

Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes

Tuesday, July 20, 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:** Bob Vitas, City Administrator
Janine Hollembaek Parr, City Clerk
Joe Kuhlenbeck, Interim Public Works Director
Leah Miller, Human Resources Director
David Rowatt, Information Technology Manager
Darren Gault, Chief of Police
Jeff Snyder, Fire Chief
Carol Barnes, Finance Director
K.J. Whitley, Community Development Program Manager
- OTHERS:** Margaret Kostopulos and David Silverman, Corporation Counsel
Alexandra Elias, Renew Moline
Josh Lapp, Designing Local
Jim Thompson, Illinois Domus, LLC
Anamaria Rocha, Mercado on Fifth
Barb Sandberg and Frank Ege, Moline Historic Preservation Commission
Dave Herrell, Visit Quad Cities
Brandon Nees, Spiegel Building Mural Artist

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

Mayor's Board Appointments

Appointment of Pam Nelson to the Keep Moline Beautiful Commission for a full 3-year term, expiring November 30, 2024

Appointment of Geoff Manis to the Keep Moline Beautiful Commission for a full 3-year term, expiring November 30, 2024

Reappointment of Kristen Bergren to the Keep Moline Beautiful Commission for a full 3-year term, expiring November 30, 2023

Presentation

Neighborhood Partnership Committee’s Neighbor of the Month Award. Mayor Rayapati and K.J. Whitley, Community Development Program Manager, presented the awards to:

- Commercial, presented to Dean and Sarah Wright of Wright Cycles LLC, 2018 16th Street.
- Residential, presented to Alberto Garcia, 112 16th Avenue.

Public Art & Placemaking Plan, Policy and NEA “Our Town” Grant. Alexandra Elias, Renew Moline, shared that an ordinance is being drafted that will give legal effect to the City’s Public Art and Placemaking Plan (“*Plan*”) and to the Plan’s provisions. The ordinance will, among other things, adopt the Plan, create a Public Art Commission, and establish requirements for City and private public art investments in Moline’s downtown area, as defined in the Plan. Policy direction from the Mayor and City Council is being sought, with recommendations throughout the presentation. Elias and Josh Lapp, Designing Local, provided a high-level overview of the Plan and presented policy issues (attached). There was discussion. Consensus of Council was approval of the Plan and policies as presented. Elias indicated that authority to apply for a National Endowment for the Arts “Our Town” grant is also sought. Alderman Moyer, seconded by Alderman Timion, moved to authorize Renew Moline to proceed with the application process. Motion passed unanimously. Elias introduced Speigal Building mural artist Brandon Nees, who addressed the Council.

Questions on the Agenda

Agenda Items

1. A Special Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest to an Amendment to the Development and Economic Incentive Agreement between the City of Moline and Illinois Domus, LLC, for the development project and to execute any necessary agreements referenced therein, and authorizing all appropriate City officers and staff to do all things necessary to complete each of the City’s responsibilities pursuant to said Agreement. The City approved a Development Agreement on July 10, 2018, which set forth the general terms between the parties in furtherance of the Sixth Avenue Townhomes Project for the redevelopment of properties located at 1300 6th Avenue, 1308 6th Avenue, 1312 6th Avenue, 1318 6th Avenue and 1326 6th Avenue. The Developer asserts that unknown and unforeseen site conditions concerning subsurface soils and materials, sewer locations, and the scope of streetscape improvements and other public improvement costs were materially different from those conditions contemplated by Sections I and II of the Agreement, and therefore, the City should bear the cost of those changed conditions. After discussions, the Design Build Management Team (DBMT) and the Project Management Team (PMT) agreed to resolve all such claims for all material changes once and for all by amending Section I. D. to recognize additional Public Improvement Costs of \$109,174, thereby revising the total of the Public Improvement Costs eligible for payment to \$137,134, and thereby increasing the Maximum Amount of Property Tax Rebate/Reimbursement by \$109,174. DBMT considered the proposed amendment on March 26, 2021, and PMT voted on April 13, 2021, to recommend that City Council approve the Proposed Second Amendment. A motion was made by Alderman Waldron to approve. Seconded by Alderman Schmidt. Developer Jim Thompson addressed the Council. Motion passed unanimously.

