

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

City Hall

1528 Third Avenue, Rock Island IL

City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor

5/9/2022 - 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 Moses Robinson, Randy Hurt, Judith Gilbert, Jenni Swanson, Dylan Parker, Mark Poulos, and Bill Healy.

Absent: None.

Staff: Interim City Manager and Parks Director John Gripp, 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

Ken Lane, resident of Rock Island, addressed City Council during public comment regarding an issue with security cameras and privacy. Mr. Lane reported concerns about one of his neighbor's cameras in particular being pointed at his backyard and the back of his house. Mr. Lane explained that he has researched the Privacy Act of 1974 and has also contacted the police for assistance. Mr. Lane said that his right to privacy is being infringed upon since his neighbor's camera can see into his back yard he feels very uncomfortable about it. Mr. Lane asked City Council to consider an ordinance for security cameras.

Mayor Thoms thanked Mr. Lane and explained that they would have to look into the legalities of what it would take. Alderwoman Gilbert commented that she did go out and look at the properties and cameras. She explained that there is very high fencing all around this neighbor's yard so she is not sure she understands the point of the camera on the garage when it is not capturing the neighbor's property, only Mr. Lane's property. Mr. Lane reiterated details about his neighbor's sense of privacy due to the high fence and motion cameras. Mayor Thoms suggested Mr. Lane speak with Police Chief Landi to seek clarification regarding privacy.

Brian Williams, resident of Rock Island, addressed City Council in support of making a private parking lot ordinance for the parking lot near the condo he lives in. Mr. Williams reported that there have been issues occurring with Playmakers in the lot that his property backs up to. He further explained that he is unable to have his windows open in the evenings due to noise which primarily causes issues on Sunday evenings. Mr. Williams reported that he, his wife, and his neighbor were in attendance in support of passing the ordinance for making the parking lot private.

Mayor Thoms announced an introduction of a new City employee, Naomi Sanderson as the Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Clerk. Mayor Thoms also announced this City Council meeting was John Gripp's last meeting as Interim City Manager.

7. Update Rock Island

Enjoy riding your bike? If so, then join the **MLK Second Annual Community Bike Ride** on Thursday, May 12th, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Bike riders will meet at the Martin Luther King Center, 630 9th Street in Rock Island, IL. Participants of all ages are welcome! Please bring your bike, a helmet and water bottle.

National Bike to Work Day Breakfast – Downtown Rock Island, The Rock Island Parks & Recreation Department and the Quad Cities Bicycle Club are hosting a grab-n-go breakfast on Friday, May 20 from 6:00 – 10:00 a.m. at Schwiebert Riverfront Park. Grab-n-go breakfast and coffee will be provided to all bicyclists in honor of National Bike to Work Day. Come join the fun!

Downtown Rock Island Spring Cleanup – will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Volunteers should meet at the Centennial Bridge Office building at 201 15th Street. Vests, garbage bags, grabbers, rakes and brooms will be provided. Volunteers should bring their own work gloves. For more information, contact Jack Cullen at 563.823.2670

Spring into Gardening with the Rock Island Library – The Rock Island Public Library seed garden is now open. The Seed Library is a free collection of seeds available to any household, with no library card required. The collection allows home gardeners to explore new varieties of vegetables, fruits, flowers, and herbs. For further questions about the Seed Library, please visit the library website or call 309-732-READ.

Rock Island Leaf Collection Program pickup dates extended through this Friday, May 13, 2022. For free leaf bags, visit the following locations: Highland Springs Golf Course, Saukie Golf Course, the Public Works Department, or the Rock Island Township Assessor's Office.

How to Raise Monarch Butterflies – Come learn how to raise monarchs from egg to adult, types of milkweed and insects that affect milkweed or monarchs. The event will be held on Sunday, May 22nd, 2022 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the Black Hawk State Historic Site Singing Bird Center. This event is free. For more information, call 309-788-9536.

8. Minutes from the April 25, 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: Robinson, Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, and Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

9. Proclamation declaring the month of May 2022 as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

City Clerk Samantha Gange read the proclamation. Mayor Thoms read his declaration. Marvin Spindel, representative of the Blackhawk Chapter, A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois came forward to accept the proclamation. A picture was taken with Mayor Thoms.

10. Proclamation declaring May 16th through May 20th, 2022 as National Public Works Week.

City Clerk Samantha Gange read the proclamation. Mayor Thoms read his declaration. Mike Bartels, Director of Public Works came forward to accept the proclamation. A picture was taken with Mayor Thoms.

