

# THE CITY COUNCIL

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

### REGULAR MEETING

Quincy, Illinois, February 23, 2026

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

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, Uzelac, Holtschlag. 14.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held February 17, 2026, were approved on a motion of Ald. Entrup. Motion carried.

Legal Counsel: Corporation Counsel Bruce Alford.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one commented.

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

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

No one asked to remove any items from the Consent Agenda.

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

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

### PETITIONS

Special Event Application from Brianna Rivera, Executive Director of the District requesting permission to hold the 2026 Blues in the District Concerts between 5:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on the following Fridays: June 12th, June 26th, July 10th, July 24th, August 14th, and August 28th. Four “Accessible Parking Signs” are requested to be placed on the south side of Washington Park. Approval is recommended by the Department of Utilities & Engineering.

A Special Event Application from Brianna Rivera, Executive Director of the District requesting permission to hold a Farmer’s Market on the following dates: May 9<sup>th</sup>, May 30<sup>th</sup>, June 27<sup>th</sup>, July 25<sup>th</sup>, August 29<sup>th</sup>, September 26<sup>th</sup>, and October 31<sup>st</sup>, on the 6th Street Promenade. Closure of 6th Street, Maine to Hampshire Street from 7a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the days of the event is requested. Applicant has requested “No Parking after 10p.m.” signs to be placed on 6<sup>th</sup> St the Fridays prior to the events, and the City to provide barricades to prevent traffic from exiting on to 6<sup>th</sup> St at Jail alley and Parking Lot I. Approval is recommended by the Department of Utilities & Engineering.

**Resolution**

WHEREAS, one of the most important aspects of preparing an individual to be a firefighter is training; and,

WHEREAS, firefighters train in multiple disciplines including technical rescue; and,

WHEREAS, one component of the technical rescue discipline is Structural Collapse Operations; and,

WHEREAS, the Quincy Fire Department is a member of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Division 44; and,

WHEREAS, the Quincy Fire Department will contract Rescusa to provide the training locally to ten of our personnel; and,

WHEREAS, providing the training locally will save substantial costs associated with meals, lodging and overtime; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Fire Aldermanic Committee and the Fire Chief recommend to the Mayor and City Council that the Fire Chief be authorized to pay the invoice, once it is received from Rescusa, in the amount of \$15,000.00.

**Resolution**

WHEREAS, one of the most important aspects of preparing an individual to be a firefighter is training; and,

WHEREAS, effective firefighter training requires exposure to live fire evolutions and participating in firefighting skills drills with others; and,

WHEREAS, the Cornbelt Basic Operations Firefighter training academy offers these facilities and opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, the Quincy Fire Department has one firefighter that is attending the Spring 2026 Cornbelt Basic Operations Firefighter academy; and,

WHEREAS, the firefighter training requires that he attend nine weeks at the academy, and the related expenses are as follows:

Cornbelt Fire Academy Registration Fee	\$7,500.00
Lodging (9 weeks)	\$5,000.00
Meal allotment for 9 weeks	\$2,835.00
Total estimated expenses:	\$15,335.00

**Resolution**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Fire Aldermanic Committee and the Fire Chief recommend to the Mayor and City Council that the Fire Chief be authorized to pay the aforementioned expenses for one recruit’s attendance at the Spring 2026 Cornbelt Basic Operations Firefighter Academy.

WHEREAS, the Quincy Fire Department is required to report statistics and incident data to United States Fire Administration (USFA); and

WHEREAS, the use of the National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS) incident reporting platform is necessary to submit this data to the USFA; and

WHEREAS, this is a renewal of the previous year’s contract; and

WHEREAS, our current license expires on April 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the First Due program has historically met the operational needs of the Quincy Fire Department, such as business inspections, pre-fire planning, mobile response data, hydrant record keeping and continues to do so; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Fire Chief and the Fire Aldermanic Committee recommend to the Mayor and City Council that the Fire Chief be authorized to make a payment to First Due, once the renewal invoice is received, in the amount of approximately \$40,000.00 to enter into a recurring annual license agreement with FirstDue.