2. A Resolution declaring the City of Moline’s support for and endorsement of the Quad Cities Chamber application to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for the Community Navigator Pilot Program. The Quad Cities Chamber (Chamber) has spent the last two weeks exploring this \$2.5M opportunity with potential partners and has agreed to submit a game-changing proposal for our region. This grant requires one organization to serve as the “Hub” and a minimum of six organizations to serve as the “Spokes”. Over 15 potential partners have been identified to be part of this grant to best serve the businesses throughout our eight-county region. The Quad Cities Chamber will serve as the “Hub” and many organizations will conduct outreach to a target audience and then follow up with connections to technical assistance resources like SBDC, SCORE, IMEC, CIRAS, Forward, etc. The Chamber is moving fast as the deadline for the federal grant application is July 23, 2021, with work beginning September 1, 2021. Applicants must submit one or more resolutions or letters that demonstrate

that the application is supported by one or more States or political subdivisions of States (e.g., counties, municipalities) that encompass all or a substantial portion of the communities served by this project. The Chamber is asking each city to pass a resolution of support of this request. Staff seeks approval of a resolution of support for the Quad Cities Chamber Community Navigators Grant from City Council. A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt to approve. Seconded by Alderman Moyer. Motion passed with Alderman Macias abstaining as a member of the Quad Cities Chamber.

3. A Special Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Quit Claim Deed conveying six (6) parcels described in Exhibit A, attached hereto, to West Gateway Partners, LLC, (“West Gateway”) for the West Gateway and Mercado on Fifth development, generally located at or near the intersection of 4th Avenue and 12th Street, Moline, Illinois. As authorized by Special Ordinance No. 4051-2018, the City, West Gateway and Community Health Care, Inc. (“CHC”) entered into an Agreement to Terminate the Development Agreement in September 2018 that provided for the City to receive all of the funding it was entitled to under the Development Agreement, which have been received. In order to complete and conclude the City’s obligations under the Development Agreement, after receiving all payment, and to facilitate the completion of the Project, those certain public alleys and right-of-ways vacated by the City would be conveyed by the City to West Gateway. When this agreement was executed, the City should have conveyed the deeds to the right-of-way, which it failed to do. A motion was made by Alderman Waldron to approve. Seconded by Alderman Williams. Discussion had. Motion passed unanimously.

4. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4, “ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR,” of the Moline Code of Ordinances. Margaret Kostopulos, Corporation Counsel, proposed that the Code be amended to provide an option for restaurant and tavern licensees (Class A, AA, and Class B) to sell and deliver to-go cocktails, mixed drinks, and single-servings of wine until 10 p.m., under the conditions provided in local ordinances and state law; and allow package retailers (Class C, Class CC, Class CCC) to make sales on Sundays, beginning at 6:00 a.m. A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt to approve. Seconded by Alderman Moyer. There was discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. An Ordinance amending Chapter 2, “ADMINISTRATION,” Article IV, Division 7, of the Moline Code of Code of Ordinances regarding the Human Rights Commission. Margaret Kostopulos, Corporation Counsel, stated that Moline’s Human Rights Commission has been inactive for several years. It remains an untapped resource to help fulfill the mission of the City to be welcoming and inclusive to all who enter the City’s borders and to take a stand against discrimination of any sort. Kostopulos proposed that the City establish a fixed number of seven Commission members with staggered 2-year terms. Kostopulos recommended a tiered reactivation approach, beginning with educating about individual rights and adding other functions. A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt to approve. Seconded by Alderman Moyer. There was discussion. The Commission would be engaged and its actions proactive. Mayor expressed support of the recommended approach. Motion passed unanimously.

6. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Moline and County of Rock Island setting forth the terms for submitting a joint application for funding and submission of the subsequent grant application currently available through the U.S. Department of Justice 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. The Moline Police Department has received the JAG grant for the past 10+ years. The City of Moline has been allocated \$17,856 for fiscal year 2021 of which the County of Rock Island is entitled to 10% as a disparate jurisdiction. The funds for this grant must be utilized for criminal justice purposes. Moline will utilize its portion of \$16,070.40 for its Less Lethal Weapon Deployment Project and reserve 3% (\$482.11) for NIBRS compliance per the grant requirement. Serving as fiscal agent, upon receipt of grant funds, Moline will pay Rock Island the sum of \$1,785.60 for their portion of which 3% (\$53.58) will be reserved for NIBRS compliance. A motion was made by Alderman Waldron to approve. Seconded by Alderman Timion. Motion passed unanimously.

7. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest to a professional services agreement with Crawford, Murphy and Tilly, Inc., for design of North Slope Wastewater Treatment Plant biosolids dewatering and conveyance equipment installation, in the amount of \$155,000. Recent comprehensive improvements at North Slope excluded dewatering equipment in an attempt to gain additional years of service from existing belt filter press equipment. This equipment is now at the end of its life, and a recent study has determined screw presses to be the most efficient and effective equipment available. A motion was made by Alderman O'Brien to approve. Seconded by Alderman Moyer. Discussion had. Motion passed unanimously.

8. A Resolution authorizing approval of Change Order No. 1 with Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities, Inc., for Project #1353, 2021 Patching Program for the amount of \$451,853.41. Staff had directed the patching program contractor to facilitate additional work in Molette and to work with Iowa Interstate Railroad (IAIS) to complete the 34th Street railroad pavement patching. Change Order No. 1 reflects the following additional work: Pavement Removal, Aggregate, and Fabric in Molette, \$104,155.49; Asphalt overlay in Molette, \$84,697.92; Railroad pavement patching, \$43,000.00; and funding for additional patching requests \$220,000.00. Change Order No. 1 is necessary in order to pay the contractor and reflects the difference between the estimated bid quantities and includes the additional work in Molette, railroad pavement patching, and additional patching. A motion was made by Alderman Waldron to approve. Seconded by Alderman Moyer. Motion passed unanimously.

9. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute three surrounding property owners consent forms granting the City's consent for a Class A liquor license to be issued for 1209 4th Avenue, Suite 2, Moline, Illinois. Sweet Arnie's Barbecue Restaurant, wishes to apply for a Class A liquor license for a restaurant to be located at 2900 River Drive, Suite A, Moline. Pursuant to Section 4-3202(a) of the Moline Code of Ordinances, no liquor license of any class, except a special event license, shall be issued unless consents from a majority of the surrounding property owners are obtained. This surrounding area includes property owners within a 150-foot radius from the center of the front of the premises, and, if the property abuts a residentially zoned parcel or parcels, the consent of the majority of the residential property owners within a 500-foot radius from the building for which the license is sought. The applicant will be leasing the property owned by Vast Properties, LLC. Of the two surrounding properties identified, Vast Properties, LLC owns one (parcel 089473), and the City owns the other (parcel 083807-4). Because consent of a majority of surrounding property owners is required for licensing, the applicant will need consent of the City for the license to issue. A motion was made by Alderman Timion to approve. Seconded by Alderman Moyer. There was discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Informational

Bond Refinance. Carol Barnes, Finance Director, recommended an opportunity to refinance two of the City's existing bond issues in TIF #2 and TIF #6, for a combined total projected savings to the City of \$374,733.56. Barnes projects a \$258,627.53 savings for TIF #2; and a \$116,106.03 savings for TIF #6. Due to favorable interest rates in the current market and upcoming call dates on the Series 2012A and 2012B Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, the City has the opportunity to borrow funds to refund and redeem the City's existing Bonds. The final term of both refundings will remain the same at November 1, 2031. Due to the smaller size and shorter term of the issue, private placement with a banking institution is recommended. With a private placement, issuance costs are reduced, since no official statement or credit rating review is required. Both of the Taxable General Obligation Refunding bonds, Series 2021A and 2021B, will be issued pursuant to the home rule powers of the City, and the bond proceeds will be used to refund the outstanding portion of the City's existing Bonds and to pay all costs of issuing the bonds. Should Council decide to move forward with the refundings, staff will prepare a Preliminary Term Sheet and the 1st reading of an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A and 2021B, for the July 27th Meeting. A bid opening on the bonds will be scheduled for the morning of August 10, with Council's approval of the second

