

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

City Hall

1528 Third Avenue, Rock Island IL

City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor

1/10/2022 - Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Thoms 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 Thoms asked City Clerk Samantha Gange to call the roll.

Present: Mayor Mike Thoms, Alderpersons Randy Hurt, Jenni Swanson, Dylan Parker, and Mark Poulos. Alderperson Moses Robinson was present via remote connection in accordance with Governor Pritzker's Executive Order.

Absent: Alderperson Judith Gilbert.

Staff: Interim City Manager and Parks and Recreation Director John Gripp, Attorney Dave Morrison, City Clerk Samantha Gange, and other City Staff.

4. Moment of Silence

Mayor Thoms led in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Thoms requested a moment of silence. A moment of silence was observed.

5. Public Comment

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

Mayor Thoms announced that the MLK Center invites the community to attend the 39th Annual Memorial Service and Awards in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The service will be virtual this year, and will be live-streamed on both Facebook and YouTube starting at 10:30am on Monday, January 17, 2022. A recording will be available after the event. This year's theme is, "A

Conscientious Stance," and the keynote speaker is Mr. Thurgood Brooks.

6. Minutes from the December 20, 2021 Study Session and City Council Meeting.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve the minutes as printed; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Robinson, and Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Gilbert.

7. Minutes from the December 20, 2021 Closed Session.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson moved to approve the Closed Session minutes; Aldersperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Robinson, and Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Gilbert.

8. State of the City Address by Mayor Thoms.

Good evening. It is my privilege and honor to serve the Citizens of Rock Island as Mayor.

Tonight, I am excited to share the state of our City and look back on what we have accomplished in 2021. I would like to thank all the City employees, our elected officials, and the 140 plus citizens representing more than 25 various boards and commissions that help set and implement the direction of the City. Thank you for your service.

As I mentioned last year, 2020 was a challenging year. Well, I must repeat that again and say 2021 has also been a challenging year to say the least. Business owners have had to continue to change how they run their operations, we are experiencing a workforce shortage, citizens have had to adjust managing their home life in a variety of ways, and the City has had to continue to find ways to be more efficient while maintaining the same level of service to its Citizens.

As we reflect back on 2021, however, we also have much to be proud of and thankful for. Our City has remained resilient in the wake of a continued global pandemic. We did not raise property tax rates in 2021 and we recently passed the 2022 budget without raising property tax rates once again. The City was very fortunate that revenues came in higher than anticipated and we were able to maintain expenses.

In previous years, we were faced with an approximately \$5 million budget deficit and were forced to make drastic cuts across the board. However, this year we began our budget process

with only a \$1.5 million-dollar deficit and we were able to make a few adjustments to capital improvements, as well as use some excess reserves funds to balance the budget while still maintaining one of the City Council goals of a 90-day cash reserve.

The City received a \$26.5 million once in a lifetime federal grant through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) that will provide unique opportunities for us to grow our City in several different areas. The City Council has asked the city manager to hire an ARPA program manager to facilitate town hall meetings and other community engagement activities, interview key personnel, and work with Council members to find the best ways to invest this grant funding to ensure the most positive impact in our City for years to come. Our hopes are to accomplish this first stage in the first quarter of 2022. We have had many other exciting and positive things happen within our City Departments in 2021, and I would like to highlight several of those.

Within our Parks and Recreation Department we expanded various partnerships. We partnered with Spring Forward to offer over 300 children sports clinics and swim lessons. Our partnership with First Tee Quad Cities will allow us to bring a new clubhouse to the Highland Springs Golf Course. Over the summer, we partnered with River Music Experience enabling us to host concerts at Schwiebert Riverfront Park. Partnerships with the Parks and Recreation Foundation and the Rock Island Townships provided financial assistance for youth to participate in various recreational activities.

Additionally, we offered over 92 programs with over 7,700 participants; installed new cabanas and painted the slides at Whitewater Junction, saw a 20% increase in memberships at RIFAC and remodeled the babysitting room, and at our Highland Springs and Saukie Golf Courses we hosted over 30 outings raising over \$100,000 for local charities and organizations.

Our Finance Department issued bonds in 2021 for the purpose of restructuring and maintaining the City's A+ bond rating with a stable outlook. The state income tax and replacement tax revenue projections for 2021 were over \$4.5 million for each. For comparison, over the past five years income tax revenues were at \$3.9 million and replacement tax revenues at \$2.7 million.

