

THE CITY COUNCIL

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING

Quincy, Illinois, March 4, 2024

The regular meeting of the City Council was held this day at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Michael A. Troup presiding.

The following members were physically present: Ald. Fletcher, Entrup, Bergman, Bauer, Hultz, Mays, Farha, Sassen, Rein, Ebbing, Reed, Uzelac, Holtschlag. 13.

Absent: Ald. Ebbing. 1.

Ald. Uzelac moved Ald. Ebbing be excused and allowed the usual compensation for this meeting. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held February 26, 2024, were approved on a motion of Ald. Bergman. Motion carried.

Legal Counsel: Corporation Counsel Lonnie Dunn.

The City Clerk presented and read the following.

PRESENTATIONS

Sharon Moeller - Quincy Transit Lines - 15 Years of Service

Retirement Date: February 29, 2024

Mayor Troup honored Sharon Moeller for her service.

Sergeant Bryan Dusch - Quincy Police Department

28 Years of Service Retirement Date: March 1, 2024

Mayor Troup honored Sgt. Dusch for his service.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one signed up to speak

PETITIONS

An application for Waiver of Liquor Ordinances by the Quincy Metropolitan Exposition Auditorium & Office Building (Oakley Lindsey Civic Center) requesting permission to have liquor ordinance for Closing Hours waived to be able to serve liquor until 2:30 a.m. for a pool tournament from March 12th to 17th. The Quincy Police Department has given their approval.

Ald. Holtschlag moved the prayer of the petition be granted and the proper authorities notified. Motion carried.

An application for Revocable Permit for Encroachment of City Right-of-Way from Todd Stapleton, owner of 723 South 22nd St., requesting permission to place a large pod container on the street in front of his residence pending the sale of his property. The Engineering Manager presents this request subject to six conditions.

Ald. Sassen moved the prayer of the petition be granted and the proper authorities notified. Motion carried.

Special Event Application from Dr. Orville Jones of First Baptist Church requesting permission to hold the Juneteenth Community Celebration 2024 on Friday, June 14th through Sunday, June 16th from 11:00 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. in Washington Park. Closure of Maine St., 4th to 5th Streets and 5th St., Maine to Hampshire Streets and the City provide barricades for street closures are requested. Notification of all business owners and residents of the street closures on North 5th St. and Maine St. is required. A Live Entertainment/Public Gathering License and a Petting Zoo Permit, to be located on North 5th St. near Hampshire St., have been approved. A large tent and stage on Park District property will be erected and are approved pending an inspection prior to the start of the event. All required documentation has been submitted and approval is recommended by the Department of Utilities & Engineering.

Ald. Uzelac moved the prayer of the petition be granted and the proper authorities notified. Motion carried.

Special Event Application from the Quincy Public Schools Foundation Board of Trustees requesting permission to hold the 11th Annual Dream Big Color Fun Run on Saturday, April 20, 2024. The 5K (3.29 mile) run/walk will begin and end at Quincy Senior High School at 3322 Maine St. Street closures, which are Maine St., 16th to 33rd Streets; 16th St., Maine to Jersey Streets; Jersey St., 16th St. to East Avenue; East Ave; York St., East Ave. to 23rd St.; 23rd St., York to Maine Streets, are requested from 8:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. with barricades. "No Parking" signs are requested along the race route by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 19th. Auxiliary Police Officers are requested to assist with traffic control at the

intersections of 24th and Maine St. and 30th and Maine St. Business owners and residents along the event route will be notified of the street closures at least thirty (30) days prior to the event. All required documentation has been submitted and approval is recommended by the Department of Utilities & Engineering.

Ald. Sassen moved the prayer of the petition be granted and the proper authorities notified. Motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The monthly reports of the City Clerk, the City Treasurer, the City Comptroller, the Sign & Paint Department, the Street Cleaning Department and the Forestry Department for the month of February, 2024 and the Recycling Division for the month of January, 2024, were ordered received and filed on a motion of Ald. Reis. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF THE QUINCY PLAN COMMISSION

Report of a Special Permit request to allow for the construction of an elevated water storage tank at 614-706 North 64th Street and for the installation of communication equipment atop the elevated water storage tank, Zoned RU1, located outside corporate city limits. Petitioner withdrew the Special Permit request from consideration on 02/29/2024.