reading of the Ordinance that night (complete with final numbers and a purchaser, assuming the bids are satisfactory). The delivery and closing date will be targeted for September 2, 2021. The attached illustrative savings assumes a true interest cost of approximately 1.89% for both issues. The total projected savings of \$374,733.56 is net of all issuance costs. Barnes noted that Stephens Park lies within both TIFs. Alderman Waldron, seconded by Alderman Williams, moved to approve Barnes' recommendation as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Workforce Infrastructure Enhancements. Mayor Sangeetha Rayapati proposed that the City of Moline develop a loan or grant program to distribute, at minimum, a total of \$200,000 of American Rescue Plan dollars to: 1) encourage new childcare and early education center development, as well as early education workforce development to increase available vacancies; and 2) enhance existing centers and FCCs, so they can provide more child care vacancies or change their hours to increase options for second shift, third shift and weekend coverage. Should Council include such a program in its ARPA disbursement priorities, staff does have the capacity to guide the application process, distribute the dollars to worthy applicants and track expenditures per ARPA guidelines. Mayor stated that she is not requesting action this evening; however, she does ask that it be considered along with other projects and initiatives received for ARPA funding (presentation attached). There was discussion. Mayor Rayapati will investigate both a potential City and regional program.

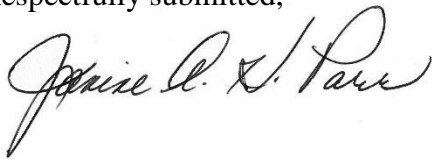
Public Comment

Barbara Sandberg, 534 26th Avenue, stated that much has been invested in the downtown and much has been accomplished. She applauded the façade committee and stated that she hopes to see appropriate art in the downtown. She asked that someone with an historic background be placed on the Public Art Commission.

View recorded meetings at <http://www.moline.il.us/CivicMedia?CID=9>

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janine A. H. Parr
City Clerk

Workforce Infrastructure Enhancements

July 20, 2021

To: Moline City Council
From: Sangeetha Rayapati, Mayor

As we get closer to valuable conversation about how we will spend our American Rescue Plan dollars, I want to present you with some situational awareness and a potential solution. I recognize that you will be the final arbiters of all expenditures so it is in my role as a conduit for connecting situations with solutions that I bring this information to you today.

17 years ago, my husband and I desperately looked for child care for our first child so we could do our jobs. Family was half a country and multiple states away, and not an option. We went to a center first, but sought an alternative in in-home family care by the time she was six months old. We cobbled together part-time care with my husband's part-time work at the time. We consider ourselves lucky to have found something we could work with. The situation today for many working parents is not so seamless. Imagine what our nurses, firefighters, and police have encountered when seeking child care around their shift work, let alone during the pandemic. Our hospitality workers also have a difficult time finding care for the flexible hours they need in their profession.ⁱ In addition to these workers our families of color have experienced child care displacement, as we know death and illness due to COVID-19 affected them at higher rates and many families who depended on their grandparents, aunts, uncles and neighbors for childcare could no longer access them. Center for American Progress predicted in 2020, that black and Hispanic families would be hit the hardest due to family inability to pay and that centers in low-income neighborhoods would go unstaffed.ⁱⁱ We have seen this bear out in our own community. The Esperanza Center child care permanently closed because of the pandemic. We have clear examples of how this pandemic has impacted our workforce in crucial ways exacerbating any pre-existing child-care crisis,ⁱⁱⁱ shuttering child care centers and forcing families to make difficult decisions about staying in the workforce or being home to take care of children.

