

Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

- PRESENT:** Mayor Stephanie Acri (*Chair*)
Alderman David Parker, Jr. (*Ward 2*)
Alderman Mike Wendt (*Ward 3*)
Alderman Richard “Dick” Potter (*Ward 4*)
Alderman Lori Turner (*Ward 5*)
Alderman Mike Waldron (*Ward 7*)
Alderman Sonia Berg (*Alderman At-Large*)
- ABSENT:** Alderman Quentin Rodriguez (*Ward 1*)
Alderman Kevin Schoonmaker (*Ward 6*)
- STAFF:** Kathy Carr, Finance Director and Acting City Administrator
Maureen Riggs, City Attorney
Janine Hollembaek Parr, City Clerk
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
Jeff Anderson, City Planner
Chris Mathias, Property Management Coordinator
Ryan Berger, Land Development Manager
K.J. Whitley, Community Development Manager
Trevor Fisk, Police Captain
Rodd Schick, Municipal Services General Manager
Tony Loete, Utilities General Manager
Todd Green, IT GIS Manager
Amy Keys, Deputy City Attorney
Vickie Felger, Legal Services Specialist
Amy Saunders, Legal Assistant
Leah Miller, Human Resources Specialist
- OTHERS:** Sarah Hayden, The Dispatch
Mark Peterson, GovHR
Sam Moyer, Resident
John Kelly, Attorney
Rob Bush, Legal Consultant
Members of the Media

Mayor Acri called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Presentation

Florecente Streetscape Project. Jeff Anderson, City Planner, and K.J. Whitley, Community Development Program Manager, explained that staff presented a refined concept of, and costs for, the proposed Florecente Streetscape project to the Project Management Team (PMT) at its February 12, 2019 meeting. The PMT approved a motion recommending approval of the streetscape project to the City Council. A graphic for the refined streetscape project as well as revised project cost estimates for a two-phase implementation of the project were presented. Staff is seeking concurrence from the City Council to move forward with development of construction documents and sealed project bidding upon completion of said construction documents. Staff will then return to City Council with the bidding results and a Council Bill authorizing the construction of the streetscape project. A motion was made by Alderman Wendt to direct staff to move forward with the project. Seconded by Alderman Parker. Council encouraged involving the community through sponsorship opportunities (bench, tree, etc.) and suggested that perhaps Park and Recreation may partner in this initiative. Tony Loete, Utilities General Manager indicated confidence in the utilities in the area as the project moves forward. Motion passed unanimously.

Questions on the Agenda

There were no questions on the Agenda.

Agenda Items

1. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to accept one (1) Permanent Utility and Drainage Easement, more particularly described herein to allow construction to proceed on Project #1308, 27th Avenue Reconstruction, East of 16th Street. Chris Mathias, Property Management Coordinator, indicated that a Permanent Utility and Drainage Easement from Alan R. Shattuck and Paula M. Shattuck at 1710 27th Avenue is necessary to allow construction to proceed on Project #1308, 27th Avenue Reconstruction, East of 16th Street. A motion was made by Alderman Parker to approve. Seconded by Alderman Berg. Motion passed unanimously.

2. An Ordinance amending Chapter 35, “ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT,” of the Moline Code of Ordinances, Section 35-3108, by enacting one new subsection (b), “ESTABLISHED FRONT YARD SETBACK EXCEPTION,” and renaming the current subsection (b) as subsection (c). Ryan Berger, Land Development Manager, stated that properties developed before 1991 within residential districts may not meet the current front setback requirements of 25’. Additions to these properties and/or new infill construction within the 25’ front yard setback are currently prohibited. Consequently, new houses could have a different setback than adjacent or neighboring structures, negatively affecting the cohesive appearance of the block face. The proposed amendment will permit for a front setback less than the required 25’ if it matches 40% of the existing setbacks of the block face with 5 or more lots. If there is no consistency among the block face, the average of the front setback can be used. The attachment to this item is a redline version of Section 35-3108(b) and (c) to show proposed changes. A motion was made by Alderman Parker to approve. Seconded by Alderman Wendt. Motion passed unanimously.