Ald. Mays moved the report be received and filed. Motion carried.

Recommending APPROVAL of an amendment to an existing Special Permit to allow for the construction of a prayer/worship chapel at 4000 State Street as requested, zoned R1C.

Ald. Rein moved the report be received and concurred in. Motion carried.

Recommending APPROVAL of a request to rezone property located at 329 North 24th Street from single-family residential (R1C) to commercial (C1B) to align the zoning with its current use as a parking lot for a financial institution.

Ald. Farha moved the report be received and concurred in and an ordinance drafted. Motion carried.

THIRD QUARTER REPORT OF THE QUINCY METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION AUDITORIUM & OFFICE BUILDING AUTHORITY – 2023-2024

Ald. Reis moved the report be received and filed. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

ACCEPTANCE OF THE SPECIAL WARRANTY

WHEREAS, Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act of 1964, as amended, makes funds available to help offset certain operating deficits of a system providing public transit service in non-urbanized areas; and

WHEREAS, 49 U.S.C. § 5333(b) requires that fair and equitable arrangements must be made to protect the interests of employees affected by such assistance as a condition or receipt of funds under Section 5311, and

WHEREAS, a simplified process for assuring employee protections that accommodates the needs of participants in the Section 5311 program has been agreed upon by the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Transportation by allowing execution of a Special Section 5333(b) Warranty for Section 5311 projects (Special Warranty), which the Secretary of Labor certified on May 31, 1979;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF QUINCY D/B/A QUINCY TRANSIT LINES:

Section 1. That an application be made to the Office of Intermodal Project Implementation, Department of Transportation, State of Illinois, for a financial assistance grant under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act of 1964, as amended.

Section 2. As a condition of the receipt of Section 5311 funds, the City of Quincy d/b/a Quincy Transit Lines hereby agrees in writing to the terms and conditions of the Special Warranty (Attached) regarding fair and equitable arrangements to protect the interests of employees affected by such assistance.

PASSED by the Quincy City Council on the 4th day of March, 2024.

Ald. Rein moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Sassen, and on the roll call each of the 13 Aldermen voted yea, with 1 absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND AMENDMENT OF SECTION 5311 GRANT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the provision of public transit service is essential to the transportation of persons in the non-urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, 49 U.S.C. § 5311 (“Section 5311”), makes funds available to the State of Illinois to help offset certain operating deficits and administrative expenses of a system providing public transit service in non-urbanized areas; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois, acting by and through the Illinois Department of Transportation, is authorized by 30

ILCS 740/3-1 et seq. to provide the Section 5311 grant; and

WHEREAS, grants for said funds will impose certain obligations upon the recipient, including the provision by it of the local share of funds necessary to cover costs not covered by funds provided under Section 5311.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF QUINCY D/B/A QUINCY TRANSIT LINES:

Section 1. That an application be made to the Office of Intermodal Project Implementation, Department of Transportation, State of Illinois, for a financial assistance grant under Section 5311 for fiscal year 2025 for the purpose of offsetting a portion of the Public Transportation Program operating deficits of the City of Quincy d/b/a Quincy Transit Lines.

Section 2. That while participating in said operating assistance program, the City of Quincy d/b/a Quincy Transit Lines will provide all required local matching funds.

Section 3. That the Mayor of the City of Quincy d/b/a Quincy Transit Lines Quincy and the City Council is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file on behalf of City of Quincy d/b/a Quincy Transit Lines such application.

Section 4. That the Mayor of the City of Quincy d/b/a Quincy Transit Lines Quincy City Council is authorized to furnish such additional information as may be required by the Office of Intermodal Project Implementation and the Federal Transit Administration in connection with the aforesaid application for said grant.