According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, our labor force in the QCA (Davenport-Moline-Rock Island) has been reduced to 182,424 in April of 2021 from 184,575 in April 2020, the height of shift in the labor force. Just one month prior, in March of 2020, the labor force was 188,685.^{iv} That's a 6,261 person drop in just 13 months. We also know of the difficulty businesses are having filling their open job postings. All this is to say that we need our labor force to grow and our Moline parents to be able to have quality care and early childhood education for their kids. This reality is reiterated by business organizations that note that the future of work includes consideration for workforce infrastructure components such as high quality options for and unimpeded access to child care and early childhood education.^v Workforce infrastructure such as child care and early education make it possible for our citizens to find work, maintain work, or improve the work they are doing. Without such infrastructure we remain vulnerable to decreased revenues.

Nationally, \$64.5 billion dollars per year has been lost in wages and economic activity. Research has shown, much of this loss has been because mothers left the workforce in droves, and when just 1% of moms leave the workforce, \$8.7 billion dollars are lost in wages.^{vi} According to Ready Nation, a national bi-partisan non-profit, along with the Center for American Progress and ZERO TO THREE, Illinois has seen

a loss of \$2.4 billion as the cost of the child care crisis.^{vii} It's easy to see then, that child care is a public good and essential to sustaining our economic recovery.

To bring the spotlight more locally, a Fall 2020 University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign study revealed:

- 83% of working mothers (in Illinois) experienced child care, school or summer camp closures.
- 40% of working mothers lost jobs or were working fewer hours.
- Of those who continued working 52% were essential or frontline workers, half of whom were women of color.
- 60% of working parents in Illinois have no outside help caring for their children.
- 13% of working parents had to resign or reduce work hours due to lack of child care.
- 58% of women in IL earned less when child care centers closed.

Working moms in particular, compensated for this by delaying rent or mortgage payments, spending less, delaying medical care, increasing credit card debt, or pulling from retirement and savings. The recommendation from this particular study, is that to improve labor force participation and boost earnings we must expand access to quality, safe and affordable childcare.^{viii}

The vacancy situation around town is strained. Right now we have ZERO care providers for infants in licensed centers in Moline^{ix} and only 13 vacancies in FCCs (Family Care Centers). We also have zero care providers for children with disabilities/special needs aged 12-18.^x This is a more difficult challenge to meet but represents a need nonetheless. Child care for infants and toddlers is particularly inaccessible and unaffordable for families. We have 1 center that offers 2nd/3rd shift and weekend hour and some FCCs that do the same, but not enough.

