

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

City Hall

1528 Third Avenue, Rock Island IL

City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor

6/27/2022 - Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Swanson called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

2. This meeting will also be conducted by audio and video conference without the requirement of a physically present quorum of the Rock Island City Council due to the disaster declaration issued by Governor Pritzker.

3. Roll Call

Mayor Pro Tem Jenni Swanson asked City Clerk Samantha Gange to call the roll.

Present: Alderpersons Moses Robinson (virtual), Randy Hurt, Judith Gilbert, Jenni Swanson, Dylan Parker, Mark Poulos, Bill Healy, and Jenni Swanson in the role of Mayor Pro Tempore.

Absent: Mayor Mike Thoms

Staff: City Manager Todd Thompson, City Attorney Dave Morrison, City Clerk Samantha Gange, and other City Staff.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem Swanson led in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Moment of Silence

Mayor Pro Tem Swanson requested a moment of silence. A moment of silence was observed.

6. Public Comment

Mayor Pro Tem Swanson asked if anyone in the public wished to speak. No residents were signed up, and none volunteered to speak virtually.

7. Minutes from the June 13, 2022 City Council Meeting.

MOTION:

Alderman Gilbert moved to approve the minutes as printed; Alderman Healy seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

8. Update Rock Island

**The annual bi-state Red, White and Boom Fireworks Display is this Sunday, July 3, 2022.** This family-friendly event will take place at Schwiebert Riverfront Park in Rock Island starting at 5:00 pm and will include live music, food vendors, and kids' activities. The fireworks will be shot at 9:30 pm, in sync to music broadcast on 97X, from two barges in the middle of the Mississippi River.

**Return to camp or experience camp life for the first time with Rock Island Public Library's Camp Wanna-Be-Reading.** The event will be held in the downtown library parking lot and will offer activities for all ages. Drop in anytime during event hours to make retro camp crafts, try out fun tests of skill, and learn some camp know-how from library staff and other community partners. Free hot dogs, water and chips for the first 150 people. Come join the fun on Wednesday, June 20, 2022 from 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm.

**2022 Rock Island Citizen of the Year Award Nominations now open** – Each year, people in Rock Island have an opportunity to nominate residents who have contributed to the Rock Island community. Nominations are now being taken for the 2022 Rock Island Citizen of the Year Awards. An online nomination is available on the City's website and the **deadline** for receiving nominations is **July 6, 2022.**

**Quad City Botanical Center's Mission to Mars Summer Camp** – The Botanical Center invites youth ages 9- 14 to attend Mission to Mars on Monday July 11, 2022 through Wednesday, July 13, 2022 from 9:00 am to noon. Campers will design basecamp QCBC on Mars and learn the skills needed to survive on a new planet. Advanced registration is required. Visit their website to register.

9. Proclamation declaring July 3rd, 2022 as Red, White, and Boom & Military and Arsenal Appreciation Day.

City Clerk Samantha Gange read the proclamation. Mayor Pro Tem Swanson read the declaration.

10. Proclamation declaring July 2022 as National Park and Recreation Month.

City Clerk Samantha Gange read the proclamation. Mayor Pro Tem Swanson read the declaration. Parks and Recreation Director John Gripp came forward to accept the proclamation. A picture was taken with Mayor Pro Tem Swanson.

11. Consent Agenda regarding Special Ordinances approving the sale of City-owned properties. (Second Readings)

- a. Sale of City-owned property located at 820 21st Street (PIN 0735428015) to Desiree Buckman and Randall Smith for \$778.00 plus closing costs.
- b. Sale of City-owned property located at 2935 14th Avenue (PIN 1601117019) to Desiree Buckman and Randall Smith for \$10.00 plus closing costs.
- c. Sale of City-owned property located at 1523 36th Street (PIN 1601225002) to Michael A. Olvera for \$642.50 plus closing costs.
- d. Sale of City-owned property located at 4018 4th Street (PIN 1615202011) to Shayne M. Englund for \$10.00 plus closing costs.
- e. Sale of City-owned property located at 1836 13th Street (PIN 1602315012) to Jordan M. True for \$1.00 plus closing costs.
- f. Sale of City-owned property located at 1411 11th Street (PIN 1602128026) to Ismael Marceleno for \$1,058.00 plus closing costs.

MOTION:

Alderson Healy moved to pass the ordinances for items a through f; Alderson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

12. A Special Ordinance for the sale of City-owned property located at 1115 5th Avenue (PIN 0734416018) to Christopher Bryson for \$1.00 plus closing costs. (Second Reading)

MOTION:

Alderson Robinson moved to pass the ordinance; Alderson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

13. Claims

- a. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$11,106.63 for the Assetworks fleet and fuel system software annual support maintenance.

MOTION:

Alderson Hurt moved to approve claim item a; Alderson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$17,349.44 to McClintock Trucking & Excavating, Inc., Silvis, IL for repairs as part of the Water Service Repair Program, Project 2526; and \$13,989.30 for repairs as part of the Sanitary Lateral Repair Program, Project 2564.

MOTION:

Alderson Hurt moved to approve claim item b; Alderson Gilbert seconded.

Alderson Parker recused himself from the vote due to the nature of his employment.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson, Poulos, Healy, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

14. Claims for the week of June 10 through June 16, 2022 in the amount of \$597,234.59; and payroll for the weeks of May 20 through June 12, 2022 in the amount of \$1,644,927.84.

