

# Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

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- PRESENT:** Mayor Sangeetha Rayapati (*Chair*)  
Alderman Scott Williams (*Ward 1*)  
Alderman Alvaro Macias (*Ward 2*)  
Alderman Mike Wendt (*Ward 3*)  
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:** None.
- STAFF:** Bob Vitas, City Administrator  
Janine Hollembaek Parr, City Clerk  
Joe Kuhlenbeck, Interim Public Works Director - *electronically*  
Michael Schenk, Interim Director of Public Works  
Leah Miller, Human Resources Director  
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  
Tony Loete, Director of Utilities  
K.J. Whitley, Community Development Program Manager  
Tory Brecht, Communications Coordinator  
Geoff Manis, Moline Centre Main Street Manager
- OTHERS:** Margaret Kostopulos, Corporation Counsel  
Mark Stevens, Resident  
Trisha Polfliet, Resident  
Rosalie Atkins, Business Owner  
Rebecca Atkins, Business Owner  
Jim Garbett, Resident  
Connie Cornmesser, Resident  
Susie McAfoos, Business Owner

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

## **Public Comment**

Trisha Polfliet, 510 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, stated that the fence at Karstens Park was a safeguard for children playing there and its removal poses a threat.

Mark Stevens, 510 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, stated that now that the Karstens Park fence is gone, he is concerned that children are playing closer to traffic and are therefore at risk of being hit by fast-moving traffic.

Connie Cornmesser, 1417 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, explained that the state agreed to take a smaller cut of gaming revenue in exchange for increasing the number of gaming machines allowed per establishment from five to six. The City is considering an increased per terminal fee and under the new bill on the Governor's desk, will be required that the fee be equally shared by terminal owners and operators (business owners).

Jim Garbett, 2214 7<sup>th</sup> Street, restated his concern that, since removal of the fence, children playing at Karstens Park are at greater risk of being hit by traffic.

Bridget, resident, explained that the sticker fee per gaming machine will be split between the terminal owners and the operators. She wanted to be sure Council understood this.

### **Questions on the Agenda**

There were no questions.

### **Agenda Items**

**1. 2022 Annual Meetings Calendar.** Staff provided three alternative calendars for Council's consideration. Council chose to consider Alternative 2. A motion was made by Alderman Wendt to approve. Seconded by Alderman Timion. Discussion had. Alderman Wendt, seconded by Alderman Moyer, moved to amend to add meetings and work sessions to the proposed calendar: add a regular meeting on February 1, changing February 8 to a work session and February 15 to a regular meeting; add a regular meeting on May 24; change July 12 to a regular meeting and July 19 to a work session, add a regular meeting on July 26; change September 13 to a regular meeting and add September 20 as a work session; no meeting on November 8; change December 13 to a work session and add December 20 as a regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously. There was discussion. The amended motion passed unanimously. Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, moved to hold the all-day budget work session on Saturday, October 22, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

**2. Amending Chapter 4, "ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR," of the Moline Code of Ordinances – Video Gaming.** Based on discussions with Council, and concerns expressed by business owners, staff prepared a proposed code amendment to increase the number of gaming terminals from five to six to match the maximum allowed by State law, to allow for discretionary approval of additional gaming licenses to Class B liquor license holders (taverns), to clarify the definition of principal (as opposed to incidental) business in the Code to better classify businesses into the appropriate liquor license categories, increase the terminal operator fee from \$1,200 to \$1,800 per video gaming terminal and allow for a credit against local food and beverage taxes to entities liable for more than \$50.00 per terminal fee. A motion was made by Alderman Wendt to approve. Seconded by Alderman Moyer. There was discussion. Alderman Wendt moved to define principal business as 40 percent of revenue must be from food for restaurants and of alcoholic liquor for taverns. Seconded by Alderman Waldron. Alderman Waldron moved to amend to include Class D and G. Seconded by Alderman Wendt. Discussion had. Alderman O'Brien expressed concern that enforcement may be difficult. Motion failed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Wendt, Moyer, Waldron and Schmidt; nays: Alderman Timion, O'Brien, Williams, Macias and Mayor Rayapati. There was discussion. Alderman Timion, seconded by Alderman Macias, moved to amend to adjust the revenue requirement to 10 percent. Motion withdrawn with unanimous consent. Alderman Timion, seconded by Alderman Macias, moved to amend to adjust the revenue requirement to 20 percent of food for restaurants and 10 percent of food and alcoholic liquor for taverns. Discussion had. Alderman Waldron rejected a low percentage, with Aldermen Wendt and O'Brien in agreement. Aldermen Macias and Williams stated support to aid Moline businesses. Alderman Wendt shared that setting a low threshold is objectionable to residents and will result in more establishments operating as Class K gaming parlors. Alderman Schmidt stated that this is an attempt to apply a blunt instrument to an extremely nuanced policy decision. A low threshold will eliminate outliers and support businesses. Mayor Rayapati stated that this is not a black and white choice. Discussion had. Alderman O'Brien moved to call the question. Seconded by Alderman Timion. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: Aldermen Timion, Moyer, O'Brien, Waldron, Schmidt, Williams and Macias; nays: Alderman Wendt. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Alderman Timion, Schmidt, Williams, Macias and Mayor Rayapati; nays: Aldermen Wendt, Moyer, O'Brien and Waldron. Alderman Moyer, seconded by Alderman Timion, moved to amend and apply a revenue requirement of 20 percent of food and alcoholic liquor to Classes D and G. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Timion, Moyer, Schmidt,

