CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Council Chambers, City Hall, 3rd Floor,
1528 Third Avenue, Rock Island, IL

10/9/2023 - Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Healy called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Pro Tem Healy asked City Clerk Samantha Gange to call the roll.

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Bill Healy, Alderpersons Moses Robinson, Randy Hurt, Judith Gilbert, Jenni Swanson, Dylan Parker, and Mark Poulos.

Absent: Mayor Mike Thoms.

Staff: Assistant City Manager and Parks and Recreation Director John Gripp, Attorney Leslie Day, City Clerk Samantha Gange, and other City Staff.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem Healy led in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Moment of Silence

Mayor Pro Tem Healy requested a moment of silence. A moment of silence was observed.

5. Public Comment

Cathy Bizarri, representative of the Project NOW board, addressed Council in support of the redevelopment agreement. She remarked she has served on the Project NOW board for almost 20 years and urged council to vote in favor of the agreement.

6. Minutes

a. Minutes from the September 25, 2023 City Council Meeting.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the minutes as printed.
VV:	Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Gilbert moved to approve the minutes as printed; Alderperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 voice vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Mayor Thoms.

7. Update Rock Island

Free Leaf Pickup begins next week

Free leaf collection for residential refuse customers begins Monday, October 16 through Friday, December 8. Customers may provide their own approved paper yard waste bags or use bags provided by the City at no cost.

Yard waste bags are now available at the Public Works Department, South Rock Island Township Office, Rock Island Township Assessor's Office and Saukie Golf Course.

Celebrate like a Bavarian this weekend

The 3rd Annual Oktoberfest celebration is this Saturday, October 14th from noon to 9 p.m. at the Hauberg Estate, 1300 24th Street in Rock Island. The event, modeled after the famous Oktoberfest in Munich, is co-sponsored by the Hauberg Estate and the German American Heritage Center.

Admission is free from noon to 4 p.m. Admission after 4 p.m. is $25 per person at the door or $20 if purchased in advance. Kids 12-years-old and under are free.

Thanksgiving meal volunteers needed

The Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center will host its 34th Annual Thanksgiving Meals on November 17, 18 and 19. Enjoy a delicious, free Thanksgiving meal, either curbside or delivery. The Center is currently looking for volunteers to help with filling to-go containers and curbside pickup. For more information, visit mlkcenter.org/events or call 309-732-2999.

8. Ordinances

a. An Ordinance regarding a Speed Hump Policy and Application. (Second Reading)

Motion:	Motion whether or not to pass the ordinance.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to pass the ordinance; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

9. Consent Agenda

All items under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by a single motion and subsequent roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless an Alderperson so requests, in which case, the item will be moved from the Consent Agenda and considered as the first item after approval of the Consent Agenda.

a. Claims for the weeks of September 15, through September 21, 2023, in the amount of $971,569.31; for the weeks of September 22, through September 28, 2023, in the amount of $2,085,335.63; and payroll for the weeks of September 04 through September 17, 2023 in the amount of $1,703,705.71.

b. International City/County Management Association (ICMA) claims for the week of September 09 through September 22, 2023, in the amount of $33,606.61.

c. ACH Payments for the month of August 2023 in the amount of $1,091,944.22.

d. Purchase Card Claims for the period of July 27 through August 28, 2023 in the amount of $82,618.30.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve Consent Agenda items a through d.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Robinson moved to approve consent agenda items a through d; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson. Nay:

None. Absent: None.

10. Contracts / Agreements

a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of $19,800.00 to CDM Smith, Chicago, Illinois, for a PFAS Planning Study.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve proceeding with the proposed study and payment to CDM Smith.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to approve proceeding with the proposed study and payment to CDM Smith; Alderperson Gilbert seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the removal of Longview Park tennis courts, recommending the bid be awarded to H Coopman Trucking and Excavating, Moline, Illinois, in the amount of $31,774.52.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to award the bid and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Robinson moved to award the bid and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents; Alderperson Hurt seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Alderperson Parker recused himself from the vote due to the nature of his employment.

