



# MOLINE COW/COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

6:00 PM

City Hall

Council Chambers - 2nd Floor

619 16th Street

Moline, IL 61265

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## Committee-of-the-Whole Call to Order

- PRESENT:** Mayor Sangeetha Rayapati (*Chair*) ~*electronically*  
Aldersperson Scott Williams (*Ward 1*)  
Aldersperson Alvaro Macias (*Ward 2*)  
Aldersperson Mike Wendt (*Ward 3*)  
Aldersperson Matt Timion (*Ward 4*)  
Aldersperson Sam Moyer (*Ward 5*)  
Aldersperson Mike Waldron (*Ward 7*)  
Aldersperson James Patrick Schmidt (*Aldersperson At-Large*)
- ABSENT:** Aldersperson Pat O'Brien (*Ward 6*)
- STAFF:** Bob Vitas, City Administrator  
Janine Hollembaek Parr, City Clerk  
Brandi Russell, Deputy City Clerk  
Carol Barnes, Finance Director  
Mike Doi, Director of Public Works  
David Dryer, Director of Engineering  
Barry Dykhuizen, Assistant City Administrator  
Darren Gault, Chief of Police  
Eric Griffith, Parks Recreation Director  
Ryan Hvitlök, Director of Community and Economic Development  
Bryon Lear, Library Director ~*electronically*  
Leah Miller, Human Resources Director  
Steve Regenwether, Fire Chief  
David Rowatt, Information Technology Manager  
K.J. Whitley, Community Development Program Manager ~*electronically*  
Briana Rumble, Police Officer
- OTHERS:** David Silverman, Corporation Counsel  
Grace Kinnecutt, Dispatch/Argus  
Nicole Moreno, NAWIC Quad Cities Chapter No. 50  
12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Residents

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

## Approval of Remote Electronic Attendance

Aldersperson Moyer, seconded by Aldersperson Wendt, moved to approve the remote electronic attendance of Mayor Sangeetha Rayapati. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Alderspersons Schmidt, Williams, Macias, Wendt, Timion, Moyer, and Waldron; nays: none.

**Oath of Office**

Oath of Office for regular commissioned appointment of Briana Rumble to the rank of Police Officer, effective February 6, 2023.

**Board Appointments**

Mayor's appointment of Franki Cunningham to the Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Sanjana Puri to expire May 31, 2024.

**Proclamation**

A Proclamation from NAWIC Quad Cities Chapter No. 50 to declare March 5-11, 2023, as "Women in Construction Week." Chapter 50 member Nicole Moreno addressed the Council.

**Public Comment**

Joseph Catlin, 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue resident, discussed the definition of neighborhoods and arterial roadways.

Kathy Trout, 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue resident, spoke to safety issues of biking lanes. She is a biker and would never use this bike lane because of the proximity of cars, traffic and speed is out of control.

Dean Mathias, QC Bike Club and Complete Streets Committee member, stated that staff is working to find a safe, continuous solution for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Chris Carothers, 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue resident, stated concern for pedestrian and bicycle safety along the Avenue.

Shelley Carothers, 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue resident, explained that safety is an issue on the Avenue. Cars come very close to pedestrians/residents and at high rates of speed.

Dick Potter, 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue resident, spoke in favor of the addition of a bike lane, and reminded everyone that streets are a place for all forms of transportation, including cars, bicycles, and pedestrians.

Maria Trigueros, 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue resident and a jogger, is concerned that the proposed bike lane is not safe.

Hector LaRoche, 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue resident, said as it is currently engineered, the area is unsafe. The sidewalks are too narrow and close to the street and private property. The street needs to be re-engineered for the children walking to school.

Charlie Parkhurst, 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue resident, stated that if the parking lane were removed, the buffer for residential property would be taken away. Parking on the street is needed for guests.

Dora Rose, 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue resident of 60 years, queried when a traffic count was last done in this area. She is concerned for safety on the Avenue and that the removal of on-street parking would diminish property value. Parking is needed for visitors and as a safety buffer from traffic.