11. Finance Department's Presentation of the 1st Quarter Financial Management Report.

Finance Director Linda Barnes presented the 2022 1st Quarter Financial Management Report. Ms. Barnes reported the audit is underway and will be presented to City Council on June 27, 2022. She discussed the revenues, expenditures, and net position as of March 31, 2022. Additionally, she provided detailed information for Governmental Funds, Proprietary Funds, Fiduciary Funds, and Component Units. Ms. Barnes next discussed the State and Local Tax Revenue. She noted the City revenue was below target due to pending property taxes. She explained the analysis of tax revenues including income, replacement, sales, local option sales, use, municipal utility, telecommunications, food and beverage, and gaming taxes. She provided information for general expenditures by department in the City. Ms. Barnes followed with the management report showing monthly investment totals as of March 31, 2022. She noted the distribution of investments in the City, as well as percentage of investments with financial institutions.

Mayor Thoms asked if Council had questions, and there were none.

12. Claim - Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$16,448.00 to David G. Morrison, City Attorney, for services rendered during the month of April 2022.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve the claim item; Aldersperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

13. Claims for the week of April 15 through April 21, 2022 in the amount of \$704,745.92 week of April 22 through April 28, 2022 in the amount of \$1,163,872.52; and payroll for the weeks of April 4, 2022 through April 17, 2022 in the amount of \$1,530,368.31.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to approve the claims and payroll; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

14. Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of an EnviroSight VeriSight Pro+ push camera for visual inspection of sewer pipelines in the amount of \$25,080.00 from Key Equipment & Supply, Springfield, IL.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

15. Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of stainless-steel water main repair clamps, recommending the low bid be awarded to Ferguson Waterworks, DeKalb, IL in the amount of \$16,096.54.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

16. Report from the Public Works Department regarding an emergency purchase of a remanufactured replacement engine from Martin Equipment, Rock Island, IL in the amount of \$14,909.68.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

17. Report from the Public Works Department regarding sealed bids for the replacement of two Lincoln Park pavilion roofs, recommending the bid for the contract be awarded to Economy Roofing, Bettendorf, IA in the amount of \$17,340.00.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

18. Report from the Public Works Department regarding sealed bids for a five-year contract for the annual power washing of all playgrounds, pavilions, athletic courts, pool decks, entryway signs, and bridge decks, recommending the bid for the contract be awarded to Agent Clean, Walcott, IA in the amount of \$110,180.00.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to approve the bid for the contract as recommended and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the contract documents; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

19. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding sealed bids for the demolition of four residential properties, project CED-ID 20220301, recommending the bid for the contract be awarded to Miller Trucking & Excavating, Silvis, IL in the amount of \$101,500.00.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson moved to approve the bid for the contract as recommended and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the contract documents; Aldersperson Poulos 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: Robinson, Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson, Poulos, and Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

20. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding the approval of a three-year labor agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police - Command Officers Association (COA).

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve the proposed three-year labor agreement between the City and the Fraternal Order of Police – COA for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

21. Report from the Mayor's Office regarding a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Rock Island, the City of Davenport, and the Downtown Davenport Partnership for a term of three years to structure an event model for Red, White, & Boom, with Rock Island contributing \$20,000.00 each year.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and allow the Interim City Manger to execute the documents; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

22. Report from the Parks & Recreation Department regarding a Highway Resolution for the closure of 1st Avenue between 17th Street and 20th Street on Sunday, July 3rd, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., along with a rain date of Monday, July 4th 2022 for the annual Red, White, and Boom fireworks display and concert at Schwiebert Riverfront Park.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

23. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a request from Community Home Partners to place their parking lot at 701 5th Street under the Private Parking Lot Ordinance (Section 9-42 of the Code of Ordinances). (First Reading)

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to approve the request as recommended; waive the \$150 annual fee; consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Aldersperson Robinson seconded.

Aldersperson Gilbert stated that she understands why the Police Department is making this request. She shared that in her experiences as City Clerk, she did not remember ever waiving fees for parking lots under City ordinance. Aldersperson Gilbert asked that an internal policy for criteria for asking City Council to waive fees be developed.

Police Chief Richard Landi approached City Council and said that fees had been waived previously in 2012 with a similar situation so that police could provide needed assistance.