3. An Ordinance amending Chapter 22, “OFFENSES – MISCELLANEOUS,” of the Moline Code of Ordinances, Section 22-4100, “UNLAWFUL USE OF WEAPONS,” by repealing subsection (a)(3) in its entirety and enacting in lieu thereof one new subsection (a)(3) dealing with the same subject matter. RT Finney, Interim Chief of Police, explained that Section 22-4100(a)(3) of the Code prohibits a person from knowingly possessing or carrying a switchblade knife on any public property or public right of way within the City. A switchblade knife, also known as an automatic knife, is defined by the Code as having a blade that opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other device in the handle of the knife. Public Act 100-0082, effective August 11, 2017, amended the Criminal Code of 2012 to provide an exemption from the prohibition on sale, manufacture, purchase, possession or carrying of a switchblade knife to a person who possesses a currently valid Firearms Owner’s Identification Card (FOID) previously issued in said person’s name by the Department of State Police or to a person or an entity engaged in the business of selling or manufacturing switchblade knives. Amending Section 22-4100(a)(3) to allow a person to possess or carry a switchblade knife on public property or public right of way if said person possesses a valid FOID card will mirror the State’s

amendment. The attachment to this item is a redline version of Section 22-4100(a)(3) to show proposed changes. A motion was made by Alderman Parker to approve. Seconded by Alderman Berg. Motion passed unanimously.

4. A Resolution authorizing the IT Manager to purchase three (3) Hewlett Packard ProLiant Enterprise DL360 G9 Servers from SHI International Corp. at a cost of \$38,569.35. Don Goff, IT Manager, shared that the City's three VMware servers are now nearing end of life (purchased 2011) and need to be replaced with newer hardware. The IT Manager sought quotes for new, certified and refurbished hardware. Five quotes were received and are summarized below. SHI International Corp. was selected for submitting the best quote for the value and price-point of the hardware being sold. City staff recommends purchase of three HPE DL360 G9 Servers from SHI International Corp. at a cost of \$38,569.35. A motion was made by Alderman Wendt to approve. Seconded by Alderman Turner. Motion passed unanimously.

5. A Resolution authorizing the IT Manager to enter into an agreement with Surdex Corporation for the 2019 Aerial Mapping Project at a cost of \$19,350. IT Manager Don Goff explained that the City's IT staff has participated in a consortium of local governments, known as the Bi-State Regional Commission Greater Quad Cities Region 2019 Aerial Mapping Project, in order to reduce the cost of acquisition for updated orthophotography & LIDAR. Bi-State Regional Commission published a Request For Proposals for the entire scope of work in October of 2018. Surdex Corporation was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the project and is contracting separately with all participating agencies for customized sets of deliverables. This data is beneficial to all departments and will enhance the City's GIS capabilities. A consultant was hired by the consortium to manage the project, conduct prerequisite work, and ensure data accuracy independent of the vendor at an additional cost of \$1,980.00, for a total cost of \$21,330.00. A motion was made by Alderman Parker to approve. Seconded by Alderman Wendt. Motion passed unanimously.

6. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agreement to Dissolve Consolidated Public Safety Communications Agreement between the cities of Moline and East Moline; and authorizing City staff to do all things necessary to complete the responsibilities of the City of Moline pursuant to the terms of the dissolving Agreement. Maureen Riggs, City Attorney, indicated that the cities of Moline and East Moline have successfully operated a consolidated public safety communications center (the "Center") for approximately twenty years pursuant to an agreement between the parties dated March 17, 1998, and an amended agreement dated March 12, 2008. Public Act 99-0006 amended the Emergency Telephone Systems Act to consolidate and upgrade 9-1-1 systems. As a result of the Act, the number of Public Safety Answering Points ("PSAPs") in a county must be reduced, and Moline and East Moline have consolidated dispatch operations with the Village of Milan and the City of Silvis, operating as QComm911 since January 1, 2019. The Center Board voted at its February meeting to dissolve the Center operations and dispose of any remaining matters. Moline and East Moline seek to terminate the March 12, 2008 agreement and resolve any outstanding matters between them arising from the Center's operation, including the disposal of remaining property of the Center; said property shall be declared as surplus and disposed of by Moline in the manner most advantageous to the parties. Moline will remit to East Moline 40% of the proceeds from the surplus property disposal, which represents the last cost split (60/40) for the operation of the Center. A motion was made by Alderman Parker to approve. Seconded by Alderman Wendt. Motion passed with Alderman Berg voting nay.

