

CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

1528 Third Avenue, Rock Island IL

City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor

6/28/2021 - Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Thoms called the meeting to order at 6:49 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 Interim City Clerk Josh Adams to call the roll.

Present: Alderman Moses Robinson, Alderman Randy Hurt, Alderwoman Judith Gilbert, Alderwoman Jenni Swanson, Alderman Dylan Parker, Alderman Mark Poulos, and Mayor Mike Thoms.

Alderman Dave Geenen was present via remote connection in accordance with Governor Pritzker's Executive Order.

Staff: City Manager Randy Tweet, City Attorney Dave Morrison, Interim City Clerk Josh Adams, and other City staff.

Absent: None.

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

Mayor Thoms asked if anyone in the public wished to speak.

Mayor Thoms called John Kinser to speak, but there was no response. It appeared that the resident had left.

Mayor Thoms called Tylin Roberts to speak, but there was no response. It appeared that the resident had left.

Mayor Thoms called Chris Dunn to speak, but there was no response. It appeared that the resident had left.

Mayor Thoms called Derrick Boyd to speak, but there was no response. It appeared that the resident had left.

Rock Island resident Glen Evans addressed Council regarding the applications of Derrick Boyd and Tylin Roberts to the Rock Island Police Department. He said the applicants were told different things both times they applied for employment, and added he hoped for consistency for the requirements to become a police officer. He noted both applicants were graduates of Rock Island High School, and wished to return to the community knowing officer recruitment was difficult for the City. He asked if there would be another step to take other than the Police Commission's recommendations, and requested assistance from Council and Mayor Thoms for a better understanding.

Rock Island resident John Van Norman addressed Council regarding potholes that have not been filled, and the lack of responses from Alderman Hurt or the Public Works Department. He noted he has made many attempts to obtain a response, but has had none. He mentioned large potholes near 9th and 11th Street, and noted the funding for other businesses in lieu of fixing potholes. He stated his displeasure about a lack of action on potholes. Mayor Thoms noted that Public Works Director Mike Bartels was in the audience and would speak with him regarding his issues. He added the City generally did not do much work in alleys. Mr. Van Norman replied it was the only access to his property. Alderman Hurt apologized for not responding to Mr. Van Norman's most recent message, as he was running late. He said he had previously responded to Mr. Van Norman, and Mr. Van Norman replied there were no results. Mayor Thoms reminded Mr. Van Norman that Mr. Bartels would speak with him and attempt to solve the issues depending on policy and budget.

Rock Island resident Anthony Gay addressed Council regarding the systems of control placed upon the Black population in the country over time. He said the country's criminal justice system was about racial and social control, and is strategically employed to keep Black people as second class citizens. He noted traffic stops were the most common type of police-citizen interactions, and officers have wide discretion as to which drivers they will stop. He said there are many instances of police abusing their discretionary law enforcement powers, and that police privilege was a problem in Rock Island. He added citizens must have the courage and empathy to confront and understand the problem. He said he is the founder of the Section 1983 Initiative to inform the public about, and alleviate, police abuse. He noted Section 1983 was focused on creating social justice.

Chicago, Illinois resident PiRae Easley addressed Council, noting that Black people have been at the forefront of each movement in the country since its inception. She asked that everyone understand the social and racial inequities in the country, and to show deference and gratitude to those who made it easy for everyone to arrive.

Chicago, Illinois resident William L. Scott III addressed Council regarding his support for Anthony Gay and his initiative. He said he was pleased to be in the City a second time to see public servants adjudicating the issues of the citizens.

7. Minutes of the May 25, 2021 and June 8, 2021 Special City Council meetings, and the June 14, 2021 City Council meeting.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

8. Minutes of the May 24, 2021 and June 14, 2021 Executive Sessions.

MOTION:

Alderman Hurt moved to approve the Executive Session minutes; Alderman Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

9. Update Rock Island

Genesisius Guild Live Theater - The Genesisius Guild is returning for the 2021 season with free classical theater shows in Lincoln Park. The next show is Shakespeare's Life In His Works by Shakespeare and Don Wooten. It will run July 3rd-4th and 10th-11th and starts at 7:00 p.m. Shows will run approximately 90 minutes. Audience members will not be required to wear masks, but it is recommended that one is worn if you are within 6 feet of another group.

