

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

City Hall

1528 Third Avenue, Rock Island IL

City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor

3/14/2022 - Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Thoms called the meeting to order at 6:47 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 Moses Robinson, Randy Hurt, Judith Gilbert, and Jenni Swanson. Alderpersons Dylan Parker, Mark Poulos, and Bill Healy were present via remote connection in accordance with Governor Pritzker's Executive Order.

Absent: None.

Staff: Assistant City Manager and Fire Chief Jeff Yerkey, Attorney Dave Morrison, City Clerk Samantha Gange, and other City Staff.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Thoms led in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Moment of Silence

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

6. Public Comment

Josie Ironshield, co-founder of Sage Sisters of Solidarity and a current board member of the

Native American Coalition (NAC) of the Quad Cities came to the podium to address Council regarding the Black Hawk sign. She indicated she had a letter to read from her sister Regina Tsosie, President of the NAC of the Quad Cities who is unable to attend today. The letter described their opposition of gifting the Black Hawk sign to the bank. The concerns stated in the letter included: a for-profit business exploiting and profiting from an image representing a race of people perpetuates a form of racism that is offensive. The Blackhawk State Bank & Trust has been notified in the past by local educators that Black Hawk was never given Chief status according Sauk tradition, which perpetuates misinformation and misconceptions about a race of people. The movement throughout the country regarding the use of Native American imagery and mascots is gaining momentum in the removal of objects due to the hurtful environment it creates. Ms. Ironshield remarked she hoped the Quad Cities community would start seeing and hearing the Native American population.

Larry Lockwood, a member of the Northern Cheyenne Nation of Montana, a member of the Quad Cities community, and a cultural educator came to the podium to address Council regarding the Black Hawk sign. He discussed his role as a local cultural educator and his Native American perspective program that he has been able to take into public schools. He remarked that the topic of cultural sensitivity and the image of Native Americans is something that communities are currently taking up across the nation through education efforts. He noted the history of Native Americans having their traditional clothing, language, heritage items, and songs, among other things removed from their culture and the efforts now to try and reclaim their culture and all of the things that were taken from them. He encouraged Council members to help change the negative imagery of Native Americans.

Jane Simonsen, Quad Cities resident, came to the podium to address Council regarding the Black Hawk sign. She remarked the use of Native American imagery affects everyone in the Quad Cities community. She noted she is a U.S. History professor at Augustana College and teaches courses on the ethics of representing Native American history in museums and public spaces and ways that visual depictions of Native Americans have affected educational, economic, and legal policies towards them. She referenced a study that was conducted in 2016-2017, which found that the stories people believe about indigenous people are false and often based on negative stereotypes and focus on negative traits over positive ones. Even the positive tend to romanticize native people as all the same, which is contradictory and reinforces the negative stereotypes that have detrimental economic, political, and environmental and health affects on our Native American population. She hoped the City of Rock Island and its citizens will consider how they can contribute to positive narratives about Native Americans.

Beth Carvey, resident of the Quad Cities and former Director of the Hauberg Indian Museum came to the podium to address Council regarding the Black Hawk sign. She remarked that when she was the director, she gave tours to school-aged kids and when she asked the kids what an Indian was they gave her answers like they wear feathers and animal skins, don't live in regular houses, speak a different language, and other negative stereotypes. She would educate the kids on American Indians in an effort to change the stereotype by sharing that they live in today's times and they are people. However, when these kids take a drive down 11th Street they are again reminded of the negative stereotypes with the Black Hawk sign and every lesson she tried to teach is reversed. She noted the recent movement nationally to remove these negative stereotypes and provided the example of the renaming of the Cleveland Indians to the Cleveland Guardians. She asked that if City Council is able to reverse their decision to gift the sign to the bank they should do so.

Janet Moline, resident of Rock Island came to the podium to address Council regarding the Black Hawk sign. She remarked she was not understanding why interested parties such as the Native American Coalition and others who might have an interest in the sign were not notified by the City about the sign being declared surplus. In light of what is happening across the country with regards of using mascots and other native imagery like the Cleveland Guardians, the

Washington NFL team, and the University of Illinois, she found it discouraging that no one on City Council took this an opportunity to stand up against racial imaging. Ms. Moline remarked she hoped the City Council would reverse their decision or find another way to ensure that image is no longer part of the local landscape.