7. An Ordinance amending Chapter 2, "ADMINISTRATION," of the Moline Code of Ordinances, by repealing Section 2-3203, "CITY ATTORNEY," in its entirety and enacting in lieu thereof one new Section 2-3203, "CORPORATION COUNSEL," dealing with the same subject matter; and imposing that any reference of "city attorney" in the Moline Code of Ordinances shall have the same meaning as the term "corporation counsel." Stephanie Acri, Mayor, stated that to facilitate flexibility and efficiency to provide for the manner by which legal services are provided for the City, the City Council will amend the Administration Code, Chapter 2 of the Moline Code of Ordinances. To this end, the proposed language for an amendment of the Administration Code will allow for a full-time City employee or an outside attorney or law firm to act as counsel

for the City. If the corporation counsel is not a full-time City employee, the position shall be considered an independent contractor. A motion was made by Alderman Parker to approve. Seconded by Alderman Berg. Motion passed with Alderman Potter voting nay.

8. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a contract with Rob Bush to study the option of hiring an independent contractor to provide legal services to the City of Moline that includes soliciting independent contractor proposals, evaluating proposals and providing recommendations to the City Council. Mayor Stephanie Acri shared that the goal is to facilitate flexibility and efficiency to provide for the manner by which legal services are supplied for the City. A motion was made by Alderman Parker to approve. Seconded by Alderman Berg. Alderman Potter made a motion to amend and strike the words “either” and “optional” from item #1 of the agreement. Seconded by Alderman Turner. Motioned to amend failed with Aldermen Parker, Wendt, Waldron and Berg voting nay. Aldermen Turner and Potter indicated that this is not a need for the City. Alderman Potter stated that the City law department does a very good job and does far more than anyone realizes. Mayor Acri explained that in her view this is an ongoing evolution of efficiency, and would be paid from the City’s liability fund. Aldermen Waldron and Wendt voiced support for the study and the goal of efficiency. Waldron indicated that this is a good process to go through occasionally and often results in support for the City’s current efficiency. Motion passed with Aldermen Potter and Turner voting nay.

9. An Ordinance amending Chapter 9, “BODY ART CODE,” of the Moline Code of Ordinances, by enacting one new Article VI, “MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS.” Mayor Stephanie Acri explained that illicit massage establishments can act as fronts for human trafficking. Law enforcement can be denied entry when seeking to investigate due to the lack of a municipal ordinance governing massage establishments. To facilitate better enforcement and to crack down on suspected sex traffickers, massage establishments located in the City of Moline will be required to be licensed and comply with the Massage Establishment code. A motion was made by Alderman Parker to approve. Seconded by Alderman Wendt. The City Environmental Inspector will inspect establishments periodically. Motion passed unanimously.

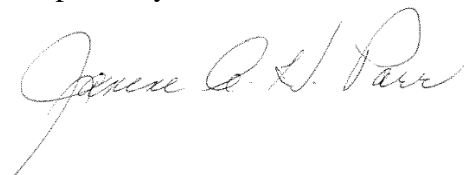
10. A Resolution accepting an invitation from Mayor Michael Christ of Verbandsgemeinde Asbach to enter into a “Town Twinning” agreement with the municipality Verbandsgemeinde Asbach, Germany. Mayor Stephanie Acri indicated that in 2017, John Deere acquired Wirtgen Group that manufactures road construction equipment in Germany, Brazil, China, and India. The Wirtgen Group headquarters are located in Windhagen, which is part of the collective municipality of Verbandsgemeinde Asbach, Germany. The CEO of Wirtgen Group, Domenic Ruccolo, comes from Moline and supports a partnership between the two communities. A motion was made by Alderman Parker to approve. Seconded by Alderman Berg. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janine A. H. Parr
City Clerk