Section 5. That the Mayor of the City of Quincy d/b/a Quincy Transit Lines Quincy City Council is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file on behalf of the City of Quincy d/b/a Quincy Transit Lines a Section 5311 Grant Agreement (“Agreement”) with the Illinois Department of Transportation, and amend such Agreement, if necessary, in order to obtain grant assistance under the provisions of Section 5311 for fiscal year 2025.

Section 6. That the Mayor of the City of Quincy d/b/a Quincy Transit Lines Quincy City Council is hereby authorized to provide such information and to file such documents as may be required to perform the Agreement and to receive the grant for fiscal year 2025.

PRESENTED and ADOPTED this 4th day of March 2024.

Ald. Rein moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Sassen, and on the roll call each of the 13 Aldermen voted yea, with 1 absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy is responsible for the repair, maintenance, and improvement of its buildings and facilities that are used for the daily operation of essential services in the City of Quincy; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Central Services desires an additional building to store its fleet of vehicles and machinery that is used to provide these services; and,

WHEREAS, the City requires the services of a professional architectural engineering firm for the design of the building; and,

WHEREAS, Architechnics, Inc. of Quincy has the qualifications, resources, and expertise required to provide the architectural and engineering design services for this project in a timely manner; and,

WHEREAS, funding for the professional service is available in the 2023/2024 General Fund fiscal year budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of Public Works, the Central Services Director, and the Central Services Committee recommend to the Mayor and Quincy City Council that the proposal from Architechnics, Inc. of Quincy, Illinois, in the amount of \$48,000.00 be accepted and the Mayor be authorized to sign necessary contract documents.

Jeffrey Conte, P.E.

Director of Public Works

Ald. Sassen moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Holtschlag, and on the roll call each of the 13 Aldermen voted yea, with 1 absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy requires the use of a professional laboratory to assist with routine analytical testing of the groundwater at the closed Municipal Landfill #4; and,

WHEREAS, the City recently sought Requests for Proposals for the analytical testing services for a two (2) year period beginning April 1, 2024, and ending on March 31, 2026, with an option to extend the service contract for an additional two (2) year period; and,

WHEREAS, four (4) proposals were received, and the Engineering Manager has reviewed the proposals and finds them to be acceptable; and,

WHEREAS, a proposal from Eurofins Environmental Testing of Savannah, Georgia, meets all the requirements of the requested proposal at an annual cost of \$36,289.00 per year; and,

WHEREAS, funding for this service is available in the 2023/2024 General Fund fiscal year budget and will be included in fiscal year budgets for the duration of the contract period.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Engineering Manager and the Central Services Committee recommend to the Mayor and Quincy City Council that the proposal from Eurofins Environmental Testing of Savannah, Georgia, in the amount of \$36,289.00 be accepted and the Mayor be authorized to sign the contract documents.

Steve Bange, P.E.
Engineering Manager

Ald. Sassen moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Holtschlag, and on the roll call each of the 13 Aldermen voted ye, with 1 absent. Motion carried.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ENGAGEMENT OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND RELATED LEGAL SERVICES OF HASSELBERG GREBE SNODGRASS URBAN & WENTWORTH

WHEREAS, Quincy firefighters, Local 63 I.A.F.F., District No. 9, Local Lodge 822 International Association of Machinist and Aerospace Workers and Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1108 collective bargaining agreements expire in 2024, and

WHEREAS, the administration tasked Corporation Counsel with finding and vetting various law firms to represent the city in collective bargaining negotiations, and

WHEREAS, Corporation Counsel has recommended various firms for further interviews and vetting with the administration, and

WHEREAS, the administration and Corporate Counsel has been interviewing and vetting various law firms to negotiate on the City’s behalf, and

WHEREAS, the administration and Corporate Counsel believes it to be in the best interest of the City for the Council to approve the engagement of the law firm of Hasselberg Grebe Snodgrass Urban & Wentworth, (Hasselberg) of Peoria, Illinois, and

WHEREAS Hasselberg has extensive experience in labor law, collective bargaining, municipal representation, and general municipal law, and

WHEREAS the administration and Corporate Counsel brought its recommendation before the Personnel Committee, and

WHEREAS the Personnel Committee felt the choice was an administration decision, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Corporation Counsel and the administration believes it to be in the best interest of the City that the City Council approve the retention and engagement of the law firm of Hasselberg Grebe Snodgrass Urban & Wentworth for labor law, collective bargaining, and related matters and that the mayor be authorized to enter into a representation agreement with said firm.

