the waivers. He explained that Ms. Deutche, Lt. Brame, and Lt. Theis were joining together for the betterment of the animal shelter.

Brother Blanks – 409 Oak St., Waukegan

Stated the officers needed to be held accountable for their actions. He questioned who had recommended Robert Johnson to be hired as the investigator for North Chicago and if he, Mr. Johnson was involved with the racial profiling case in Highland Park. He presumed that the liability “fell on the Mayor.”

Brother Blanks questioned if Mr. Johnson ever received a DUI, crashed a state police car and if he was qualified to be an independent investigation.

Mayor Rockingham explained that Mr. Johnson was recommended by City Attorney Chuck Smith. He was not aware of a DUI and yes he was a State Police.

Alderman DeVost stated that was why she didn't vote to approve him and that his background check should have been performed by the Mayor.

Ralph Peterson Jr. – 713 Delaney Rd.

He asked if the officers in Darrin Hanna case were current with their training. He questioned if Alderman Abrams and Runnels were permitted to leave as they chose. He explained that someone went to Alderman Abrams house after being shot and was turned away. Alderman Abrams clarified that he asked him to leave as protection for his family was unaware if someone was following the person who had been shot. He stated had contacted the police for their assistance.

Mr. Peterson stated that Sergeant Cecala destroyed evidence, yet was also in charge. Officer King was disciplined for his actions with Mr. Smith.

He explained that Officer Bogdala had a verbal altercation with someone on the road and attempted to "run people over." He later broke a woman's eye socket.

Mr. Peterson stated that Officer Youst had a spider web on both elbows which indicated the killing of an African American.

Attorney Chuck Smith explained the officers went through Use of Force Training October 2011 at College of Lake County. Mayor Rockingham stated he would also protect his family and then contact the police if someone came to his house after being shot. He said he would review Officer Bogdala and Youst situations.

Attorney Chuck Smith stated that Officer King would be disciplined later that week. Mayor Rockingham added that Sergeant Cecala performed his job and completed the reports.

Lamont Hanna – 1517 Kemble Ave.

Presumed the Council was attempting to prevent people from commenting. He questioned if the investigator had discovered any information concerning the officers in Hannah's case.

Alderman Runnels left the Council Chambers at 9:07 p.m.

Alderman Abrams apologized to audience if it reflected disrespecting them by leaving early or not present at meeting.

Gloria Carr

She questioned Officer Hartman and his statement that "all people of North Chicago were criminals." Officer Hartman denied it.. Ms. Carr said Darrin Hanna could have been hit in a certain spot which didn't require seven men to "take him down." She would continue to be an advocate for her son until final justice.

She questioned the officer with the spider web on his elbow; stated that Chief Newsome should not have been the scapegoat for what had occurred with her son by the seven officers. She requested something action with the officers.

She clarified the officers that were supposed to be on desk duty were not and witnessed "on the road."

Mayor Rockingham explained officers would be held accountable for their actions and discipline was in process for acting against policies and procedures. She, Ms. Carr clarified that the officers on desk duty didn't answer emergency calls.

Alderman January stated that he spoke with the Mayor and there had been some discipline issued. He verified the statement of Officer Hartman. He further explained the arbitration process and that the arbitrator provided the final decision to fire once the complaint was grieved.

Alderman Abrams left the Council Chambers at 9:29 p.m.

Alderman DeVost stated there hasn't been any change within seven (7) years and things have become worsened. She cited Article 5 of the Police contract that the Mayor had power to discipline. She clarified there was an audit of the Police Department and none of the suggestions had been implemented.

Wadell Brooks – Sherman Ave.

He referred to an incident in a previous year that a citizen was killed by a racist police officer. He suggested that everyone was trained. He asked if the city had dedicated February to Black History Month.

Betty Harris – Grove Ave.

She stated that the city was "in need of some prayer" and there necessary closure. The officers should "own up to their wrong doings" in order to move forward. She also stated that the children needed things to occupy them.

Terrell Tate Stated people should obey the law and stated that police corruption was serious.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, January

Nays: None

Absent: Abrams, Runnels

MOTION CARRIED

The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L Collins City Clerk

Special Meeting, Monday, February 13, 2012

DRAFT OF MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Special meeting Monday, February 13, 2012 at 8:11 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Rockingham Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Runnels, January

Absent: Abrams

Mayor Rockingham announced that Alderman Abrams had an emergency.

III. REGULAR AGENDA

3-1 CODE OF CONDUCT RESOLUTION

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Code of Conduct Resolution.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Runnels

Nays: DeVost, January

Absent: Abrams

MOTION CARRIED

3-2 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT POLICY/ORDINANCE

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Equal Employment Policy/Ordinance.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: Abrams

MOTION CARRIED

3-3 RESIDENTIAL DISPLACEMENT & RELOCATION RESOLUTION

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Residential Displacement & Relocation Resolution.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman DeVost requested an explanation. Attorney Chuck Smith stated that Illinois IKE Disaster Recovery Program required that it was approved in the form of a resolution for the submitted grant that was submitted. Alderman DeVost explained she wasn't aware of its purposed and that it didn't have much significance; Mayor Rockingham explained it was for the purpose of the sewer lining on Hervey Avenue. CDBG Administrator Pamela Jefferies clarified that all grants required that these policies were followed and if the project displaced people, the city would have to relocate them.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: Abrams

MOTION CARRIED

3-4 PROCUREMENT POLICY RESOLUTION

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Procurement Policy Resolution.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Runnels
Nays: DeVost, January
Absent: Abrams

MOTION CARRIED

3-5 SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY RESOLUTION

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Mayfield to approve the Sexual Harassment Policy Resolution.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: Abrams

MOTION CARRIED

3-6 MASTER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – CITY/WESTON SOLUTIONS

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman DeVost to approve the Master Development Agreement between City and Weston Solutions.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman January stated was uneasy with the agreement. He questioned the amount of insurance certificate and clarified that \$2 mil should have been for each building; it wasn't sufficient including possible liability. He also commented that there was no progress report of labor previously performed and Master Developers usually had the funding.

