

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:30 p.m. in the Human Resources Conference Room of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Mike Thoms presiding, and Aldermen Ivory D. Clark, Virgil J. Mayberry, Stephen L. Tollenaer, and Dylan Parker. Also present were City Manager Randy Tweet, Rock Island Library Director Angela Campbell, Finance Director Stephanie Masson, other City staff, and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Alderman James Spurgetis arrived at 5:31 p.m. Alderman Joshua Schipp arrived at 5:32 p.m. Alderman Dave Geenen was absent.

**ROCK ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY: LIBRARY FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Russ Hodge, Principal of The Hodge Group, recognized members of the Rock Island Library Board of Directors and members of the Rock Island Public Library Foundation Board. Mr. Hodge said the Foundation has taken on a leadership role of planning for the future of the libraries. They welcome input from Council. He introduced his colleague Kay Runge, a Quad Cities resident and a librarian; and Kathy Lelonek, Executive Director of the Rock Island Public Library Foundation. Mr. Hodge said the Foundation has been charged by the Library Board to explore the best solution for the City and for the future. The solution he will present is innovative and is a re-use, a revitalization. They have been talking with the community since 2008. Mr. Hodge reviewed the history of different surveys and public input regarding the library. He said the Library Board has been thoughtfully engaged in this dialogue over the last four years, thinking and debating about the issues. He will present a tactical response to the Library's strategic plan to serve the city. It came from community input over a five-year period and from the strategic plan. The Strategic Plan led to the Long Range Building Plan which led to the feasibility study conducted by Mr. Hodge's firm.

Mr. Hodge said the feasibility study looked at variables; looked at all the options available; and what was the best configuration available for the future of the City; and from a funding standpoint. It was an analysis to determine a clear path forward. This study was approved by the Library Board and the assignment was given to the Foundation to actively explore this with the community. The feasibility study sample was a strong sample; most samples are only 25 persons (this study had 34 persons in the sample). It was not a community survey. It was a solution based survey, a financial survey and a resource utilization survey. Interviews were conducted face-to-face, peer-to-peer. Libraries are different from other city departments; they have a foundation which is a 501(c) 3. Mr. Hodge said the Library Foundation is financially strong and viable; it is prepared to assist in this project. People respect the Library Foundation and its work; it is a great asset to the library.

The Downtown Library will be rejuvenated as a service point while sharing space and partnering with like-minded non-profits. It will be an outstanding resource for the community; but libraries are changing, Mr. Hodge noted. The Tri-City Jewish Center will become the Central library in the heart of the city. There will be two libraries; neither will be a "main" library. Alderman Mayberry said there are three libraries. Mr. Hodge responded the Southwest library is a contract library, but still an important part of the system. The proposal is to re-purpose both buildings and adaptively re-use them which is environmentally, fiscally and socially responsible. This also means the libraries stay in the neighborhoods where the services are needed. Mr. Hodge said the Tri-City Jewish Center is in the statistical heart of the city. The project will take time; it is a

package deal. One building can't be adapted without the other. It is a complex project to better serve the residents of the city. Mr. Hodge discussed the commitment of the City to the Downtown Library. By changing the configuration, it would have a greater impact. All library services would be on the first floor while the ground floor and upper floors would provide space for Maker Space and rentals to non-profits. It will be a lifelong learning center.

Mr. Hodge reviewed the proposed Library network: the Downtown Library, the Central Library, and the Southwest Library. He said experts recommend a library of 51,000 square feet for a community the size of Rock Island. The current square footage between the three buildings is 42,000. The proposed project will have 60,000 square feet with the reconfiguration and with room for future growth. The Downtown Library will have almost 19,000 square feet; the Central Library will have 36,000 square feet; and the Southwest Library has 5,500 square feet. There will also be additional space that can be income producing in the Downtown Library, for example, the Midwest Writing Center and Maker Space would be located on the ground floor. Mr. Hodge reviewed the features of the library space at both the Downtown Library and at the Central Library.

Alderman Spurgetis asked about the children's area size in the Downtown Library and what would be available at the Central Library. Library Director Angela Campbell responded the children's area would be moved up a level at the Downtown Library and should be approximately the same size with the same offerings. The children's space at the Central Library will be much larger than the current space. Alderman Spurgetis asked about the sound factor with the children's area. Ms. Campbell said a line of sight is needed to the children's area. Kay Runge said the Kenosha Library put in a glass wall between the children's area and the main library and that helps deaden the sound.