Red, White & BOOM! - Red, White and Boom will be held on July 3rd in Schwiebert Park. Gates will open at 5:00 p.m. with music from DJ Jeff James. At 7:00 p.m., Past Curfew, an 80's tribute band, will play, followed by the firework display at 9:30 p.m. Firework music will be heard throughout the park, or tune in to 96.9 FM (97X) to hear this year's soundtrack. Concessions will be available throughout the park from multiple vendors. Schwiebert Riverfront Park entertainment and activities are presented by Rock Island Parks & Recreation with support from the City of Rock Island Police & Fire Departments, as well as Rock Island Happy Joe's Pizza,

Friendship Manor, McManus Orthodontics, Country Financial- Stacey Brown, and the Rock Island Animal Hospital.

Mayor Thoms also congratulated Human Resources Director John Thorson on his pending retirement. He thanked him for his years of service to the City.

10. Proclamation declaring July 3, 2021 as Red, White and Boom & Military and Arsenal Appreciation Day

Interim City Clerk Josh Adams read the proclamation. Mayor Thoms read his declaration.

11. Presentation of the Auditor's Financial Report for CY 2020.

Interim Finance Director Linda Barnes presented the City's Financial Report for calendar year 2020. She provided information from the Government Finance Officer's Association regarding the use of the acronym for Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports. She stated in March of 2021 the acronym had been deemed insensitive due to similarities to a derogatory term for certain populations, and the Association suggested using a different acronym, or pronouncing the full title. She said the acronym had been removed from the City's website.

Ms. Barnes introduced Tim Gavin of Lauterbach & Amen to explain the report. Mr. Gavin began by saying the report should be read keeping in mind the unique situations of 2020. He said the process went smoothly despite the challenges of working remotely for the second consecutive year. He thanked the Finance team and praised them for their work and handling requests. He said the process resulted in an Unmodified Opinion, which is the highest level that the City could receive, as well as the receipt of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. He noted there were no internal control findings, and no new management letter comments.

Mr. Gavin said the main goal of an audit is to perform a series of tests on transactions and account balances to conclude that the financial statements are materially correct. He discussed certain items of note from the report, including a transmittal letter. This letter provides a high level overview of the City in an economic context. Also included is the Independent Auditor's Report, which indicated the previously mentioned Unmodified Opinion.

Mr. Gavin said pages 16 through 27 are the most important, as it contains Management's Discussion and Analysis, also known as an Executive Summary. He noted the section describes in simple terms how the report is structured, has key financial highlights, along with a comparison of the current year's numbers versus the previous year's. He said the final section contains ten years of analysis on financial results, debt information, revenue information, and operating, demographic, and economic statistics.

Mr. Gavin continued with a discussion on the General Fund for the City, including the unassigned fund balance, which is monies not earmarked by any internal restrictions or owed to other parties. He said the unassigned fund balance has trended upward over the past four years, with a balance of \$11.3 million at the end of 2020. He discussed single audit results of federal funds, which resulted in no findings and an Unmodified Opinion on compliance. He then summarized the management letter, which found no internal control-related issues and no new recommendations or comments.

Alderwoman Gilbert asked what the City's long-term debt and other liabilities were, referencing differences on pages 19 and 26 of the report. Mr. Gavin explained the discrepancy may be explained through classification of near-term versus long-term liabilities. Alderwoman Gilbert questioned that the total debt on page 19 should match page 26, and requested the total amount of debt the City has. Mr. Gavin said he would need to look more closely at the numbers to differentiate between the two pages, but he directed her to the note disclosures for more thorough information. Alderman Geenen said Council is unaware of how much debt the City has. Alderwoman Gilbert pointed to page 26 of the report, which noted the total outstanding debt as \$345,300,414 compared to the previous year's different total. She asked if the \$345,300,414 indicated the total City debt. Mr. Gavin said that represented the City's total long-term liabilities.

