

# THE CITY COUNCIL

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

### REGULAR MEETING

Quincy, Illinois, June 2, 2025

The regular meeting of the City Council was held this day at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Dr. Linda K. Moore presiding.

Mayor Linda K. Moore called the meeting to order.

A prayer was given and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following members were physically present: Ald. Fletcher, Bergman, Bauer, Mays, Adkins, Ehmen, Sassen, McReynolds, Ebbing, Reis, Uzelac, Holtschlag. 12.

Absent: Ald. Entrup, Reed. 2.

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held May 27, 2025, were approved on a motion of Ald. Bergman. Motion carried.

Legal Counsel: Corporation Counsel Bruce Alford.

**The City Clerk presented and read the following:**

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gerald Rose expressed his opposition to the Solar farm at 3622 Ellington Road.

Jack Winking stated that the Solar farm should be further out in the country.

Moirá Cronin requested an extension to the Plan Commission report concerning the Solar farm so all the Aldermen can be present to vote.

Dennis Klauser stated he does not want the Solar farm.

Rocky Murry stated that his taxes increased almost 400% and we need to figure out a way to decrease them.

Harold Ellerbrock stated he is the owner of 3622 Ellington Road and is shocked with the reaction to the Solar farm plans and wants an extension to the report.

Brad Ellerbrock stated the Solar farm could make more taxes and bring more money to the county.

Michael Schutte asked if the council would want a Solar farm in their back yard.

Thomas Hurley stated that he is a landlord and that there is a drug

problem in Quincy.

Steve Homan stated that the construction in Quincy is a positive sign and that there needs to be a way to use a Google program so trucks can be directed to a better route.

#### **PETITION**

Special Event Application requesting permission to hold the 2025 Sizzlin' Summer Market on Saturday, July 12, 2025, from 12:00 (noon) to 6:00 p.m. in Clat Adams Park. The Quincy Police Department recommends approval of a Live Entertainment/Public Gathering License. The applicant has submitted all required documentation, and approval is recommended by the Department of Utilities and Engineering.

Ald. Uzelac moved the request be granted and the proper authorities be notified. Motion carried.

#### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

The monthly reports of the City Clerk, the City Treasurer, the City Comptroller, the Forestry Division, the Sign & Paint Department and the Street Cleaning Department for the month of May, 2025, and the Oakley Lindsay Center and Recycling Division for the month of April, 2025, were ordered received and filed on a motion of Ald. Sassen. Motion carried.

#### **REPORTS OF THE QUINCY PLAN COMMISSION**

Recommending APPROVAL of a non-conforming use permit to allow for the operation of a two-family residential dwelling (duplex) at 2244 College Avenue, which is zoned for single-family residential use.

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

Recommending DENIAL of the request for a Special Permit for Planned Development to allow for the construction of a Commercial Solar Energy Facility on a 36-acre parcel contiguous to 3622 Ellington Road.

Ald. Mays moved the report be received and concurred in, seconded by Ald. Adkins, and on a roll call the following vote resulted: Ayes: Ald. Fletcher, Bauer, Mays, Adkins, Ehmen, Sassen, Ebbing, Reis. 8. Nays: Bergman, McReynolds, Uzelac, Holtschlag. 4. Absent: Ald. Entrup, Reed. 2. Motion carried.

Recommending DENIAL of a request for a Special Permit for Planned Development to allow for the operation of a small-engine repair shop in an accessory building (garage) located at 1400 Sycamore Street, which is zoned for single-family residential use.

Ald. Fletcher moved to overturn the Plan Commission report and an

Ordinance be drafted, seconded by Ald. Bergman and on a roll call the following vote resulted: Yeas: Ald. Fletcher, Bergman, Bauer, Mays, Adkins, Ehmen, Sassen, McReynolds, Ebbing, Reis, Uzelac, Holtschlag. 12. Absent: Ald. Entrup, Reed. 2. The Mayor cast a vote of yea. Motion carried.

Reporting the request to subdivide property (one lot to three lots) located at 2208 South 12th Street until the June 2025 meeting of the Quincy Plan Commission was tabled.

No action needed.

Reporting a request to subdivide property (one lot to two lots) located at 1603 Center Avenue until the June 2025 meeting of the Quincy Plan Commission was tabled.

No action needed.

#### **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS**

By Mayor Dr. Linda K. Moore making the appointment of Harrison Clark to the Preservation Commission.

Ald. Ehmen moved the appointment be confirmed. Motion carried.

By Mayor Dr. Linda K. Moore making the appointment of Dan Brink to the BET on Q Commission (Mayoral Appointment)

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

By Mayor Dr. Linda K. Moore making the appointment of Erica Shupe to the BET on Q Commission (Restaurant Representative).

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

By Mayor Dr. Linda K. Moore making the appointment of Bill Terlisner to the BET on Q Commission (At-Large Representative).

