

THE CITY COUNCIL

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING

Quincy, Illinois, July 15, 2024

The regular meeting of the City Council was held this day at 7:00 p.m. at the Quincy Public Library, 528 Jersey, with Mayor Michael A. Troup presiding.

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

Absent: Ald. Entrup. 1.

Ald. Bergman moved Ald. Entrup be excused and allowed the usual compensation for this meeting. Motion carried.

Ald. Bergman moved to amend the minutes of July 8, 2024, to show that the Ordinance amending 15-11 Central Business District Revolving Loan Fund received a second reading, seconded by Ald. Uzelac. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held July 8, 2024, were approved as amended on a motion of Ald. Bergman. Motion carried.

Legal Counsel: Assistant Corporation Counsel Bruce Alford.

The City Clerk presented and read the following:

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Linda Moore stated that she wanted to thank the council for the seven years serving as City Treasurer. She also stated that the Treasurer and City Council deserve added compensation.

Steve Homan stated that the weed problem in the downtown area is a problem. It has become a safety issue.

Jami Miller stated that she has requested for the past three years that 2nd and Kentucky Road be maintained by the City.

Rev. Carl Terry stated that all the children of Quincy are being left behind concerning reading.

PETITIONS

Special Event Application for an artisan-style Maker's Market on September 21st, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. with closure of 6th Street, Maine to Hampshire Street; alley, west side of 6th Street to Parking Lot G (parking lot will remain open); Parking Lot I from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and barricades needed. "No Parking" signs are requested to be placed on Parking Lot I and 6th Street, Maine to Hampshire Streets, at the close of business on September 20th. The Quincy Police Department has approved the waiver of liquor ordinances from The Pour Haus and Quincy Axe Company. 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 for an Inter-Club Party on August 2nd and August 3rd at Quincy Boat club, 401 Bonansinga Drive. Vehicle access will be prohibited for through traffic between Clat Adams and Kessler Parks. The Quincy Police Department has approved the waiver of liquor ordinances and Live Entertainment/Public Gathering. A waiver of noise ordinances to allow for live music until 12:00 a.m. (midnight) on both days is requested. A stage is approved pending an inspection by the Quincy Fire Department. Approval is recommended by the Department of Utilities & Engineering.

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

Special Event Application for Oktoberfest to be held on September 28th, from 12:00 p.m. (noon) to 10:00 p.m. on York Street between 9th and 10th Streets. Closure of York Street, 9th to 10th Streets South and 10th Street, York Street north to the alley from 4:30 p.m. on September 27th through 10:00 p.m. on September 28th with barricades is requested. The Quincy Police Department has approved the waiver of liquor ordinances and Live Entertainment/Public Gathering. A stage is approved at the intersection of 10th and York Streets pending an inspection by the Quincy Fire Department. Approval is recommended by the Department of Utilities & Engineering.

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

REPORTS OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Recommending that the request to allow for parking in the parkway on the east side of North 2nd Street, from Locust Street north to the alley, be granted.

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

Recommending the implementation of a “No Parking Zone” on both the west and east sides of North 30th Street between Broadway and Chestnut Streets, and that prior parking restrictions on this section of North 30th Street be removed.

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

SALES TAX REPORT

The report of the Illinois Department of Revenue showing sales tax collected for the month of April, 2024 in the amount of \$1,044,797.75 was ordered received and filed on a motion of Ald. Uzelac. Motion carried.

HOME RULE SALES TAX REPORT

The report of the city’s 1-1/2% home rule sales tax collected for the month of April, 2024 in the amount of \$974,259.21 was ordered received and filed on a motion of Ald. Uzelac. Motion carried.

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS OF AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS

By Mayor Michael A. Troup making the appointments of Parker Dahmm and Jacob Mullet as Quincy Police Auxiliary Police Officers.

Ald. Reis moved the appointments be confirmed. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

The resolution authorizing the City to enter into a development and sales tax rebate agreement with the Otis Company pertaining to the development of 504 N. 54th Street, was tabled by Ald. Rein at the June 24, 2024 City Council meeting.

Ald. Rein moved the resolution be tabled indefinitely, seconded by Ald. Holtschlag. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PGVA PLANNERS TO DEVELOP A 54TH STREET BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy is committed to improving the quality of life of its residents; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Business District & Redevelopment Act, the City seeks to establish a Business Development District to attract new retail and hospitality businesses to the city; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the 54th Street Business Development District would require any retail/business operation located within the Business Development District to impose an additional 1% sales tax; and

WHEREAS, the 54th Street Business Development District Plan will identify how the revenue generated by the additional 1% sales tax can be spent, including, but not limited to, the payment of \$1,000,000 to the developer of the property in which the Business Development District is located; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to engage the professional services of St. Louis-based PGVA Planners to provide administrative and technical assistance to establish the 54th Street Business Development District; and

WHEREAS, the fee for PGVA Planners to provide this professional service is \$20,000 plus miscellaneous expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1) that the Mayor and City Clerk, on behalf of the City Council, be authorized to execute an Economic Development Service Agreement with PGVA Planners.