Mr. Hodge distributed a map showing that most residents of Rock Island will be within three (3) miles of a library. The libraries will be very accessible. He also noted that Rock Island has a history of adaptive re-use and re-purposing buildings. Mr. Hodge distributed a list of such projects. Alderman Mayberry said he thought the center of the city was Longview Park (17<sup>th</sup> Street and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue). City Manager Randy Tweet said if you include southwest Rock Island, the center of the city is 17<sup>th</sup> Street and 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Alderman Mayberry said the proposed Central Library is not at the center of the city. Ms. Campbell said it's located at 30<sup>th</sup> Street and 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue. However, she said they looked at the population in census tracts and it has the most population.

Mr. Hodge reviewed the current budget numbers for the three libraries; and then reviewed the reallocated budget with the proposed plan. The budget would remain the same at \$2.5 million; but the bulk of the budget (\$1.6 million) would now be allocated to the proposed Central Library. The Downtown Library's budget would shrink from \$1.9 million to \$600,000 and the Southwest Library's budget would remain the same at \$300,000. Mayor Thoms asked why the cost will go down at the Downtown Library. Ms. Campbell responded the Library's major cost is personnel; they would be moving most of the staff from the Downtown Library to the Central Library. Alderman Spurgetis asked for clarification of the reduced budget for the Downtown Library and Mayor Thoms asked if the rental income is taken off the budget number. Ms. Campbell said the

income from rentals would not be a huge factor in the Downtown budget. Much of the staff is “back end” staff that no one sees; they would be moved to the Central Library.

Mr. Hodge presented a rough estimate of the cost for the project that was prepared by a professional firm. The cost to renovate the Downtown Library would be \$3.9 million and the Tri-City Jewish Center would cost \$5.8 million. Contingencies, soft costs and inflation are estimated to be \$6 million. The purchase price of the Tri-City Jewish Center is not part of the proposed budget as it is not known yet. Ms. Campbell explained the contingency budget is so large because there is no way to tell what is behind the walls at the Downtown Library; there could be abatements that will be needed. Soft costs also include the furniture and equipment. Alderman Mayberry asked how old the Tri-City Jewish Center is; it was built in 1982. Ms. Campbell said it has new mechanicals. Alderman Spurgetis stated the rough estimated cost of the plan is \$16 million plus the cost to purchase the Tri-City Jewish Center.

Mr. Hodge discussed the Rock Island Public Library Foundation who he is representing. The Foundation has spent over \$1.5 million on the Downtown Library alone. It is financially strong. The Foundation is committed to repurposing the two buildings. Mr. Hodge explained that the library has not had to go to referendum for funds because of the Foundation’s support and strength. The Foundation is ready to make a significant investment out of their current resources to the project. Mayor Thoms asked how much the balance is at the Foundation. The Foundation currently has between \$2 and \$2.5 million in unrestricted funds.

Mr. Hodge said the Library Board of Trustees has been a driving force of this project and has charged the Foundation with moving forward. They have consistently voted for strong maintenance of the Downtown Library; they have engaged in thoughtful deliberation of this multi-year plan; they entered into support partnerships with the school district and other organizations; and the Library has grown under the leadership of the Board. Mr. Hodge said the Foundation is seeking additional funds to their current resources so it can be a significant financial player for the project. In the future, they will be asking for a financial commitment from the City and they will be asking for money from the community. It will take all three organizations to implement the plan. Mr. Hodge asked that Council keep the Library project in mind during their upcoming goal setting session and discuss the proposed plan.

Mayor Thoms asked if they had thought about raising money from the community before they come to the City for funds and showing the commitment of the community. Mr. Hodge responded the Foundation hopes to raise larger gifts before coming to the City; the community will be raising smaller amounts. They will not come to the City unless they have additional funds besides the investment of the Foundation. Alderman Schipp asked what the expectation is for the City’s contribution to the project. Mr. Hodge estimated between \$10 and \$20 million. Alderman Schipp stated the City has a lot of financial obligations right now and this isn’t the only way to move forward. He said there is probably \$2 million of street and infrastructure work that needs to be done in his ward; every alderman has the same situation. These projects are put on the five year capital plan. There are so many needs with the City; he doesn’t know where the money will come from for projects. Alderman Tollenaer said it is a long-term plan and financing will be tough to figure out; but it’s an investment in the future of our children. He believes the

community will support the project. Mr. Hodge emphasized they are not asking for any money now; it is a future project. They want to keep Council fully informed.