Alderwoman Gilbert asked him to explain the difference between debt and long-term liabilities. Mr. Gavin said all debts are liabilities, but not all liabilities are debts. He said a large contribution to the debt number are net pension and post-retirement health care liabilities. He said the 2020 figures show nearly \$180 million in long-term liabilities and discussed other aspects of the liability number. He explained what would qualify as debt for the City. Mr. Gavin discussed a new reporting requirement in the form of asset retirement obligation, and termed it another example of long-term liability versus debt. Alderwoman Gilbert asked where the funding would come from to pay for debt and other liabilities. Mr. Gavin replied in most cases it comes from a property tax levy. Alderwoman Gilbert asked how much interest the City pays for long-term debt on an annual basis. Mr. Gavin said that information would be listed in the non-disclosures in note 3 starting with page 81, and page 89 lists what the annual principle and interest payments are.

Alderwoman Gilbert referenced page 26 and the 13.1 percent increase from 2019 for total outstanding debt and asked what accounted for the increase. Mr. Gavin replied the two far right columns listed totals from 2019 and 2020, and pointed to the increase in net pension liabilities and general obligation bonds. Alderwoman Gilbert asked if there was a standard ratio for municipal debt. Mr. Gavin said the answer may change depending on the respondent, but every municipality is unique, and one standard ratio is not applicable. Alderman Geenen asked how long Mr. Gavin had been looking at the City's audits. Mr. Gavin replied he has worked with the City for two years. Alderwoman Gilbert asked if 2021 was the last year of working with Mr. Gavin's firm, and he replied there was one more year.

12. A Special Ordinance authorizing the sale of City-owned property described as 1018 11th Avenue, Parcel 095572, PIN #1602105018 to Magali Oliveros-Rojas and Onixsiel Cruz-Arroyo for \$1.00 plus closing costs. (Second Reading)

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

13. A Special Ordinance authorizing the sale of City-owned property described as 715 4th Avenue, Parcel 091804, PIN #0734408003 to Reverend Dr. Jacqueline J. Cunningham-Walls for \$1.00 plus closing costs. (Second Reading)

MOTION:

Alderman Robinson moved to pass the ordinance; Alderwoman Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

14. A Special Ordinance authorizing a handicapped parking space at 1506 33rd Street. (Second Reading)

MOTION:

Alderman Poulos moved to pass the ordinance; Alderman Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

15. Claims

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$50,584.05 to McClintock Trucking & Excavating, Silvis, IL for services provided at 3222 39th Avenue and 1418 9th Street as part of the Sewer Lateral Repair Program, Project 2564.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$11,137.09 to McClintock Trucking & Excavating, Silvis, IL for services provided at 2513 29 1/2th Street and 2008 17th Street as part of the Water Service Repair Program, Project 2526.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$20,340.64 to Langman Construction Inc., Rock Island, IL for an emergency storm sewer repair at 3501 34th Street.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$13,872.00 to Crawford Company, Rock Island, IL for an emergency water main repair at 2800 46th Avenue.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$14,010.74 to Crawford Company, Rock Island, IL for an emergency water main repair at 4400 7th Avenue.

MOTION:

Alderman Robinson moved to approve Claims Items A through E; Alderwoman Swanson seconded.

Alderwoman Gilbert noted the invoices for the Crawford Company claims did not have dates of service. She added it would be helpful to have them in memos for claims. Public Works Director Mike Bartels replied he would follow up with Crawford to ensure dates of service were on future invoices.

Alderman 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, Geenen, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

16. ACH Payments for the months of April 2021 in the amount of \$795,201.60; and May 2021 in the amount of \$2,051,341.39.

MOTION:

Alderwoman Swanson moved to approve the ACH payments; Alderman Parker seconded.

Alderwoman Gilbert asked Interim Finance Director Linda Barnes to confirm whether bond payments in the May 2021 report were on the principal or interest. Ms. Barnes stated they were interest payments.

VOTE:

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

17. Claims for the weeks of June 11 through June 17, 2021 in the amount of \$415,452.83; June 18 through June 24, 2021 in the amount of \$540,503.72; and payroll for the weeks of May 3 through May 16, 2021 in the amount of \$1,501,595.10 and May 31 through June 13, 2021 in the amount of \$1,608,430.51.

MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to allow the claims and payroll; Alderman Poulos seconded.

Alderwoman Gilbert asked if it was possible to have staff names and departments on purchase card entries. Mr. Tweet asked Ms. Barnes if that was a possibility. Ms. Barnes said the protocol is to have purchasers include their name and department. Alderman Geenen said in his previous term a similar request was made, and Council began to see the preferred results. He said the City has lost some accountability measures.

VOTE:

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

18. Purchase Card Claims for the period of March 27th through April 26, 2021 in the amount of

\$52,231.24; and April 27th through May 26th, 2021 in the amount of \$56,471.21.

MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to approve the purchase card claims; Alderman Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

19. Report from the Public Works Department regarding the emergency purchase of a replacement comminutor for the Southwest Treatment Plant in the amount of \$35,310.40 from G.E.T. Industries Inc, Caledon, Ontario, Canada.

MOTION:

Alderwoman Gilbert moved to approve the emergency purchase as recommended; Alderman Hurt seconded.

Alderman Hurt mentioned he wanted to give a personal thank you to Mr. Bartels.

VOTE:

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

20. Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2021 Pavement Marking Program, Project 2749, recommending the bid be awarded to Precision Pavement Markings, Inc, Pingree Grove, IL for the amount of \$128,030.00.

MOTION:

Alderwoman Gilbert moved to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents; Alderwoman Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

21. Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for Single-Stream Curbside Recycling Services, recommending the bid be awarded to Republic Services, Bettendorf, IA.

MOTION:

Alderwoman Swanson moved to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents; Alderman Robinson seconded.

Alderwoman Gilbert asked Mr. Bartels to explain the meaning of single-stream recycling. Mr. Bartels replied it meant recycling materials could be placed together in one container, including glass, plastic, and cardboard.

VOTE:

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

22. Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the sale of City-owned property with no address (Parcel 093631, PIN #1601204001) to Augustana College for \$1 plus closing costs. (First Reading)

MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to approve the sale as recommended; authorize the City Manager to execute the sale agreement; and consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Alderman Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

23. Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the sale of City-owned property located at 1923 9th Street (Parcel 103536, PIN #1602304006) to Ms. Ruby Perkins for \$815.00 plus closing costs. (First Reading)

MOTION:

Alderman Hurt moved to approve the sale as recommended; authorize the City Manager to execute the sale agreement; and consider the ordinance; Alderman Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

24. Report from General Administration regarding a four-year business and economic growth partnership agreement with the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce.

MOTION:

Alderwoman Swanson moved to approve the agreement; authorize the City Manager to execute

the contract documents; and adopt the resolution; Alderman Poulos seconded.

Alderwoman Gilbert asked Mr. Tweet if the City received more detailed reports from the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Tweet replied he was on the board, which meets every two months, and detailed reports are presented at those meetings. He noted some of the information is confidential and could not be shared, and much of the information is included in working with DARI (Development Association of Rock Island). He added projects through the Chamber of Commerce carry anonymous names on reports, and even the board is unaware of what they may be.

VOTE:

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

25. Report from General Administration regarding a proposal from Media Link, Inc, Rock Island, IL to for the City to participate in the QC PastPort program at a cost of \$27,000.00.

MOTION:

Alderwoman Gilbert moved to approve the proposal as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents; Alderwoman Swanson seconded.

Alderwoman Robinson asked what the City would receive from the agreement. Mr. Tweet noted the prior presentation from QC PastPort indicated signage would be added similar to the Channel Cat currently does, with ten locations within the City. Alderman Robinson said he loved the program, but noted the lack of black history destinations. Mr. Tweet said additional locations could be added, and conversations were underway with an additional partner whose focus would be identifying destinations of historical significance akin to what Alderman Robinson requested.

VOTE:

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

26. Report from General Administration regarding a request to fund the Ya Maka My Weekend festival with \$30,000 allocated from the Hotel and Motel tax fund.

MOTION:

Alderwoman Swanson moved to approve the funding up to \$30,000 as recommended; Alderman Hurt seconded.