Alderman Fisher called "a question on the motion."

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Runnels
Nays: January
Absent: Abrams

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman DeVost explained it was ten years+ since there was any development in the city. She was excited that the development would provide jobs for citizens, there was currently 19% unemployment in North Chicago and they should be welcomed and support the project as it benefited tax revenue for the city.

Mayor Rockingham explained that the city labored diligently with the agreement. There was \$75 mil worth of bonds to purchase the property and it was nearing its development. Three developers were interviewed and Weston Solutions was chosen. The City also hasn't expended any money. He clarified that North Chicago had needed it for a long time.

There was a TIF and Enterprise Zone on Sheridan Road. He welcomed Weston Solutions and extended his appreciation to VP Scott Springer.

3-7 2012 CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN RESOLUTION

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the 2012 CDBG Annual Action Plan Resolution.

Mayor Rockingham explained that it included the change, adding Waukegan Township as a funding participant.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Pass: DeVost Absent: Abrams

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Runnels left the Council Meeting at 8:36 p.m.

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

David Hood – 1518 14th St., Waukegan

He questioned officer's desk duties involved in the Hanna case, if they were armed and the policy for excessive force. Mr. Hood asked if the private investigator Colonel Johnson had found any discrepancies in their actions. He inquired if excessive force training was required for every officer. He stated that the officers should be "tried and convicted."

Mayor Rockingham explained that the officers do what was requested of them. The officers did not participate or answer any calls. He explained they were armed until charged. There was an investigation report that would be presented to council. Taser users should and had been trained. He had passion when it involved any incident; he hosted prayer vigils and didn't want anyone harmed.

Ralph Peterson, Jr.

Hardship was brought to the Mayor due to police and poor leadership. He explained that an alderman turned a person away that was shot and requested his assistance. Mr. Peterson emphasized that it was the duty as an alderman to assist and service the community. He commented that Officer Bogdala was involved in a case of "road rage" in Gurnee with his gun drawn.

Mayor Rockingham explained as a Mayor he had no control of ensuring the aldermen to remain at the meeting. He was unaware of shooting incident although he would assist providing he was safe and recommended that he, Mr. Peterson obtain both sides of the story.

Demond Wakefield – 1411 16th St.

Clarified that the City needed to provide safety in order for any economic development. Much of the negative activity that happened in North Chicago wasn't performed by its own residents. The citizens shouldn't have to fear for their safety.

Van Alston – 1639 Seymour Ave.

He questioned if Grant Place was ever completed. Stressed that North Chicago Police Department was the worse in Lake County and perceived that the Hanna case was being ignored.

Dana Deutche – Round Lake

Explained there had been some improvements and changes at the animal shelter with some corresponding emails and phone calls.

Alderman DeVost extended her appreciation for Ms. Deutche's time and assistance. Mayor Rockingham also expressed his gratitude.

Betty Harris - Resident

Explained that the City was in turmoil and that everyone made mistakes, there was a need for community involvement. The people had the power to correct the problem and there needed several positive changes.

Kevin O'Connor

Clarified that the results and investigation of the Hanna case wasn't processing rapidly. He explained that Colonel Johnson was knocking on witness's doors with North Chicago Police and obtaining private medical records. Mr. O'Connor verbalized Ms. Carr's dissatisfaction with the length of the investigation.

Alderman DeVost echoed Mr. O'Connor's sentiments. She requested that Ms. Carr was provided a copy of every letter from Attorney Smith regarding the Hanna case.

Nancy Lucas

She inquired the Mayor's awareness of Officer Bogdala's arrested in Gurnee. She questioned why Investigator Johnson was viewing her son's medical records and that he was a victim of police abuse. She also questioned why the investigator went to her son's witness home to ask questions.

Mayor Rockingham explained that he was unaware of Officer Bogdala's arrest. Alderman DeVost asked if those questions were asked by the investigator. Mayor Rockingham suggested that it was discussed in Executive Session.

Attorney Smith explained that the medical records that were reviewed the night of the allegations.

Alderman Allen explained that the Coroner clarified the pathology report was complete and would be submitted to the State's Attorney Office. Alderman DeVost stated that the investigation wasn't managed independently; Mayor Rockingham explained that the internal investigation was to determine if policies and procedures were followed in the Hanna case.

Lamont Hanna – 1517 Kemble Ave.

Was informed that Colonel Johnson was to handle a private investigation concerning Hanna; Attorney Smith explained that he was going to review all the cases of the Police Department.

Mr. Hanna thought it was rude for the aldermen to leave the meeting.

Annastatia Stallworth – 3101 22nd Pl.

Was concerned that the City was "falling apart", there was no unity, and everyone was disrespectful. She questioned if there was no respect amongst the Aldermen and Mayor. "How could they expect that of others?" She clarified there were eighty-eight (88) complaints against the police and expressed its excessiveness. She emphasized that the City Council should be more harmonized.

Mayor Rockingham explained that complaints were written by officers when they had to utilize anything other than verbal force. Alderman DeVost apologized for some of her conduct although there was disagreement because they lacked pertinent information.

Alderman January added when the council didn't obtain information, it initiated hostility. The council and Mayor could disagree although collaborate. He stressed there were serious problems in the City.

Dorsey Christen – 1718 Elizabeth Ave.

He questioned an opportunity for minority contractors with the Master Developer Weston Solutions and requested a copy of the agreement. Mayor Rockingham acknowledged there was and directed him to contact Economic Development Director Joe Napolitano to provide his company information.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

Alderman Abrams was absent.

