

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**July 8, 2013
MINUTES**

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:30 pm in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy, and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, City Attorney Ted Kutsunis, Deputy City Clerk Linda Rutten and other City staff. City Clerk Aleisha Patchin was absent.

Jeff Eder spoke on the Downtown Development Plan, beginning with a review of the previous strategic plan and asking Council what direction they would like to see staff take in developing this area. He went over the list of downtown priorities with Council, asking them to take a few minutes to rank them in the order of importance. Those items included establishing more market rate housing, promote infill / new construction, establishing a railroad quiet zone, improve alley functionality and improve lighting, redesigning the Great River Plaza stage – possibly considering a portable stage, new wayfinding signage and creating a more bike friendly environment.

Alderman Murphy advised that she does want to see more specialty retail yet in that area. Alderman Hotle concurred, stating that we do need to focus on more on retail to supplement those shops that are already there and to benefit those who live in the downtown area. Alderman Hotle said she hears from her constituents that they want things like a grocery store, a drug store, and other types of businesses that will accommodate those who live in the area.

Other ideas were mentioned by Mr. Eder such as the possibility of creating a tunnel underpass to connect 3rd Avenue and 24th Street, establishing a sidewalk café ordinance, collaborating with neighboring cities and downtown partnerships and looking at ways to enhance the District festivals.

To conclude, Mr. Eder stated that this was a draft and asked Council to consider the current survey and to give their input on establishing a list of priorities and a timeline to get them accomplished.

At this time, various staff and others left Council Chambers and returned after the Executive Session concluded.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Austin to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none. The executive session was recessed at 6:41 pm.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:41 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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A motion made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 6:41 pm.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Linda K. Rutten, Deputy City Clerk

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Rock Island City Council met in regular session at 6:45 pm in Council Chambers of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy, and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, City Attorney Ted Kutsunis, Deputy City Clerk Linda Rutten and other City staff. City Clerk Aleisha Patchin was absent.

Introductory Proceedings

Mayor Pauley called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Alderman Hotle gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of June 17, 2013 and Minutes of the meeting of June 24, 2013 and Minutes of the meeting of July 1, 2013.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the minutes of the meetings of June 17th, June 24th, and July 1st, 2013 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley announced open enrollment for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center After School Program will start on Monday, July 8, 2013. Applications will be accepted at the main entrance reception desk from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Start date for the After School Program will be Monday, August 5, 2013. There will be no bus transportation until August 19.

Mayor Pauley also advised that on Tuesday, July 9, the 57th Annual Starlight Revue Music Under the Stars Concert Series held at Lincoln Park will feature Coupe de Ville. Enjoy dinner and an ice cream social from Hy-Vee at 6:00 p.m., followed by east coast swing dance lesson at 6:30 pm then at 7:00 pm the music begins. Concert rain date is Wednesday of the same week. Citizens can call (309) 732-RAIN for more information.

QCAIR will host an international festival (Festival d'Ete) at Schwiebert Riverfront Park on Saturday, July 13 from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This is a fundraiser for the Quad City Alliance for Immigrants and Refugees. Entertainment will vary from Scottish Bagpipes to Vietnamese Dragon Dance and everything in between. Cost is \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family.

Lastly, Mayor Pauley announced that the Recycled Art Program will be held Sunday, July 21, 2013 at 1:00 pm at the Quad City Botanical Center. Learn to give back to the earth and how to repurpose and recycle household items into beautiful creations. Turn soda bottles into planters, extra art supplies into string art, t-shirts into reusable bags, and egg cartons into whimsical insects! This program is included with admission to the Botanical Center. Adults - \$6.00, Seniors

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(60+) - \$5.00, Youth (5-12) - \$4.00, Kids (2-4) - \$2.00. Members and children under 2 are always free.

Agenda Item #7

A Special Ordinance vacating a north / south alley right-of-way south of 6th Avenue between 9th and 10th Streets.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #8

A Special Ordinance declaring one current City owned 1987 Cimline concrete saw and one 1981 Tiltster trailer as surplus and allowing for their disposal.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Murphy to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #9

A Special Ordinance authorizing acquisition of the property at 950 31st Avenue from MJAD Investments, LLC in the amount of \$86,000.00.

A motion was made by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Foley to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #10

A Special Ordinance authorizing acquisition of properties for the construction of a new police station in the amount of \$730,000.00 plus \$10.00 assignment fee to be paid to each seller.