Alderperson Robinson asked what the timeframe was for the project and when new tennis courts would be installed. Mr. Gripp responded said the tennis courts could not go back in the same area as the current location because the stormwater runoff negatively impacts the courts. There is a possibility of these back at Longview Park. They would need to go on the northwest end of the park. The Parks & Recreation Department is currently looking for grants that would allow them to put tennis courts back in the area. Mr. Bartels added he expected the contract to be completed by the end of the year.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a contract award to Five Cities Construction Company, Coal Valley, Illinois, in the amount of $588,557.69 for the Augustana Sewer Relocation, Multi-Use Path Area project.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to award the contract and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents; and authorize the Public Works Department to execute the necessary change orders.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to approve the minutes as printed; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Alderperson Gilbert remarked that the cost of this project came in much higher than the engineer's estimate of $400,000. She asked where the additional funds would come from to pay for the overcost of the project. Public Works Director Mike Bartels responded that the additional funds would come from the wastewater fund. Alderperson Gilbert asked if the wastewater fund was currently operating in a deficit and if this would add to that deficit. Mr. Bartels responded affirmatively and said he would rather move forward with this project than delay it.

Alderperson Healy asked if this was the final project cost and whether the project would need to come back to Council in the foreseeable future. Mr. Bartels responded that there is always a small risk of failure, but once the project is complete, it should last a lifetime.

Alderperson Parker recused himself from the vote due to the nature of his employment.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding an agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to lease two parcels of land at the Hennepin Canal for the amount of $2,400.00.

Motion: Motion whether or not to approve the lease agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to approve the lease agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

11. Resolutions with Reports from Departments

a. Report from the Fire Department regarding a Resolution of an Intergovernmental agreement for participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS Master Agreement 2022) effective January 1, 2024.

Motion: Motion whether or not to adopt the Resolution.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to adopt the resolution; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

12. Budget/Finance Items

a. Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the CY 2023 budget, increasing the Justice Agreement Grant (JAG) Fund (241) revenue and expenditures by $11,152.80.

Motion: Motion whether or not to approve the budget adjustment.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to approve the budget adjustment; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

b. Report from the Finance Department regarding the Firefighters and Police Pension Funds Actuarial Valuations as of January 1, 2023.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve funding both pension funds at the statutory minimum required contribution.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to approve funding both pension funds at the statutory minimum required contribution; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Alderperson Poulos rescued himself from the vote due to his position on the state pension board.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

13. Department Reports

a. Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the discontinuation of the Targeted Area Repair and Rehabilitation Program.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to discontinue the Targeted Area Repair and Rehabilitation Program as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Gilbert moved to discontinue the Targeted Area Repair and Rehabilitation Program as recommended; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

b. Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the addition of appendices A (General Rehabilitation) and B (Emergency Rehabilitation) to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Manual.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the addition of appendices A and B to the Community Development Manual.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Robinson moved to approve the addition of appendices A and B to the Community Development Manual; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Alderperson Gilbert remarked that the manual indicates the costs under both rehabilitation programs cannot exceed $24,999. She asked Mr. Brainard if he had data on whether the typical average cost is above or below that threshold. Mr. Brainard responded that there is a distinction between general and emergency rehabilitation, but the $24,999 threshold is specific to when the full lead-based paint abatement requirements kick in from the federal government, as these types of project costs can increase dramatically. He noted that overall, the cost of projects is highly variable.

Alderperson Gilbert referenced Section 10 regarding the household income requirements. She said the documentation for income that is required for both sections indicates that anyone living in the household over the age of 18, must also include their income. For example, if two sisters live together and only one owns the house, you have to calculate both incomes. Mr. Brainard responded affirmatively. Alderperson Gilbert referenced the language regarding landlords and developers and asked if they are eligible to receive assistance. Mr. Brainard responded that landlords and developers are not eligible to receive assistance, but much of the language in these manuals is at the recommendation and requirements of HUD.