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L Collins, City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Monday, February 06, 2012

DRAFT OF MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Monday, February 06, 2012 at 7:25 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Absent: DeVost

Mayor Rockingham recognized that Alderman DeVost was present in the building and would return to the Chambers.

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, January 03, 2012; 7:39 p.m., The Special Council Meeting, January 11, 2012; 7:51 p.m., Regular Council Meeting, January 17, 2012; 7:10 p.m., were modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION: Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams that Regular Council Meeting, January 03, 2012; 7:39 p.m., Special Council Meeting, January 11, 2012; 7:51 p.m. and Regular Council Meeting, January 17, 2012; 7:10 p.m. be passed as presented and dispensed with the reading.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: DeVost

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

NONE

Alderman DeVost returned to Council Chambers at 7:28 p.m.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 2012 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN APPROVAL (NORTH CHICAGO'S PORTION) Alderman DeVost returned to Council Chambers at 7:28 p.m.

Mayor Rockingham explained that items 7-2, 7-4, 7-5, 7-6, 7-7 and 7-13 would be held over to Special Council Meeting February 13, 2012.

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the 2012 Annual Action Plan Approval (North Chicago's Portion) as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: DeVost
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-2 CODE OF CONDUCT RESOLUTION

HELD UNTIL SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2012

7-3 WARD REDISTRICTING ORDINANCE

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Ward Redistricting Ordinance.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman DeVost clarified the streets that would remain in her ward and noted the changes.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-4 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT POLICY/ORDINANCE

HELD UNTIL SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2012

7-5 RESIDENTIAL DISPLACEMENT & RELOCATION RESOLUTION

HELD UNTIL SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2012

7-6 PROCUREMENT POLICY RESOLUTION

HELD UNTIL SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2012

7-7 SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY/RESOLUTION

HELD UNTIL SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2012

7-8 PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC FOR WATER PLANT

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the one-year electricity purchase for the water plant from (NIMEC).

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

7-9 UTILITY BILLING FOR WATER/SEWER AND REFUSE SERVICES

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the utility billing system for water/sewer and refuse services (Third Millennium).

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman January questioned the company and expense for the service; Comptroller John Gantz explained Third Millennium and the cost was \$21,732.00 per year and of that the postage amount was \$9,493.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

7-10 B & B RISING STARS DONATION

Alderman Abrams moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the donation of \$2,500 to B & B Rising Stars Foundation.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Allen, Abrams, Runnels
Nays: DeVost, January
Absent: None

7-11 APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM POLICE CHIEF

Mayor Rockingham gave a brief introduction of James Jackson.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman DeVost commented although James Jackson had much favored credentials, there was a high ranking officer of twenty+ years. The Mayor failed to acknowledge qualified candidates existing in the North Chicago Police Department.

Alderman January stated concern with duo Police Chief salaries; Mayor Rockingham explained his decision with Chief Newsome would be contingent upon the approval of James Jackson as Interim. Alderman January questioned his term. The Mayor explained until the search for a permanent Chief.

Alderman Fisher called for the question.

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Interim Police Chief James Jackson.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, Abrams, Runnels
Nays: DeVost, Allen, January
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

James Jackson extended his appreciation to the Mayor and Council for the opportunity and desiring a change for the community. His mandate was to bring accountability of the police officers, he preferred a respected police department and was aware that it had to be earned.

7-12 WATER METER TRANSMITTER APPROVAL

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Water Transmitter bid from Professional Meter in the amount of \$193,499 as presented.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman DeVost questioned if there was a cap for the amount; Mayor Rockingham explained that the number of meters or any underlying problems would determine the cost. Alderman DeVost questioned clarification that the person currently in the position of meter reader would not lose his job; Mayor Rockingham explained that the existing person would have the first opportunity.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

7-13 MASTER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – CITY/WESTON SOLUTIONS

HELD UNTIL SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2012

7-14 EMERGENCY WATER PLANT FILTER MAINTENANCE TO ALL SERVICE CONTRACTING CORPORATION - \$45,275

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Emergency Water Plant Filter Maintenance to All Service Contracting Corporation in the amount of \$45,275.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 02/06/12

MOTION: Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to pay the bills of Council Run 02/06/12 in the amount of \$1,159,491.38 as presented when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Alderman Allen asked for an explanation of the inflation. Comptroller John Gantz explained it was three weeks of bills. One of the bills; Doral in amount of \$627,934 for the Water Plant and the funds were paid from two grants; Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus and DCEO. Another bill \$52,000 was for the water bill at the Water Plant. DK Contractors was for work performed at Pulaski garbage site, paid by two grants; Lake County Environmental and DK Organics. MFT Funds were utilized for purchases in the approximate amount of \$18,000.

Alderman DeVost expressed concern with GT Landscaping bills amounting to \$151,888.26. Mr. Gantz explained it was for the work performed in September and October. Alderman DeVost suggested obtaining a program allowing children/students performing duties. Mayor Rockingham stated there was communication with Betty Harris to explore the possibility of empowering the youth for an opportunity.

Community Development Director Steve McInnis explained that the services rendered had to be paid at prevailing wage rates and the areas cut increased from 90,000 sq. feet to just under one million sq. feet. The owners would be going to court regarding liens for the grass cutting. Landscaping and benefits were \$58 per hour based on prevailing wage from \$18 that was being paid. He commented that when exploring the children working the equipment, supervision, transportation and insurance needed review. He was scheduled to meet again with Betty Harris as a

“work and learn” including tutoring. The youth would receive a stipend. There were more than 100 properties that needed to be maintained.