Our Staff worked hard to keep the City financially stable, but that did not come without tough decisions such as not filling many vacant positions. We will be looking to fill some of these positions in 2022 in order to continue to move our City forward. Also, the implementation of consolidation of pension investments is underway.

The Information and Technology Department continues to explore and implement technology solutions that address transparency through smart City initiatives, cloud computing, broadband expansion, and community engagement. They installed additional security cameras at over 20 locations throughout the City of Rock Island and even more are planned for 2022. IT Staff responded to more than 2,800 internal helpdesk requests and they continue to work diligently on providing a stable and secure technology environment for all City operations.

Our Human Resources Department kept busy implementing the constantly changing COVID-19 policies to keep our City open to the public and our employees healthy and safe. Employee health insurance premiums remained constant, despite medical and drug inflation rising above 5%. Additionally, they facilitated the hiring and training activities of 44 regular full-time employees and 95 part-time employees in 2021.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center has had a busy and successful year, despite the continued COVID challenges. During the summer, they partnered with the Parks and Recreation Department and were able to serve over 90 kids in their day camp. They rejuvenated the annual Family Fun day this fall and reached over 2,500 people with an outdoor community celebration. They served a record 3,500 plates of food for the annual Thanksgiving dinner and approximately 600 children received Christmas gifts through their gift program.

The Fire Department completed more than 100 free car seat installations for the community in 2021. They received the 2021 EMS silver award from the American Heart Association and continued their partnership with the Red Cross of the Quad Cities and the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance to install free smoke alarms. At the end of 2021, they responded to approximately 7,200 calls of service, completed more than 9,000 hours of training, and conducted more than 1,300 life safety inspections. In November, A Life Safety Award was presented to members of the Rock Island Fire Department and staff at Whitewater Junction for rescuing a person from a potentially fatal medical emergency.

The Police Department successfully transitioned to crime data collection and reporting to the national incident-based reporting system to meet federal compliance. They also completed the evaluation and selection process for a new records management system and computer aided dispatch system that is targeted to be implemented in early 2022. They completed the infrastructure for the new P25 emergency radio system and began the implementation process. They successfully maintained the annual standard required for Tier 2 accreditation with the Illinois law enforcement accreditation program and received a federal use of force certificate from the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police. The staffing shortage continued into 2021, however they were able to add a crime and technology data analyst to the criminal investigation division to provide data driven information for policing and technology evidence collection. Additionally, several of our officers received awards for going above and beyond the call of duty in supporting the citizens of Rock Island.

The Rock Island Public Library continued to grow in 2021 including new and updated services such as free online training modules through niche Academy, modified the library to go book mobile to better reach underserved areas, continued growing adult services to include sewing machines and memory kits, and increased the mobile hotspot collection to 40 devices. They partnered with the YMCA on a \$7.8 million renovation project of the former Jewish Center that will house a new library branch, and also partnered with the University of Illinois extension office, Prairie State Legal Services, South Rock Island Township, Augustana College, the National Alliance of Mental Illness, ARC of the Quad Cities, the Rock Island Arsenal, and Chippianock Cemetery to provide a variety of educational programming. They received a \$50,000 grant from the Illinois State Library to help make interior and exterior improvements to all buildings.

The Public Works Department completed several major projects in 2021 including the 35th Street water main replacement, the pavement striping program, and the River Heights Road and Blackhawk Hills Dr reconstruction projects. The Engineering Division completed various grant applications and was awarded \$7 million in STBG and safety funds for 3 large street projects including 31st Avenue, 30th Street and the 85th Ave West/Rock Island Parkway projects. The City took over the Rock Island Arsenal's electrical maintenance, sanitary sewage life station operation, and water treatment services in 2021. Additionally, the department performed over 15,000 chemical and bacteriological tests to ensure that the highest quality of water is provided to our citizens. And just to name few more accomplishments, the department replaced 22 fire hydrants, repaired 77 water main breaks, cleaned 7,607 feet of storm lines, repaired 38 storm pipes, repaired 2 sanitary manholes and 1 storm manhole, repaired 1 sewer lateral and repaired 15 sanitary mains, responded to 287 work orders for meter replacements, removed over 78 dead or dying trees throughout the City, and enforced 354 Nuisance Violations and 600 mowing violations.