Alderperson Gilbert asked why the records retention requirements where less than the loan terms. Mr. Brainard said HUD provides some flexibility with regards to allowing municipalities to structure the loan programs on what seems most reasonable. For example, the federal records retention requirement may be four years. However, because it is a five-year forgivable loan, the department keeps the records until the terms of the loan are carried out, which is beyond the federal requirement.

Alderperson Parker asked what the selection process is for applicants. Mr. Brainard indicated it varies among programs. For example, if someone comes to the department with what qualifies as an emergency, they get bumped up on the list and given priority. For the general program, there is a waiting list that is first come, first serve. The list varies in length depending on the types of projects in any given year and available funding.

Alderperson Parker asked if staff and the Community Development Commission (CDC) members had considered a more equitable approach by giving priority to certain populations of the City that are at a disadvantage. Mr. Brainard responded that it has been difficult identifying an equitable approach to these programs and provided the example of the TARP program that is being eliminated as it was determined to be ineffective. He said the waitlist is currently over 100 households and developing an approach to priorize the households on the list is very difficult and there wouldn't be a fair way to implement such an approach. He noted they have had discussions with HUD about an equitable approach to these programs and HUD has provided communities with best practices. Mr. Brainard added that there are partners such as Economic Growth Corp. that the department works with in regards to different funding sources and referrals to move people off of the waiting list.

Alderperson Parker asked with regards to contractor requirements. The requirement for the responsible bidder ordinance and OSHA 10 training requirements were not included. He said he would like to see these requirements included for contractors participating in the program. Mr. Brainard responded that information should already be included in the manual, but he would double-check and report back.

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

c. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding an amendment to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Manual, Section 6: Subrecipient Application Process.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the amendment as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Gilbert moved to approve the amendment as recommended; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Alderperson Gilbert asked Mr. Brainard to discuss how the department is improving the notification process. Mr. Brainard said when the new program manual was adopted, they opened up the public service funding part of the CDBG budget so that anyone that qualified and wanted to apply could. He said they launched the application in January of this year and the Commission received feedback from interested parties that they would like to be notified sooner and have a longer timeframe to apply. Mr. Brainard noted this amendment addresses these concerns by moving the timeframe from January to November. Additionally, staff plan to hold information sessions in the next few weeks to help inform those who may be interested in applying. He added that a press release would be sent out about the upcoming sessions as well as social media and website posts.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

d. Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the creation of a redevelopment agreement with Project NOW, Inc. for the purpose of providing renovation assistance to the Star Cres Building.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve $250,000 in ARPA funds for Project NOW, Inc. to support the renovation of the Star Cres Building; and authorize staff to negotiate a redevelopment agreement for Council consideration.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Swanson moved to approve $250,000 in ARPA funds for Project NOW, Inc. to support the renovation of the Star Cres Building; and authorize staff to negotiate a redevelopment agreement; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Alderperson Robinson said he needed to recuse himself from the vote because he serves on the Project NOW, Inc. Board. He thanked Attorney Day for her memo that clearly explained when a council member who also serves on a non-profit or another type of board should recuse themselves from voting. Alderperson Robinson explained that because he represents Project NOW, Inc. as an individual and not as an elected official, it would be a conflict of interest for him to vote on this item. However, with regards to his appointment to the City's Martin Luther King, Jr. Board, he is able to vote on items as he is an appointed member by the City.

Aldperson Swanson provided background information as to how the City got to the point of allocating $250,000 to Project NOW, Inc. for renovation assistance. She said this was not a grant and there were no applications to complete. She said this agreement is no different than the Friendship Manor agreement and other similar agreements that the Council has approved. A year ago, the City Council decided to allocate unrestricted ARPA funds to three categories: Mental Health, Homelessness and Tourism. She said she was the Council member tasked with heading the initiative for the homelessness allocation and headed the focus group meeting last October of stakeholders in the community that came together to discuss how the City could best allocate these funds. The results of the discussions led to the amount of money allocated towards homelessness being not enough to address the larger poverty issues associated with homelessness and the best way to allocate these funds would be for rental assistance or towards shelter assistance.