Deb Gustafson, 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue resident, stated that on-street parking is needed along 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. As property owners and taxpayers, these residents should have on-street parking for their guests. She believes it would make it difficult to sell her home if on-street parking is not available.

Leroy Trout, 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue resident, stated that parking is needed along this area; traffic moves too fast. He shared pictures of parked cars along the avenue with the Council.

Mary Dean, 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue resident of 33 years, does not believe that a bike lane would be safe in this area because traffic moves too fast. Older family members cannot park a mile away and walk down the hill when visiting.

Jim Adamson emailed support of a bike lane in this area.

Bob Dean, resident, shared that removing parking in the area will make it impossible to live there.

**Questions on the Agenda**

Alderson Wendt requested that Council Bill 3006-2023 be pulled to the Non-Consent Agenda.

**COW Agenda Items**

**8.1 An Ordinance amending Chapter 20, “MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,” of the Moline Code of Ordinances, Appendix 10 thereof, “PARKING PROHIBITED AT ANY TIME,” by amending the following locations: Removing Twelfth Avenue, on both sides, between Nineteenth Street and Thirty-first Street; removing Twelfth Avenue, on both sides, from Thirty-third Street to a distance of 100 feet east of Thirty-fourth Street; removing Twelfth Avenue, on both sides, from Thirty-sixth Street Court to the East Moline border; and adding Twelfth Avenue, on both sides, between Nineteenth Street and the East Moline border.** Bob Vitas, City Administrator, thanked those who shared public comments this evening. David Dryer, Director of Engineering, discussed traffic studies and how data was collected, and reviewed five years of crash data. Dryer stated that the proposal is consistent with the city-wide bike plan. Forty-one marked parking spaces would be affected. A motion was made by Alderson Timion to approve. Seconded by Alderson Moyer. There was discussion. Buffer bollards were discussed. Members of the Council voiced both support and opposition. Alderson Wendt moved to eliminate parking on the north side, create three 9-foot lanes plus a 4.5-foot bike lane and allow parking on the south side. Motion was not considered for lack of second. Discussion continued. Alderson Wendt moved to table until staff brings back lane widths. Motion was not considered for lack of second. The original motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldersons Schmidt, Macias, Timion, Moyer and Waldron; nays: Aldersons Williams and Wendt.

**8.2 A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest to a contract with Sutphen Corporation of Dublin, Ohio, for the purchase of a custom chassis S9 fire pumper utilizing Sourcewell Contract, #022818-SUT, in the amount of \$847,336.48.** A motion was made by Alderson Moyer to approve. Seconded by Alderson Wendt. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldersons Schmidt, Williams, Macias, Wendt, Timion, Moyer, and Waldron; nays: none.

**8.3 A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest to a purchase agreement with Legacy Fire Apparatus of Shorewood, Illinois, for the purchase of one custom Fouts Bros Fouts 4 Initial Attack vehicle utilizing NPPGov Contract #PS20225 for the amount of \$339,890.73.** A motion was made by Alderson Moyer to approve. Seconded by Alderson Timion. There was discussion. Steve Regenwether, Fire Chief, stated that ladder size is the only difference in the trucks. Once a robust inspections program is integrated, with a dedicated team of inspectors, then a fleet truck would be available and the fire truck would not need to be used. Carol Barnes, Director of Finance, stated that the Fire Department is coming in under budget, so that unused funds could be directed to this purchase. That is the desire of the Council. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldersons Schmidt, Williams, Macias, Wendt, Timion, Moyer and Waldron; nays: none.

**8.4 A Resolution authorizing the Fleet and Facilities Manager to purchase an electric riding auto scrubber from Great Western Supply Co., in Davenport, Iowa, for the amount of \$20,277.89.** A motion was made by Alderson Moyer to approve. Seconded by Alderson Wendt. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldersons Schmidt, Williams, Macias, Wendt, Timion and Moyer; nays: Alderson Waldron.