A motion was made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Murphy to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #11

CLAIMS

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Hotle to accept the following reports and authorize payments as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle,

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Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$9,603.53 to Kutsunis and Weng P.C. for legal services rendered for the month of June 2013.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #4 in the amount of \$81,968.05 to Valley Construction for services provided from May 22, 2013 through June 27th, 2013 on the 11th Street Sidewalk Reconstruction, project #2702. (135)
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$58,178.24 to Valley Construction for an emergency storm sewer repair at 2215 35th Avenue. (134)
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$24,690.00 to Kelly Construction for the mudjacking program, project #2155 for services provided May 1, 2013 through June 19th, 2013. (133)
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$107,796.24 to Walter D. Laud, Inc. for the 6th Avenue reconstruction: 31 Street to 32 Street, project #2172 for services provided May 23, 2013 through Jun25, 2013. (132)
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$123,500.29 to Walter D Laud, Inc. for the Rock Island Parkway Improvements, project #2377 for services provided from May 23, 2013 through June 25, 2013. (131)
- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$43,960.36 to Walter D. Laud, Inc. for the 5th Street Reconstruction: 18th Avenue to 26th Avenue, project #2685 for services provided from June 5, 2013 through June 27, 2013. (130)
- h. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$60,619.32 to Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities for the Brick Street Repair Program, project #2411 for services provided from May 20, 2013 through June 19, 21013. (129)
- i. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$15,100.44 to DrinkerBiddle & Reath for legal services provided through April 30, 2013 for the Wastewater Treatment System, project #2624. (128)
- j. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$67,500.00 to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for the NDPES fees. (127)

Agenda Item #12

Claims for the weeks of June 14 through June 20 in the amount of \$760,684.19, June 21 through June 27 in the amount of \$209,857.89, and June 28 through July 4 in the amount of \$895,784.82.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to allow the claims. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #13

Payroll for the weeks of June 10th through June 23rd, 2013 in the amount of \$1,379,518.67.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Foley to allow the payroll. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the Wastewater Treatment System, Asebestos and lead Abatement, project #2624, recommending the bid be awarded to RAMSCO in the amount of \$37,081.20.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the purchase as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance declaring the vehicle being replaced as surplus. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Public Works Department regarding an Adopt-a-Highway agreement with St. Pius Faith in Action to adopt 24th Street from 31st to 40th Avenues and 31st Avenue from 24th to 30th Streets.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the agreement as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Public Works Department regarding architectural services for the new Rock Island Police Department facility, recommending the contract be awarded to Gere Dismer Architects in the amount of \$1,100,000.00.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Foley seconded to award the contract as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Alderman Conroy stated he had some questions for Jeff Dismer of Gere Dismer, but Alderman Foley interjected that before there was any discussion, he wished to abstain from this item as his wife works at KJWW and he stepped away from the dais.

Alderman Conroy asked if concept renderings were available yet for review and what the timeline was for this project. Mr. Dismer advised that a concept could be completed in 90 days, the design should be completed in 9 months and then the construction phase could talk 18 months.

The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none. Alderman Foley abstained.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the donation of property from the Eddie Scott Sr. estate to support the development of the new police facility.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the donation as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the donation of City property at 501 – 531 11th Street to Illinois / Iowa Center for Independent Living to support their new building.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Clark seconded to approve the donation as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an addendum of the agreement for the sale of commercial real estate located at 501 and 511 12th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the addendum as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those

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voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the Embassy Square project, recommending a budget adjustment in the North 11th Street TIF and payment in the amount of \$68,808.00 to support the site preparation.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to approve the budget adjustment as recommended and authorize payment.

Discussion Followed.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a neighborhood petition from Jeff Umlandt to establish residential parking (Type A) on 15th Street between 15th and 16th Avenues.

It was moved by Alderman Clark to defer this item until the July 22nd, 2013 meeting so that an issue with the engineering could be worked out. Alderman Conroy seconded the deferment. The motion to defer carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #22

Report from the Mayor regarding reappointments to the Martin Luther King Jr. Center Board, the Beautification Commission, and the Police Pension Board of Trustees.

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the reappointments as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #23

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Connie Hayes of the Community Caring Conference for a Street Closing at 14th Street between 9th Avenue and 10th Avenue, along with a Sound Amplification permit for the Celebrate Longview Block Party to be held on Saturday, July 20, 2013 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the request as recommended. Alderman Foley mentioned that there has been several block parties in his neighborhood over the years and that it is a great way to meet your neighbors. The motion

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carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #24

Report from the City Clerk regarding an application from the Alleman High School requesting to hold a 5K and 1-Mile road race on Saturday, August 10th, 2013 from 7:30 am to 9:30 am.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the request as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #25

Report from the City Clerk regarding a Plaza activity event application from Steve's Old Time Tap to host a CCKMA Car and Bike Show on Sunday, August 11th, 2013 from noon to 7:00 pm.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the event as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations and waving the application fees and any district fees. Alderman Austin asked if we were waiving the application fees because the beneficiary is a 501c3 and Alderman Conroy advised that was correct. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #26

Report from the City Clerk regarding an application from Washington Jr. High School requesting to hold a 5K road race on Saturday, September 7th, 2013 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am.

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the payment for additional services as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #27

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from the Platinum Hospitality Group, LLC (Gendler's - Black Ram) to have low level background music outside on the patio during normal business hours beginning May 1, 2013 through November 1, 2013.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the request as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations and subject to being closed down early if noise complaints are received. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle,

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Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #28

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from the Platinum Hospitality Group, LLC (Gendler's - Black Ram) to hold an outdoor event with live music outside on the patio on Friday, July 12 and Saturday July 13, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to approve the request as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations and subject to being closed down early if noise complaints are received. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #29

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy at 7:15 pm to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #30

Recess

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 7:38 pm. A motion was made by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Austin to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, June 10, 2013. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:39 pm.

Linda K. Rutten, Deputy City Clerk