Ald. Sassen moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Holtschlag, and on the roll call the following vote resulted: Yeas: Uzelac, Holtschlag, Fletcher, Entrup, Bergman, Bauer, Hultz, Mays, Sassen, Rein, Reis, Reed. 12. Nay: Ald. Farha. 1. Absent: Ald. Ebbing. 1. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE

First presentation of an Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 37 (Fire Department) And Chapter 42 (Administrative Provisions Relating To The City) Of The Municipal Code Of The City Of Quincy 2015.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Quincy, Illinois, March 4, 2024

	Transfers	Expenditures	Payroll
City Hall.....		316.13	34,842.66
Building Maintenance.....		582.99	
Comptroller.....		160.76	12,365.50
Legal Department.....		-	9,425.40
Commissions.....		-	750.96
IT Department.....		828.57	5,503.45
Police Department.....		19,846.88	277,402.21
Fire Department.....		10,921.53	189,805.17
Public Works.....		7,998.87	49,719.13
Engineering.....		933.03	16,169.26

GENERAL FUND SUBTOTAL	0.00	41,588.76	595,983.74
Planning and Development.....		292.59	22,038.28
911 System.....		-	39,516.24
Traffic Signal Fund.....		248.57	
Police Dept. Grants.....		616.67	
Crime Lab Fund.....		548.20	
Transit Fund.....		290.40	75,912.30
Capital Projects Fund.....		4,735.19	
Transit Facility Cap Proj.....		3,190.64	
Special Tax Alloc - TIF #2.....		269,811.27	
Water Fund		35,026.43	93,664.36
Sewer Fund		24,549.38	22,231.08
Quincy Regional Airport Fund.....		36,706.52	16,911.16
Titan Hangar Fund.....		84,602.16	
Regional Training Facility.....		119.72	
Garbage Fund.....		-	16,016.27
Central Garage		20,854.19	25,644.62
Self Insurance		75.73	6,914.47
Health Insurance Fund.....		10,853.00	
BANK 01 TOTALS	0.00	534,109.42	914,832.52
2019B GO Street Proj		650.00	
ALL FUNDS TOTAL	0.00	534,759.42	914,832.52

Mike Rein
Jack Holtschlag
Anthony E. Sassen
Eric Entrup
Richie C. Reis
Finance Committee

Ald. Rein, seconded by Ald. Sassen, moved the report be received and vouchers be issued for the various amounts and on the roll call each of the 13 Aldermen voted yea, with 1 absent. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Uzelac referred to Engineering a streetlight out in the alley between 9th to 10th, York to Kentucky. Motion carried.

Ald. Uzelac asked for the placing of “No Parking” signs along both sides of Maine Street from 12th to 14th St. and along the South side only of Maine Street from 14th Street to 16th St. after school gets out on Thursday March 21st, and the signs be removed any time after 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 22nd. This is for the Quincy Symphony Orchestra holding free concerts for kids during the school day. Motion carried.

SOLAR SIMPLIFIED PRESENTATION

Sasha Lukovenko and Kim Danna from Solar Simplified gave a power point presentation about the Solar Simplified Community Program and answered questions from the City Council.

Ald. Rein left the council chambers at 7:29 p.m.

Ald. Rein returned at 7:31 p.m.

The City Council adjourned at 7:46 p.m. on a motion of Ald. Holtschlag. Motion carried.

LAURA OAKMAN
City Clerk