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

By Mayor Dr. Linda K. Moore making the appointment of Reappointment of Dr. Timothy Jacobs to the Police Pension Board: Effective 5/1/2025 to 4/30/2027

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

#### **RESOLUTION FOR PROCUREMENT OF SIGN POSTS**

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2023, the Quincy City Council passed an ordinance limiting the weight of vehicles that utilize City-owned alleys to twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds and under; and,

WHEREAS, in an effort to remind residents, business owners, and oversized vehicle drivers of the vehicle weight restriction, the Department of Public Works desires to post "No Vehicles Over 12 Tons" signs at the entrances of alleys throughout the City of Quincy; and,

WHEREAS; the Department requested quotes for the purchase of three-hundred fifteen 12' galvanized U-Channel sign posts for the weight limit signs and the following quotes were received:

Hall Signs	
Quincy, Illinois	\$22,440.75
TAPCO	
Brown Deer, Wisconsin	\$20,405.00
Warning Lites	
Springfield, Illinois	\$14,605.00
Vulcan, Inc.	
Foley, Alabama	\$14,089.95

WHEREAS, funding for this purchase is available in the 2025/2026 Motor Fuel Tax Fund and General Fund fiscal year budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of Public Works and Director of Central Services recommend to the Mayor and Quincy City Council that the low quote in the amount of \$14,089.95 from Vulcan, Inc. of Foley, Alabama for the purchase of sign posts be accepted.

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 12 Aldermen voted yea with 2 absent. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION FOR PROCURING OF SIGNAGE**

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2023, the Quincy City Council passed an ordinance limiting the weight of vehicles that utilize City-owned alleys to twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds and under; and,

WHEREAS, in an effort to remind residents, business owners, and oversized vehicle drivers of the vehicle weight restriction, the Department of Public Works desires to post "No Vehicles Over 12 Tons" signs at the entrances of alleys throughout the city of Quincy; and,

WHEREAS; the Department requested quotes for the purchase of nine-hundred twenty 12" x 18" signs and the following quotes were received:

TAPCO	
Brown Deer, Wisconsin	\$ 17,745.80
Vulcan, Inc.	
Foley, Alabama	\$ 8,786.00
Warning Lites	
Springfield, Illinois	\$ 8,372.00

WHEREAS, funding for this purchase is available in the 2025/2026 Motor Fuel Tax Fund fiscal year budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of Public Works, Director of Central Services, and Central Services Committee recommend to the Mayor and Quincy City Council that the low quote in the amount of \$8,372.00 from Warning Lites of Springfield, Illinois for the purchase of signs be accepted.

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 12 Aldermen voted yea, with 2 absent. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STRATEGIC TASK FORCE ON HOUSING**

WHEREAS, Quincy, like communities throughout Illinois and across the United States, are facing a serious housing shortfall; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive housing study completed in 2023 states for Quincy/Adams County to keep up with demand, more than 400 new housing units are needed immediately; 100 single-family, 75 condos or townhomes, 100 market rate rentals, 75 affordable rate rentals, and 125 senior housing units; and

WHEREAS, the study says Quincy/Adams County needs an additional 700-plus units by the year 2028 and another 750 by the year 2033; and

WHEREAS, in addition to a need for new housing units, Quincy also has an aging housing stock that must be stabilized to keep up with growth and demand; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Strategic Task Force on Housing would bring together community members to focus on housing as a whole, not just individual components; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force would consist of individuals in fields such as construction, finance, property management, and social services as well as homeowners and tenants; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, with consent of the Quincy City Council, will appoint members to the Strategic Task Force on Housing;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1) That the Quincy City Council establishes the Strategic Task Force on Housing.

Ald. Uzelac moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Holtschlag, and on the roll call each of the 12 Aldermen voted yea,

Motion carried

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
THE QUINCY SPORTS COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, sports tourism is a multi-billion dollar industry that continues to grow, especially when it comes to youth sports; and

WHEREAS, Quincy has a rich and storied sporting tradition with a strong mix of indoor/outdoor sports venues; and

WHEREAS, an influx of visitors to Quincy for sporting events, including youth sports, will result in increased sales for local businesses and increased sales and hotel/motel tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Quincy Sports Commission would provide a centralized organization that focuses on coordinating existing sporting venues and determining if additional venues are necessary to increase sports tourism locally; and

WHEREAS, the Commission would consist of individuals involved in fields such as athletics, management, finance, construction, and development; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, with consent of the Quincy City Council, will appoint members to the Quincy Sports Commission;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1) That the Quincy City Council establishes the Quincy Sports Commission.

