

THE CITY COUNCIL
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING

Quincy, Illinois, January 12, 2026

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Ald. Fletcher asked for a moment of silence commemorating the 45th anniversary of Alan Madden's death. He recognized retired officers Bob Mehl and Jim Rost who were instrumental in the investigation. He also recognized Chris Pruett who has taken it upon himself to take care of the gravesite.

PRESENTATION

**Presentation to Lynn Niewohner for 50 years of dedicated service to the
Transit Advisory Committee**

Transit Director Marty Stegeman presented Lynn Niewohner a plaque for her 50 years of service.

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

Mayor Linda K. Moore called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The following members were physically present: Ald. Fletcher, Entrup, Bergman, Bauer, Mays, Adkins, Ehmen, Sassen, McReynolds, Ebbing, Reis, Reed, Holtschlag. 13.

Absent: Ald. Uzelac. 1.

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held January 5, 2026 and Town Business of December 8, 2025, were approved on a motion of Ald. Entrup. Motion carried.

Legal Counsel: Corporation Counsel Bruce Alford.

TOWN BUSINESS

Ald. Bauer moved the City Council sit as a Town Board. Motion carried.

The Ex-Officio Town Clerk presented and read the following:

Registered Request to Speak

No one spoke.

Report Of The Quincy Township Supervisor For General Assistance For The Month Of December, 2025

DISBURSEMENTS

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| Relief orders were issued to 29 cases containing 35 individuals at an average grant per case of \$ 707.19 | \$14,708.43 |
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CASH ACCOUNT

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| Balance December 1st, 2025 | |
| GA Checking | \$ 8,039.21 |
| GA Money Market | 169,201.33 |
| Payee Fee | 2,295.95 |
| SSI Reimbursement | 1,350.00 |
| Interest | <u>117.71</u> |
| Total | \$ 181,004.20 |

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| Obligations paid during the month | (14,708.43) |
| Less Illinois School Supply | (17.45) |

Less Maggie Hoyt Office Supply

Reimbursement (428.73)

Balance December 31st 2025 \$165,849.59

Maggie Hoyt

Supervisor Quincy Township

We the undersigned auditing committee to which were referred the above bills respectfully report it has examined same and recommend their payment.

Bauer, Chairman

Bergman

Ald. Bauer, seconded by Ald. Bergman, moved the report be received and vouchers be issued for the payment of disbursements and administrative bills for the various amounts, and on the roll call each of the 13 Alderpersons voted yea, with 1 absent. Motion carried.

**Report Of Town Auditing Committee
Quincy Township Bill Payments for January, 2026**

| <u>Vendor</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| A-1 Security & Lock Service | 130.00 |
| Adams | 120.28 |
| Alarm Systems | 64.95 |
| Austin Hoffman (Reimbursement for Mileage) | 256.90 |
| City of Quincy Self Insurance | 61.06 |
| Classique Signs | 80.00 |
| Clearfly | 100.00 |
| Department of Utilities City of Quincy | 250.00 |
| Digital Copy Systems | 30.55 |
| Hinckley Springs | 62.55 |
| Homefield Energy | 811.26 |
| Illinois School Supply | 424.43 |
| Josh Ayres (reimbursement for continued education) | 260.00 |
| Marco | 45.50 |
| Marshall and Swift/Boeckh | 1,082.15 |
| O'Donnell's | 56.00 |
| United Systems | 61.50 |

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| Total | \$3,897.13 |
| Committee: | |
| Bauer, Chairman | |
| Bergman | |

Ald. Bauer, seconded by Ald. Bergman, moved the reports be received and vouchers be issued for the various amounts and on the roll call each of the 13 Alderpersons voted yea, with 1 absent Motion carried.

Town Trustee Comments

No one spoke

The meeting resumed its sitting as a City Council on motion of Ald. Bauer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one spoke.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Moore stated that the Public Works Director Jeffrey Conte had an announcement.

Jeffrey Conte spoke concerning the property renewal insurance policy that covers the water and sewage treatment plants and pump stations. He stated that the premium has decreased 5%, which overall is a 15% savings due to the money invested in the Water Treatment Plant by reducing the hazards in terms of the age of the equipment plus the risk of flooding.

