

Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

- PRESENT:** Mayor Stephanie Acri (*Chair*)
Alderman Scott Williams (*Ward 1*)
Alderman David Parker, Jr. (*Ward 2*) ~*electronically*
Alderman Mike Wendt (*Ward 3*) ~*electronically*
Alderman Richard “Dick” Potter (*Ward 4*) ~*electronically*
Alderman Sam Moyer (*Ward 5*)
Alderman Kevin Schoonmaker (*Ward 6*) ~*electronically*
Alderman Mike Waldron (*Ward 7*)
Alderman Sonia Berg (*Alderman At-Large*) ~*electronically*
- ABSENT:** None.
- STAFF:** Marty Vanags, Interim City Administrator
Janine Hollembaek Parr, City Clerk
J.D. Schulte, Public Works Director ~*electronically*
Alison Fleming, Human Resources Manager ~*electronically*
Eric Griffith, Parks Recreation Director ~*electronically*
David Rowatt, Information Technology Manager
Bryon Lear, Library Director ~*electronically*
Darren Gault, Chief of Police
Jeff Snyder, Fire Chief
Carol Barnes, Finance Director ~*electronically*
Chris Mathias, Interim Land Development Manager ~*electronically*
Tony Loete, Utilities General Manager
K.J. Whitley, Community Development Program Manager
Leah Miller, Human Resources Specialist ~*electronically*
Todd Green, GIS Administrator
Michael Griffin, Police Detective
Police Personnel, Family and Friends
- OTHERS:** Derke Price, Ancel Glink
Brendan Johns, Plan Commission
Scott Goldstein, Teska Associates
Brent O. Denzin, Denzin Soltanzadeh LLC

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

Approval of Remote Electronic Attendance

Alderman Moyer, seconded by Alderman Waldron, moved to approve the remote electronic attendance of Aldermen Parker, Wendt, Potter, Schoonmaker and Berg. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Waldron, Berg, Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer and Schoonmaker; nays: none.

Mayor's Board Appointments

Mayor's appointment of Brendan John to the Plan Commission to fill the unexpired term of Ashley Pankey to expire June 30, 2025. Alderman Waldron, seconded by Alderman Moyer, moved to approve. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron and Berg; nays: none.

Presentations

Meritorious Achievement Award. Darren Gault, Chief of Police, presented the **Meritorious Achievement Award to Detective Michael Griffin** for his work on the Baby April homicide. Detective Griffin's relentless pursuit of justice resulted in an arrest and closure of this 1992 unsolved homicide. The Meritorious Achievement Award may be presented to a member of the Police Department for an intelligent act that materially contributed to a significant law enforcement objective and the employee exhibited attributes that exceeded standards.

Land Bank Feasibility Study. The City of Moline was awarded a Land Bank Capacity Program ("LBCP") grant from the Illinois Housing Development Association (IHDA) in 2019. The LBCP program is designed to provide the funding for local government, or multiple units of local government (via an IGA), to create and operate land banks, including funds necessary to ensure a revitalized affordable housing stock is created out of some of the parcels acquired or held by the recipient of LBCP funds. A multi-jurisdictional land bank here would help the City acquire, develop, maintain, dispose of, and otherwise repurpose vacant and abandoned properties. These activities allow communities to return properties to productive use. The City of Moline engaged Teska Associates to conduct a Land Bank Feasibility Study. The Study is now complete, and Teska has met with City staff and that of surrounding communities (City of Rock Island, City of East Moline and Rock Island County). After analysis, staff will return in March with an appropriate action request. A summary of the results was presented (attached) by K.J. Whitley, Community Development Program Manager; Scott Goldstein, Teska Associates; and Brent O. Denzin, Denzin Soltanzadeh LLC.

Questions on the Agenda

Cow Agenda: #12, 13, 14 and 15 are postponed until next week; and #16, 17 and 18 will be presented by Tony Loete, Utilities General Manager.

Agenda Items

1. 2021 Seasonal Staffing. Leah Miller, Human Resources Specialist, recommended renewal of an agreement with Express Services, Inc., doing business as Express Employment Professionals, to provide administrative services to fulfill temporary and seasonal staffing needs of City departments and also provide the insurance and liability coverage requested for a one-year period commencing March 1, 2021. There would be no rate increase for 2021-2022. Alderman Waldron, seconded by Alderman Williams, moved to approve. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron and Berg; nays: none.