The Community and Economic Development Department sold 15 vacant properties and launched an online listing for all available City-owned properties. The Housing Rehabilitation program exceeded performance targets for the second year in a row with completion of over 40 projects. The Inspections division assisted in four large projects: Lincoln Homes, Augustana College Health and Science Building, Lynco warehouse remodel, and the Rock Island Housing Authority complex. Additionally, staff met with 662 businesses providing program resources and technical assistance resulting in over \$5.8 million in capital directly infused into Rock Island

businesses as well as developed a comprehensive business guide with all the potential economic development assistance currently available.

The Community and Economic Development Department continued its partnership with DARI, which included the success of 17 new businesses and 3 new ownerships throughout the City. The Live Work Rock Island program has had over 400 New Rock Island homebuyers since its inception and has provided \$131,487 in down payment assistance, resulting in over \$31 million in real estate transactions to date.

Additionally, \$7.8 million in financial assistance was provided to Rock Island businesses, which included Façade funding and a Back to Business grant, which resulted in \$1.5 million in economic development agreements.

In 2021 the City entered into a partnership with the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce for development and growth of the downtown area. In late 2021, the City Council approved \$4 million to be invested in the downtown with the possibility of receiving another \$3 million in grant funding from the State for a total of \$7 million for the Rebuild Downtown Rock Island Project. The project plans include new reconstruction of Great River Plaza, an Arts Alley, streetscaping that includes lighting, security cameras, public art, signage, and alley and sidewalk reconstruction, and a dog park. Our continued investment in the downtown will benefit infrastructure, residents and businesses, and generate outsized returns for the entire City.

In addition to all the exciting things that happened in 2021, despite the many challenges we faced, we have much to be excited for in 2022 as we continue to move Rock Island forward. For example, because of our strong public-private partnership that has been established between the City and DARI, the economic development team is helping to facilitate over \$60 million in planned business expansions.

Our IT Department is excited once again to be working closely with our Police Department in 2022. After more than 20 years on the current system, a new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management Software (RMS) system will be put online during 2022. In addition, new computers in the patrol cars, In-Car Video Recorders, Automated Vehicle Location, and Neighborhood Video Surveillance expansions are expected during 2022. Our Library will be celebrating 150 years of service to the citizens of Rock Island and will be opening a new library branch at the former Tri-City Jewish Center in partnership with the YMCA. The Public Works department has several big construction projects planned for 2022 including the 11<sup>th</sup> Street watermain replacement from 25<sup>th</sup> to 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and the 46<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction project from 37<sup>th</sup> -39<sup>th</sup> Avenue, to name a few. The MLK Center and the Community and Economic Development departments have been working together on a needs assessment for a select portion of the West End of Rock Island. They engaged a consultant to use data gathered from a variety of sources but more importantly, trained a group of residents to conduct the assessment to gain a true and broad understanding of the lived experience of this area. After 18 months of work, the assessment is now complete and these departments, along with residents, will work on continuing the process to determine the strategies and goals moving into 2022 and beyond. This collaboration is a great example of how City departments can utilize their strengths together for a better-quality product in a more efficient manner.

In the fall of 2021, the City Council developed four (4) goals to be implemented for 2022-2025. Goal 1 is to achieve financial sustainability through the transformation of the City's budget process; Goal 2 is to utilize dynamic and innovative communications as a primary strategy in marking, promoting, and engaging with both external and internal stakeholders; Goal 3 is to transform local economy through pro-active business retention, entrepreneurial development, and business attraction strategies; and Goal 4 is to leverage Rock Island's assets and existing strengths to foster inclusive growth and development in its diverse neighborhoods.

In summary, once again it's been a challenging year in many different ways. We had several achievements which included increased revenue, no property tax increase, and we were able to maintain service levels throughout the City. Looking to the future, we have so much to be excited about in 2022 as we continue to move our City in the right direction.

I would like to thank the citizens for the trust they have given me as well as the City Council. And to all City employees, thank you for your hard work and professionalism despite the many challenges you faced. I truly believe when we all work together we can do great things for the City of Rock Island.

9. Proclamation declaring January 17, 2022 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

City Clerk Samantha Gange read the proclamation. Mayor Thoms read his declaration. Mr. Jerry Jones, Director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Center accepted the proclamation.

Mr. Jones remarked that this is the 39th annual celebration of Dr. King and is a wonderful tribute to his dream and legacy. He encouraged everyone to tune in and participate virtually on Monday, 17th, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. for a celebration honoring Dr. King.