Alderperson Swanson said because there wasn't a clear path on how to allocate these funds from the focus group meeting, she did lots of research, including reading the Quad City Housing Council's SILOS to Solutions plan. She referenced the Continuum of Care that is funded by HUD and overseen by an eleven-person board who has designated Ron Lund of Project NOW as the fiscal agent. She said all the research and review of other agencies revealed that Project NOW was the leader in Rock Island in addressing homelessness. Alderperson Swanson indicated Project NOW was approached and asked how they could best utilize funds to address homelessness and the conversation began about the purchase of the Star Cres building. Project NOW indicated they were purchasing the building and these funds would best be utilized with assistance with this in an effort for Project NOW to grow their outreach to better serve residents. Aldperson Swanson asked her colleagues on Council to vote in favor and noted this redevelopment agreement would take an empty building in the downtown and fill it with offices and people and keep the ARPA dollars in the City.

Alderperson Parker encouraged Project NOW to continue conversations with the Rock Island Downtown Alliance (RIDA) about a partnership in community navigation, as Project NOW will be a great partner in this work. He said the City would also be interested in enclosing dumpsters around this property, and encouraged discussions with the City and RIDA regarding how they can partner together. Alderperson Parker said he would also like to see a creative way that the first floor space can be utilized as this will be the most visible to the public. He suggested a possibility of displaying public art in that space.

Alderperson Parker asked Rev. Dwight Ford, Executive Director of Project NOW to address Council regarding these initiatives. Rev. Ford said the community navigators conversation has already been occurring as they are not new to the downtown. He said the dumpster discussion is also not new as Project NOW has been in contact with the property owner of the Star Cres building for nine months. He said Project NOW has plans to purchase this building regardless if the City approves the funding for the redevelopment agreement. They plan to occupy every office in the building and move their senior staff to this location as well. They will continue to use Rock Island to store and maintain their 55 vehicle fleet at their 11th Street property rather than move to another city. Rev. Ford discussed further plans for the location at the Star Cres building, including senior meals that are not based on income and are prepared by the chef at Friendship Manor.

Rev. Ford said he would like the opportunity to dispel any incorrect information that Council members may have heard. He discussed how they add to the business community with their revolving loan program, the employment of contractors in Rock Island with the weatherization program, among other investments in the community. He clarified that the Star Cres building will be the corporate headquarters for Project NOW and not be operated as a homeless shelter. He noted the 14 federal and state government agencies that provide them with funding to combat poverty.

Alderperson Gilbert said she supports Project NOW and all of their efforts in combating poverty. She remarked that she objects to the characterization that this agreement is similar to the agreement with Friendship Manor that was approved at the previous meeting. She said Friendship Manor was required to provide the City with a business plan and proposal with details of data, financial reports, etc. and then it was vetted through staff and the legal department prior to coming to Council for approval. Alderperson Gilbert said the redevelopment agreement for Project NOW did not follow the same process. She said there are several questions from Council members that still have not been answered. She indicated she could not vote for this agreement as it had not gone through the normal process with a written application and business plan and proposal with all the costs and bids prior to Council approval.

Rev. Ford submitted additional background information and perception of poverty in the City of Rock Island and the work Project NOW does in the community.

Alderperson Swanson asked for clarification from the City Clerk/ARPA Program Manager that the three tourism entities that Council gave ARPA dollars that their agreements did not come back to Council for approval. Clerk Gange confirmed that they did not come back to the Council for approval.