### **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 offsetting 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 \$4,060,933.00 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, the combined total grant funding available to Quincy Transit lines from State, and Federal funds is \$4,754,224.00; 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 an additional \$250,000, said amount to be repaid with grant funds once received; now,

THEREFORE, the Director of Quincy Transit Lines, the Transit Advisory Committee, and the Comptroller respectfully request that the Mayor and City Council approve a short-term loan limit of up to \$850,000, as needed, from the General Fund to the Quincy Transit Lines to pay operating expenses.

### **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Ald. Uzelac moved to approve the Consent Agenda items, seconded by Ald. Holtschlag and on a roll call each of the 14 Alderpersons voted yea. Motion carried.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **ORDINANCE**

Adoption of an Ordinance Entitled: An Ordinance Amending Title VII (Traffic Code) of Chapter 83 (Impoundment of Motor Vehicles) Of The Municipal Code Of The City Of Quincy Of 2015. (Change administrative fee from \$200 to \$300).

Ald. Bergman moved for the adoption of the ordinance, seconded by Ald. Fletcher and on a roll call each of the 14 Alderpersons voted yea.

The Chair, Mayor Dr. Linda K. Moore, 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 operation of an adult day care facility at 1220 Broadway St).

#### **ORDINANCE**

Second presentation of an Ordinance Entitled: An Ordinance Granting A Special Use Permit For A Planned Development. (To allow for the demolition of two existing buildings at 2126 South 12th Street and to allow for the construction of two new buildings at 2126 South 12th St as part of the operation of a landscaping business).

#### **ORDINANCE**

First presentation of an Ordinance Entitled: On Ordinance Amending Chapter 42 (Administration Provision Relating To The City) Of The Municipal Code Of The City Of Quincy. (Deleting Section 42.044(B), Group Health and Hospitalization Plan).

**ORDINANCE**

First presentation of an Ordinance Entitled: An Ordinance Amending The 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget. (General Fund 001 and Capital Projects Fund 301 increase)

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
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Fund		Transfers	Expenditures	Payroll
1	City Hall		2,567.05	
	TO: 511 Airport	203,500.00		
	General Fund to Transit Loan	24,000.00		
	Building Maintenance		268.10	
	Comptroller		244.64	
	Legal Department		750.00	
	Commissions		400.00	
	IT Department		400.00	
	Police Department		28,013.91	
	Fire Department		10,994.03	
	Public Works		1,802.10	-
	Engineering		41,661.36	
	Planning & Development		265.68	
	Tax Distribution/Subsidies		71,250.00	
	<b>General Fund Subtotal</b>	<b>227,500.00</b>	<b>158,616.87</b>	-
201	Protective Inspections		25,212.80	
204	911 Surcharge Fund		270.96	
213	Econ Dev Growth Fund		7,500.00	
244	Crime Lab Fund		991.23	
250	Transit Fund		750.14	-
301	Capital Projects Fund		23,730.76	
309	Special Capital Funds		777.57	
312	Special Tax Alloc - TIF #2		1,125.00	
501	Water Fund		80,824.68	-
502	Sewer Fund		107,822.76	-
511	Quincy Regional Airport Fund		847.13	-
531	Regional Training Facility		346.28	
601	Central Garage		24,363.37	-
603	Vehicle Replacement Fund		29,320.00	
611	Self-Insurance		5,099.07	
612	Health Insurance Fund		460,257.95	
701	Q-Fund Revolving Loan Fund		4,204.50	
	<b>Bank 01 TOTALS</b>	<b>227,500.00</b>	<b>932,061.07</b>	-
210	Motor Fuel Tax		27,897.00	
	<b>ALL FUNDS TOTALS</b>	<b>227,500.00</b>	<b>959,958.07</b>	-

Laura McReynolds  
Eric Entrup  
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 14 Alderpersons voted yea. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Moore stated that there will be a public hearing in the city council chambers on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a possible Contour flight to Nashville. There will be an Aeronautics meeting following.

She mentioned that there are spam emails going around with her name on it. Do not open.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ald. Bergman congratulated the US Women's and Men's Hockey Olympic gold wins.

Ald. Mays thanked all who came out to the Ward 3 Town Hall on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mayor Moore stated that the first day of yard waste pick up is March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Ald. Reis referred to the Traffic Commission the need for a streetlight at 1716 Cherry Lane.  
Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council adjourned at 7:16 p.m. on a motion of Ald. Holtschlag. Motion carried.

**LAURA OAKMAN, CMC**  
City Clerk