**Informational**

Bass Street Landing Restroom Update. Eric Griffith, Director of Parks & Recreation shared options for a new restroom to be built/installed on Bass Street Landing. Legat Architects provided an estimated price of \$337,575 for a customizable stick-build restroom. There was discussion. Council directed staff to move forward with this option.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment of the Committee-of-the-Whole and Council Call to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Invocation**

None.

**Roll Call**

Roll call was taken with Mayor Rayapati, Alderpersons Williams, Macias, Wendt, Timion, Moyer, Waldron, and Schmidt present. Absent: Alderperson O'Brien.

**Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes**

Committee-of-the-Whole, Council and Executive Session minutes of February 7, 2023, and appointments made during Committee-of-the-Whole on February 21, 2023.

**Second Reading Ordinances**

**3005-2023 An Ordinance amending Chapter 35, "ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT," of the Moline Code of Ordinances, by enacting an amendment to the Zoning Map, incorporated therein as Section 35-3103 (7002 John Deere Parkway).**

**Resolutions**

**1032-2023 A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest to a contract with Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities, Inc. for Project #1412, 2023 Joint and Crack Sealing Program, for an amount of \$68,820.**

**1034-2023 A Resolution authorizing the Director of Engineering to purchase mast arms from PG Enlighten for the 2023 Capital Improvement Project #1428, Traffic Signal Replacement at 7th Street and 19th Avenue.**

**1036-2023 A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest to Licensing Agreements for 2023 permit approved applications for use of public right-of-way or City-owned property.**

**1037-2023 A Resolution authorizing the Fleet and Facilities Manager to purchase a 2022 Ford F-350 Crew Cab with Knapheide Drop Side Dump Truck from Pat McGrath Ford of Cedar Rapids for the amount of \$84,225.**

**Omnibus Vote**

Alderperson Timion, seconded by Alderperson Wendt, moved to approve and adopt, by omnibus vote, these items. Motion carried on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Alderpersons Schmidt, Williams, Macias, Wendt, Timion, Moyer, and Waldron; nays: none.

**Non-Consent Agenda**

**Second Reading Ordinances**

**3006-2023 An Ordinance amending Chapter 35, "ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT," ARTICLE 1, DIVISION 2, Section 35-1203, "DEFINITIONS," of the Moline Code of Ordinances, by revising certain definitions related to nonconformities; amending ARTICLE 3, DIVISION 1 entitled "IN GENERAL"; dealing with the same subject matter; and ARTICLE 5, DIVISION 3 entitled "ILLUMINATION STANDARDS" for internal consistency.**

**Tabled.** Alderperson Waldron, seconded by Alderperson Timion, moved to approve Council Bill 3006-2023. Discussion had. Alderperson Wendt, seconded by Alderperson Williams, moved to amend Section 35-3112(g) (3) (I) language to mirror the categories of 25 percent, 25-75 percent, and over 75 percent thresholds of the site improvement requirement. Motion carried on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Alderpersons Schmidt, Williams, Macias, Wendt, Timion, Moyer, and Waldron; nays: none. David Silverman, Corporation Counsel, stated that if the Council's policy decision is to keep those standards as two separate and distinct possibilities as proposed, an excerpt out of the requirement could be added to Section 35-5303 that nothing in Subsection 35-5303(2) will trigger the requirements set forth in Subsection 35-5303(1)(c) of the Ordinance. Silverman's recommendation was to table this item and bring it back to Council with revisions on March 7, 2023. Alderperson Wendt moved to table until March 7, 2023. Seconded by Alderperson Moyer. Motion carried on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Alderpersons Schmidt, Williams, Macias, Wendt, Timion, Moyer and Waldron; nays: none.

**3004-2023 Proposed Amendment to Chapter 14, "FOOD AND FOOD HANDLERS," of the Moline Code of Ordinances - Housekeeping**

**Adopted.** Alderperson Waldron, seconded by Alderperson Wendt, moved to approve Council Bill 3004-2023. Motion carried on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Alderpersons Schmidt, Williams, Macias, Wendt, Timion, Moyer, and Waldron; nays: none.

