

Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

- PRESENT:** Mayor Sangeetha Rayapati (*Chair*)
Alderman Scott Williams (*Ward 1*)
Alderman Alvaro Macias (*Ward 2*)
Alderman Matt Timion (*Ward 4*)
Alderman Sam Moyer (*Ward 5*)
Alderman Pat O'Brien (*Ward 6*)
Alderman Mike Waldron (*Ward 7*)
Alderman James Patrick Schmidt (*Alderman At-Large*)
- ABSENT:** Alderman Mike Wendt (*Ward 3*)
- STAFF:** Marty Vanags, Interim City Administrator
Janine Hollembaek Parr, City Clerk
Joe Kuhlenbeck, Interim Public Works Director
Leah Miller, Human Resources Director
Eric Griffith, Parks Recreation Director
David Rowatt, Information Technology Manager
Darren Gault, Chief of Police
Jeff Snyder, Fire Chief
Carol Barnes, Finance Director *~electronically*
K.J. Whitley, Community Development Program Manager
Geoff Manis, Moline Centre Main Street Manager
- OTHERS:** Margaret Kostopulos, Ancel Glink

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

Questions on the Agenda

Mayor Rayapati indicated a disparity was identified in the Code, and the Library Board term is three years. The appointments noted for the advice and consent of Council will be approved by omnibus vote in the Council meeting this evening. There was no objection.

Appointments and Oath of Office

City Administrator's appointment and oath of office of Leah Miller as Human Resources Director, effective May 26, 2021.

Mayor's appointment of Daniel Williams to the Park Board to fill the unexpired term of Carrie Bull to expire May 31, 2023

Mayor's appointment of Rico Navarro to the Park Board for a full five-year term to expire May 31, 2026

Mayor's appointment of Sanjana Puri to the Library Board for a full three-year term to expire May 31, 2023

Mayor's appointment of Elaine Kaple to the Library Board for a full three-year term to expire on May 31, 2023

Mayor's appointment of Brandon Tidwell to the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee for a full three-year term to expire on April 30, 2024

Mayor's reappointment of Dick Potter to the Historic Preservation Commission for a full three-year term to expire on April 30, 2022

Mayor's reappointment of Laura Ford to the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners for a full three-year term to expire on May 31, 2024

Appointments (information only)

Mayor's appointment of Matt Timion, Moline City Council 4th Ward Alderman, to the Project Management Team as City Council representative, concurrent with his aldermanic term.

Mayor's appointment of Alvaro Macias, Moline City Council 2nd Ward Alderman, to the Project Management Team as City Council representative, concurrent with his aldermanic term.

Mayor's appointment of James Patrick Schmidt, Moline City Council Alderman At-Large, to the Moline Centre Main Street Commission as City Council representative, concurrent with his aldermanic term.

Presentation

Mayor Rayapati presented Certificates of Recognition to members of the Black Hawk College Highway Construction Program for their contribution to City beautification. With appreciation, Eric Griffith, Parks Recreation Director, described the work performed by students for the City's parks. Geoff Manis, Moline Centre Main Street Manager, also thanked the group, citing their work in creating parklets for downtown businesses. The program's director was presented with a rendering commissioned by local artist John Burns.

Agenda Items

1. A Resolution declaring the City-owned 2007 Ford Ranger 2WD, VIN# 1FTYR14U07PA10251, as surplus property. Staff has received confirmation that this unit, #572, is in need of repairs that are in excess of the anticipated resale value. The vehicle was involved in an accident and is undrivable. Repairs will be more than the prospective resale value. The unit has been scheduled for replacement since 2009. Alderman Moyer, seconded by Alderman Timion, moved to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

2. An Ordinance amending Chapter 26, "POLICE," of the Moline Code of Ordinances, Sections 2101-2319, to reflect the creation of the position of Deputy Chief. With approval of this proposal, the Moline Police Department would have a Deputy Chief of Neighborhood Policing and a Deputy Chief of Support Services. A motion was made by Alderman O'Brien to approve. Seconded by Alderman Schmidt. There was discussion. Darren Gault, Chief of Police, explained that Moline is one of the last area departments to adopt this change. Motion passed unanimously.

3. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest to a First Amendment to an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of East Moline, Illinois, dated November 1, 2016, to provide sanitary sewer service for the property located at 5320 22nd Avenue, Moline, Illinois. Staff is seeking approval of an amendment to the 2016 Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of East Moline for provision of sanitary sewer service to certain properties in proximity to the common municipal border. A motion was made by Alderman Waldron to approve. Seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Motion passed unanimously.

4. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest to a contract with Brandt Construction Co., for Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Section 21-00000-01-GM, 2021 Seal Coat Program, for the amount of \$76,525. Bids were opened and publicly read on March 2, 2021, with Brandt Construction Co., submitting the lowest and most responsible and responsive bid. A motion was made by Alderman Timion to approve. Seconded by Alderman Waldron. Discussion had. Joe Kuhlenbeck, Interim Public Works Director, explained that work will be done up to the amount budgeted for this project. Kuhlenbeck indicated comfortability with Brandt's work, which will be guaranteed. Motion passed with Alderman O'Brien voting nay.

5. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest to a contract with Brandt Construction Co., for Project #1358, 2021 City Parking Lot Maintenance, for the amount of \$277,641.60. Bids were opened and publicly read on May 11, 2021, with Brandt Construction Co., submitting the lowest and most responsible and responsive bid. A motion was made by Alderman Waldron to approve. Seconded by Alderman Moyer. There was discussion. Marty Vanags, Interim City Administrator, explained that staff is qualifying the identified lots for the use of TIF funds, and confirmed that if TIF funds are used, additional lots may be included in the project. Motion passed with Alderman O'Brien voting nay.

6. A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the gift of pride flags and authorizing Public Works to install and display said flags on City light poles in support of the commemoration of the 52nd anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. In support of the City's inclusion efforts and to acknowledge support for the commemoration of the 52nd anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, Mayor Rayapati wishes to accept a gift of Pride Flags from Clock, Inc., and display them on 30 light poles along River Drive, from 12th Street to 17th Street, during the month of June, 2021. Alderman Timion, seconded by Alderman Macias, moved to approve. Discussion had, with members of Council expressing differing perspectives. Aldermen Waldron and Williams questioned setting a precedence that may be difficult to manage. Margaret Kostopulos, Corporation Counsel, explained that the City, not the donating organization, is displaying the flags; therefore, the freedom of speech invoked is only that of the City. Kostopulos encouraged the Council to consider acceptance of such gifts on a case-by-case basis. Mayor Rayapati shared examples of inclusion and welcoming, stating that there is a place for everyone in our community and individuality should be respected. Mayor shared a Statement against Hate drafted by she and Kostopulos. Motion passed with Aldermen Waldron and Williams voting nay.

7. An Ordinance amending Chapter 2, "ADMINISTRATION," of the Moline Code of Ordinances, regarding Budget Policy. The amendment would add the following language to the Code, "Include sufficient funds for preventative street maintenance work throughout the City; sufficient funds for patching and overlay and reconstruction work for at least 6 miles (equivalent) of its streets each fiscal year; and sufficient funds for the engineering work required to design, at least one year in advance, the patching and overlay work and reconstruction work for at least 6 miles (equivalent) of City streets each fiscal year, all in order to achieve the level of service necessary to sustain a 60 year capital replacement cycle for City streets. The Director of Public works shall, as part of the annual presentation on the Capital Improvement Plan, demonstrate how the proposed Capital Improvement Plan to be incorporated into the budget fulfills this policy directive." Alderman Timion, seconded by Alderman Williams, moved to table indefinitely. Motion passed with Alderman Schmidt voting nay.

Informational

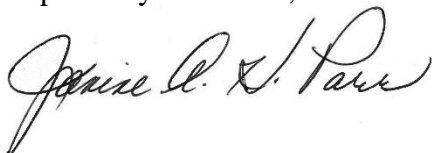
Mask/Facial Covering Requirement Update. Margaret Kostopulos, Corporation Counsel, and Leah Miller, Human Resources Director, recommended continuing the mask requirement until June 11, 2021, at which time it is anticipated that the State of Illinois will reach the final phase of its COVID-19 reopening plan. Miller explained that it is difficult to separate groups of people who are vaccinated and those who are not. It is important that the community feels comfortable in obtaining services from the City.

Public Comment

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The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janine A. H. Parr, City Clerk