

Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes

Tuesday, January 2, 2020

- PRESENT:** Mayor Stephanie Acri (*Chair*)
Alderman David Parker, Jr. (*Ward 2*) ~*Electronically*
Alderman Mike Wendt (*Ward 3*) ~*Electronically*
Alderman Sam Moyer (*Ward 5*)
Alderman Kevin Schoonmaker (*Ward 6*) ~*Electronically*
Alderman Mike Waldron (*Ward 7*) ~*Electronically*
Alderman Sonia Berg (*Alderman At-Large*)
- ABSENT:** Alderman Scott Williams (*Ward 1*)
Alderman Richard “Dick” Potter (*Ward 4*)
- STAFF:** Marty Vanags, Interim City Administrator
Janine Hollembaek Parr, City Clerk
J.D. Schulte, Interim Public Works Director ~*Electronically*
Alison Fleming, Human Resources Manager ~*Electronically*
Eric Griffith, Parks Recreation Director ~*Electronically*
Don Goff, Information Technology Manager
Bryon Lear, Library Director ~*Electronically*
Darren Gault, Chief of Police
Jeff Snyder, Fire Chief
Carol Barnes, Finance Director ~*Electronically*
Jeff Anderson, City Planner ~*Electronically*
K.J. Whitley, Community Development Program Manager ~*Electronically*
- OTHERS:** Derke Price, Ancel Glink
Dwight Ford, Grace City Church ~*Electronically*
Kaleigh Rogers and Audrey Adamson, Moms Demand Action ~*Electronically*

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

Remote Electronic Attendance

Alderman Berg, seconded by Alderman Moyer, moved to approve the remote electronic attendance of Aldermen Parker, Wendt, Schoonmaker and Waldron. Motion carried unanimously.

Proclamation

A Proclamation from Moms Demand Action to declare June 5, 2020, as “Gun Violence Awareness Day.” Kaleigh Rogers and Audrey Adamson addressed the City Council.

Mayor Acri asked for reflection on the recent death of George Floyd and introduced Reverend Dwight Ford of Grace City Church, Moline. Reverend Ford addressed the City Council, first offering dialogue and guidance to anyone in need. In his comments to the Council, Reverend Ford stated that we know that our communities are much more diverse than simple black and white, and we must remedy those things that cause us the most pain. The current civil unrest is occurring amidst the Covid-19 pandemic, when people are already frustrated. The protests have been made up of every age, gender, race and hue of ethnicity. Individuals are dealing with financial strain, depression and national grief. We must work hard to re-envision what our City can look like and recommit to the work that is before us.

Questions on the Agenda

There were no questions on the Agenda.

Agenda Items

1. A Resolution authorizing approval of a proposed amendment (Substantial Amendment 2) to the City of Moline's 2019 Annual Action Plan, Substantial Amendment 1, approved by Council Bill/Resolution No. 1140-2019, for the purpose of program fund reallocation; and authorizing the Mayor to implement the program activity set forth in the City of Moline's 2019 Annual Action Plan, Substantial Amendment 2, upon the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) approval of said Amendment 2. K.J. Whitley, Community Development Program Manager, explained that the City seeks to amend the 2019 Annual Action Plan (AAP), Substantial Amendment 1, approved by Council Bill/Resolution No. 1140-2019, by adding additional CDBG CARES Act funding and activities. As a CDBG-entitlement community, the City of Moline was awarded \$478,057 under The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The proposed amendment includes the addition of ten new activities and additional CARES Act funding in the amount of \$478,057 to the 2019 AAP. A proposed statement of community development objectives and projected use of funds has been advertised. The projected use of funds reflects programs recommended by the Citizens Advisory Council on Urban Policy (CACUP), and they are consistent with the local and national objectives of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. City staff drafted the plan amendments and completed the required publication and a five-day comment period (CARES Act waiver). CACUP also met on April 29, 2020, and recommends approval of these eligible CDBG activities. City staff requests that this item move forward as the related activities are time-sensitive and include benefits to summer school programs. A motion was made by Alderman Berg to approve. Seconded by Alderman Parker. Motion passed unanimously.

2. A Resolution approving the Declaration of a Local State of Emergency for the City of Moline in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Derke Price, Corporation Counsel, stated that on March 9, 2020, J.B. Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, issued a disaster proclamation declaring a state of emergency as a result of the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Governor Pritzker has subsequently issued additional Executive Orders encouraging social distancing to fight the spread of COVID-19 and ordering the closure of certain facilities, businesses and operations as part of the effort to fight the spread of COVID-19. Section 2-3201 of the Moline Code of Ordinances provides for the declaration of a local civil emergency and the delegation of extraordinary powers to the Mayor for the purpose of responding to and mitigating the impacts of such emergency. Section 2-3201 further provides that a Mayor's declaration of emergency shall be effective until the first regular meeting of the City Council following said declaration is adjourned. It is the intent of the City Council for this resolution to approve and extend the declaration of a local emergency until it is repealed, for the purpose of responding to and mitigating the impacts of such emergency. A motion was made by Alderman Parker to approve. Seconded by Alderman Berg. There was discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. A Resolution authorizing that the City of Moline Mayor's Executive Order 2020-05-22, instituting temporary regulatory relief for bars and restaurants due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, be approved, affirmed and continued as per its terms; and establishing certain practices and procedures pursuant to Executive Order 2020-05-22 to temporarily amend and/or suspend restrictions on outdoor

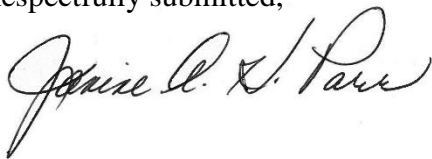
dining to assist licensees of bars and restaurants located within Moline during the period that the Illinois Northwest Region is in Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois Plan. Derke Price, Corporation Counsel, shared that on May 5, 2020, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker released the Restore Illinois Plan, a five-phase plan designed to adopt a public health approach to reopening the State's economy based on medical data presented by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). Governor Pritzker subsequently announced that he intends to declare that the region in which the City is located will move to Phase 3 on May 29, 2020. In Phase 3, bars and restaurants will be allowed to open for outdoor table service in addition to their current curbside and takeout services, under restrictions issued by IDPH. On May 20, 2020, Governor Pritzker announced a revision to Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois Plan to permit greater operating opportunities for bars and restaurants, subject to adherence to public health regulations and safeguards recommended by the IDPH. Said announcement stated that municipalities are encouraged to help bars and restaurants expand their outdoor seating options. In support, on May 22, 2020, the Mayor issued Executive Order 2020-05-22 to institute temporary regulatory relief for bars and restaurants due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. This resolution will approve, affirm and continue the terms of the City of Moline Mayor Executive Order 2020-05-22 and establish certain practices and procedures pursuant to Executive Order 2020-05-22 to assist licensees of bars and restaurants located within Moline during the period that the Illinois Northwest Region is in Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois Plan. A motion was made by Alderman Berg to approve. Seconded by Alderman Moyer. There was discussion. Price explained that Phase 4 is anticipated to begin June 24, 2020. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

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The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janine A. H. Parr
City Clerk