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Moore asked if any Council member wished to remove any items from the Consent Agenda.

Ald. McReynolds asked to have Report of the Plan Commission 10a, Resolutions 11f and 11h from the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Moore asked the City Clerk to read the remaining items on the Consent Agenda.

The City Clerk presented and read the following:

PETITIONS

By Conner Emrick requesting a Special Permit for Planned Development to allow for the demolition of two existing buildings at 2126 South 12th Street and for the construction of two new buildings at 2126 South 12th Street as part of the operation of a landscaping business be referred to the Quincy Plan Commission, zoned R1A.

By Joe Zanger requesting a Special Permit for Planned Development to allow for the operation of an adult day care facility at 1220 Broadway Street be referred to the Quincy Plan Commission, zoned C2.

By Eagle Trace Condominiums requesting to subdivide property (0.35 acres) located adjacent to 4219 Bunker Drive to allow for the sale of the property be referred to the Quincy Plan Commission, zoned NR1.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to the provisions of Section 6, Article VII (Local Government" of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to such authority, on September 18, 2017, the City adopted Ordinance 9314, which re-affirmed and re-adopted the City's Hotel Tax rate of eight percent (8%) which was set forth by Ordinance 8849 on October 25, 1999, and,

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Ordinance 9314 requires said rates to be reviewed and if decided by appropriate City Council action, revised annually beginning in January of 2018, and every subsequent January of every year prior to budget review process; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the Hotel Tax rate according to the Ordinance 9314 and desires to make no change to the Hotel Tax rate;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and City Council have affirmed the review of the current Hotel Tax rate and will maintain the current Hotel Tax rate of eight percent (8%).

Sheri Ray
City Comptroller

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to the provisions of Section 6, Article VII (Local Government" of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to such authority, on September 18, 2017, the City adopted Ordinance 9315, which re-affirmed and re-adopted the City's Home Rule Purchase Tax rate of one and a half percent (1.5%) which was set forth by Ordinance 9058 on September 13, 2005; and,

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Ordinance 9315 requires said rates to be reviewed and if decided by appropriate City Council action, revised annually beginning in January of 2018, and every subsequent January of every year prior to budget review process; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the Home Rule Purchase Tax rate according to the Ordinance 9315 and desires to make no change to the Home Rule Purchase Tax rate;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and City Council have affirmed the review of the current Home Rule Purchase Tax rate and will maintain the city's current Home Rule Purchase Tax rate of one and a half percent (1.5%).

Sheri Ray
City Comptroller

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy has union contracts with various departments that require the city to provide uniforms for employees; and

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy also requires linen service for shop rags, mops, and floor mats at various locations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy posted for the linen and uniform rental service; and

WHEREAS the following quotes were received:

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| Vestis | \$ 13,603.78 |
| Cintas | \$ 23,038.70 |

WHEREAS, the quotes were reviewed by the Purchasing Agent and the low quote from Vestis to be acceptable; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Purchasing Agent recommends to the Mayor and City Council that the quote from Vestis for linen and uniform

rental services be accepted for a two-year contract beginning February 1, 2026 and ending January 31, 2028; for an annual cost of \$13,603.78.

Mary-Ann Ervin
Purchasing Agent

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy is the owner and operator of the Quincy Regional Airport and is responsible for the operation, maintenance, and repair of its facilities and equipment; and;

WHEREAS, in October of 2025, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) completed its annual inspection of the Quincy Regional Airport for compliance of 14 C.F.R. Part 139; and,

WHEREAS, upon completion of the inspection, the Quincy Regional Airport was issued a compliance letter outlining the improper installation of the taxiway's edge lines and centerline; and,

WHEREAS, Quincy Regional Airport staff lack the training and expertise required to properly evaluate the taxiway marking deficiencies, the City requires the services of an outside vendor to evaluate the airfield markings and prepare a plan that complies with the FAA 139.201 (a) Airport Certification Manual; and,

WHEREAS, Hi-Lite Airfield Services, partnered with Sightline, Inc., has the qualifications and expertise required to perform an airfield marking assessment and establish a multi-year 14 C.F.R. Part 139 compliance plan; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy utilized the services of Sourcewell, a municipal procurement contactor, to assist with locating a qualified airfield services contractor to provide the required services at a competitive cost; and,

WHEREAS, funding for this service will be available in the 2025/2026 Airport fiscal year budget upon completion of a line-item transfer.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Airport Director and Aeronautics Committee recommend to the Mayor and Quincy City Council the normal bidding requirements be waived, and the City enter into an agreement with Hi-Lite Airfield Services, LLC of Bradenton, Florida for airfield marking assessment services and FAA compliance planning at the cost

of \$40,000.00 and the Mayor be authorized to sign the agreement of the City's behalf.