Alderman Mayberry stated the heating system in the Downtown Library can go at any time. If that happens, Alderman Mayberry asked what happens then. Mr. Hodge said he does know any repairs would require custom engineering for parts. Ms. Campbell said Alderman Mayberry is correct; the bulk of improvements in the proposed plan would go towards improved infrastructure in the building. Alderman Parker said the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward is home to the Downtown Library and there are residents concerned that it would be a repeat of the situation with Audubon. He is concerned about the longevity of the Downtown Library. He is very excited about the potential of Maker Space. There is potential with turning that part of downtown into the innovation hub of Rock Island. That is what cities are doing; pursuing places where tech-centered entrepreneurs can work together and collaborate. Entrepreneurs could eventually move to the Sunset Industrial Park. The economic development benefits of creating Maker Space in downtown must be considered; it's more than just the library. Alderman Tollenaar said the plan was developed to keep three libraries; Rock Island has always provided more services for its residents. That is why people were upset at the thought of closing one library.

Alderman Clark asked if there has been any feedback from residents around the Tri-City Jewish Center. Mr. Hodge responded that the community that occupies the Tri-City Jewish Center is very supportive of the plan. He said the 30/31 Library represents 32% of all library usage in the city. Ms. Lelonek, Executive Director of the Library Foundation, says she lives in the neighborhood and her neighbors are thrilled with the prospect of a Central Library in their community. Alderman Schipp said he was concerned about the future and the City's fiscal integrity. The last report from Moody's indicated future borrowing can affect the City's credit rating and that makes everything more expensive. The City has a 24 year commitment to fully fund the pensions (police and fire). Alderman Schipp said it's time to talk seriously about where the City is financially and the City's financial obligations for the next 25 years which are enormous and very serious. He does not want to end up like the county, borrowing to make payroll. There is a longstanding history of fiscal conservativeness in the City. He believes it's time to have an honest conversation about money. Alderman Parker agreed.

Mayor Thoms asked about the operating budgets which remain the same dollar amounts in the proposed plan when the Library has problems now meeting its budget; what changes will there be with the plan with no new revenue except for some rentals. Library Director Campbell responded that they have had retirements among the veteran staff and have changed their operating hours. They are going into this in a positive way and think the project will attract more residents to the City. The only new revenue will be the income from the rental of the space. Ms. Campbell said they can't charge for services. Alderman Spurgetis commented that the City also has lots of moving parts; the comments from the Aldermen are true; the City has to do it all; he is looking forward to the challenge and moving forward with the plan and see where it goes. Alderman Spurgetis said you need a good library, good schools and good roads to bring people to the city. Mr. Hodge thanked Council for their time.

**FINANCE: PENSION ASSUMPTION STUDY RESULTS AND ACTUARIAL VALUATION**

Finance Director Stephanie Masson presented an update on the pension assumptions and her recommendations and discussed the valuation for January 1, 2017. She reviewed the highlights of Mr. Merlak's presentation in August 2016. As part of the valuation, the actuarial consultant provides what the employer contribution will be. Ms. Masson has been reviewing the actuarial assumptions since that time. She presented a history of the property tax levy by category over the last five years and the amounts for the Police and Fire Pensions. The employer contribution to the pension funds comes from the tax levy. While the overall tax levy has decreased over time due to a decrease in the valuation, the tax rate has been very consistent at 2.38 and 2.4. The Police and Fire Pension tax levy has increased over the years; the decreases have been in the General Fund.

Ms. Masson explained why the actuarial assumptions are reviewed. Actuarial and accounting standards strongly encourage a review; the review and any changes are documented within the audited financial statements. Ms. Masson said it is important to ensure costs are based on reasonable assumptions and to better align costs across generations. The consultant had recommended the following assumptions be reviewed: salary increase, payroll growth, interest rate and mortality table. When Mr. Merlak made a presentation of his recommendations to Council in April, he also presented the impact of each change on the employer contribution and on the pension fund. Ms. Masson reviewed his four recommendations: 1) Salary increase change from flat 5% to age-based salary schedule; 2) Payroll growth from 5% to 3.5%; 3) Interest rate from 7.5% to 7.0%; and 4) change the mortality table. She presented the numbers of the effect of those recommendations on the two pension funds. The total of implementing all of the recommended changes is \$1.7 million. The average increase over the last five years has been \$400,000.