10. Claims

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$11,584.49 to David G. Morrison, City Attorney, for services rendered during the month of December 2021
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$24,000 to Duke's of W. Syracuse, NY for parts, travel, and repairs to the Shadybrook subdivision water pressure relief valves.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$15,209.60 to United Systems & Software, Inc. of Benton, KY for the purchase of 2iTron CN80 handheld computers, an iTron mobile radio, and onsite training.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$37,796.76 to Brandt Construction Co., Milan, IL. for an emergency water main repair at 2335 38th Street.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #7 in the amount of \$675,000 to Johnson Controls, Inc. of Moline, IL for services provided October 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve claim items a through e; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Robinson, and Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Gilbert.

11. Claims for the week of December 3, 2021 through December 16, 2021 in the amount of \$680,246.44; week of December 17, 2021 through December 23, 2021 in the amount of \$2,631,940.75; and week of December 24, 2021 through December 30, 2021 in the amount of \$91,064.86; and payroll for the weeks December 13, 2021 through December 26, 2021 in the amount of \$1,498,946.64.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson moved to allow the claims and payroll; Aldersperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Robinson, and Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Gilbert.

12. ACH Report for November 2021 in the amount of \$7,376,371.87.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to approve the ACH payments; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Robinson, and Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Gilbert.

13. Purchase Card Report for November 2021 in the amount of \$72,379.04.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Robinson, and Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Gilbert.

14. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

15. Motion to Adjourn Sine Die.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to adjourn Sine Die; seconded by Aldersperson Poulos.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Robinson, and Hurt.  
Nay: None. Absent: Gilbert.

OATH OF OFFICE - City Clerk Samantha Gange administered the Oath of Office to Seventh Ward Alderperson Bill Healy.

16. Call to Order

Mayor Thoms called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

17. Roll Call

Mayor Thoms asked City Clerk Samantha Gange to call the roll.

Present: Mayor Mike Thoms, Alderpersons Randy Hurt, Jenni Swanson, Dylan Parker, Mark Poulos, and Bill Healy. Alderperson Moses Robinson was present via remote connection in accordance with Governor Pritzker's Executive Order.

Absent: Alderperson Judith Gilbert.

Staff: Interim City Manager and Parks and Recreation Director John Gripp, Attorney Dave Morrison, City Clerk Samantha Gange, and other City Staff.

18. Public Comment

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

19. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a contract extension for the 2021 Water Service & Sanitary Lateral Repair Program maintenance contract with McClintock Trucking & Excavating, Inc. of Silvis, IL in the amount of \$355,000.

MOTION:

Alderperson Swanson moved to approve the extended contract as recommended; Alderperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, and Hurt.  
Nay: None. Absent: Gilbert.

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

20. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a Local Agency Agreement and Resolution with the Illinois Department of Transportation to make improvements to the traffic signals at the intersection of Andalusia Road and the Rock Island Parkway.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve the agreement; adopt the resolution; and authorize the Mayor to execute the documents. Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, and Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Gilbert.

21. Report from the Martin Luther King Jr. Center regarding a request to continue the community needs assessment with Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. in a defined portion of the west corridor of the City.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to approve the continuation of the assessment and authorize the City manager to execute the documents subject to minor attorney modifications; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

Mayor Thoms thanked the John Deere Foundation to their commitment and support with this project.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, and Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Gilbert.

22. Report from Community and Economic Development Department regarding the purchase of real estate at 1016 6th Avenue, 602 11th Street, and 618 11th Street from Rick Hovanec for \$35,000 plus closing costs for a potential development of townhomes. (First Reading)

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to approve the purchase of properties; authorize the City Manager to execute the sales agreements; consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, and Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Gilbert.

23. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the CY 2022 budget by increasing the Library Fund expenditures by \$100,000 and the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center expenditures by \$100,000 for a total of \$200,000.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson moved to approve the budget adjustment; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

Aldersperson Hurt remarked he would like to clarify that the memo has been updated and corrected to reflect that the \$100,000 for the MLK Center is being transferred to the building fund and not the activity fund.

Mr. Jones came to the podium to address Council. He confirmed that the \$100,000 would be allocated to the building fund and not the activity fund.