Alderman DeVost commented that \$108,000 was paid three months together and suggested spacing the days. Mr. McInnis said he agreed and proposed 21-day spacing. He would like partnership for the youth although also preferred the city released of any potential liability. Alderman January was concerned with the youth liability; Mr. McInnis suggested an umbrella insurance and it could be discussed further. Alderman January also suggested partnering with Waukegan and Shields Township for the youth.

Bette Harris commented that the “earn and learn” would give an opportunity for the youth of North Chicago. She would prefer a program to include 14-23 year olds and insurance would be discussed further.

Mr. McInnis explained the board-up service was being handled by Day or Night Board Up reducing the city’s cost to 50%.

Mayor Rockingham clarified there was a bill being presented in Springfield concerning prevailing wages. He was collaborating with Representative Mayfield ensuring that the City didn’t have to pay prevailing wages when it pertained to landscaping and a few other issues.

Alderman DeVost questioned \$200,000 for demolition of Knights Inn that was to be reimbursed within thirty (30) days. Mr. McInnis explained the judge in the case considered paying the bill, there was a lien on the land and the bank was anticipating to purchase the land and reimburse the city for the demolition cost.

Attorney Smith reiterated what Mr. McInnis stated. Alderman DeVost said that if she would have known that previously she may not have voted to approve it. Alderman Abrams explained there was a fire when the council was discussing demolition. Mayor Rockingham clarified that the funds were utilized from bond proceeds for Ron Ric.

Alderman January asked if the bills should be separated from monies that were received on the bill run. Comptroller John Gantz said that it was separate pools of money.

Alderman January asked if funds were available; Comptroller John Gantz said they were.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

ANIMAL SHELTER Alderman January claimed that he spoke with Animal Warden Ted McClelland and was informed that there were two positions in his department. Mayor Rockingham suggested that he directed all concerns to Lieutenant Theis or Interim Chief relative to the Animal Warden. He, the Mayor, also stated that the Standard Operating Procedures were being reviewed, there was going to be a power wash installed and volunteers were participating.

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Raymond Mayfield – 718 17th St.

Stated that the Mayor and Aldermen were performing well although didn’t agree with the Mayor’s decisions.

Paul Smith – 3702 Military Dr., Lake Villa

Clarified he was abused by Officer King and questioned why he was currently on the police force. Mayor Rockingham explained the incident was being investigated and the officer would be disciplined accordingly.

Christopher Blank – 309 Oak St., Waukegan

He offered assistance to the new Interim Police Chief assisting with necessary respectability and accountability of the police officers. He suggested the representation of attorneys for the city be reviewed.

Leslie Wilson

She stated that an officer admitted in tasing her husband and questioned why they were advised by the City Attorney not to settle out of court that she and her husband were willing to do.

Demond Wakefield – 1411 16th Street

He expressed disapproval of the Interim Police Chief. He suggested that the Mayor and several aldermen relinquished their positions. He questioned when the officers involved in Darrin Hanna case were going to be charged with murder.

David Hood – 1518 14th St., Waukegan

Extended his assistance to the Interim Police Chief. He questioned the result of the six officers that were involved with Darrin Hanna case and what was in the contract that justified the officers not allowed to work. The officers involved were still armed.

Mayor Rockingham explained that the officers were on desk duty and weren't going to be sent home.

Gloria Carr – 1515 Park Ave.

Was informed by the Lake County Coroner that his report was complete and was submitted to the State Police which was supposed to be independent. Stated her son, Darrin Hanna, should have had the opportunity for due process and that his death was not going to be in vain.

Guther VanBuren Alston – 1639 Seymour Ave.

Commented that he was beaten, tased and mistreated by the police. Asked why the Interim Chief was selected from Chicago and why both former and Interim Chief was being compensated. He encouraged everyone to vote.

Mary Kay Larsen Halloway Ford

Explained in year 1980 there was an inventory of the animals listed information for those that were entered and released from the animal shelter.

Janice Metcalf – Zion

She requested a conclusion to the Darrin Hanna case.

Ralph Peterson Jr. – 3312 Delany Rd.

Questioned if the police officers involved in the Hanna case were current with the weapons they utilized. He welcomed the Interim Police Chief to North Chicago questioned continued compensation of both police chiefs.

Mayor Rockingham explained once the investigation was complete there would be an answer concerning the weapons. Explained was in process of rectifying the issue of both Police Chiefs being paid.

Jill Janezich – 3136 21st St. – School Board Member

As a citizen she was disappointed, there appeared to be no empathy for the people and animals. She questioned the definition of a leader. Mayor Rockingham explained his opinion was someone who works to complete a vision and serve the citizens of North Chicago.

Barb Cantrell – Antioch

Questioned the arrival of the animal control scanner and when the volunteers would be determined and allowed to work. Mayor Rockingham said the scanners were being shipped and once the forms for volunteers were completed they would be put in place.

Nancy Wilson Lucas – Waukegan

Questioned who had the authority of viewing her son's medical records and if it was illegal. Attorney Smith questioned he was reviewing that. Ms. Lucas emphasized it was illegal without the person's authority. Attorney Smith clarified there were limited rights that allowed for inspection of medical records.

Alderman DeVost suggested that the city ensure that no rights were being violated as the city didn't need any more lawsuits.

Lamont Hannah – 1517 Kemble Ave.

He asked if there was any contact with the State Attorney's Office about Darrin Hanna's incident. He questioned what the involved police officers desk duty responsibilities were.

Mayor Rockingham explained he hadn't had any contact with State Attorney's Officer. He explained the duties of the officers would be reassigned by the Interim Chief. Some of the duties performed were cleaning up at the animal shelter and delivering food to the prisoners.

Alderman DeVost considered desk duties as only in the office verses in public and questioned if they were currently armed. Mayor Rockingham clarified they didn't possess their firearms.

Alderman January disagreed and clarified the officers have been on the road with firearms and in police squad cars, therefore working. Only concern with new Interim Chief was compensating duo salaries.