Alderman Spurgetis asked Ms. Masson to explain the age-based salary schedule. She explained that salary increases are skewed to younger employees. Alderman Mayberry asked after a retiree dies, what pension does the spouse receive - the same amount or a percentage. Ms. Masson said that depends on when the retiree served; statutes have changed over the years. There are many variables and it is different for police and fire. There is no quick and simple answer. She will get more information for Alderman Mayberry.

Ms. Masson said she came up with recommendations that the City could afford and that make sense, but keep moving in the right direction. She recommends implementing her recommendations over a five-year period. Her recommendations are: 1) implement the recommended change for salary increase from a flat 5% salary increase assumption to an age-based salary scale in Year 1; 2) implement the recommended change from a 5% payroll growth assumption to 3.5% over a five-year period; the first year would be 4.0%; 3) implement the recommended change in the interest rate from a 7.5% assumption to 7.0% over five years with a 7.4% interest rate in the first year; and 4) continue to use the Department of Insurance mortality table until the Society of Actuaries completes their new mortality study focused on public plans; this assumption will be monitored each year. The Mortality Table assumption has the biggest impact on the employer contribution.

Ms. Masson reviewed the effect of the changes in the first year in terms of the current tax levy for the 2018 budget. The 2017 tax levy for Police Pension would be \$3.384 million and \$3.280 million for the Fire Pension for a total increase of \$395,176 over the 2016 tax levy.

Ms. Masson presented the actuarial valuation for the Police and Fire Pension Funds as of January 1, 2017 based on her recommendations. The unfunded accrued liability for the Firefighters Pension Fund is \$44.5 million; the actuarial value of assets is 34.3%; and the recommended tax levy contribution is \$3.280 million. The recommended contribution as a percentage of payroll is 74.3%. That means for every dollar of firefighter payroll, the City contributes 74 cents to their pension. The unfunded accrued liability for the Police Pension Fund is \$45.858 million; the actuarial value of assets is 43.3%; and the recommended tax levy contribution is \$3.384 million. The recommended contribution as a percentage of payroll is 54.9%.

Ms. Masson reviewed Public Act 096-1495 passed by the State of Illinois which requires a minimum contribution of 90% pension funding by the year 2041. The State also uses a projected unit cost method which is not recommended by actuaries because it is not fiscally prudent. Illinois is the only state with a minimum contribution less than 100%. Her recommendation and the auditors' recommendation are to continue to fund towards 100% of pension liabilities.

Alderman Schipp asked what is driving the funded ratio going down 10% versus the Police Pension Fund in the same time frame; the City was in a better position in 2013 than now. Ms. Masson replied that each of the funds has their own board and investment managers; typically their returns are similar. There are many driving factors that impact the funds such as the number of retirees and the number of disabilities which has a huge impact. Mayor Thoms commented that the pension funds are not pooled with other pension funds across the state; the Police and Fire Pension Funds are managed locally. Ms. Masson said each pension board has a five-member board with active and retiree members. Alderman Mayberry asked how the unions come into play. Ms. Masson replied the unions are a separate body and are not involved in the investment of the pension funds; they have representation with an active member on the board. There is an ongoing continuing education requirement to serving on the Board which is very stringent. Alderman Schipp said the Mayor makes two appointments to the boards. Ms. Masson is a member of both boards. Alderman Mayberry asked for the names of the people on each board. Ms. Masson will get that information for him. Alderman Mayberry asked about the time limits for serving on the boards. Mayor Thoms said he does not know when appointments will be renewed. Alderman Parker asked if the state makes any contribution to the pension funds. Ms. Masson replied no.

Alderman Mayberry asked if the conference room was safe to have the meetings in with only one entrance and exit and asked the Police Chief for his opinion. City Manager Randy Tweet said there are two exits. Mayor Thoms said it was his decision to move the study sessions to the conference room for a more informal and intimate setting. Alderman Mayberry asked the Chief to look into the situation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Parker seconded to adjourn the study session at 6:37 p.m. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none.