2) that the City is authorized to pay PGVA Planners an amount not to exceed \$23,000 for the described Economic Development Services.

Ald. Holtschlag moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Rein, and on the roll call the following vote resulted: Yeas: Ald. Hultz, Rein, Ebbing, Reis, Reed, Uzelac, Holtschlag Fletcher. 8. Nays: Ald. Bergman, Bauer, Mays, Farha, Sassen. 5. Absent: Ald. Entrup. 1. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy strives to protect the environment by utilizing available resources to reduce its carbon footprint while lowering its operational costs; and

WHEREAS, the City has received two (2) proposals to participate in a Community Solar Subscription which will allow the City to save a specified percentage on eligible energy charges that are billed through Ameren; and,

WHEREAS, the proposal by Nexamp of Louisville, Colorado, offers the City a 10.5% discount on eligible energy charges for a twenty (20) year contract term; and,

WHEREAS, the City’s estimated first year savings will be approximately \$70,000 with an estimated lifetime savings of

\$1.64 million; and,

WHEREAS, participation in the Community Solar Subscription will be at no cost to the City of Quincy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of Public Works, the Director of Administrative Services, and the Finance Committee recommend to the Mayor and Quincy City Council that the City of Quincy enter into a twenty (20) year Community Solar Subscription contract with Nexamp of Louisville, Colorado, and that the Mayor be authorized to sign necessary contract documents.

Jeffrey Conte, P.E.
Director of Public Works

Dakota Malone from Community Solar was called up to explain the resolution and answer questions from the council.

Ald. Bauer, moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Hultz, and on the roll call the following vote resulted: Yeas: Ald. Uzelac, Holtschlag, Bauer, Hultz. 4. Nays: Ald. Sassen, Rein, Ebbing, Reis, Reed, Fletcher, Bergman, Mays, Farha. 9. Absent: Ald. Entrup. 1. Motion failed.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Quincy Police Department relies on instantaneous communications with its patrol officers in the field for the safety of the officers and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Quincy Police Department has a Mobile Data Computer Communications System which allows for the transmission of data from the patrol cars to the 9-1-1 Emergency Dispatch Center, other patrol officers, and the Watch Commander; and

WHEREAS, the Mobile Data System relies on computer software provided by Caliber Public Safety, DBA InterAct Public Safety Systems, Chicago, IL; and

WHEREAS, the Quincy Police Department must pay a yearly license and maintenance fee to our sole source provider in order to operate the system; and

WHEREAS, the yearly support and maintenance fee of \$29,906.28 is now due and funding has been appropriated in the current fiscal budget; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Chief of Police recommends to the Mayor and City Council that the normal bidding requirements be waived and the yearly invoice in the amount of \$29,906.28 be paid to Caliber Public Safety, DBA InterAct Public Safety Systems, Chicago, IL.

Adam C. Yates
Chief of Police

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 Quincy Police Department needs to issue precision rifles to Observer/Sniper certified members of the Emergency Response Team; and

WHEREAS, the department currently has only one precision rifle— which is more than 20 years old; and

WHEREAS, the police observer/sniper is an essential member of the Emergency Response Team, particularly in situations requiring precision marksmanship and long-range engagement; and

WHEREAS, a precision rifle is an invaluable tool used by specially trained marksmen during high-risk incidents such as active shooter situations, hostage rescue, and armed/barricaded suspects; and

WHEREAS, precision rifles take time to build and have a high cost due to the quality-controlled parts; and

WHEREAS, to save cost, a Quincy Police Department officer, with extensive gunsmithing knowledge and experience assembling these types of rifles, will build the two precision rifles at a significantly lower cost; and

WHEREAS, the department requested quotes from three vendors for the parts to build two precision rifles;

H&W Precision, Clarence, MO, in the amount of \$8,710.00

GA Precision, Kansas City, MO, in the amount of \$15,713.68

Mile High Shooting, Frederick, CO, in the amount of \$19,282.70

WHEREAS, H&W Precision had the low quote for the parts needed to build two precision rifles; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chief of Police and the Police Aldermanic Committee recommend to the Mayor and City Council the parts needed to build two precision rifles be purchased from H&W Precision, Clarence, MO, in the amount of \$8,710.00.