Alderman Allen questioned if the Coroner's report was received; Mayor Rockingham explained he had reached out to State Attorney's Office.

Charlie Burleson – Waukegan

Perceived there appeared to be deceit. Alderman DeVost suggested a letter from the Council be written demanding to the State Attorney's Office to obtain response to the Hanna case. She stated concern with the length of time for a case.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L Collins City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 17, 2012

DRAFT OF MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 7:23 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Absent: None

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Firefighter Kim Shaffer presented Julia and Illiana Martinez with a certificate of bravery for their assistance in removing their family from a burning home. Alderman DeVost presented the family members with gifts.

Mayor Rockingham stated "heroes were in all sizes" He congratulated the young ladies and also commended the Fire Department for quick response to the fire.

III. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

3-1 Department Head Reports
3-1A Treasurer's Report – December 2011
3-1B Water Department Report – December 2011

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda as presented and dispense with the reading.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

4-1 CODE OF CONDUCT RESOLUTION

ITEMS 4-1 THRU 4-5 HELD FOR FURTHER COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

4-2 ORDINANCE – EQUAL EMPLOYMENT POLICY

ITEM HELD UNDER 4-1

4-3 RESIDENTIAL DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION RESOLUTION

ITEM HELD UNDER 4-1

4-4 PROCUREMENT POLICY RESOLUTION

ITEM HELD UNDER 4-1

4-5 SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY APPROVAL

ITEM HELD UNDER 4-1

4-6 RAW WATER PUMP SHAFT PROJECT BID AWARD – PUMP RITE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,000

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the raw water pump shaft project bid in the amount of \$24,000 to Pump Rite.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-7 PETITION/ORDINANCE VACATING UNIMPROVED 24TH STREET – GT LANDSCAPING

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the vacating of unimproved 24th Street for GT Landscaping.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-8 ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT UPDATE

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-9 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO AND WAUKEGAN TOWNSHIP

Mayor Rockingham explained that the motion was to include both the Amendment and the Resolution.

Alderman Fisher moved, seconded by Alderman Runnels to approve the amendment and the agreement to the Intergovernmental Agreement between City of North Chicago and Waukegan Township.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman DeVost questioned amendment. City Attorney Chuck Smith explained that it provided city liability to the Township if someone was injured in the satellite office, located in City Hall.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-10 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT BETWEEN CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO AND WAUKEGAN TOWNSHIP

INCLUDED IN MOTION 4-9

4-11 ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4; CITIZENS COMMENTS DURING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the Ordinance Amending Citizens Comments and Questions.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Fisher questioned area on the agenda that citizens would have the opportunity to comment. Attorney Smith explained that the state statute mandated council members to allow public comments at the meetings. The action of the chairman wasn't necessary.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-12 ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4-3-1 AND 4-3-5 WITH THE BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Attorney Smith explained that the ordinance maintained the numbered commissioners at three. It was amended that the distance for residency of members was in compliance with the fire union contract.

Alderman DeVost stated there was needed clarification of residency and agreed tabling it for further discussion.

Alderman January tabled, Alderman DeVost agreed.

4-13 2012 SEWER LINING PROJECT AWARD – AMERICAN PIPE LINERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$97,866.50

Alderman Mayfield moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the 2012 Sewer Lining Project Award – American Pipe Liners in the amount of \$97,866.50.

Mayor Rockingham clarified that it would be utilized through a grant.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

4-14 NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES SERVICE LINE WARRANTY PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the National League of Cities Service Line Warranty Program Agreement.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman DeVost clarified that it should also be noted that the resident wasn't required to participate in the program and reflected a 10% rebate to them.

Alderman January amended motion, seconded by Alderman Allen to include the 10% discount be provided to the residents

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

V. CITY BILLS

5-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 01/17/12

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Abrams to pay the bills of Council Run 01/17/11 in the amount of \$323,624.01 as presented when funds become available with the exception of Smith & LaLuzerne; \$19,497.87.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman DeVost questioned bills for Attorney Smith in the amount of \$19,497.87 and inquired if they could be held. Attorney Smith explained the bills last approved reflected two months. The particular bill was for labor with various projects and cases.

Alderman January asked if funds were available; Temporary Accounts Payable Clerk Patty Russell acknowledged they were and checks would be issued the following day.

Alderman Mayfield questioned JB Board Up bill; Building/Community Development Director Steve McInnis explained that both entrance doors at the train station had to be replaced. Alderman January questioned if other companies were ever utilized. Mr. McInnis explained that many companies didn't supply the glass in addition to doors. The Mayor stated that there were large openings in the doors and rodents were capable of entering it.

Alderman DeVost requested Haapanen Brothers (New Hire Booklets) invoice.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January
Nays: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VI. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

VIDEO TAPES

Alderman January questioned recording he requested and would prefer to portray what he had been observed. He would be contacting Information Technology Director Maurice Brown in retrieving the information.

Alderman Abrams left the Council Chambers at 7:38 p.m.

Mayor Rockingham stated that the needed recordings were overwritten after a certain amount of time and additional memory for servers was needed. He assumed originally there was sufficient capacity although less available upon the additional cameras.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Alderman DeVost stated that she submitted a Freedom of Information request form and was notified it would be five (5) days in receiving a reply. She assumed there was nothing preventing her from obtaining an immediate response. She stated that the Department of Justice had scheduled a meeting with her January 24th.

Alderman DeVost suggested that the Information Technology Department be updated because there was no reason that the tapes shouldn't be available.

Alderman Runnels left the Council Chambers at 7:43 p.m.

Alderman January stated he spoke with the State Police who told him they could obtain the information from the server if more than four (4) aldermen requested it. He requested a letter, from the Mayor, so information could be retrieved from January 2-14. He thought there were some integrity issues on the tape.