Alderwoman Gilbert asked which entity would receive the funding. Mr. Tweet explained that Daiquiri Factory owner Kyle Peters would be staging the event, and could answer more specifically. Alderwoman Gilbert asked for clarification on the bidding process. Mr. Tweet replied that each item requiring payment would be separate, including food vendors, the stage, and bands. Alderwoman Gilbert asked Mr. Peters for an overview of the event thus far. Mr. Peters came to the front, and said the event would be similar to the 2019 event of the same name,

including many reggae bands, food vendors, and merchandise vendors. He said the concept would be the same as the 29 previous years, and he reached out to the City to assist in funding the event. Alderwoman Gilbert asked if the City would be writing checks directly to the vendors or otherwise. Mr. Tweet said that was to be determined.

Alderman Geenen asked about the downtown partnership's involvement in this event, as well as Downtown Manager Jack Cullen. Mr. Tweet said Mr. Cullen was supportive of it. Alderman Geenen asked whether or not the City should be planning events through the new partnership. Mr. Tweet replied the City was not to that point yet, but there was funding for tourism events previously allocated by Council. He hoped that once the downtown group was established, they would host events similar to this. Alderman Geenen asked if the tourism funds were only for the downtown. Mr. Tweet replied this particular event was funded by those, as well as the QC PastPort program, but the funding could be allocated anywhere in the City.

Alderman Parker noted that this event was a good example of why the City needed a downtown partnership organization. He said the question was whether or not to do the events, and if so, there are good private sector partners willing to put in the work to organize the event. He added the City does not have the capacity to organize events such as this, and a downtown organization is necessary, along with partnering with downtown businesses. Alderman Geenen noted that he planned to vote against the measure, but after hearing Alderman Parker's remarks, decided to vote in favor. Alderman Hurt thanked Mr. Peters for his efforts in working with the City.

VOTE:

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

27. Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from the YWCA of the Quad Cities to vacate a section of street right-of-way between 5th Avenue and an alleyway bisecting the 500 block of 17th Street north of 6th Avenue. (First Reading)

MOTION:

Alderwoman Gilbert moved to approve the vacation as recommended; that a utilities easement be put in place for the same; and consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Alderman Geenen seconded.

VOTE:

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

28. Report from the Traffic and Engineering Committee regarding a request for a handicapped parking space at 4509 9th Avenue. (First Reading)

MOTION:

Alderman Poulos moved to approve the request as recommended and consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Alderwoman Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

29. Report from the Traffic and Engineering Committee regarding a request for a handicapped parking space at 2954 12th Street. (First Reading)

MOTION:

Alderwoman Gilbert moved to consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Alderman Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

30. Report from the Finance Department regarding the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and other audit documents for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020.

MOTION:

Alderman Poulos moved to approve the audit documents as recommended; Alderwoman Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

31. Report from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding a proposal to finance up to \$1,300,000.00 from American Bank & Trust, Rock Island, IL for construction of a new clubhouse at Highland Springs Golf Course.

MOTION:

Alderman Hurt moved to approve the proposal; Alderman Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

32. Report from the Mayor's office regarding the reappointments of Aaron Curry to the Police Pension Board, John Wright to the Liquor Control Commission, Harlan King and Martin Pizano to the Electrical Board of Appeals, and Michael Creger, Norm Moline, and David Parker Sr. to the Planning Commission, as well as the appointment of Reshanda Johnson to the Planning Commission.

MOTION:

Alderman Robinson moved to approve the reappointments and appointment as recommended; Alderman Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

33. Report from the Mayor's office regarding the designation of a Mayor Pro Tem.

MOTION:

Alderman Hurt moved to nominate Alderwoman Swanson as Mayor Pro Tem for the next year; Alderman Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

Motion failed on a 3-4-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Swanson, and Poulos. Nay: Gilbert, Parker, Geenen, and Robinson. Absent: None.

SECOND MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to nominate Alderman Geenen as Mayor Pro Tem for the next year; Alderman Robinson seconded.