Bill Lantz
Airport Director

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the electrical power feed to the River Pump Building at the Waste Water Treatment Plant catastrophically failed and required emergency replacement; and,

WHEREAS, Richards Electric of Quincy, Illinois was available and had the expertise and parts required to replace the electrical feed line in a timely manner in accordance with Section 44.056 of the Municipal Code of the City of Quincy; and,

WHEREAS, the repair work has been completed in a satisfactory manner and an invoice received in the amount of \$10,609.75 for all costs associated with the emergency replacement of the equipment; and,

WHEREAS, funding for the emergency replacement of equipment is available in the 2025/2026 Sewer Fund fiscal year budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of Public Works and Utilities Committee recommend to the Mayor and Quincy City Council that normal bidding requirements be waived, and the invoice in the amount of \$10,609.75 from Richards Electric Motor Company of Quincy, Illinois for the emergency repair of electrical equipment at the Waste Water Treatment Plant be approved, and the Comptroller be authorized to issue payment upon passage of this resolution.

Jeffrey Conte, P.E.
Director of Public Works

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Department of Utilities requires the use of chemicals for the treatment of waste water and dewatering of biosolids at the Waste Water Treatment Plant; and,

WHEREAS, the Department recently purchased and took delivery of 13,800 pounds of polymer at the cost of \$2.25 per pound from Hawkins, Inc. of Roseville, Minnesota; and,

WHEREAS, invoices totaling \$31,125.00 have been received for all costs associated with the purchase and delivery of the polymer; and,

WHEREAS, funding for the purchase of chemicals is available in the 2025/2026 Sewer Fund fiscal year budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of Public Works and Utilities Committee recommend to the Mayor and Quincy City Council that normal bidding requirements be waived, and the invoices totaling \$31,125.00 from Hawkins, Inc. of Roseville, Minnesota for the purchase of polymer be approved for payment.

Jeffrey Conte, P.E.

Director of Public Works

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy carries comprehensive insurance on property and equipment associated with the Department of Utilities including the Waste Water Treatment Plant and Water Treatment Plant; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Utilities has received notification from its insurance broker, Willis Towers Watson Midwest, Incorporated of Chicago, that the annual premium for the all-risk property insurance policy for a term beginning on February 1, 2026, and ending on February 1, 2027, is \$248,114.00; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has reviewed the terms and financial summary for the policy and finds them to be acceptable; and,

WHEREAS, funding for this expenditure is available in the 2025/2026 Water Fund and Sewer Fund fiscal year budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of Public Works and Utilities Committee recommend to the Mayor and Quincy City Council that the annual premium payment in the amount of \$248,114.00 to Willis Towers Watson Midwest, Incorporated of Chicago be approved for payment upon receipt of the invoice.

Jeffrey Conte, P.E.

Director of Public Works

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Ald. Holtschlag moved to approve the Consent Agenda items, seconded by Ald. Reis and on a roll call each of the 13 Alderpersons voted yea, with 1 absent. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

REPORT OF THE PLAN COMMISSION

Recommending DENIAL of a Special Permit for Planned Development to allow for the outdoor storage of no more than four solar-powered light towers at 1629 South 57th Street and at a contiguous unaddressed 5.88-acre parcel to the immediate south of 1629 South 57th Street as requested, was tabled for 35 days by Ald. Ebbing at the December 8, 2025 Council meeting.