Williams and Macias; nays: Aldermen Wendt, O'Brien, and Waldron. There was discussion. The amended motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Timion, Schmidt, Williams, Macias and Mayor Rayapati; nays: Aldermen Wendt, Moyer, O'Brien and Waldron. Alderman Schmidt made a motion to strike all amendments from Section 4-3315 (9.5) and (14.5) of the amended ordinance (all discussion of percent of revenue). Seconded by Alderman Wendt. There was discussion. Margaret Kostopulos, Corporation Counsel, indicated that striking the amendment to Section 4, returns to the original language and would still allow for enforcement, but without specific definition. Therefore, Council could still consider non-renewal or allow for more flexible standards. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Wendt, Waldron, Schmidt, Williams and Mayor Rayapati; nays: Aldermen Timion, Moyer, O'Brien and Macias. Alderman Wendt moved that in the event that the Mayor chooses not to raise the cap, this would still be reported to Council and would require 6 affirmative votes to raise the cap. Seconded by Alderman Timion. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Wendt, Timion, Moyer, Schmidt, Williams, and Macias; nays: Aldermen O'Brien and Waldron. Discussion had. Alderman Wendt stated that tax credits may offer relief to local terminal operators when state legislation passes requiring that fees be split between terminal owners and local operators. Alderman Wendt, seconded by Alderman Williams, moved that established businesses may receive a tax credit toward the terminal fee for past payments of alcoholic liquor and prepared food tax, as well as all sales tax. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Wendt, Timion, Moyer, O'Brien, Schmidt, Williams and Macias; nays: Alderman Waldron. Alderman Wendt, seconded by Alderman Moyer, moved to provide a rebate to new businesses equal to their portion of any terminal fee over \$50. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Alderman Wendt, Timion, Moyer, Schmidt, Williams, Macias; nays: Aldermen O'Brien and Waldron. Alderman Wendt made a motion to increase the terminal fee to \$3,000, which will result in a slight increase in revenue to the City. Motion was not considered for lack of second. Alderman Moyer moved to amend Section 4-3315 to keep the maximum number of terminals allowable for Class K establishments at 5. Seconded by Alderman Wendt. Motion failed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Wendt, Moyer, O'Brien and Waldron; nays: Aldermen Timion, Schmidt, Williams, Macias and Mayor Rayapati. Margaret Kostopulos, Corporation Counsel, indicated that the City may not prohibit the use of the word "slots" in business signage. The original ordinance, as amended, passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Wendt, Timion, Schmidt, Williams and Macias; nays: Aldermen Moyer, O'Brien and Waldron.