Aldeperson Healy said he supports Project NOW and what they do and that has never been a concern. His concern is that Project NOW is a nonprofit entity that does not pay property taxes, and is moving into one of the larger buildings in the downtown and will not pay property tax. He remarked that the City is funding themselves to lose thousands of dollars in tax dollars. Mr. Brainard said the long term value of the building is sustained as it isn't just about the annual property taxes, but the improvements to the building that allow it to not sit vacant for many years to come.

Rev. Ford responded that he understood the concerns. However, he noted that Project NOW does pay the City for many residents' back water bills and property investments. He said if Project NOW did pay the City taxes, they would have to use administrative salary dollars as it is frowned upon for nonprofits like Project NOW to pay taxes.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 4-2-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Hurt, Swanson. Nay: Healy, Gilbert. Absent: None.

14. Traffic Engineering Requests

a. Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to install residential parking (Type B) on the south side of 9th Avenue from 11th Street to the east of 1120 9th Avenue. (First Reading)

Motion:	Motion whether or not to consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Robinson moved to consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Alderperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

Motion on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

15. Appointments to Boards/Commissions/Committees

a. Report from the Mayor's Office regarding reappointments to the Ethics Commission, Housing Authority, and Police Community Relations Commission.

Motion: Motion or not whether to approve the reappointments as recommended.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to approve the reappointments as recommended; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

Alderperson Swanson remarked she would like to see more diversity and new members appointed to these boards and commissions as several have had the same members for 20 to 30 years. She suggested adding term limits. Clerk Gange remarked there have been recent discussions of this in the Mayor and Clerk's offices about this. She said sometimes it is hard to find volunteers for these boards and commissions and it can be a balancing act. She noted the Community & Economic Development area has several boards and commissions that already have term limits, and that would be the ultimate goal for all boards and commissions.

Alderperson Gilbert noted she shares the same concerns and none of the commissions that are up for reappointment tonight have term limits.

Alderperson Robinson acknowledged he understands the difficulty in finding volunteers to serve. However, the City should have a more effective strategy of communicating with residents that there are openings on these boards and commissions other than social media. Clerk Gange indicated that the Community Engagement Manager does put out press releases and, most recently, vacancies on the Police Community Relations Commission were covered by WQAD Channel 8.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

16. Events/Misc Requests

a. Report from the Fire Department regarding a request from the Rock Island Firefighters Association, IAFF Local 25, regarding a request to utilize the intersection of 30th Street and 18th Avenue for their annual Muscular Dystrophy Association "Fill the Boot" fundraising campaign from Friday, October 13 through Sunday, October 15, 2023.

Motion: Motion whether or not to approve the request as recommended.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to approve the request as recommened; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

b. Report from the City Clerk's office regarding a request from Alderperson Robinson to close 9th Street between 6th and 7th Avenues on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a community event with sound amplification.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the requests as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to approve the request as recommended; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

Alderperson Robinson remarked this event provides safe space for kids to come and get candy and have fun during trick-or-treat times.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

17. Other Business/New Business

Alderperson Healy announced that for agenda item 18a, they would not be going into Closed Session for discussion of negotiating matters (5ILCS 12/2(c)(2)) and will only be entering Closed Session for litigation matters (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)).

Alderperson Healy welcomed Attorney Leslie Day to the City team.

Alderperson Poulos said he was able to attend the City's United Way Campaign kickoff event and dunk both the Fire and Police Chiefs. He said it was a great opportunity to talk with employees and raise money for a great cause.

Alderperson Parker asked if trick-or-treat times had been approved. Police Chief Landi said that all of the police chiefs and cities met and decided the trick-or-treat times would be on October 31, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., which is the same every year.

18. Closed Session

a. **5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives.**

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, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding must be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to enter Closed Session for the exceptions cited.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to go into Closed Session for the exception cited; Alderperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

19. Adjourn

a. Motion to Adjourn to October 23, 2023.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to adjourn.
VV:	Voice Vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to adjourn the meeting; Alderperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

Motion on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Samantha Gange, City Clerk