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Judith H. Gilbert, City Clerk

Rock Island City Council met in regular session at 6:45 p.m. in Council Chambers of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Mike Thoms presiding, and Aldermen Ivory D. Clark, Virgil J. Mayberry, James Spurgetis, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Dylan Parker, and Joshua Schipp. Also present were City Manager Randy Tweet and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Alderman Dave Geenen was absent.

Introductory Proceedings

Mayor Thoms called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held.

Agenda Item #5

**Minutes of the meeting of June 12, 2017.**

It was moved by Alderman Spurgetis and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the Minutes as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

**Minutes of the Executive Session of June 12, 2017.**

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Schipp to approve the Executive Session Minutes. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #7

**Update Rock Island by Mayor Mike Thoms.**

Starlight Revue Summer Concerts – The Parks and Recreation Department series of concerts continues this Tuesday, June 20, 2017. Tomorrow night the Josh Duffee Orchestra will perform at 7:00 p.m. along with a dance lesson starting at 6:30 p.m. Make a night of it and enjoy food and drink for purchase from Hy-Vee Grill starting at 5:00 p.m. Call the rain line at (309) 732-7246 to check the status of event and inclement weather.

Good Old Days – As part of Museum Week, Bob Motz will give an illustrated talk about the early history of Black Hawk State Park. The presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at the Watch Tower Lodge, 1510 46<sup>th</sup> Ave in Rock Island. The event is free and for more information, please call (309) 788-9536.

Interactive Movie Night – Join the Main Library on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 for a very different kind of movie experience. Interact with characters on the screen, use props at points in the movie and much more, as you get tangled in the original 1971 movie, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Call the Library at (309) 732-7360 to sign up and register.

Genesisius Guild Presents Shakespeare – On Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25, 2017 the Genesisius Guild will present Shakespeare: The Comedy of Errors in beautiful Lincoln Park. Take on this unique classic theatre experience and enjoy the free shows starting at 8:00 p.m. both nights. For more information please visit [www.genesius.org](http://www.genesius.org).

Agenda Item #8

**Presentation of the Auditor’s Financial Report for CY 2016.**

Finance Director Stephanie Masson introduced the representatives from Bohnsack and Frommelt, the City’s external auditors who will present the 2016 audit. Ms. Masson said the auditors have been working on the audit for several months, both onsite and offsite. Every department plays a role in the audit process. The report includes the audit, communications from the auditors, the TIF report, and a statistical section which gives a ten year history of audit results. The audit will be posted on the City website after tonight. Ms. Masson reminded Council that the City is a recipient of the GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) award for excellence. She also thanked her staff, especially Linda Barnes who was present, for their work on the audit.

Sarah Bohnsack said they will present required communications, total revenues, total expenses, the General Fund, and Government Auditing Standards and single audit results. There are required communications that the auditors are required to give to Council annually. Audits take a significant amount of time. Ms. Bohnsack explained they do three different types of audits for the City: the Financial Statement Audit; the Government Auditing Standards Audit, and the Federal Single Audit. The purpose of the Government Auditing Standards Audit is to document the internal controls of the City and to test them to see if they are functioning the way they were designed to work. This audit also checks to see if the City is in compliance with contracts and laws. The federal audit is a review of the federal dollars that the City receives. The City received over \$3.6 million in federal dollars. These were all unmodified opinions which is the highest form of opinion the City can receive. There were findings in the Government Auditing Standards audit and the federal single audit which will be reviewed at the end of the presentation. Ms. Bohnsack explained the audit process is a single point in time so there are some estimates that management makes and the auditors have concurred with these estimates. There is a letter with the audit with uncorrected and corrected misstatements for Council’s review.

Mia Frommelt presented revenues comparing 2016 to 2015, in total, all funds. The City had revenue of \$72.3 million in 2016 compared to \$70.4 million in 2015, a \$1.8 million increase of 2.6%. There were increases in almost all categories. There was an increase in charges for services such as ambulance, water, sewer, solid waste, and refuse. Council had approved some rate increases which were pro-rated. The grants and contributions category is composed of all state and federal grants and awards. There was very little change in this category. The revenue from property taxes had gone up due to a 4% increase in assessed valuation. This revenue was based on the 2015 levy.