Ald. McReynolds moved to not concur with the Plan Commission and recommend the request for a Special Permit for a Planned Development and an ordinance be drafted with the following conditions: 1) There shall be no more than four solar light towers at one time on the two properties. 2) The tower shall be stored at least 100 foot from the south 57th Street within a 3,000 square feet area immediately west/southwest of an accessory building. 3) A 6-foot-high site-proof fence shall be installed and completed around the storage area within three months. 4) The tower shall not be lit from dusk until dawn. 5) Any maintenance or repairs on the solar tower shall take place within the fenced area or inside the building, seconded by Ald. Ebbing and on a roll call the following vote resulted: Yeas. Ald. McReynolds, Ebbing, Reis, Reed, Fletcher, Entrup, Bergman, Mays, Adkins, Ehmen, Sassen. 11. Nays: Ald. Holtschlag, Bauer. 2. Absent: Ald. Uzelac. 1. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2024, the Quincy City Council approved a resolution awarding a contract for the Water Treatment Plant Pump Station Electrical Upgrade Project to Richards Electric of Quincy at the bid price of \$888,000.00, and allowing an additional ten (10) percent contingency in the event that project changes or modifications were required; and,

WHEREAS, during the project, deficiencies were discovered that required the replacement of additional wiring and electrical services to allow for the continued progression of the project; and,

WHEREAS, the total cost of the additional work exceeds the ten (10%) percent contingency allowance that was approved on April 8, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the Department requests approval for additional spending in the amount of \$176,071.00 for all costs associated with the additional project improvements; and,

WHEREAS, funding for the project change order is available in the 2025/2026 Water Fund fiscal year budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of Public Works and Utilities Committee recommend to the Mayor and Quincy City Council the following:

1) That the change order requiring additional spending in the amount of \$176,071.00 for the Water Treatment Plant Pump Station Electrical Upgrades be approved: and,

2) That the Comptroller be authorized to remit payment upon submittal of the payment application by the Department of Utilities and Engineering.

Jeffrey Conte, P.E.

Director of Public Works

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in August of 2018, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency approved the City of Quincy's Long-Term Control Plan (LTCP) for the elimination of combined sewer overflow (CSO); and,

WHEREAS, the Long-Term Control Plan requires that construction of the Phase 3 project, which includes improvements to the Whipple Creek box sewer, be completed by April of 2026; and,

WHEREAS, the Department recently requested bids for this project, and the following bids were received:

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| Rees Construction Company | |
| Macomb, Illinois | \$2,897,750.00 |
| Laverdiere Construction, Inc. | |
| Macomb, Illinois | \$1,950,000.00 |
| Engineer's Estimate | \$2,800,000.00 |

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has reviewed the bids and finds them acceptable for consideration; and,

WHEREAS, the project will be funded through the Environmental Protection Agency's low interest loan program; and,

WHEREAS, to allow for the uninterrupted progression of this project in the event that changes or modifications are required, an additional 10% over the amount of the bid price shall be included in the encumbrance for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Director of Public Works and Utilities Committee recommend to the Mayor and Quincy City

Council that the low bid in the amount of \$1,950,000.00 from Laverdiere Construction Inc. of Macomb, Illinois for the Whipple Creek Inline Storage Project be accepted, and the Mayor be authorized to sign contract documents. Jeffrey Conte, P.E.

Director of Public Works

Ald. McReynolds moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Ebbing and on the roll call the following vote resulted: Yeas: Ald. McReynolds, Ebbing, Reis, Reed, Holtschlag, Fletcher, Entrup, Bauer, Mays, Ehmen. 10. Nays: Ald. Bergman, Adkins, Sassen. 3. Absent: Ald. Uzelac. 1. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy, Purchasing Department sought quotes via BidNet Direct for office supplies for all City offices; and

WHEREAS, the requested quote called for pricing for our core item list and a percentage off of catalog prices; with no exceptions; and

WHEREAS, the following sealed quotes were received electronically via BidNet Direct for office supplies:

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| Garvey's Office Products | \$10,960.01 | 30% Discount offered |
| Area Distributors Inc | \$11,358.70 | 10% Discount offered |
| IT Devices Online Inc | \$14,578.43 | 0% Discount offered |
| Morgan Island, LLC | \$38,253.37 | 0% Discount offered |
| ODP Business Solutions | \$ 9,925.38 | 5% Discount offered |
| Prime Supplies Inc | \$25,556.87 | 10% Discount offered |
| United Supply Alliance | \$15,208.95 | 3% Discount offered |

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent has reviewed the quotes received and found the quote from Garvey's Office Products to be satisfactory; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Purchasing Agent recommends to the Mayor and City Council that the quote from Garvey's Office Products of Niles, IL in the amount of \$10,960.01 with 30% off catalog pricing be accepted for a one-year contract period of February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027.