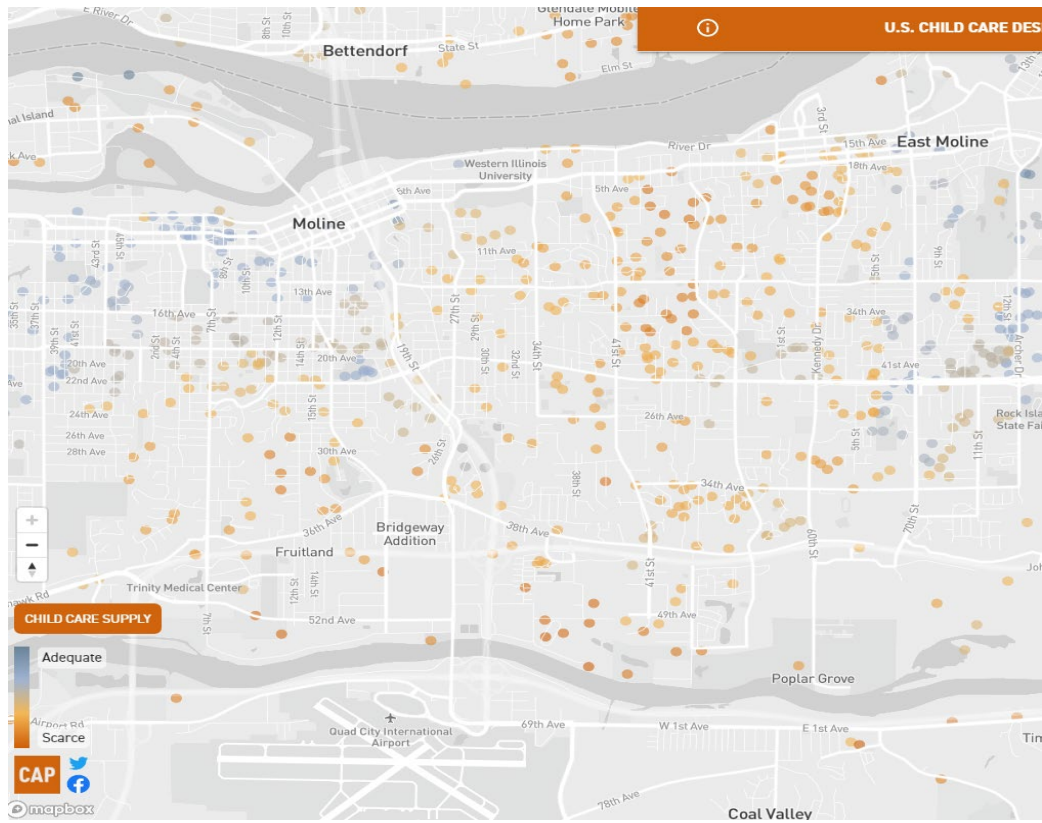
Child Age	Vacancies- FCC	Vacancies- Centers	Total Capacity
Infants	13	0	90
Toddler	13	6	123
2 yo	17	7	146
3 and 4yo	17	46	341
Pre-school	16	20	179
School-aged	15	2	82

In addition to our current data on available slots, in 2018, SAL Family and Community services in partnership with the United Way conducted a study on quality child-care need in the Quad Cities. Based on predictions by the Center for American Progress, as well as research done in similar, diverse, communities, the problem has only grown since that time.

-in 2018 Rock Island County was short approximately 7000 licensed childcare slots for children ages 0-5 based on number of children in that age-group and number of licensed child-care slots. While some children have family-based childcare slots, that is not guaranteed and coronavirus has disrupted that option for many families.

-of children accounted for ages 0-5 in Rock Island County, approximately 51% of them were living in poverty which means we don't only need more childcare slots but we need them to be financially and geographically accessible.^{xi}

It's also helpful to take a look at geographic information about where we have child care deserts right now in Moline. A child care desert is defined as any census tract with more than 50 children under age 5 that contains either no child care providers or so few options that there are more than three times as many children as licensed child care slots.^{xii} More simply, the Center for American Progress' working definition of child care deserts is areas with an insufficient supply of licensed child care.^{xiii} It is clear in the picture below, that our scarcest supply of child care is between Ave. of the Cities and Rt 92 between 41st and 53rd Streets, as well as parts of the 2nd ward and the area behind Walmart.



A snapshot of requested referrals in Rock Island County by Age Group (1/1/21-7/12/21) (with a large number from Moline) in the last 6.5 months reveals that requests for 1-4 year old care is outpacing the availability of that care (see previous chart):^{xiv}

Under Age 1	Age 1 – 2	Age 3 & 4	Age 5	Age 6 – 8	Age 9 +	Total
8	25	27	10	23	11	104

Families are requesting FCC and Center care in approximately equal numbers with a mix of first and second shift requests and some second to third shift requests.^{xv} Imagine if we could offer more second and third, and weekend shift or variable hours child care so that essential workers, many of whom are shift workers, could get back to work confidently. Could we move our labor force numbers in a positive direction?