Vincent Thomas, resident of Rock Island came to the podium to address Council on the Black Hawk sign. He indicated that the NAC of the Quad Cities has asked to meet to with Mr. Jim Huiskamp, President of Blackhawk Bank & Trust. He noted they would like Mr. Huiskamp to consider setting up a college scholarship fund for Native Americans instead of spending money to transfer the Black Hawk sign to Milan. He asked Council to consider reversing their decision to give the sign to the bank and noted Mr. Huiskamp has an opportunity to decline the donation.

Dorothy Beck, resident of Rock Island came to the podium to address Council about recycling and the loss of the drop-off recycling center. She asked the City Council to collaborate with the other communities in Rock Island County to come up with a commitment and solution to reinstate drop-off recycling so that everyone has an opportunity to reclaim these valuable resources.

Darcy Anderson, resident of Rock Island came to the podium to address Council about recycling. She asked if City Council would hold a study session about the implications of ending recycling in the City and the County and to educate themselves on the importance of it.

Phil Dennis, resident of Rock Island came to the podium to address Council about recycling. He remarked that bringing back the public recycling containers is cost versus will. He indicated that by ending 35 years of bins available to the public to save the environment is a significant step backwards. He noted demographics on the City's website that states there are 16,929 household units and 4,000 or 24% of those have chosen to have the curbside bin. This leaves approximately 13,000 or 76% of the City with no recycling opportunities. If the City and County do not want to bring the public recycling bins back, the curbside bins should be made mandatory. He urged the Council and Mayor to hold a study session on recycling in Rock Island.

Bill Handel, retired Architect came to the podium to address Council on the Rock Island County Courthouse. He noted the courthouse is in good shape and should not be demolished. He provided a visual of the courthouse with a virtual dome on top, which would be visible from the Centennial Bridge. He noted that although it is under the County, it is in the City of Rock Island and can be preserved.

Jim Huiskamp, President of Blackhawk Bank & Trust came to the podium to address Council regarding the Black Hawk sign. He noted that the Black Hawk sign has remained by itself in front of a massive vacant lot on 11th Street in Rock Island for several years. He apologized to the Mayor and City Council that his idea to save the sign, which he considers a work of art, has caused so much distress and pain as this was not his intention. He noted there are three different camps of people who hold opinions about what should be done with the sign. One camp is the people who are glad to see it being donated to a place that it will be cared for and maintained. Second, those who want to keep it in Rock Island. Third, those that want it destroyed. He said that he had no intention of dishonoring Native Americans or Black Hawk. To the contrary, the bank has spent money to get Black Hawk's image correct. He indicated on behalf of the bank, he planned to contact the Sauk and Fox Nation to determine the best way to honor and respect the sign of Black Hawk.

#### 7. Minutes from the February 28, 2022 Study Session and City Council Meeting.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

8. Minutes from the February 28, 2022 Closed Session.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Gilbert moved to approve the Closed Session minutes; Aldersperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

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

Aldersperson Poulos was unavailable for the vote due to a dropped call.

9. Claims

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$14,074.63 to David G. Morrison, City Attorney, for services rendered during the month of February 2022.
- b. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment to Harris-Govern, Chicago, IL for the Govern software maintenance in the amount of \$32,942.36 for business licenses, permits, and the inspection system.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment to John Robert Westpfahl of Milan, IL in the amount of \$3,300.00 for the 2022 annual land set aside program.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to approve claim items a through c; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

- d. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$7,900.00 to Ms. Diana Sanchez of Bettendorf, IA for a general liability claim.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve claims item d; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

- e. Report from the Legal Department regarding payment in the amount of \$412,500.00 to Bozeman Neighbour Patton & Noe, LLP of Moline, IL representing the insurer for Augustana College on a subrogation claim.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Gilbert moved to approve claims item e; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$26,555.69 to McClintock Trucking & Excavating of Silvis, IL for an emergency sewer main repair at 2510 30th Street.
  
- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$55,314.58 to McClintock Trucking & Excavating of Silvis, IL for an emergency storm sewer repair on 8th Street and 11th Avenue.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to approve claims items f and g; Aldersperson Gilbert seconded.