Mary-Ann Ervin
Purchasing Agent

Ald. Holtschlag moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Reis and on the roll call the following vote resulted: Yeas: Ald. Holtschlag, Fletcher, Entrup, Bergman, Bauer, Mays, Sassen, Reis, Reed. 9.

Nays: Ald. Adkins, Ehmen, McReynolds, Ebbing. 4. Absent: Ald. Uzelac. 1.
Motion carried.

ORDINANCE

First presentation of an Ordinance Entitled: An Ordinance Amending The 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget. (Transfer \$57,000 from the General Fund #001 to Planning/Inspections Fund #201 for the purchase of two new vehicles for Inspections.)

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE QUINCY IL

| Fund | Transfers | Expenditures | Payroll |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------|
| 1 City Hall | | 3,400.77 | |
| Building Maintenance | | 168.74 | |
| Comptroller | | 321.42 | |
| Legal Department | | 60.15 | |
| Commissions | | 12.04 | |
| IT Department | | 1,064.07 | |
| Police Department | | 8,473.87 | |
| Fire Department | | 10,623.71 | |
| Public Works | | 3,506.62 | |
| Engineering | | 4,286.97 | |
| Planning & Development | | 605.36 | |
| General Fund Subtotal | | 32,523.72 | |
| 201 Protective Inspections | | 4,162.79 | |
| 202 911 System | | 290.40 | |
| 204 911 Surcharge Fund | | 17,061.98 | |
| 213 Econ Dev Growth Fund | | 5,000.00 | |
| 250 Transit Fund | | 624.21 | |
| 301 Capital Projects Fund | | 6,623.75 | |
| 501 Water Fund | | 105,236.05 | |
| 502 Sewer Fund | | 111,452.26 | |
| 511 Quincy Regional Airport Fund | | 685,268.19 | |
| 533 Garbage Fund | | 40,175.79 | |

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| 601 | Central Garage | 59,304.39 |
| 611 | Self-Insurance | 642.21 |
| 719 | Lincoln Bicentennial Comm | 337.14 |
| 744 | Purchase Tax Fund | 89,771.74 |
| | Bank 01 TOTALS | 1,158,474.62 |
| 210 | Motor Fuel Tax | 10,259.64 |
| | ALL FUNDS TOTALS | 1,168,734.26 |

Laura McReynolds

Eric Entrup

Kelly Mays

Jack Holtschlag

Richie Reis

Finance Committee

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

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Moore stated that there was an aircraft incident at the Quincy Regional Airport yesterday where the landing gear failed causing damage to the aircraft. The aircraft has been removed and there was no damage to the runway. She thanked the Quincy and Tri-township Fire Departments, Adams Co. Ambulance, Adams Co Emergency Management and the Airport team for working together.

City Hall and Central Services offices will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr. day. Garbage and Transit Services will operate normal schedules.

The First Baptist church, 739 N. 8th will have a Martin Luther King Jr. day celebration at 10:00 a.m.

Last week the City department heads met to create strategic goals for 2026. The goals focused on benchmarks, community engagement, staff training & evaluation, and growing the population. More information will be presented at future council meetings and the website.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Bergman stated that January 9th was Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and he wanted to thank Law Enforcement nationwide.

Ald. Ehmen moved to allow a dumpster on city right of way at 1640 Jersey for two weeks. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/CLOSED SESSION

Ald. Holtschlag moved the City Council adjourn and sit in Executive Session/Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, seconded by Ald. Bergman and on a roll call each of the 13 Aldermen voted yea, with 1 absent. Motion carried.

CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED

After sitting in Executive Session Executive Session/Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, Ald. Reis moved the City Council reconvene and sit in regular session at 8:19 p.m. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 8:19 p.m. on a motion of Ald. Uzelac. Motion carried.

LAURA OAKMAN, CMC
City Clerk