Finally, consideration should be given to the fact that one third (28.2%) of our population aged 25+ has a bachelor’s degree or higher.^{xvi} Certainly there are good paying jobs available without a bachelor’s degree, but this fact means there is the potential for childcare costs to outpace income, which aligns with research, on women in particular, that shows that child care costs of greater than \$500/month means a woman is 10% less likely to still be employed.^{xvii}

The affordability factor is not one to be ignored, but I will leave those solutions up to state and federal programs or future discussions. Regardless of affordability, we must have enough space in our child care centers or family care centers (FCC), and enough second, third or weekend shift options, or we’re not adequately addressing this problem.

Solutions

I propose that the City of Moline develop a loan or grant program to distribute at minimum, a total of \$200,000 of American Rescue Plan dollars to encourage:

1. New childcare and early education center development as well as early education workforce development to increase available vacancies.
2. Enhance existing centers and FCCs so they can provide more child care vacancies or change their hours to increase our options for second shift, third shift, and weekend coverage.

\$200,000+ could be allocated in varying amounts to those who apply to a program constructed in the same manner as our micro-business loan program with extra points for providing second shift, third shift, and/or weekend hours and additionally, extra points for starting a care center. Groups A, B, and C represent home providers (FCC) that can operate up to 18 hours a day 7 days a week per IL law. These funds could be used for start-up costs or program supplies (see list below)

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E
Licensed for 8 children (age 0-12)	Licensed for 12 children with an assistant (age 0-12)	Licensed for 16 children with 2 assistants (age 0-12)	Licensed center	License-exempt center
4 up to \$5,000	4 up to \$10,000	4 up to \$15,000	2 to 3 of varied amounts up to \$50,000	1 to 2 of varied amount up to \$30,000

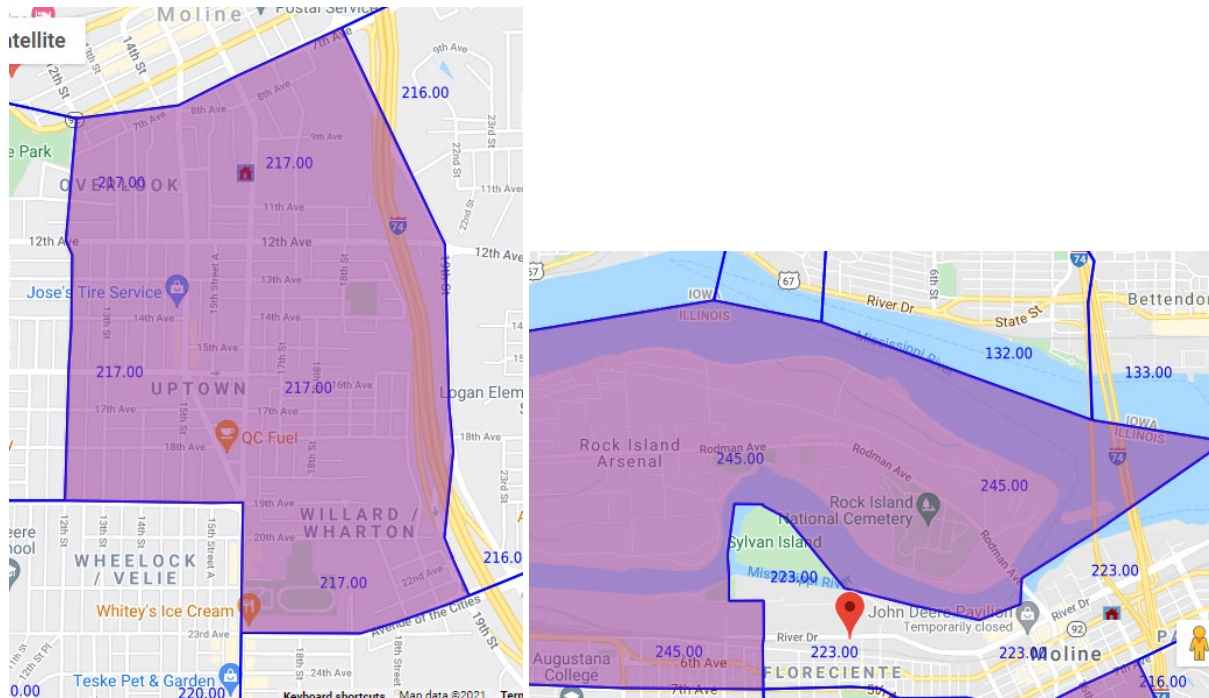
Startup costs could include:
*(*this list is not exclusive)*