Alderman Runnels returned to Council Chambers at 7:46 p.m.

ANIMAL SHELTER

Alderman January stated his concern for the animals at the animal shelter. Alderman DeVost explained that considered the problem was known, there would be a solution to follow.

HANDICAP SIGN

Alderman DeVost stated there were people parking in handicap space with no handicap sticker in the 2200 block of Kemble Avenue. She suggested that the handicap signs have a number attached to it.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Alderman January inquired who was in charge of the Police Department; Mayor Rockingham explained that the Lieutenants currently were. Alderman DeVost asked if there was any indication of when there would be a Police Chief or Deputy Chief; Mayor stated he was unsure.

VII. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Kenneth Robinson – 3021 16th Place

Mr. Robinson stated that he was appalled that Alderman DeVost thought she could get information before citizens. Alderman DeVost said she wouldn't have accomplished all that she had if she was more important than the citizens.

Van Alston – 1639 Seymour Ave.

Mr. Alston questioned if one of the three lieutenants in charge was one of those accused in his case of brutality.

Wadell Brooks – 1932 Sherman Ave.

Felt the situation in North Chicago has become worse. Ancestors toiled hard for change.

Christopher Blanks – 1409 Oak St., Waukegan

Said there had been cases of excessive force for many years. Stated that the Council shouldn't allow the Mayor or Attorney Smith to hire the Police Chief and suggested the citizens hold a town-hall meeting to question candidates for the position.

Vanessa Peterson – Mundelein

Alderman DeVost left Council Chambers at 8:12 p.m.

Ms. Peterson questioned why people haven't united previously concerning excessive force cases. Said there hadn't been justice for her cousin, Darrin Hannah's death.

Alderman DeVost returned to Council Chambers at 8:14 p.m.

Ms. Peterson stated the officers in the Darrin Hannah case were currently active on the police force.

Nancy Wilson-Lucas - 724 Grand Ave., Waukegan

Ms. Lucas said she went to the Mayor with pictures and a complaint of police brutality of her son. She didn't agree with the police still working on the force after receiving such complaints.

Mary Kay Larsen – 2523 24th St.

She stated there were no cats at the animal shelter when she was seeking her cats. She saw wet animals without warmth and there was an abscessed pit bull that required medical attention.

Ralph Peterson, Jr. – 1632 Delany Rd.

He spoke in behalf Ms. Carr that she appreciated everyone for their support. Mr. Peterson questioned if the officers currently in charge were under investigation; Mayor acknowledged they weren't. Mr. Peterson questioned if all officers were current in training and requested for documentation of their certification; Mayor stated he was unaware. He questioned the Mayor if there was a plan if autopsy reflected the officers were negligent in the death of Darrin Hannah; Mayor Rockingham explained the investigation was in process.

He questioned if Sal Cecala is in charge of the Police Evidence Room; Mayor said he was unaware. Mr. Peterson also questioned if there were background checks performed on officers prior their hire; Mayor explained any hiring processed through the Police and Fire Board.

Waukegan Resident

Volunteered and offered items for the animal shelter, questioned if the city could accept donations. Mayor Rockingham directed her to Lieutenant Theis to submit those items. Alderman DeVost stated that Ted McClelland (Animal Warden) was a good person; the council should be assisting him with policies and procedures. Alderman DeVost was hopeful they could collaborate in union operating the animal shelter more efficiently.

Lamont Hannah – 1517 Kemble Ave.

Questioned if Officer King's past could affect his employment; Mayor explained he wasn't aware. Attorney Smith explained that once the probationary period has expired and if there was further knowledge of hidden information, there could be discipline or termination although it could be grieved.

Mr. Hannah questioned what had resulted with the 88 complaints received. Mayor Rockingham explained that there were 88 complaints of use of force and seven (7) of them were in process of investigation. Mr. Hannah asked if further discipline would be issued to officers assigned to desk duty; Mayor said there wasn't.

Alderman DeVost clarified that the council approves the budget to pay the officers.

Charlie Burlison

Said it was against the law for animal neglect and suggested review of the Illinois Compiled Statutes (Human Care for Animals Act).

Alderman January explained Waukegan had assisted with supplies and documentation to assist the Animal Warden in bettering the shelter. He said calls to the animal shelter should be directed to dispatch if the Animal Warden can't answer the telephone.

Alderman January stated the Warden needed additional and direction. Suggested his hours were adjusted because animals roam the streets more in the afternoon and evening. He directed a possible part-time employee for the animal shelter and the Mayor to review the possibility.

Alderman Allen suggested the Chief of Staff address several of the issues concerning the animal shelter that were proposed in her policies.

Dana Deutche – Round Lake

She stated offered her help at the animal shelter although was rejected by the Animal Warden.

Angela McCray – Human Resource Director/Chief of Staff

Stated that the information was just distributed and requested to be reviewed by aldermen. She suggested that it was distributed and discussed with the public later. She didn't recommend allowing someone other than the staff operating the animal shelter.

Alderman DeVost suggested working with those others with experience and knowledge of procedures. She also stated that it should be a 24-hour operation. Mrs. McCray explained that the Animal Warden and Police Department had collaborated on the policies and procedures for the Animal Shelter.

Alderman DeVost ensured that it would be included in the budget to build a better facility.

Alderman January clarified that the aldermen didn't have the necessary experience with animals and he wouldn't suggest it beneficial reviewing the information.

Ms. Zach - 12466 W. Grand Ave., Beach Park

Stated that Ms. Burleson offered assistance to the animal shelter and nothing was accomplished. She stated there was no trust from the people and needed implementing an immediate plan. He suggested necessary direction to staff collaborating with those that had experience.