2. Sidewalk Waiver for M & W Properties. Chris Mathias, Interim Land Development Manager, requested permission to grant a permanent waiver to Section 28-3200(a) and Section 35-4218 of the Moline Code of Ordinances and \$10,800 payment into the sidewalk fund in-lieu of construction of sidewalk along 41st Street for property located at 4100 38th Avenue, Moline. A motion was made by Alderman Wendt to approve. Seconded by Alderman Waldron. Discussion had. Alderman Wendt, seconded by Alderman Berg, moved to amend to provide a temporary variance for installation of a sidewalk along John Deere Road. Said variance would require that the property owner add sidewalk along the John Deere frontage at such time that sidewalk is added to the south side of the property. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Williams, Parker, Wendt, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron and Berg; nays: Alderman Potter. The amended motion carried on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron and Berg; nays: none.

3. Hiring Moratorium Exception – Mechanic Vacancies. Sarah Mark, Fleet and Facilities Coordinator, requested authorization of an exception to the moratorium on hiring pursuant to Resolution 1051-2020 to fill one (1) Mechanic II and two (2) Mechanic I positions. Alderman Waldron, seconded by Alderman Wendt, moved to approve. There was discussion. Alderman Wendt applauded the department's diligence with taxpayers' money, noting a 5% increase in fleet performance and availability from FY2019 to FY2020, and a \$50,000 reduction in overtime during that same period. Mark indicated that temporary employees may apply for positions once posted. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron and Berg; nays: none.

4. Environmental Systems Research Group Agreement. Todd Green, GIS Administrator, requested Council approval of a Small Municipal and County Government Enterprise Agreement (SGEA) with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (Esri) to provide Geographic Information System (GIS) technology to City departments for a three-year period. Alderman Waldron, seconded by Alderman Moyer, moved to approve. Discussion had. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron and Berg; nays: none.

5. Library Coffee Shop Lease. Bryon Lear, Library Director, recommended approval of the Java Lab Grind and Dine Café Lease Agreement, permitting a portion of the Moline Public Library to be utilized as a coffee shop. A motion was made by Alderman Parker to approve. Seconded by Alderman Moyer. Alderman Parker thanked Lear for conducting the request for proposals process in order to maximize revenues. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron and Berg; nays: none.

6. Rock River Valley Regional Sewerage System Intergovernmental Agreement (RRVRSS IGA) Amendment. Tony Loete, Utilities General Manager, requested approval of an amendment to the 1977 RRVRSS IGA transferring from Rock Island County to Moline the allocation for discharge to Interceptor F as specified in Article III of the Agreement. Rock Island County approved the amendment in late 2020. This change allows Moline to utilize Interceptor F and effectively withdraws Rock Island County from the Agreement. Alderman Waldron, seconded by Alderman Moyer, moved to approve. There was discussion that reengineering is necessary. Derke Price, Corporate Counsel, indicated that review of the IGA is planned, and staff will return by July 1, 2021, with the science (capacities and flows), to meet regulatory requirements, that will drive the conversation for potential revision of the Agreement. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron and Berg; nays: none.

7. Strand Agreement for South Slope Study. Tony Loete, Utilities General Manager, recommended approval of a contract with Strand Associates to study the South Slope WWTP facilities and its viability to meet new regulatory National Pollution Discharge Elimination Permit requirements. Alderman Waldron, seconded by Alderman Moyer, moved to approve. There was discussion. Alderman Waldron seconded by Alderman Wendt, moved to amend the agreement to include review of the 1977 RRVRSS IGA. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron and Berg; nays: none. Loete indicated that renovations would occur in 5-7 years.

8. Hiring Moratorium Exception – Water Plant Mechanic Operator. Authorizing an exception to the moratorium on hiring pursuant to Resolution 1051-2020 to hire a Water Plant Mechanic Operator. Tony Loete, Utilities General Manager, requested flexibility in filling this position. He wishes to consult with the new Water Plant Manager to determine whether a Water Plant Mechanic Operator or rather a Water Plant Operator should be hired. A motion was made by Alderman Waldron to approve. Seconded by Alderman Moyer. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron and Berg; nays: none.