Ald. Uzelac moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Holtschlag, and on the roll call each of the 12 Aldermen voted yea, with 2 absent. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy contracts with an actuary to provide the fiscal year end actuarial valuations of the Fire Pension Fund and Police Pension Fund each year; and,

WHEREAS, the actuarial valuations provided by the actuary are used to establish the funding requirements for each of the pension funds and essential to the preparation of the tax levy for the upcoming year; and,

WHEREAS, the actuarial valuation scope includes providing the GASB 67 & GASB 68 disclosures required for the City's annual financial statements; and,

WHEREAS, the City Comptroller requested quotes from three firms who provide actuarial valuation services and the following quotes were received:

Company	FYE 2025	FYE 2026	FYE 2027	3- year TOTAL
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Lauterbach				
& Amen	12,980	13,540	14,120	40,640
Foster & Foster	13,400	13,800	14,200	41,400
Gabriel Roeder				
Smith	30,000	31,000	32,000	93,000

WHEREAS, Lauterbach & Amen have provided excellent service in the past and are the lowest proposal over the three-year period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Comptroller and the Finance Committee recommends to the Mayor and City Council the City engage Lauterbach & Amen, Naperville, IL to provide the actuarial valuation calculation for both the fire and police pension funds for a three-year period with a total three-year cost of \$40,640.

Ald. Holtschlag moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Reis, and on the roll call each of the 12 Aldermen voted yea, with 2 absent. Motion carried.

#### ORDINANCE

Adoption of an Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending The 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget, as amended. (General Fund needs to increase the Concrete budget for the \$79,995 excavator resolution. Reduce the Legal budget by \$20,000 and reduce/eliminate the Director of Administrative Services budget to increase the Mayoral budget by \$177,768.)

Ald. Uzelac moved for the adoption of the ordinance, seconded by Ald. Holtschlag, and on a roll call each of the 12 Aldermen voted yea, with 2 absent.

The Chair, Mayor Dr. Linda K. Moore, declared the motion carried and the ordinance adopted.

#### ORDINANCE

First presentation of an Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Granting A Variation From Zoning Regulations. (621 S. 20th St. to allow for the construction of an accessory building (garage) fewer than two feet from a side/rear property line.)

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

##### CITY OF QUINCY, ILLINOIS

6/2/25

	Transfers	Expenditures	Payroll
511 Airport	56,200.00		
Transit Loan Repay to GF .....	50,000.00		
Building Maintenance.....		1,423.96	

Comptroller.....	267.65		
Legal Department .....	985.00		
IT Department.....	60,687.19		
Police Department.....	2,289.84		
Fire Department .....	17,656.98		
Public Works.....	80,937.30		
Engineering.....	26,089.92		
<b>GENERAL FUND SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>106,200.00</b>	<b>190,337.84</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Planning and Development.....	17,000.00		
911 Surcharge Fund.....	5,226.00		
Police Donations Fund.....	281.61		
Crime Lab Fund.....	399.60		
Transit Fund.....	769.53		
Bridge Lighting Fund .....	165.97		
Capital Projects Fund.....	1,200,240.22		
Special Tax Alloc - TIF #2.....	2,500.00		
Water Fund.....	167,248.61		
Sewer Fund .....	38,175.98		
Quincy Regional Airport Fund.....	637.95		
Regional Training Facility .....	1,323.97		
Garbage Fund.....	60.00		
Central Garage .....	29,453.93		
Self Insurance. ....	2,749.73		
Sister City Commission Fund.....	6,233.08		
Lincoln Bicentennial Comm.....	196.49		
<b>Bank 01 TOTALS</b>	<b>106,200.00</b>	<b>1,663,000.51</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Motor Fuel Tax.....	2,517.75		
<b>ALL FUND TOTALS.....</b>	<b>106,200.00</b>	<b>1,665,518.26</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Laura McReynolds  
 Jack Holtschlag  
 Kelly Mays  
 Richie C. Reis  
**Finance Committee**

Ald. Holtschlag, seconded by Ald. Reis, moved the report be received and vouchers be issued for the various amounts and on the roll call each of the 12 Aldermen voted yea, with 2 absent. Motion carried.

#### **PRESENTATION ON BET ON Q AND LEG UP PROGRAM**

Planning & Development Director Jason Parrott gave a Power Point presentation on the Bet On Q and Leg Up Programs. He answered questions from the council.



### **MAYORS' COMMENTS**

Mayor Moore stated that we will slowly add certain agenda items to the Consent Agenda with Petitions listed this month and gradually have all proper agenda items in the Consent Agenda by September 1st.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ald. Bergman would like Holly Cain with the Quincy Convention and Visitors Bureau to make a presentation on how the Fishing for Freedom event affected the City economically.

Ald. Bergman stated that he is frustrated with the property tax bill.

Ald. Uzelac referred to the Engineering Department a Handicapped Sign at 612 S. 13th Street. Motion carried.

The City Council adjourned at 8:11 p.m. on a motion of Ald. Holtschlag. Motion carried.

**LAURA OAKMAN**

City Clerk