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: Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Gilbert, and Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

- 10. Claims for the week of February 11, 2022 through February 17, 2022 in the amount of \$2,616,948.82; week of February 18, 2022 through February 24, 2022 in the amount of \$351,716.50; and payroll for the weeks of February 7, 2022 through February 20, 2022 in the amount of \$1,478,841.15.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

11. Amendment to Article III, Sec. 6-48 of the Code of Ordinances regarding the Fire Pension Fund Board. (Second Reading)

MOTION:

Alderman Gilbert moved to pass the ordinance; Alderman Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

12. Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of dry barrel fire hydrants and two-bolt wide range couplings, recommending the bid for fire hydrants be awarded to Core & Main of Washington, IL in the amount of \$62,086.65; and the bid for couplings be awarded to Zimmer & Francescon, Inc. of Moline, IL in the amount of \$20,858.73.

MOTION:

Alderman Gilbert moved to award the bids; Alderman Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

13. Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the installation of an automated entry gate, recommending the bid be awarded to Sampson Fence of Blue Grass, IA in the amount of \$26,415.00.

MOTION:

Alderman Robinson moved to award the bid as recommended and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the contract; Alderman Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

14. Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of Weed and Feed, recommending the contract be awarded to Advantage Weed and Feed of Bettendorf, IA in the amount of \$34,940.00 for a three-year period.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson moved to approve the bid as recommended and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the contract; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

15. Report from the Police Department regarding the emergency purchase of a replacement S2 Controller system from Midwest Alarm Services, Davenport, IA in the amount of \$15,750.00.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to approve the purchase as recommended; Aldersperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

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

16. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding a request for a loan extension agreement.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson moved to approve the loan agreement extension request as recommended and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the agreement; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

Aldersperson Gilbert asked Miles Brainard, Director of the Community and Economic Development Department to come to the podium to answer a few questions. Aldersperson Gilbert asked Mr. Brainard to provide background information on the loan agreement and what the process was for monitoring the original agreement. Mr. Brainard responded this is an agreement that dates back to 2006 for \$50,000.00, which was the City's contribution towards the rehabilitation of the Sala Flats project. The loan was made out of the downtown Tax Increment Financing (TIF) fund and was structured so that the borrower (Economic GROWTH Corporation) would make interest-only payments over a 14-year period and then a balloon payment of the principal be paid in full in 2020 at the end of the loan term. This agreement caused confusion amongst the two organizations by the way in which the loan was recorded, including the bank, the borrower, and the lender having different dates on their books about when the balloon payment was due. GROWTH recently approached the City because they are looking to do some creative financing for improvements to the Sala Flats property. Additionally, GROWTH is unable to make the balloon payment because of changes in their financing over the last 14 years. Mr. Brainard said with regards to monitoring, he recognizes that a conversation with GROWTH should have happened sooner on whether or not they would be able to make the balloon payment when it came due. The new agreement will be structured as monthly payments over a five-year period resulting in GROWTH making payments of approximately \$800.00 monthly. Mr. Brainard noted that the benefit of having a monthly payment allows for staff to

monitor to ensure they are making payments on a timely basis.

Aldersperson Gilbert asked if there was or wasn't a process for monitoring the original agreement. Mr. Brainard responded that technically GROWTH was in good standing until the very end when the balloon payment came due. Aldersperson Gilbert suggested that staff include this type of information in the memo provided to Council in the future. Mr. Brainard responded he would make sure the department includes this information and provide more detail in future memos to Council.

VOTE:

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

17. Report from the Public Works Department regarding contract negotiations with IMEG Corporation of Rock Island, IL for the 31st Avenue Resurfacing project between IL92 and 11th Street.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to allow the Public Works Department to negotiate a contract with IMEG Corporation; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

Aldersperson Hurt asked Mr. Bartels, Director of Public Works to come to the podium to answer a question regarding this contract as well as the contract in item #18. Aldersperson Hurt asked how it is determined who is best qualified for a project. Mr. Bartels responded there is no cost factor associated with this determination it is purely based off of the company's qualifications for the specific project. There is a scoring sheet that the Engineering Department uses to rate each one based off of certain criteria.

Aldersperson Hurt asked if the criteria for resurfacing projects is all the same. Mr. Bartels responded that resurfacing as a whole yes as it is a standard practice. However, for the 30th Street project, there is a right-of-way and Hutchison Engineering has worked on many of these projects before and employ retired Illinois Department of Transportation employees who have extensive knowledge of these specific requirements.