Ms. Frommelt then presented expenditures which saw a \$7 million or 10% increase from 2015 to 2016. Most of that increase is due to benefit liabilities, specifically the police and fire pensions which increased \$3.5 million; IMRF which increased \$2 million; and other post employment

benefits which increased \$700,000. She explained that these are not benefit payments, but liabilities that are actuarially determined. These liabilities will continue to rise. The city did approve a wage increase of 2%, but full-time equivalents decreased so there was not much of a change in the total payroll.

Ms. Frommelt presented a history of the General Fund as the main operating fund. The chart shows the unrestricted fund balance over several years. It represents three months of operating expenditures which is the recommended fund balance by the GFOA. There must be a reserve in the General Fund in case there is a delay in receipt of state or federal funding.

There are two additional audits, the Government Auditing Standards Audit and the Single Audit. There is a summary in the audit report that starts on page 189 with the results. Ms. Frommelt stated that findings that were reported in the previous year for Parks and Recreation cash receipts and cash disbursements and for Payroll have been corrected. The current year findings (cash disbursements, Public Library receipts, and year-end accrual adjustments) are around access level controls for cash disbursements and cash receipts; these have been discussed with management. The auditors have provided recommendations to improve internal controls. There were no concerns over compliance in the audit.

There are two very large federal dollars programs, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the Illinois EPA. The CDBG grant was scheduled to be tested this year. There was significant deficiency over CDBG monitoring controls, suspension and debarment, and environmental review requirements; some of which were results of HUD reviews. The City has been changing procedures and processes as a result of the reviews. The auditors do have recommendations for these controls. There were no compliance findings over the major programs, so it is still an unmodified opinion. The auditors do issue one separate letter for Council's review based on observations and purely at an advisory level.

Alderman Mayberry asked if the Parks and Recreation and Payroll issues were corrected in the positive for the City. Ms. Frommelt responded that additional internal controls have been added.

Agenda Item #9

**A Special Ordinance vacating a segment of a right-of-way east of 24<sup>th</sup> Street and south of the Rock Island Fitness and Activity Center, reserved as River Heights Road.**

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Clark to consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance.

Alderman Tollenaer asked if the vacated property could be put back on the tax rolls. City Attorney Dave Morrison said it would be.

The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #10

**Claims**

a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$60,639.43 to Compass Minerals of Atlanta, GA for the purchase of rock salt.

b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$96,605.00 to Electric Pump of Des Moines, IA for the emergency purchase and installation of two Flygt sewage pumps and all associated appurtenances.

It was moved by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Spurgetis to accept the reports and authorize payments as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #11

**Claims for the week of June 9 through June 15 in the amount of \$218,710.45.**

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Spurgetis to allow the claims. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #12

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding a lease agreement for the Sunset Marina apartment.**

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Mayberry to approve the lease as written and authorize the City Manager to execute the lease agreement.

Alderman Schipp asked who the landlord is; is it the City Manager, or the Public Works Director, or the Mayor. City Manager Randy Tweet responded he is not sure who would have the final legal say, but the Marina Manager coordinates any work that needs to be done through Public Works. Mr. Morrison said the City Council makes decisions over City property for any legal issue that would come up; so any issue would have to come before the City Council with a recommendation from anyone who oversees it.

The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #13

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a Resolution approving the partial release of Executive Session minutes and the destruction of audio recordings for the same Executive Session meetings.**

It was moved by Alderman Spurgetis and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the partial release of the Executive Session minutes as recommended and adopt the resolution.

Discussion followed. Alderman Parker asked the City Attorney to speak about the required process for the destruction of the audio recordings. Mr. Morrison explained about the backlog of Executive Session minutes going back to 2007 and the approval necessary to start the clock for the destruction of the audio recordings. Alderman Parker asked if there is a time requirement for the audio recordings to be released to the public or just the partial release of the minutes. Mr. Morrison said just the partial release of the minutes are required to be made public; the audio recordings are not released to the public. Mr. Morrison also said the statute sets a look back period and these minutes are well beyond that period. Alderman Schipp asked what the look back period is. Mr. Morrison said he believes the current period is now six months, but he will confirm that since it was recently changed. Alderman Parker asked what the look back period gives citizens and does it give them the full release of the minutes. Mr. Morrison said it may; it depends on what information is in there and what the Attorney General decides.

The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #14

**Report from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding a Highway Resolution for the closure of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue between 17<sup>th</sup> Street and 20<sup>th</sup> Street on Monday, July 3, 2017 from noon to 11:00 p.m. along with a rain date of Tuesday, July 4, 2017 and a flood date in September if needed for a Fireworks Display and Concert at Schwiebert Riverfront Park.**

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Mayberry to approve the street closing as recommended and adopt the resolution.