MOTION:

Alderson Healy moved to allow the claims and payroll; Alderson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

15. ACH payments for the month of May 2022 in the amount of \$2,147,471.05.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Gilbert moved to approve the ACH payments; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

16. Purchase Card claims for the period of April 27 through May 26, 2022 in the amount of \$81,320.80.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to approve the purchase card claims; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

17. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding a request-for-qualifications for Health Insurance Consultancy, recommending a three-year contract be awarded to Brad Johnson of Assured Partners/Benefit Staff in the amount of \$109,500.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Gilbert moved to approve the contract as recommended; and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents; Aldersperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

18. Report from the Public Works Department regarding reconstruction and traffic signal bids for the intersection of the Rock Island Parkway and 85th Avenue West, recommending the bid be awarded to McCarthy Improvement Company, Davenport, IA in the amount of \$2,616,939.84; also recommending the remaining shortage of \$333,709.84 be funded using ARPA funds.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to award the bid and approve the use of ARPA funds as recommended; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

Aldersperson Hurt clarified that alternative sources of funding could be evaluated in the future. City Manager Todd Thompson responded affirmatively.

Aldersperson Gilbert explained this project qualifies for ARPA funding under lost revenue category since streets do not qualify. City Manager Thompson confirmed that the City did lose a significant amount of funding as a result of COVID-19.

Aldersperson Parker recused himself from the vote due to the nature of his employment.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson, Poulos, Healy, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

19. Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for landscaping at the Public Works building, the MLK Center, the Police Station, and the Entryway Signs, recommending the bid be awarded to Master Design Landscape, Rock Island, IL in the amount of \$164,087.00 through 2025.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to award the bid as recommended; Aldersperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

20. Report from the Mayor's Office regarding a Resolution issuing a moratorium on all new businesses that operate as "vape shops" for a period of six (6) months, expiring December 31, 2022.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to adopt the resolution as recommended; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Aldersperson Healy said he supported a hold on vape businesses. Aldersperson Swanson stated agreement with allowing time for staff to conduct research and update the current ordinance.

Aldersperson Robinson inquired what the current number of vape shops are in the City of Rock Island. City Clerk Gange said there are four or five currently. Community Economic Development Director Miles Brainard reported that is a difficult question to answer due to lack of defining terminology in the current ordinance. He stated that Clerk Gange is correct about the estimate of shops that exclusively sell vape products. He also said that there are a number of retailers who do not exclusively sell vape products but as a component of their business is quite large. Aldersperson Robinson inquired about how to address businesses selling vape products without regulation.

City Attorney David Morrison stated that he and his staff utilized the existing ordinance to develop language for proposed ordinance to include businesses that sell vaping products.

Aldersperson Robinson inquired about identifying a strategy for finding out how many retailers are selling vape products in the City. Mr. Morrison stated that the proposed ordinance does identify these retailers but that there are not people going out to investigate shops that sell vape products as part of their business.

Aldersperson Poulos clarified that this moratorium does not impact current businesses and will impact new vape shop businesses from opening for six months. City Attorney Dave Morrison responded affirmatively.

Aldersperson Robinson indicated he would like City staff to investigate how many retailers are selling vape products within the City.

Aldersperson Healy suggested implementing a license that could be applied for to sell vape products.

Clerk Gange reported there is currently a tobacco license but due to the ordinance being out of date, it does not include the sale of vape products.

Mr. Brainard said the intent of resolution is to give policy direction and statement of principle to staff, who will then come back in six months with a clearly defined ordinance.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

21. Report from the City Clerk's office regarding a request from Royal Neighbors of America to close the alley between 2nd and 3rd Avenues in between their parking lots on Friday through Sunday, July 1 - 3, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. for an employee appreciation event.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to approved the request as recommended; Aldersperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

22. Report from the City Clerk's office regarding a request from Aldersperson Hurt to close 18th Street West between 85th and 86th Avenues on Saturday, July 9, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a block party with sound amplification.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to approve the request as recommended; Aldersperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

Aldersperson Hurt recused himself from the vote because it is his event.

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Gilbert, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

23. Report from the City Clerk's office regarding a request from Reggie Reed to close 9th Street between 5th and 7th Avenues as well as 6th Avenue between 8th and 10th Street on Friday, August 19th (4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.) and Saturday, August 20, 2022 (11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.) for the Heritage & Jazz Festival.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to approve the request as recommended; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

24. Other Business

City Clerk Gange announced the ARPA Funds Survey will go live on July 1, 2022. She shared about opportunities to complete the survey with the information mailed in post cards, upcoming community events, and locations to complete paper surveys including the Rock Island Library, City Hall, or Martin Luther King Center. Alderperson Swanson encouraged citizens to participate in the ARPA survey.

Alderperson Poulos invited members of the community to attend an upcoming water ski tournament at Ben Williamson Park on July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Central Region Water Ski 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Alderperson Gilbert asked if the event information was posted online. Alderperson Poulos reported it is not yet posted online but will be soon. Alderperson Hurt inquired if this event would be televised. Alderperson Poulos reported that the production company could not be secured due to a lack of funding.

Alderperson Swanson shared about two new active firefighters last week. She also shared the Rock Island Police department had a ceremony earlier that day for recognizing two promotions and two awards of recognition.

25. Closed Session.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to go into Executive Session for the exception cited; Alderperson Gilbert seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Upon exiting the Executive Session and re-entering the regular meeting, roll call was taken.

Present: Alderperson Robinson, Hurt, Gilbert, Parker, Poulos, Healy, and Mayor Pro Tem Swanson.

Absent: None.

26. Motion to Adjourn.

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to adjourn; Alderperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

The meeting concluded at 7:34pm.

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Naomi Sanderson, Deputy City Clerk