Aldersperson Hurt asked if both companies are qualified to do both projects. Mr. Bartels indicated that IMEG was the second choice for item #18 and Council could certainly choose that company over Hutchison, but with the 30th Street project the right-of-way is cumbersome and they chose Hutchison as they have the most experience with these.

Alderswoman Gilbert asked Mr. Bartels to confirm that state statute requires the City to use the request for qualifications process and not a request for bids with engineering services and other professional services. Mr. Bartels responded affirmatively.

VOTE:

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

18. Report from the Public Works Department regarding contract negotiations with Hutchison Engineering of Moline, IL for the 30th Street Street Resurfacing project between 5th and 18th

Avenues.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson moved to allow the Public Works Department to negotiate a contract with Hutchison Engineering; Aldersperson Robinson seconded.

Aldersperson Healy recused himself from the vote.

Aldersperson Parker asked for clarification that Hutchison is being awarded the project because they are more qualified with regards to the right-of-way acquisition design of the project. Mr. Bartels responded affirmatively.

VOTE:

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

19. Report from the Fire Department regarding an agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forest Services in order to acquire excess federal property to be utilized for fire operations.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson moved to approve the agreement as recommended and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the documents; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

20. Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the CY 2022 budget, increasing the Federal Drug Prevention Fund in the amount of \$15,750.00 to cover the emergency purchase of a S2 Controller system for the Police Department.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Gilbert moved to approve the budget adjustment as recommended; Aldersperson Hurt seconded.

Aldersperson Hurt asked Interim Police Chief Richard Landi to provide additional information on the S2 Controller system. Interim Chief Landi came to the podium to address Council and responded it is a computerized system that allows the Police Department to control the doors and gates of their building. When the system was initially put into place in 2014-2015 it was a stand alone system, which the Information Technology Department and the Police Department were unaware of. It was recently discovered that the gates and alarms weren't working properly. Because the original system was a stand alone without a backup, this purchase is necessary to ensure the gates and alarms work properly.

VOTE:

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

21. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department amending Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances adding Article XI, Section 17H to the Zoning Code for Regulating Intermodal and Portable Storage Containers. (First Reading)

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to consider the proposed amendments to the ordinance; Aldersperson Gilbert seconded.

VOTE:

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

22. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding an Ordinance rezoning (from R-2 one and two unit residence to B-3 community business) to Martin Pizano, owner of Pizano Holdings, LLC for property located at 734 24th Street. (First Reading)

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson moved to approve the rezoning and consider the ordinance; Aldersperson Parker seconded.

Aldersperson Gilbert asked for clarification on the recommendation as the memo indicates the department is not recommending the rezoning but a Special Use Permit. Mr. Brainard responded that was correct and this is a typo on the agenda as the recommendation is for Council to approve a Special Use Permit with the seven (7) stipulations. He indicated that when this originally went to the Planning Commission for consideration it was a rezoning request. However, the Planning Commission and City staff did not support the rezoning request and concluded that the Special Use Permit with the seven stipulations would be more appropriate.

Mr. Brainard indicated the motion should be whether or not to approve the Special Use Permit with the seven stipulations and consider the ordinance.

Alderspersons Swanson and Parker withdrew their motions to approve the rezoning and consider the ordinance.

Aldersperson Swanson made a motion to approve the Special Use Permit with the seven stipulations and consider the ordinance; Aldersperson Parker seconded.

Aldersperson Parker asked Mr. Brainard if this item requires two readings. Mr. Brainard responded affirmatively and remarked Council would need to suspend the rules if they wished to pass the ordinance now. Aldersperson Parker indicated he would like to suspend the rules.

Aldersperson Swanson and Parker withdrew their motions to approve the Special Use Permit with the seven stipulations and consider the ordinance.

Aldersperson Parker moved to approve the Special Use Permit with the seven stipulations,

suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

23. Report from General Administration regarding amendments to Chapter 8 of the Code of Ordinances regarding video gaming licenses. (First Reading)

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to suspend the rules and pass the amendments to the ordinance; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

24. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a Resolution appropriating \$800,000.00 of the Motor Fuel Tax funds for street maintenance in 2022.