Alderman Tollenaer asked if people can sit in the closed street. Parks and Recreation Director John Gripp said people are allowed to sit on the sidewalks, but not in the street. They offer shuttles back and forth to the park.

The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Jake Meisenbach for the installation of yield signs at the intersection of 31<sup>st</sup> Street and 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.**

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Schipp to approve the request.

Discussion followed. Alderman Tollenaer asked if there was anyone in the audience to speak for or against the request. No one came forward. Alderman Schipp asked if the source of the request

was from the Fire Department. Mr. Tweet said the request came from a private individual, but he is an employee of the Fire Department. Council further discussed the request and the staff recommendation.

The motion failed by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, and Alderman Schipp; those voting No being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis. Mayor Thoms broke the tie and voted No.

Agenda Item #16

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from the Community and Economic Development Department for the removal of a loading zone on the east side of the 100 block of 19<sup>th</sup> Street.**

It was moved by Alderman Parker and seconded by Alderman Spurgetis to approve the request as recommended and direct the City Attorney to prepare the necessary paperwork. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #17

**Report from the Mayor regarding a reappointment and appointments to the Rock Island Library Board of Directors.**

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Parker to approve the reappointment and appointments as recommended.

Kevin Koski was reappointed to serve a three-year term ending April 30, 2020.  
Elizabeth Russell was appointed to serve a three-year term ending April 30, 2020.  
Jacki Nelson was appointed to serve a three-year term ending April 30, 2020.

Alderman Parker asked for the names of the appointments to be included in the motion. Mr. Tweet said they can look at that option; he will discuss it further with the City Attorney.

The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

**Other Business**

Alderman Spurgetis asked if there was a time limitation for the requestor wanting the yield signs to come back with the request. Mr. Tweet said the requestor would have to re-submit his request with more detail and with signatures from the neighborhood to the Traffic Engineering Committee.

Alderman Schipp announced the details of the Keystone Neighborhood Association's annual meeting on Sunday, June 25 from 4 to 6 p.m. He distributed flyers.

Mayor Thoms announced the groundbreaking for the I-74 bridge project will be next Monday, June 26. He is unable to attend so Mayor Pro Tem, Alderman Schipp, will represent the City.

Alderman Parker asked IT Director Tim Bain if traffic requests could be submitted online and include which street should have the yield signs. Mr. Bain explained they are working on the request, but it isn't possible to have the petition for signatures online. The signatures must be submitted to the committee with the request. Mayor Thoms also said the requestor should be encouraged to attend the Council meeting when the vote comes up. Mr. Tweet said the Traffic Engineering Committee wants the signature petition submitted as part of the request package. Council further discussed the process of submitting requests for traffic signs.

Alderman Mayberry said he represents the City on the Library Board. He announced the Library Board meets at 5:00 p.m. tomorrow and invited the public to attend.

Vince Thomas, resident of Rock Island, spoke about the history of the library from 1969 to 1972 when he was employed by the Library on a grant to develop interest in the library in the inner city. He believes the City can't afford the proposal that was presented at the study session.

Council further discussed the library issue. Alderman Mayberry does not want the Downtown Library closed. Alderman Parker said there will be a different body in 20 to 30 years and that body will decide if the City can afford it in the future. He is torn about the issue. Alderman Parker spoke about fostering the creative class in Rock Island. He agrees that the Downtown Library should not go away, but needs to be enhanced; the status quo is currently unsustainable. Mayor Thoms said the Library Board and the Library Foundation need to come to the City with a plan after receiving Council input. Alderman Schipp said not all options were presented; in particular, the expansion of the Downtown Library. He thinks the Downtown Library is the oldest public library in the state of Illinois and is a treasure. Alderman Schipp thinks Council needs to broaden the discussion. Alderman Tollenaer said he heard tonight two libraries will be renovated and one will remain the same. Alderman Schipp said they also heard a lot of numbers with the Hauberg Civic Center. Mayor Thoms said ultimately the City must work within its financial means and live within its budget.

Agenda Item #19

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Clark to adjourn the meeting to 6:45 p.m., Monday, July 10, 2017. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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Judith H. Gilbert, City Clerk