**3. Illinois Domus Assignment of Development Agreement.** Illinois Domus' construction lender, Great Southern Bank, is asking the City to enter into the proposed Agreement and Acknowledgement of Assignment of Development Agreement. This Agreement will make Great Southern a direct beneficiary under the terms of the Development Agreement. Illinois Domus entered into that certain Development Agreement with the City on August 28, 2018, as amended, for the redevelopment of the certain properties located at 1300-1326 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The redevelopment consists of clearing existing improvements, including a former City-owned parking garage, and redevelopment with 22 townhome units, together with associated private and public improvements. As part of Illinois Domus' development financing, Great Southern Bank is providing a construction loan and has presented to the City with the attached Agreement and Acknowledgement of Assignment of Development Agreement. The Mayor and City Clerk are required to sign this document to bind the City and enable Illinois Domus to obtain its private market financing to commence and complete the redevelopment. A motion was made by Alderman O'Brien to approve. Seconded by Alderman Waldron. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. 2022 Non-Union GWI and Health Insurance.** Staff seeks approval from City Council to authorize the City Administrator to modify the non-union employee group benefit package to incorporate changes relating to wages and health insurance premiums as outlined and included in the 2022 budget. Although budgeted, there has not been formal approval by City Council for the GWI or merit increase for the non-union employee group for 2022 or establishing the health insurance premiums for the non-union employee group for 2022. The non-union employee group has historically received the same compensation increases and paid the same health insurance premiums as the AFSCME employee group. This non-union employee group benefit package mirrors that which is part of the AFSCME labor agreement for 2022 and which has been included in the 2022 budget. A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt to approve. Seconded by Alderman Wendt. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Inteconnex Agreement for Secure Access Control System Replacement.** Staff is seeking approval of a sole source agreement with Inteconnex for replacement of the antiquated secure access system of the Moline Police Department. The Police Department's current secure access system, purchased in 2007, is antiquated and no longer functioning properly. Over the past two years, the functionality of the system has continued to decline, with replacement parts no longer available. City staff recommend purchasing a new system via sole source agreement with Inteconnex. Inteconnex is the vendor for the city-wide camera system which would fully integrate with the secure access system proposed. The proposal was received March 2, 2021, in the amount of \$52,062.44; however, given inflation, it is expected that the final cost will be slightly higher. City staff are currently awaiting an updated quote; however, due to the extensive lead time of approximately 6 months to receive the equipment, staff feel it is imperative for Council to consider and authorize the purchase with the expenditure not to exceed \$56,650, as budgeted. A motion was made by Alderman Wendt to approve. Seconded by Alderman Williams. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. Cab and Chassis Purchase from Bonnell Industries.** Staff is seeking approval for the purchase of a new cab and chassis to replace Unit #807, a 1998 International truck that has been due for replacement for several years and is budgeted for replacement in 2022. The complete cab and chassis with upfitting through Bonnell Industries is available on Sourcewell joint purchase contract #080818-BNL. This unit will be built identically to the truck that was ordered to be used at North Slope. A motion was made by Alderman O'Brien to approve. Seconded by Alderman Waldron. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. Swaploader Hoist Purchase from Swaploader U.S.A.** Staff is seeking approval for the purchase of a hooklift hoist and accessories for Unit #806 from Swaploader U.S.A., Ltd. for the amount of \$36,566.90. The Utilities Department would like to change their current sludge hauling operation and that will require a change in the equipment that is being used. The truck being ordered to replace unit #807 was budgeted to be a dedicated dump truck for the current hauling operation. The Utilities Department would like to utilize roll-off dumpsters to haul sludge. By installing a hoist system, they will be able to quickly change from one roll-off to the next. This will duplicate this system that will be put into place at North Slope in 2022. While the truck was budgeted for, the hoist was not. Utilities has identified a funding source and will cover the cost of the hoist. Fleet will build the replacement cost into the vehicle replacement for this to have funding for the next purchase. The City is able to take advantage of dealer pricing and has a Swaploader exclusive fleet. A motion was made by Alderman O'Brien to approve. Seconded by Alderman Wendt. There was discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. Miller Trucking and Excavating Agreement for Snow Removal Services.** Staff seeks approval from City Council to accept a sole source Independent Contractor's Agreement with Miller Trucking and Excavating for snow removal services. In preparation to deploy the Snow and Ice Plan presented to the Moline Council on October 5, 2021, Municipal Services is requesting to sole source contract with Miller Trucking and Excavating for the purpose to fulfill a consistent number of snow plow drivers above and beyond that available within our authorized workforce. Municipal Services is requesting this action in an effort to increase efficiency and to provide a constant level of service in order to measure and analyze our plan for future consistency and to gain a better understanding of workforce needs. At its October 5, 2021, Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, the City Council approved moving forward with a hybrid approach to hire six additional employees and contract for six for the 2021-2022 snow season. The operational guidelines of our current Snow and Ice Plan are that the residential areas are cleared after Main and Hill Routes have been completed. This is typically 10 or more hours after the snow/ice event ends. A motion was made by Alderman O'Brien to approve. Seconded by Alderman Macias. Staff will notify Council if the cost approaches \$125,000. Motion passed unanimously.