MOTION:

Alderperson Gilbert moved to adopt the resolution as recommended; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

25. Report from the Mayor's Office regarding the reappointment of Greg Hass to the Fire & Police Commission Board.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to approve the reappointment as recommended; Alderperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

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

26. Report from the Mayor's Office regarding the appointment of Todd Thompson as City Manager.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Gilbert moved to approve the appointment as recommended, adopt the resolution, and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

Aldersperson Gilbert remarked she was very happy to welcome Todd Thompson and his family to the City of Rock Island. She indicated she would like to share with the residents some of the things that impressed her. Mr. Thompson comes from Galesburg, Illinois, which is also a Council-Manager form of government and he is familiar with the role of a City Manager. During the interview process, Mr. Thompson discussed the City's budget document and ways in which he could assist in presenting a better budget document. Mr. Thompson also understands that the strategic plan should drive the budget and a good plan needs continuous updating. Additionally, he recognizes and understands that City staff and elected officials are here to serve the residents. For example, in Galesburg, they did a community-wide satisfaction survey. Mr. Thompson has great experience in using a conservative approach in providing incentives and has a philosophy of continuous improvement. He encourages the review and implementation of best practices in managing the City. Aldersperson Gilbert commented that Mr. Thompson has many strengths, skills, and experiences that will help make Rock Island a better place to live, work, and play.

Mayor Thoms remarked he echoed the sentiments that Aldersperson Gilbert shared. He noted he had the opportunity to visit with Mr. Thompson and his wife and the City of Rock Island is gaining great individuals.

VOTE:

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

Mayor Thoms announced the new City Manager contract would be available to the public later this evening on the City's website.

## 27. Other Business

Aldersperson Hurt remarked he would like to see the topic of recycling bins on a future Study Session agenda. Several other Alderspersons agreed.

Mayor Mike Thoms read Update Rock Island and noted it inadvertently got left off of the agenda.

**Free Tax Preparation Assistance still available at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center through April 9<sup>th</sup>.** The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program will prepare taxes for FREE for eligible Quad Citizens. For more information visit <HTTPS://WWW.UNITEDWAYQC.ORG/VITA> or call 563.355.9900.

**The Development Association of Rock Island (DARI) is offering two scholarships for \$5,000 to Rock Island high school seniors.** To help kick off its community marketing campaign – Why Rock Island, DARI is asking participants to use their imagination to create a video or other visual that tells the story of Why Rock Island is a great place to live, work and play. For more information contact Stacey McIntosh, DARI Program Manager at [SMCINTOSH@ROCKISLANDFORWARD.COM](mailto:SMCINTOSH@ROCKISLANDFORWARD.COM) or phone (309) 732.1186. Applications are due by April 22, 2022.

**QCCA Expo Center** – to host its annual flower and garden show Friday, March 25, 2022 through Sunday, March 27, 2022. This year, the QCCA Expo Center and Quad Cities Builders

and Remodelers Association are teaming up to hone one unique Home and Garden Show event. Vendors will be on hand to discuss and provide resources for all your landscaping and home remodeling project. For more information visit <HTTPS://WWW.QCCAEXPOCENTER.COM/>.

Alderson Parker indicated he wanted to thank members of the public that spoke during public comment regarding the Black Hawk sign. He apologized for not being present in person, but did listen very closely. He apologized for his part in the decision to gift the bank the sign. He asked if legal staff could provide clarification as to why a single member of a City Council is unable to add an agenda item to rescind a decision in which they were in the affirmative. Dave Morrison, City Attorney responded that there is no policy or ordinance that addresses this, therefore the default goes to the state statute, which is the same statute for calling a special meeting requiring three Aldersons or more. Alderson Parker asked if Robert's Rules is taken into consideration as the standard for meetings as it indicates one person can bring back a motion if they voted in the affirmative. Mr. Morrison responded that he would further research the question and get back to him. Alderson Parker opined that he hoped that his colleagues on Council would agree that this item is worth putting back on the agenda.

28. Motion to Adjourn.

MOTION:

Alderson Gilbert moved to adjourn the meeting; Alderson Hurt seconded. The meeting concluded at 8:31 p.m.

VOTE:

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Samantha Gange \_\_\_\_\_

Samantha Gange, City Clerk