9. Temporary Modification to Fire & Police Commission Rules and Regulations. Darren Gault, Chief of Police, stated that the current promotional lists for each the rank of Sergeant and the rank of Lieutenant expire in June. The process for testing takes approximately 6 months. In order to begin the process, a temporary change to Chapter IV – Promotions – Police is needed. Due to the fact that only one (1) of the two (2) Police Captain positions in the Moline Police Department is currently filled, the parties (FOP/Police Chief/Fire and Police Commission) have discussed and agreed to a temporary modification to the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners (Board), with regard to make-up of the review panel for the 2021 police sergeant and police lieutenant promotional examinations, to allow the Chief of Police to participate in the review panel. The FOP approved the Letter of Understanding (LOU) at a Special Meeting on January 7, 2021, following which the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners approved the LOU on January 12, 2021. Alderman Waldron, seconded by Alderman Williams, moved to approve. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron and Berg; nays: none.

10. Firearms Proficiency FOP MOU. Darren Gault, Chief of Police, requested Council approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge #77, to modify the Fire Arms Proficiency provision to better align with state requirements and devote additional time and resources to training on the use of firearms, while still providing the same opportunities to achieve proficiency ratings. Alderman Williams, seconded by Alderman Waldron, moved to approve. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron and Berg; nays: none.

11. Police Officer Hiring. Darren Gault, Chief of Police, recommended approval of a 2021 Budget amendment and exception to the moratorium on hiring to temporarily increase the authorized strength for sworn personnel from 81 to 83, to hire two police officers in March to fill upcoming vacancies and attend the Southwest Illinois College Police Academy, which begins March 25, 2021. A motion was made by Alderman Schoonmaker to approve. Seconded by Alderman Wendt. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron and Berg; nays: none.

12. IDOT Resolution for Maintenance – 2021 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) - *Postponed*

13. IDOT Resolution for Improvement – 11th Avenue C - *Postponed*

14. IDOT Resolution for Improvement – 26th Avenue - *Postponed*

15. IDOT Resolution for Improvement – 34th Avenue - *Postponed*

16. Project 1353 – Patching Program. Tony Loete, Utilities General Manager, explained that staff seeks approval of a contract with Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities, Inc., for Project #1353, 2021 Patching Program, for the amount of \$1,338,200. A motion was made by Alderman Waldron to approve. Seconded by Alderman Moyer. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron and Berg; nays: none.

17. Project 1348 – Pavement Marking Program. Tony Loete, Utilities General Manager, indicated that staff recommends approval of a contract with Ostrom Painting & Sandblasting, Inc., for Project #1348, 2021 Pavement Marking Program, for the amount of \$176,255. A motion was made by Alderman Waldron to approve. Seconded by Alderman Moyer. Alderman Waldron, seconded by Alderman Wendt, moved to amend and adjust the contract to the full budgeted amount of \$250,000. No sharrows will be painted. Laura Klauer, Civil Engineer, indicated that the contract can be adjusted. Alderman Wendt suggested that the Complete Streets Committee might be included in the discussion. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron and Berg; nays: none. The amended motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron and

Berg; nays: none.

18. Project 1342 – Utilities 18th St B/Avenue of the Cities. Tony Loete, Utilities General Manager, stated that staff recommends approval of a contract with McClintock Trucking and Excavating Inc., for Project #1342, Utilities at 18th Street B and Avenue of the Cities, for the amount of \$632,534.50. Alderman Waldron, seconded by Alderman Moyer, moved to approve. Discussion had. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron and Berg; nays: none.

19. Records Retention Policy. Derke Price, Corporate Counsel, discussed basic tenets of a proposed policy, and procedures concerning the same, to guide employees of the City concerning the retention and destruction of the City's records. A motion was made by Alderman Waldron to approve. Seconded by Alderman Berg. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron and Berg; nays: none.