- Advertising for staff
- Marketing items to promote business: logo, business cards, flyers, website, Facebook page etc.....
- Accountant taxes and payroll
- Legal services for personal parent contract and ongoing legal needs
- Join affiliations: *National Association for Family Child Care, National Association for the Education of Young Children*
- Outdoor signage
- Business insurance
- Business vehicle insurance if transporting children at any time
- Office equipment: computer, printer, business phone, scanner, fax etc.....
- Renovations if needed, by DCFS or Fire Marshal, egress window, fire proof doors, 2nd exit, fencing in yard, add hand washing and or bathroom, adding soft covering around fire places, walls around furnace and or water heater etc.....
- New construction
- Radon testing, possible mitigation
- Water testing for lead
- Paint testing for lead
- CPR and First Aid certificates for all staff
- Initial DCFS training requirements for all staff
- Physicals, TB and shot record for all staff
- Fire extinguishers, fire alarms (possible hard wired), radon detectors
- First Aid Supplies

Program supplies: pack and play, cribs, cots, blankets, sheets, shelving units, children’s cubbies, changing table, tables and chairs of all sizes, play kitchen, sand and water table, small high chairs, mats or soft carpet for infants and toddlers for inside and outside, outside equipment for all ages, infant toys, toddler toys, preschool toys, school age toys/games, cleaning supplies, paper supplies, art supplies for all ages, dishes, silver ware, bottles, cups, food supplies, increased water, electric, gas and garbage bills.

Guidance and Results

Should council include the creation of such a program in its ARPA disbursement priorities, staff DOES HAVE the capacity to guide the application process, distribute the dollars to worthy applicants, and track expenditures per ARPA guidelines. These expenditures ARE permissible uses under the ARPA guidelines relating to addressing negative impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries and the public sector, and under assistance to qualified census tracts of which Moline has one.^{xviii} Tract 217.00 includes small portions of the 2nd and 4th ward and a larger portion of the 3rd ward. Tract 245.00 included here, shows portions of the Rock Island Arsenal which are served by Moline-Coal Valley schools and corresponds to child care desert data.



When it comes to judging the merits of such a program against our Strategic Plan (albeit not finalized yet), this program relates heavily to Pillar #3- The Economy as well as Pillar #5- Infrastructure. In some ways, it also references Pillar#4- Quality of Place, because any community that can offer high quality benefits to their residents that meet essential needs is a quality community, where working families want to live. In taking any steps toward improving workforce infrastructure we are also living out our core values of Collaboration and Resiliency.

In closing, I want to make clear that I am not requesting action on this idea tonight. I request that you place this information alongside the requests we have already received and when our opportunities for decision-making on ARPA dollars arise, you consider this a worthy expenditure. Should you have further questions I welcome a meeting or email exchange.^{xix}

ⁱ Lindsay Meeker, Western Illinois Learning Lab

ⁱⁱ Kantamneni, N. (2020). The impact of COVID-19 on marginalized populations in the United States: A research agenda. *Journal of Vocational Behavior*, 119. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jvb.2020.103439>

ⁱⁱⁱ "Raising our Future: America's Child Care Dilemma." PBS Newshour toolkit, National Collaborative for Infants and Toddlers, 2021.

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- ^{xii} <https://childcaresdeserts.org/2018/>
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- ^{xv} *Ibid.*
- ^{xvi} www.census.gov/quickfacts/molinecityillinois
- ^{xvii} “Stronger workforce infrastructure is vital to our recovery”, Frank Manoz IV. www.chicagobusiness.com, June 14 2021. (Illinois Economic Policy Institute)
- ^{xviii} Adam B. Simon and Margaret Kostopulos, Ancel Glink memo, June 18 2021
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