Keith Turner – 1321 Jackson St., Waukegan

Stated that he was passionate about the animals and suggested immediate action for their safety. He stated that the Animal Warden shouldn't be allowed the option of volunteers and suggested that he was trained.

Alderman DeVost left the Council Chambers at 8:57 p.m.

Manny Hannah

He questioned if the weapons utilized by officers on Darrin Hannah were current and if there was proper training. Mayor Rockingham explained that it was in process of investigation awaiting the results.

Kevin O'Connor

He stated that Shamecia DeVost's case was additional to the claims of abuse by the police. He clarified that "good people don't make them good leaders". He asked the names of the three Lieutenants; Mayor Rockingham stated; Theis, Brame, and McClary.

Reginald Moton – 609 Foss Park Ave.

He sensed disbelief of what has become of the City. He was disturbed by others outside of the North Chicago citizens with negative comments about matters that pertained to the City. He suggested that council not portray their divisiveness on the council floor and said there needed to be some development.

Demond Wakefield - 1411 16th St.

Resident asked if there was going to be heightened requirements to become a police. Alderman Fisher explained that no one had ability to hire or fire except the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. Mr. Wakefield said that the victims of abuse were already detained when they were abused, therefore the struggle is over. He suggested psychological

Alderman DeVost returned to Council Chambers at 9:08 p.m.

Barb Cantrell - Antioch

Said that she was an animal activist in all cities and felt there was no care. Alderman DeVost recommended with the help of volunteers the animal shelter be updated. She asked for consideration.

Allison Kennedy – Chicago

Outraged by police brutality and supported people standing up for their rights. People have a right to live in society without abuse and/or harassment.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L Collins
City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 3, 2012

DRAFT OF MINUTES

The City Council of North Chicago met in a Regular meeting Tuesday, January 03, 2012 at 7:39 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1850 Lewis Avenue with Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr. presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INVOCATION

Reverend Moton gave Invocation

IV. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were present:

Present: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Absent: None

V. MINUTES

5-1 The Regular Council Meeting, December 05, 2011; 7:16 p.m., The Special Council Meeting, December 08, 2011; 9:32 p.m., Regular Council Meeting, December 19, 2011; 7:23 p.m., were modified and presented in typewritten form by the City Clerk, Lori L. Collins.

MOTION:

Alderman DeVost moved, seconded by Alderman January that Regular Council Meeting, December 05, 2011; 7:16 p.m., Special Council Meeting, December 08, 2011; 9:32 p.m. and Regular Council Meeting, December 19, 2011; 7:23 p.m. be passed as presented and dispensed with the reading.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman Runnels questioned minutes of December 5, 2011 and if it was correct that the Item 8-1 vote of Alderman Allen being nay after making a motion. City Clerk Lori L. Collins explained that the alderman can make a motion and vote nay.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

VI. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA

6-1 RESOLUTION RELEASING EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Alderman January moved, seconded by Alderman DeVost to approve the Resolution Releasing Executive Session Minutes defining Exhibit "A" to be released and Exhibit "B" to be held.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

7-1 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – 23rd PLACE LLC/FIELDCREST/MULCH CENTER/ NORTH CHICAGO LLC APPROVAL

Alderman Runnels moved, seconded by Alderman January to approve the Development Agreement by and between the City of North Chicago, 23rd Place, Fieldcrest Developers, Mulch Center, and James Seckelmann.

Alderman DeVost clarified that the roads would be maintained by the businesses that this was approved for.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

VIII. CITY BILLS

8-1 REGULAR CITY BILLS – 01/03/12

MOTION:

Alderman Allen moved, seconded by Alderman Fisher to pay the bills of Council Run 01/03/12 in the amount of \$411,730.86 as presented when funds become available.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Alderman January questioned if funds were available; Comptroller John Gantz acknowledged they were and the checks would be distributed the following day.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Fisher, Mayfield, DeVost, Allen, Abrams, Runnels, January

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

NONE

X. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Raymond Mayfield – 718 17th St.

He offered belated condolences to the Mayor in behalf of the Hannah and Mayfield family. He was very upset with the death of his nephew, Darrin Hannah and thought nothing was being resolved in rectifying the situation. He wasn't blaming all the officers excluding those involved that should be disciplined. Mayor Rockingham explained that upon the completed investigation that discipline would be administered accordingly.

Marquita McGee – 1042 Park Ave.

She discussed a situation of harassment from the police May 19, 2011. She stated that she was unjustifiably arrested, when she complained of the situation. Although she was found not guilty, there was no response by the Mayor and it still remained on her record as resisting arrest.

Tyrone Lewis – 1332 Adams St.

Mr. Lewis offered his condolences to the Mayor. He questioned if the recent viewed tape of police abuse in the lockup room resulted in any discipline of the officer.

Mayor Rockingham explained there were standard operating procedures concerning excessive force. He stated that any force report was to be issued immediately, submitted to the supervisor and once completed it would be forwarded

to Shift Commander. There would be a committee established to review "use of force" cases. The committee would include Human Resource, Police Officer in charge of training and a Citizen.

Mayor Rockingham explained there was a press conference which announced the administrative leave of Police Chief Newsome. He would reconsider his return contingent upon Interim Chief Hosking's review. He also stated that Robert T. Johnson, investigator would be reviewing discipline and complaints. It would later be determined if Michael Newsome would remain Chief. Mr. Lewis asked if the officer in video tape was still employed; Mayor said he was. Mayor Rockingham explained that there is opportunity to grieve any discipline prior to a completion of an investigation.

Alderman DeVost explained that Article 5 of the Fraternal Order of Police laws state that the officers could be placed on Administrative Leave pending the investigation. Alderman January stated that he submitted the report and tape to the State's Attorney's Office. Mayor Rockingham clarified that the State's Attorney's Office had the information in their possession.

Mary Miller – 2205 N. Butrick Ave.