Aldersperson Hurt asked Ms. Angela Campbell, Library Director to inform the public as to the intent of the funds and the rationale as to why the budget adjustment is needed. Ms. Campbell indicated that the Library Board decides what funding is needed annually and she presents to Council the requested amount. She noted for several years they have not received the requested amount, but did receive some small increases. This year, their funding request was not approved the amount requested, hence why they requested the \$100,000 and are receiving this budget adjustment now. The \$100,000 will go towards operation costs, specifically \$89,000 for the Johnson Controls, Inc. contract.

Aldersperson Hurt asked Mr. Jones to inform the public as to the intent of the funds and the rationale as to why the budget adjustment is needed. Mr. Jones indicated the \$100,000 will go towards maintenance and administration of the building. He noted that there are several immediate issues that need to be addressed and he is meeting with Mr. Gripp and Mr. Bartels, Public Works Director to ensure they are prioritizing the repairs in a manner that makes sense for the facility. Aldersperson Hurt asked if the soffit and siding are still high on the priority list as indicated in the Capital Project Improvements (CIP) list. Mr. Jones responded affirmatively.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, and Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Gilbert.

24. Report from the Finance Department regarding approval of a refund to Green Thumb Industries (GTI) in the amount of \$222,168.96 for utility service overpayments in 2021.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve the refund as recommended; Aldersperson Parker seconded.

Aldersperson Hurt asked Finance Director Linda Barnes to come to the podium to address Council about the refund. Ms. Barnes remarked they are requesting a refund be issued to GTI for utility services over payments covering three billing periods. From a purchasing policy standpoint, refunds such as this one do not typically require a pre-approval from Council and instead payments of refunds are made through the typical accounts payable process and then the information is reported to City Council after the refund has been issued along with the routine accounts payable reports. However, due to the significant dollar amount and for transparency purposes, this refund is being submitted to Council for approval. Internal controls have been and

continue to be performed to ensure that this incident is not recurring. She noted that they are confident that this particular case is unique.

Next, Mr. Bartels came to the podium along with Mr. Pat O'Brien, Utilities Supervisor, Public Works Department to further discuss the issue. Mr. O'Brien remarked on what led to the overpayment. He noted that GTI is a newer business in Rock Island that uses a significant amount of water. The City provided them with a new water meter for their plumber to install and they did gather the readings and verified the readings with the software. The readings came back high, in which they noted but had anticipated these to be high given the nature of their business. There is a "handshake" that happens between the meter reading software and the billing software as the meter reading brings in all eight digits. When it makes the "handshake" with the billing software, the billing software is supposed to drop off the bottom three digits and only bring in five digits for reading. What happened with the software is it dropped the first digit and pulled in the next five digits, which resulted in the billing of an extra ten thousand cubic feet. It wasn't until GTI brought this to his attention that they discovered a patch was needed to fix the new meter.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, and Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Gilbert.

25. Report from the Mayor's Office regarding the appointment of Carlos Jimenez to the Police Community Relations Commission.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to approve the appointment as recommended; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, and Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Gilbert.

26. Report from the City Manager regarding the appointments of Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings Act Officers for 2022.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to approve the appointments as recommended; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, and Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Gilbert.

27. Other Business

Aldersperson Hurt remarked he would like to thank the Public Works Department for the great job they did on plowing the streets.

Aldersperson Robinson congratulated Mr. Healy on being appointed as Seventh Ward Alderman and noted he looked forward to working with him in the future.

Aldersperson Robinson asked what the status was of the Century Woods project. Miles Brainard, Interim Director of Community and Economic Development came to the podium to address Council. He indicated that the department is currently monitoring the project and would hopefully be bringing something forward to Council soon. He noted that the project has reached something of a stand still. There is still a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreement in place with the developer and the City has not yet paid out on the TIF agreement. Staff will be evaluating to determine if the developer is in violation of the TIF agreement.

Aldersperson Swanson welcomed John Gripp as the Interim City Manager and remarked she looked forward to working with him in the future.

28. Closed Session.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to enter into Closed Session for the exceptions cited; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, and Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Gilbert.

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

Present: Mayor Thoms, Aldersperson Swanson, Aldersperson Parker, Aldersperson Poulos, Aldersperson Healy, Aldersperson Robinson (virtual), and Aldersperson Hurt. Absent: Aldersperson Gilbert.

29. Motion to Adjourn.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to adjourn; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, and

Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Gilbert.

The meeting concluded at 8:22 p.m.

Samantha Gange

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Samantha Gange, City Clerk