VOTE:

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

24. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a request from the City of Rock Island and Illinois Casualty Company to place their parking lots at 308 21st Street, 312 21st Street, 2025 4th Avenue, and 2029 4th Avenue under the Private Parking Lot Ordinance (Section 9-42 of the Code of Ordinances). (First Reading)

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to approve the request as recommended; waive the \$150 annual fee for each parking lot; consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

25. Report from the Traffic & Engineering Committee regarding a request to remove the handicapped parking space in front of 4527 9th Avenue. (First Reading)

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to approve the request as recommended; consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson, Parker, Poulos,

and Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

26. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding the sale of City-owned property located at 1925 8th Avenue (PIN 0735455001) to Breshawn Hawthorne for \$10.00 plus closing costs. (First Reading)

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

27. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding the sale of City-owned property located at 2629 16th Avenue (PIN 1601137002) to Breshawn Hawthorne for \$1.00 plus closing costs. (First Reading)

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

28. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding the sale of City-owned property located at 749 15th Street (PIN 0735310022) to Monica Perryman for \$10.00 plus closing costs. (First Reading)

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to approve the sale as recommended; authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the sale agreement; consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

29. Report from the Finance Department regarding adjustments to the CY 2022 budget, increasing the Library Fund (Fund 251) expenditures for CY 2022 by \$160,974.72.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

30. Report from the Finance Department regarding adjustments to the CY 2022 budget, increasing the MLK Activity Fund (901) expenditures by \$13,899.00 using carryovers from CY 2021; increasing the DHS Fund (906) revenues by \$23,507.00 and expenditures by \$18,745.00.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

31. Report from the City Clerk's office regarding an Activity / Event application from River Action for their annual Ride the River bicycle ride on Sunday, June 19, 2022 from 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and a Resolution authorizing the temporary closure of the 1st Avenue (IL 92) at 17th Street, turning right onto the northbound on-ramp at 2nd Avenue onto US 67 (the Master Sergeant Stanley Talbot Memorial Bridge) and for the temporary closure of the northbound easternmost lane from 2nd Avenue to Iowa on the US 67 bridge.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to approve the event as recommended and adopt the resolution; Aldersperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

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

32. Report from the City Clerk's office regarding a request and a Resolution from the Quad Cities Marathon Committee for the temporary closure of the easternmost northbound lane of US 67 (Master Stanley Talbot Memorial Bridge) and the temporary closure of the eastbound and westbound lanes of IL 92 and 17th Street to the intersection of 24th Street and 4th Avenue on Sunday, September 25, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to approve the event as recommended and adopt the resolution;

Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

33. 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, June 7 2022 from 3:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for an outdoor show, with a rain date of Thursday, June 9, 2022.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to approve the street closing and sound amplification requests as recommended; Aldersperson Gilbert seconded.

VOTE:

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

34. Report from the City Clerk's office regarding a request from Jason Parris of Wake Brewing for outdoor entertainment with sound amplification and the outdoor sale and consumption of alcohol in the fenced-in area at 2529 5th Avenue on Friday, July 1 through Sunday, July 3, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.; Friday, August 19th through Saturday, August 20th from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.; Friday, September 9th through Saturday, September 10th, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.; and Friday, October 7 through Saturday, October 8th from 2:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to approve the outdoor event and sound amplification requests from Wake Brewing, including the outdoor sale of alcohol in the fenced-in area; subject to complying with all liquor license regulations and subject to being closed down early if complaints are received; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

35. Report from the City Clerk's office regarding a Plaza Activity / Event application for the Rock Island Grand Prix to be held on Saturday, September 3rd, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on Sunday, September 4, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; a request to close 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Avenues between 17th and 20th Streets, close 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th Streets north of 5th Avenue and south of 1st Avenue; and close 4th Avenue at 24th Street from Friday, September 2 at 5:00 p.m. to Monday, September 5, 2022 at 6:00 a.m.; a request to use a portion of Parking Lot C from Wednesday, August 31st through Monday, September 5, 2022 for the storage of equipment; and a request for a waiver of the permit fee.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker motioned to approve the event and requests as recommended including the street closings; and the waiver of the permit fee; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

36. Other Business

Aldersperson Gilbert announced on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 6:00p.m. that she will host a 3rd Ward Meeting in Council Chambers at City Hall. She explained it as an opportunity for citizens to meet the new City Manager Todd Thompson, get an update from City Clerk Samantha Gange about the ARPA process, and receive information for the Simplicity App from IT Director Tim Bain. Citizens will also have the opportunity to ask questions or share concerns with department directors. The event will also be live streamed on YouTube and recorded for those who will need to view it later.

Aldersperson Swanson announced the site dedication for the new Watts-Midtown branch of the Rock Island Public Library is scheduled for tomorrow, May 10, 2022 at 12:00p.m. and invited all listening to attend. She explained this as a wonderful, unique project that we are fortunate to have happening in our City.

37. Closed Session.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to enter into Closed Session for the exceptions cited; Aldersperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

38. Motion to Adjourn.

Upon re-entering the regular meeting, roll call was taken.

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

Absent: None.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to adjourn; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

The meeting concluded at 8:49 p.m.

Naomi Sanderson

Naomi Sanderson, Deputy City Clerk