**Resolutions**

**1033-2023 A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest to a contract with Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities, Inc., for Project #1414, 2023 Inlet Replacement Program, for an amount of \$112,200.**

**Approved.** Alderperson Wendt, seconded by Alderperson Moyer, moved to approve Council Bill 1033-2023. Motion carried on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Alderpersons Schmidt, Williams, Macias, Wendt, Timion, Moyer, and Waldron; nays: none.

**1035-2023 A Resolution authorizing the Director of Engineering to execute an agreement with IMEG Corporation for Phase I Engineering Services for the 16th Street Viaduct Re-decking and Rock Island Arsenal Pedestrian/Bicycle Connection project in accordance with the detailed scope of work attached.**

**Approved.** Alderperson Timion, seconded by Alderperson Williams, moved to approve Council Bill 1035-2023. Discussion had. David Dryer, Director of Engineering, indicated that the goal is to complete as much work as possible prior to grant submittal. An update from the Roosevelt Group was requested. Mayor Rayapati stated that all reports from the Roosevelt Group indicate that the City has a very good chance of a grant award. Bob Vitas, City Administrator, stated that if 100 percent completion of the work is desired, then a 2024 submission is slated. The Council agreed that staff should continue working with the understanding that deferred submission until 2024 might be necessary. Motion carried on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Alderpersons Schmidt, Williams, Macias, Wendt, Timion, Moyer and Waldron; nays: none.

**1038-2023 A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest to a Third Amendment to the Development Agreement between the City of Moline and Illinois Domus, LLC related to the development of properties located at 1300, 1308, 1312, 1318, and 1326 6th Avenue, Moline, Illinois.**

**Approved.** Alderperson Wendt, seconded by Alderperson Moyer, moved to approve Council Bill 1038-2023. There was discussion. Ryan Hvitlök, Director of Community & Economic Development, verified

that Illinois Domus, LLC is in full compliance with the development agreement. Motion carried on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Alderpersons Schmidt, Williams, Macias, Wendt, Timion, Moyer and Waldron; nays: none.

**Miscellaneous Business**

Alderson Macias shared that QC Empowerment Network's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Business Expo and Health Fair is this Saturday at SouthPark Mall.

Bob Vitas, City Administrator, indicated that a rental housing licensure program would be presented as an Informational item on March 7, 2023.

Alderson Wendt asked that staff enforce the prohibition of signs in the right-of-way, and assessment of subsequent fines/fees. There was discussion that MetroNet has been placing signs in the right-of-way and on private property without permission. Alderson Wendt made a motion to direct staff to enforce the ordinance regarding signs in the right-of-way. David Silverman, Corporation Counsel, stated that such a motion does not need to be made. Alderson Wendt withdrew his motion. David Silverman, Corporation Counsel, stated that the ordinance is perfectly enforceable and the Council does have discretion as to how the ordinance will be enforced.

Alderson Waldron inquired about the policy to color code vehicles by department. Bob Vitas, City Administrator, stated that vehicles are very difficult to get at this time.

Bob Vitas, City Administrator, reported that meetings have begun for discussion of the East Gate (I-92 corridor) TIF. Development of the TIF is slated for April. A meeting of city administrators and mayors took place last Thursday to discuss the Lakeshore Recycling Systems project. The project is consistent with the Rock Island County solid waste management plan. This is an Illinois project and a public hearing will be held. The detailed plan will be shared with surrounding municipalities.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment of City Council**

Upon motion of Alderson Moyer, seconded by Alderson Wendt, the Council meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m. on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Alderpersons Schmidt, Williams, Macias, Wendt, Timion, Moyer, and Waldron; nays: none.

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is on March 7, 2023. View recorded meetings at <http://www.moline.il.us/CivicMedia?CID=9>

Respectfully submitted,



Brandi J. Russell, Deputy City Clerk