She strongly stated that all officers involved with the Darrin Hannah case should be incarcerated. She offered her condolence to the Mayor.

Karen Carskins – Lake County NAACP President

She offered condolences to the Mayor for the loss of his wife. She sensed there was a pattern of abuse, excessive force by the police department, requested seeking swift justice and read the statistics. Victim Darrin Hannah's penalty shouldn't have resulted in a death. He would never have the opportunity to be heard in court or have justice served. "Justice delayed, is Justice Denied." She stated that NAACP offered their commitment in collaborating with the city; Mayor Rockingham explained that he would be reaching out to the NAACP and other organizational groups in a joint effort seeking a solution to the problem.

Nancy Wilson-Lucas

Ms. Lucas offered her condolences to the Mayor. She stated had presented the Mayor and Police Chief with photos of her son who was abused by the police in year 2005 and 2010. She commended NAACP upon their efforts. There was nothing resolved and she emphasized the need of a change of officials.

Dennis Mitchell – Zion

He offered his condolences to the Mayor. He questioned the Mayor if Sergeant Cecala acted inappropriately in the videotape that was shown at a previous meeting of him wiping blood from the victim. Mayor explained he was addressing several situations and it was in the process. Once investigation was complete, there would be discipline if necessary.

David Hood -1518 14th Street, Waukegan, IL

He questioned if there was relief for the families who have lost loved ones by the police; Mayor expressed it was also a difficult time for him. Mr. Hood provided an example that children were also afraid and had no trust with the police. He asked what had been implemented tangibly in alleviating the problem. Also, what occurred with the victim of abuse that was handcuffed at a hotel. Mayor Rockingham explained it was in the process of an investigation. Mr. Hood thought that the Interim Chief Hosking was not fit to act as Chief in North Chicago. Mayor Rockingham explained there were necessary procedures following the accusations.

Reginald Moton – 609 Foss Park Ave.

Stated that it was the first time with abuse of this magnitude in North Chicago and sensed it was a pattern. People should feel safe when stopped by the police. He strongly clarified that the citizens paid the police salaries and shouldn't be abused by them. Police officers and city officials should be accountable.

Wadell Brooks – Sherman Ave.

He clarified that the police problems stemmed from many years previously and that the involved officers should have been placed on leave immediately. He explained stories of police brutality. He admired the city council in pursuing justice for the citizens of North Chicago.

Raymond Hutchin – Sr.

He explained that he was accused of faking an asthma attack in the police department when he was harassed and disrespected by the police.

Ralph Peterson, Jr. – 713 Delaney Rd.

He questioned if he could portray a police video from the Police Department; Mayor Rockingham requested that it wasn't shown.

Alderman DeVost stated that there was needed accountability. She suggested a resource/community policing center in all areas of the City ensuring citizen safety.

Alderman January left Council Chambers at 8:37 p.m.

Alderman DeVost stated that citizens should be respected and thought the community was falling apart.

Alderman January returned to Council Chambers at 8:41p.m.

Emmanuel Hannah

He stated that there was a reason for what has occurred and "change was in the hands of the people".

Alderman Runnels left Council Chambers at 8:42 p.m.; returned 8:45 p.m.

Resident

He explained that he was a victim of police brutality.

Resident – 1728 Sheridan Road

Explained he received a grant to reopen a non-profit recovery center on Sheridan Road.

David Hood – 1518 14th St., Waukegan, IL

He stated was informed that the Interim Chief Hosking was accused of racial profiling and questioned the Mayor why he allowed him to the City.

Pauline Red - Waukegan

She questioned Mayor Rockingham what determined the Administrative Leave for Chief Newsome. The Mayor explained other cases impacted his decision.

Quincy Johnson – 17th St.

He stated that the people of North Chicago supported Mayor Rockingham. The citizens were very unhappy what had occurred with police incidents.

Barb Cantrell – Antioch

She questioned if there was any progress with animal control; The Mayor replied it was in the process of the procedures and it would be reviewed by the Animal Warden. She had strong concerns and encouraged needed support of volunteers.

Alderman January clarified he had observed the animal shelter and the animals were well kept and maintained. He would be contacting the Interim Chief accordingly.

Alderman DeVost

She openly offered her apology to the Mayor and the council members due to her conduct displayed. The Mayor accepted and was necessary collaborating in union to resolve necessary issues.

Gloria Carr – 1515 Park Ave.

She questioned the number of eighty-eight (88) complaints and the quantity included with the press conference held. The Mayor explained use of force issues and that it was ensured in following proper procedures previously.

Alderman DeVost left at 9:05 p.m.

She questioned why it wasn't followed previously and the time involved with investigation results. The Mayor explained that the state police were awaiting the coroner's report.

Attorney Smith explained that he was informed today there was one to two medical personnel concluding the investigation.

She questioned results of the harassment letter that she received from the detective requesting her DNA. She stressed "it was very intimidating and wouldn't be tolerated." She stated was very verse in investigations per her previous experience. The Mayor explained that it was in the process of the investigation and wasn't aware of the procedures.

Attorney Smith stated would be fully responsible with the status of the investigation and would be provided to her the following day. Ms. Carr requested a current update. She stated was very pleased with the quantity of people in support. She requested that the involved officers were indicted.

Alderman DeVost returned at 9:12 p.m.

Alderman January questioned the detective procedures. He strongly requested further investigation. The Mayor stated was unaware and would research the issue.

Ralph Peterson, Jr. – Delany Rd.

He clarified that he viewed insightful, insensitive statements were placed on Facebook.

Alderman Allen and Alderman DeVost apologized to Mrs. Carr requested to inform them accordingly.

Alderman January and Alderman Abrams apologized to Mrs. Carr for her grief that she experienced.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

Lori L Collins
City Clerk