**9. TIF #9 Water Main Project.** Staff seeks approval to purchase materials needed from Quad Cities Winwater Company for Construction Project #1376, Moline Route 6 (16") Water Main Crossing, in the amount of \$44,215.62. A water main extension under Route 6, east of Route 150, has been identified by Utilities Staff as a strategic water system expansion that has potential to advance City Council strategic goal 3.3 C to Maximize Water Plant Excess Capacity. Project #1376 falls within TIF 9 and qualifies as a TIF eligible expense. Staff is working to advance an engineering design and award a contract for construction, but in advance, recommends purchase of the materials needed for this construction directly from the supply house, rather than wait for the



contract to be awarded to do so. City purchasing policy requires purchases over \$15,000 to be conducted using competitive sealed bids. In interests of expediting the project, staff solicited quotes from local material supply houses, in lieu of sealed bids. Staff is recommending acceptance of the written quote in lieu of sealed bids from Quad Cities Winwater Company, who submitted the lowest complete quote. A motion was made by Alderman Wendt to approve. Seconded by Alderman Waldron. There was discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**10. 2022 Chemical Bids.** Staff seeks approval to participate in the Bi-State Regional Commission Joint Purchasing Council's 2022 Water Treatment Chemical program; and authorizing the Utilities Director to purchase treatment chemicals to be used by the Utilities Department for the calendar year 2022, and execution of the necessary contract documents for purchase of said treatment chemicals in the quantities needed. A motion was made by Alderman Waldron to approve. Seconded by Alderman Wendt. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Informational**

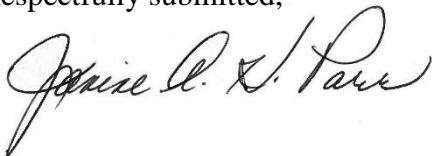
**Sesquicentennial Planning and Consulting.** Tory Brecht, Communications Coordinator, and Geoff Manis, Moline Centre Main Street Manager, explained that Moline will be celebrating its Sesquicentennial this August, which will include a multi-day celebration in and around downtown Moline. The Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee will work together to produce a successful 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration commemorating the foundation and incorporation of the City of Moline, recognizing and honoring its proud past, promoting the City today and looking to the future of the City. Special events and activities will be held downtown during a weeklong celebration and a commemoration ceremony will be held on August 29, 2022, to honor Moline. The weeklong celebration is proposed to include a mayoral luncheon, historic tours, street fests and an art ribbon ceremony. Council has budgeted \$150,000, of General Fund Reserves toward the Sesquicentennial Celebration, with the goal of being awarded an Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity matching grant to bring total funding for the celebration to \$300,000 or more. In order to best position Moline to be awarded the grant and to put on a first-class, memorable event resulting in increased revenue for local businesses hurt by the recent pandemic and subsequent economic downturn, it is staff's recommendation that a sole-source provider of festival and event consulting is necessary. In the Quad Cities region, Davenport-based Hive Event Consulting is a full-service firm with extensive experience working on large-scale festivals and events, particularly those that are public-private projects. Hive is the consultant behind Alternating Currents, Bix Street Fest and Red, White & Boom, as well as other events large and small. In addition, Hive has also submitted and been awarded multiple state grant awards to assist in funding public-private partnership festivals and events. All costs for Hive's services will be covered by the previously-approved \$150,000 budget for the Sesquicentennial. Prior to the awarding of the DCEO grant, Hive would be paid a consulting fee of \$175 per hour up to a total of \$5,000. After the grant is secured, a one-time flat consulting fee of 13.4% of the entire festival budget would be paid to Hive and an agreement will then be sent to Council for formal approval (e.g. \$20,100 for a \$150,000 event; \$40,200 for a \$300,000 event). Consensus of Council was support of the sole source consultant.

### **Public Comment**

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The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janine A. H. Parr, City Clerk