Adam C. Yates
Chief of Police

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 Department of Utilities and Engineering recently requested bids for the MR-684 Resurfacing Project which includes the resurfacing of Ridgewood Drive, Woodbridge Drive, and South 18th Street between State and Maine Streets; and,

WHEREAS, the following bid was received:

Diamond Construction	
Quincy, Illinois	\$1,383,021.95
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	<i>\$1,389,377.00</i>

WHEREAS, the bid has been reviewed by the Engineering Manager and found to be acceptable for consideration; and, WHEREAS, funding for this project is available in the 2024/2025 Capital Fund and Water Fund fiscal year budgets; and, WHEREAS, to allow for the uninterrupted progression of these projects in the event that changes or modifications are required, an additional 10% over the amount of the bid shall be included in the encumbrance for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Engineering Manager, the Director of Public Works, and the Central Services Committee recommend to the Mayor and Quincy City Council that the bid in the amount of \$1,383,021.95 from Diamond Construction of Quincy, Illinois, be accepted, and the Mayor be authorized to sign necessary contract documents.

Steve Bange, P.E.
Engineering Manager

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

CITY OF QUINCY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF FIX OR FLATTEN PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy is committed to improving the quality of life of its residents and elimination of blight; and

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy has established a program to address unsafe and dangerous buildings; and

WHEREAS, Department of Planning and Development annually prepares a list of unsafe properties, and seeks authorization to demolish, repair, enclose and/or remediate, pursuant to City of Quincy Ordinance 9196; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Inspection & Enforcement has reviewed building conditions of eight (8) substandard structures and determined that said structures constitute a hazard to the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning and Development proposes a new list of dangerous and unsafe properties for 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

That the Department of Planning and Development shall take all necessary action, including commencing of proceedings under Division 21 (Unsafe Property) of Article XI (Corporate Powers and Functions) of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/1-1-1 et. Seq) to demolish, repair, enclose or remediate the list of buildings, attached as "Resolution Exhibit 1".

That the law firm of Schmiedeskamp, Robertson, Neu and Mitchell be engaged to litigate on behalf of the City in cases concerning properties listed in "Resolution Exhibit 1".

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, as provided by law.

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

MID-AMERICA INTERMODAL PORT AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION FOR A SHORT-TERM LOAN TO ACQUIRE REAL ESTATE

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy supports the Mid-America Intermodal Port Authority acquisition of a 31 acre industrial site located at 820, 900 and 901 S. Front Street containing 5 parcels of land adjacent to the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Mid-America Intermodal Port Authority is to develop a barge, rail and truck river terminal which could lead to millions of dollars in investments by companies looking for a port that provides a lower cost access to transportation modes; and

WHEREAS, Mid-America Intermodal Port Authority has received a \$13 million grant from the State of Illinois for development of an intermodal port and acquisition of real estate is an eligible use of the grant monies; and

WHEREAS, Mid-America Intermodal Port Authority requests the city provide a short term loan of \$2.5 million to allow for the purchase of 820, 900 and 901 S. Front Street with reimbursement from the state grant within 90 days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute documents necessary to provide the Mid-America Intermodal Port Authority a promissory note and mortgage for \$2,500,000 with an interest rate of 6 percent per annum until the last day of October 2024, at which time the balance shall be paid.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, as provided by law.

Rules Suspended

Ald. Reis moved to suspend the rules and have Mike McLaughlin speak concerning the Mid-America Intermodal Port Authority. Motion carried.

Ald. Reis moved to resume the rules. Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the City of Quincy entered into an agreement with Quincy Physicians & Surgeons Clinic (“QMG”) for an Employee Health Clinic on January 1, 2022; and,

WHEREAS said agreement included a rebate based on the BCBS allowed amount for each type of claim; and,

WHEREAS the City of Quincy and QMG wish to resolve all outstanding issues with 2022 and 2023 claims for city employees and covered individuals; and,

WHEREAS the rebate earned on paid claims is \$159,411; and,

WHEREAS the outstanding claims for the two-year period is \$210,536, impacting 325 patients; and

WHEREAS QMG anticipates \$32,205 to be covered by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois (“BCBSIL”); and

WHEREAS QMG is willing to forgive any remaining patient balances for 2022 and 2023.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council agrees to allow QMG to use the \$159,411 rebate to offset any remaining patient account balances for 2022 and 2023, with no remaining account balances to be billed to city employees or covered individuals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Fund Balance in the Health Insurance Fund shall be used to repay the loan taken from the Self Insurance Fund as follows: \$640,000 in the month of August 2024 and \$200,000 before the end of fiscal year 2025.

