

Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

- PRESENT:** Mayor Stephanie Acri (*Chair*)
Alderman Quentin Rodriguez (*Ward 1*)
Alderman David Parker, Jr. (*Ward 2*)
Alderman Mike Wendt (*Ward 3*)
Alderman Lori Turner (*Ward 5*)
Alderman Kevin Schoonmaker (*Ward 6*)
Alderman Mike Waldron (*Ward 7*)
Alderman Sonia Berg (*Alderman At-Large*)
- ABSENT:** Alderman Richard “Dick” Potter (*Ward 4*)
- STAFF:** Doug Maxeiner, City Administrator
Maureen Riggs, City Attorney
Janine Hollembaek Parr, City Clerk
Ray Forsythe, Planning & Development Director
Alison Fleming, Human Resources Manager
Lori Wilson, Parks Recreation Director
Don Goff, Information Technology Manager
Bryon Lear, Library Director
R.T. Finney, Interim Chief of Police
Jeff Snyder, Fire Chief
Scott Hinton, City Engineer
Kathy Carr, Finance Director
Jeff Anderson, City Planner
J.D. Schulte, Public Works Director
Chris Mathias, Property Management Coordinator
Tony Loete, Utilities General Manager
- OTHERS:** Dave Herrell, CEO Visit Quad Cities
Adam Guthrie, Moline Centre
Sam Moyer, Resident
Gerold Shelton, The Dispatch
Members of the Media
Seton Catholic School Students

Mayor Acri called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Presentation

Visit Quad Cities. Dave Herrell, CEO of Visit Quad Cities formerly known as Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau, shared his vision for the future of the organization, and partnership with the City.

Property Information Map. Chris Mathias, Property Management Coordinator, explained the property information web map application, and how it has been integrated into internal processes. This tool organizes variances, easements and similar land information, providing easy access to historical data.

Questions on the Agenda

There were no questions on the agenda.

Agenda Items

1. A Special Ordinance granting a temporary modification to Section 28-3200(a) and Section 35-4218 of the Moline Code of Ordinances to delay the installation of sidewalks for property located at 900 36th Avenue, Moline. Chris Mathias, Property Management Coordinator, explained that RE/MAX Center, LLC has applied for permits to build an office building on a vacant property at 900 36th Avenue. They have also applied for a temporary modification to delay installation of public sidewalk due to lack of connectivity to distant sidewalks and a topographic issue making sidewalk construction difficult. In review of the application, staff identifies that the nearest sidewalk is 900 feet away. There is an 8-10 feet slope along the road, which is not ideal for sidewalk construction. Staff has found that in 1989, the City Council granted a sidewalk variance to the Blackhawk Property Addition and additional sidewalk variances have been granted to neighboring properties throughout the years. Most recently, the Cardiovascular Medicine property at 1100 36th Avenue was granted a sidewalk variance by the City Council. This missing sidewalk link was identified as low priority during the July 2016 sidewalk assessment. There was discussion of adding a sidewalk at this location. Staff projects 240 feet of sidewalk would be required for this irregular street. A motion was made by Alderman Wendt to direct staff to investigate options for adding a sidewalk or bike path on the south side of Coaltown Road, incorporating all existing variances, from 7th Street to unincorporated county property. Seconded by Alderman Parker. Motion passed with Alderman Schoonmaker voting nay. Alderman Turner moved to approve a special ordinance granting temporary modification to Section 28-3200 (a) and Section 35-4218 of the Moline Code of Ordinances to delay installation of sidewalks for the property located at 900 36th Avenue, Moline. Seconded by Alderman Schoonmaker. The variance fee is approximately \$400. Motion carried with Aldermen Waldron and Berg voting nay.

2. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute Licensing Agreements for 2019 permit approved applications for use of public right-of-way or City-owned property. Chris Mathias, Property Management Coordinator, stated that for the last five years, the City Council has passed a resolution to allow for staff to administer and approve all licensing agreements, and for the Mayor and City Clerk to execute approved licensing agreements without each agreement being presented to the City Council. Staff feels that if each licensing agreement were presented to the City Council it would cause significant construction delays and increase staff time spent on these projects. Staff is recommending approval of a resolution for 2019, similar to what was passed in previous years. A list of 2018 approved licensing agreements was provided for review. A motion was made by Alderman Parker to approve. Seconded by Alderman Berg. Motion passed unanimously.

Informational

Tap-on Fees. Tony Loete, Utilities General Manager, shared the process for assessing tap on fees, with consideration of the value provided. Neighboring policy and industry changes were presented. Staff provided alternatives:

- status quo (\$25 water/\$25 sewer)
- modify code to allow for reduced fees when challenging circumstances exist
- reduce fee to flat amount or amount based on size of development
- modify code to only eliminate fees in locations where water/sewer main is fully depreciated (100 years water/50 years sewer)
- eliminate fee in cases where main extension is publicly funded

Staff is open to change, and recommends fee elimination to encourage development and investment. There was discussion. Alderman Berg made a motion to modify the code to allow for reduced fees when challenging circumstances exist. The motion was not considered for lack of second. Alderman Schoonmaker moved to direct staff to review fees further and return with a recommendation. Staff is asked to consider a zero to \$300 tap on fee, and have a plan in place for large new development beyond existing water and sewer so that the development

carries the burden. Alderman Waldron asked that Council receive information for review and consideration by the Monday prior to the Council meeting, so that an informed decision may be made on the floor.

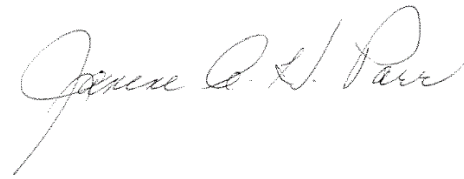
ACLU Panhandling Issue. Maureen Riggs, City Attorney, explained that ACLU contends prohibition of panhandling is unlawful under the first amendment. In the City, panhandling is only prohibited when it threatens public safety and hinders the flow of traffic in the right of way. Staff supports the current ordinance.

2019 Project: 10th Avenue, 38th – 40th Street Court. Scott Hinton, City Engineer, explained that the project is driven by a sanitary sewer. Staff proposes narrowing the street by five feet, allowing for the addition of a bike path or additional sidewalk. The cost of adding a 4-foot sidewalk is \$50,000; an 8-10 foot bike path is \$80,000-100,000, or \$60,000 for asphalt. Painting sharrows (permanently or temporarily) was discussed. Narrowing the street more than the proposed five feet was suggested. Staff will bring back a recommendation next month. Alderman Berg made a motion to direct staff to obtain bids for the alternatives discussed: 1) street narrowing, bike path (concrete and asphalt), 2) sharrow, 3), and 4) adding sidewalk; and return to Council for consideration. Seconded by Alderman Waldron. The City is in the design stage of the project. Alderman Wendt moved to amend to reduce the bids obtained to 1) street narrowing to 31 or 32 feet, and 2) asphalt from 41st to 39th Street (sharrowing from there.) Seconded by Alderman Parker. Motion passed unanimously. The amended motion passed unanimously. Alderman Wendt moved to direct staff to return with a plan for specific bike path plan, including sharrows, in this area. Staff will bring back recommendations by August 1, 2019. Seconded by Alderman Parker. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janine A. H. Parr
City Clerk