Alderman Geenen said he originally was not interested in the nomination due to work and family duties, but with the encouragement of other Council members and his seniority, would accept the nomination based on the voting outcome.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 4-3-0 roll call vote. Aye: Gilbert, Parker, Geenen, and Robinson. Nay: Hurt, Swanson, and Poulos. Absent: None.

34. Report from the City Clerk's office regarding a request from Greater Antioch Baptist Church, 929 14th Street, for sound amplification and to close off 10th Avenue between 14th Street and 14 1/2 Street on Sunday, July 11th and Sunday, July 25th, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for outdoor church services on those days.

MOTION:

Alderman Robinson moved to approve the street closing and sound amplification requests as recommended; Alderwoman Gilbert seconded.

VOTE:

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

35. Report from the City Clerk's office regarding a request from Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse, 1828 3rd Avenue, for sound amplification and to close off half of the block between 18th and 19th Streets at 3rd Avenue on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for an outdoor show, with a rain date of Tuesday, August 17, 2021.

MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to approve the applications for street closing and sound amplification requests as recommended; Alderman Robinson seconded.

Mayor Thoms noted the event was a success in the past during the pandemic.

VOTE:

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

36. Other Business

Alderwoman Gilbert announced the holding of a Third Ward meeting on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Police Department Community Room. She said the purpose was to meet her and other representatives of the Third Ward Citizen Advisory Committee, and to discuss updates on a number of City issues. She noted virtual attendance was possible via Google Meet for residents who could not attend, and the link was on the City's website home page.

Alderman Poulos discussed issues regarding the commercial breeding of dogs in his ward at residences. He noted the City's ordinance does not regulate private breeding, but would hope the City would take action if certain breeding was found to be for a commercial purpose. Mr. Tweet said commercial breeding is not allowed in residential districts within the City, and a current complaint regarding the issue is being investigated. Alderwoman Gilbert asked if there was a limit on the number of dogs allowed, and Mr. Tweet replied there is not a limit on the number of animals one could own. Alderman Poulos noted neighboring cities do have a limit on the number of dogs allowed.

Alderman Poulos suggested the City Attorney draft an ordinance with regards to businesses and BYOB activity. He noted recent incidents involving that issue that resulted in violent behavior. He asked Council members to consider the matter individually, and perhaps collectively direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to appropriately address the issue. Mr. Morrison said his office would pull samples from other state municipalities for guidance. Alderman Robinson

asked if the owners of the establishments in question had been contacted. Mayor Thoms noted the owner had been contacted regarding the issue several times by many authorities, and suggested incorporating the thoughts of the Police Department in the process of drafting an ordinance. Alderman Poulos said it is a bad mix to have a business model charging a fee at the door and per cup. Mayor Thoms said the issue does require a closer look.

Alderman Robinson said he would be hosting a Town Hall meeting on Thursday, July 1, 2021 for the First Ward with hopes that the Second Ward would join. He noted the meeting would be at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center at 6:00 p.m., with accessibility to Facebook Live via his Alderman page. He said the purpose of the meeting is to get a better idea how to communicate with his constituents.

Alderwoman Gilbert asked Mr. Tweet when the proposed water and sewer rates would come to Council. Mr. Tweet replied that would be brought back in July as written. Alderwoman Gilbert asked him where the City was at with regards to the RFQ process. Mr. Tweet confirmed a second draft had been completed, and would send out the update shortly after the meeting.

Alderman Parker noted he had sent questions to Mr. Tweet regarding 11th Street, and Mr. Tweet had replied that replacing the water line had already been included in the budget. Mr. Tweet said it was a CIP (Capital Improvement Project) item, and confirmed it would be done in 2022 for \$1.8 million. Alderman Parker asked for clarification on the repair. Mr. Tweet replied the main runs in the middle of the road, and the City has applied for grants.

37. Executive Session

MOTION:

Alderman Poulos moved to go into Executive Session for the exceptions cited; Alderwoman Gilbert seconded.

VOTE:

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

Council entered Executive Session at 8:21 p.m.

38. Motion to Adjourn

MOTION:

Alderman Hurt moved to adjourn to Monday, July 12, 2021; Alderman Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Josh Adams, Interim City Clerk