20. Chapter 4 Amendment – Option 8 Pouring. Derke Price, Corporate Counsel, explained that staff recommends amendment of Chapter 4, "ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR," of the Moline Code of Ordinances, to add Section 4-3325, OPTION 8, "RETAILER'S ON-SITE POURING;" and amend Section 4-3317, OPTION 1, "OUTDOOR USE," Section 4-3324, OPTION 7, "RETAILER'S ON-SITE OUTDOOR SPECIAL USE," Section 4-3208, "LICENSE FEES," and Section 4-3319, OPTION 3 "CATERER'S RETAIL." There was discussion that the amendment is meant to support small business impacted by the pandemic. A motion was made by Alderman Wendt to approve. Seconded by Alderman Moyer. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron and Berg; nays: none.

21. Hahn Ready-Mix Settlement Agreement and Release. Derke Price, Corporate Counsel, presented a Settlement Agreement and Release with Hahn Ready-Mix Company for release of funds held in escrow in the amount of \$86,537.63 to Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities, Inc., for Council consideration. Alderman Waldron, seconded by Alderman Williams, moved to approve. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron and Berg; nays: none.

22. Hiring and Promotion Moratorium Exception – Legal Services Specialist. Derke Price, Corporate Counsel, and Janine Hollembaek Parr, City Clerk, requested that an exception to the moratorium on hiring and promotion pursuant to Resolution 1051-2020 be granted in order to fill the Legal Services Specialist vacancy through the promotion of Legal Assistant Amy Saunders. A motion was made by Alderman Waldron to approve. Seconded by Alderman Moyer. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron and Berg; nays: none.

23. Hiring Moratorium Exception – Park Seasonal Employees. Eric Griffith, Parks Recreation Director, requested an exception to the moratorium on hiring pursuant to Resolution 1051-2020 to hire seasonal Park employees. Alderman Waldron, seconded by Alderman Moyer, moved to approve. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron and Berg; nays: none.

24. Other. Derke Price, Corporate Counsel, regarding Council's questions on snow emergency and towing, explained the steps taken upon declaration of a snow emergency. Price indicated that towing from snow routes is not a feasible solution. Consensus was that increased education is the best course of action. It was suggested that a committee, including snow plow drivers with at least 5 years of experience, be created to recommend amendments to the ordinance to include realistic enforcement tools. City signage should match the ordinance, and snow route maps should be re-evaluated. All enhanced service components in case of a snow emergency will be continued. Discussion had. Alderman Potter expressed his lack of support to what he sees as a knee-jerk reaction to a storm. At the end of the season, staff will provide a detailed report of snow removal costs. Alderman Parker, seconded by Alderman Wendt, moved to approve. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Williams, Parker, Wendt, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron and Berg; nays: Alderman Potter.

Informational

Drinking Water Update. Tony Loete, Utilities General Manager, explained that the drinking water industry has been monitoring PFAS chemicals (Per and Poly Fluoroalkyl substances) for over a decade. US EPA issued a public health advisory for PFAS chemicals in 2016, citing evidence that lifetime exposure to these chemicals could result in harmful health effects. In 2020, this discussion was accelerated in IL as IL EPA initiated an investigation into the levels of PFAS concentrations in water supplies throughout the State. Moline participated in the investigation and results were presented. The investigation found that Moline's water had trace concentrations of three compounds in the PFAS family of chemicals. Moline plans to follow IL EPA recommendations to communicate this information to the community and this evening's meeting was the first step down that path. Moline will also continue to work collaboratively with neighboring water systems to conduct monitoring of Mississippi River water and finished water, as well as investigating treatment alternatives to reduce the concentrations of these chemicals in Moline's public water supply.

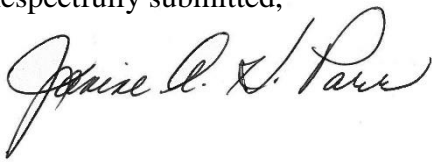
Public Comment

John Behrends, President of Endeca Estates Condominium Owners Association ("Endeca"), requested that Council vote to table Council Bill 1025-2021, the third item on the Council Agenda, to allow time for Endeca's engineers to work with the City's engineers on an alternate plan.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janine A. H. Parr, City Clerk