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 has been allocated funding from the Division of Public Transportation, Department of Transportation, State of Illinois, for a financial assistance grant under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act of 1991, as amended (49 U.S.C. § 5311), in the amount of \$693,291.00 for the purpose of off-setting a portion of the Public Transportation Program operating deficits of Quincy Transit Lines, and;

WHEREAS, in addition to the above-mentioned grant, the City of Quincy has submitted an application for grant funding from the Illinois Downstate Public Transportation Operating Assistance (DOAP) with the State of Illinois under the provisions of the Illinois Downstate Public Transportation Act (30 IL CS 740/2-1, et. seq.) up to an amount of \$3,612,429.00 and;

WHEREAS, the City has traditionally funded the Transit Lines for several months of operations while we wait for Grant funding to be received, and;

WHEREAS, in the fiscal year ending 4/30/2024 City Council authorized loans from the General Fund of up to \$2,000,000, and at year-end the General Fund had not extended any money to the Transit Fund; and

WHEREAS, the combined total grant funding available to Quincy Transit lines from State, and Federal funds is \$4,305,720.00; and,

WHEREAS, to cover the costs of providing uninterrupted essential transit service for the citizens of the Quincy area, it will be necessary to secure an extension of the short-term loan from the General Fund for a total amount of up to \$600,000, said amount to be repaid with grant funds once received; now,

THEREFORE, the Director of Quincy Transit Lines and the Comptroller respectfully request that the Mayor and City Council approve a short-term loan limit of up to \$600,000, as needed, from the General Fund to the Quincy Transit Lines to pay operating expenses.

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.

ORDINANCE

Adoption of an Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 15-11 Central Business District Revolving Loan Fund.

Ald. Holtschlag moved for the adoption of the ordinance, seconded by Ald. Uzelac, and on a roll call each of the 13 Aldermen voted yea, with 1 absent.

The Chair, Mayor Michael A. Troup, declared the motion carried and the ordinance adopted.

ORDINANCE

Second presentation of an Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Granting A Special Use Permit For A Planned Development. (Allow for the construction of three two-family residential dwellings (duplexes) at 201-203 Locust Street, 205 Locust Street, and 1616 North 2nd Street with the condition of perpendicular parking along the eastern side of north 2nd Street to meet the off-street parking requirements.)

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Quincy, Illinois, July 15, 2024

	Transfers	Expenditures	Payroll
City Hall.....		3,426.66	
9-1-1.....	500.00		
Transit.....	13,500.00		
Central Garage.....	17,000.00		
Building Maintenance.....		996.86	
Comptroller.....		41.97	
Legal Department.....		64.13	
Commissions.....		633.16	
IT Department.....		21,950.54	
Police Department.....		120,045.46	
Fire Department.....		154,426.92	
Public Works.....		127,818.78	
Engineering.....		7,801.01	
Tax Distribution/Subsidies.....		183,867.72	
GENERAL FUND SUBTOTAL	31,000.00	621,073.21	0.00
Planning and Development.....		1,386.38	
911 Surcharge Fund.....		41.97	
Traffic Signal Fund.....		483.89	
Econ Dev Growth Fund.....		14,950.00	
Police Dept. Grants.....		3,700.02	
Police Donations Fund.....		18.99	
Crime Lab Fund.....		227.63	
Transit Fund.....		891.50	
Capital Projects Fund.....		301,258.91	
Water Fund.....		74,618.59	
Sewer Fund.....		108,595.69	
Quincy Regional Airport Fund.....		9,749.67	
Municipal Dock.....		90.00	
Regional Training Facility.....		230.56	
Garbage Fund.....		50,413.97	
Central Garage.....		25,282.95	
Self Insurance.....		436.37	
Health Insurance Fund.....		285.00	
Sister City Commission Fund.....		5,862.20	
Lincoln Bicentennial Comm.....		111.42	
BANK 01 TOTALS	31,000.00	1,219,708.92	0.00
Motor Fuel Tax.....		8,677.70	
ALL FUNDS TOTAL	31,000.00	1,228,386.62	0.00

Mike Rein
Jack Holtschlag
Anthony E. Sassen
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. Holtschlag moved to allow the closure of Payson Avenue from 8th to 9th Street on August 6th from noon to 9:00 p.m. for the Neighborhood Federation Back to School event. They request that the City clean the street prior to the day of the event and provide barricades. Motion carried.

Ald. Holtschlag moved to have "No Parking" on 6th Street up to Payson Street 1/2 block and down to York Street 1/2 block. Motion carried.

The City Council adjourned at 7:58 p.m. on a motion of Ald. Holtschlag. Motion carried.

LAURA OAKMAN
City Clerk