

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, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Ben Griffith, Brandy Howe, Urban Planner II, other City staff, City Attorney Ted Kutsunis and Carolyn Fuller, Executive Director of Keep Rock Island Beautiful. Alderman David Conroy arrived at 5:36 pm and Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 5:52 pm.

### **KEEP ROCK ISLAND BEAUTIFUL UPDATE**

Carolyn Fuller stated that Keep Rock Island Beautiful had a successful and busy year. Ms. Fuller added that Keep Rock Island Beautiful has a very active board and they have participated in many events this past year. Ms. Fuller commented that they have organized two downtown cleanups, two bike path cleanups and Rock Island's portion of Xstream Cleanup. Ms. Fuller advised that during their fiscal year, 3,039 volunteers worked 10,319 hours and picked up 54,540 pounds of trash. Ms. Fuller noted that the 35 organizations or individuals in their Adopt-A-Highway Program picked up litter from 35.2 miles of City streets. Ms. Fuller commented that they have organized and participated in 116 events from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

Ms. Fuller indicated that the organization presented the Keep Rock Island Beautiful Award to six businesses and organizations. It was noted that their Golden Rake Award was presented to Jordan Catholic School. Ms. Fuller mentioned that they also completed a litter index.

Ms. Fuller discussed the many organizations that they have collaborated with, some of which included; the City of Rock Island, Rock Island County Solid Waste Management, Community Caring Conference, Living Lands and Waters and Jumer's Casino and Hotel. Ms. Fuller stated that Keep Rock Island Beautiful has been instrumental in helping with the very successful community garden and outdoor learning center located at 935 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in collaboration with Rock Island County Area Project and South Rock Island Township.

Ms. Fuller pointed out that they have received grants from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Ms. Fuller added that they also received a grant from the Illinois E.P.A. S.C.A.L.E. It was noted that money received from this grant can only be spent for cleanups along waterways. Other grants noted that Keep Rock Island Beautiful has received included; the Rock Island Community Foundation and the Doris and Victor Day Foundation. Ms. Fuller discussed donations received, some of which included; Friendship Manor and Millennium Waste. Ms. Fuller commented that Keep Rock Island Beautiful operated from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 on total revenue of \$36,722.20.

Ms. Fuller advised that Keep Rock Island Beautiful's office is still in the Centennial Bridge Visitor's Center. Ms. Fuller stated that this is her last year as Director and she will be retiring on December 31, 2013. At this time, Ms. Fuller introduced Paul Hansen, who will assume the position as Executive Director of Keep Rock Island Beautiful on January 1, 2014. Ms. Fuller

thanked Council for the 40 years she has spent with the City of Rock Island. Mayor Pauley and Council thanked Ms. Fuller for her service.

### **DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder stated that Brandy Howe and Ben Griffith have done a great job bringing this to Council, getting Council's permission to go forward and working with the public to get all of the public input necessary that is needed for this document.

Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Ben Griffith advised that five comprehensive plan steering committee meetings were held. Mr. Griffith added that as part of the process, two visionary workshops were held, many focus group meetings were held and feedback was provided. Mr. Griffith commented that Brandy Howe is drafting the comprehensive plan. Mr. Griffith added that the consultant (Vandewalle and Associates) has drafted the economic development strategy plan.

Mr. Griffith advised that it is at the point where input is needed as Ms. Howe moves forward in drafting the implementation section of the comprehensive plan. Mr. Griffith commented that on January 13, 2014, the consultant from Vandewalle and Associates will be at the study session. Mr. Griffith added that the focus of the upcoming discussion will be on the economic development strategy plan.

Mr. Griffith indicated that the State originally required that a draft be provided to them by January 7, 2014. However, they have allowed everyone to provide these documents by January 30, 2014. Mr. Griffith advised that they are planning on having a comprehensive plan open house in February 2014, but the exact date and location has not been determined. It was noted that the final adopted comprehensive plan needs to be submitted to the State by April 30, 2014.

Council and Mr. Griffith further discussed the plan. Council discussed the community survey as it related to the comprehensive plan.

Brandy Howe, Urban Planner II stated that she and Ben McCready, Assistant to the City Manager have been working with a professor at Augustana College and he will be utilizing his students to do a more in-depth analysis of the community survey. Ms. Howe and Council further discussed the community survey.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Alderman Foley 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 Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 5:56 pm.

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Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:34 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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 Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, 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 and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis.

**Introductory Proceedings**

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

**Agenda Item #5**

**Minutes of the meeting of December 2, 2013.**

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 2, 2013 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

**Agenda Item #6**

**Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.**

Mayor Pauley advised that City Manager Thomas Thomas announced that Jeff Eder, our Community and Economic Development Director, has been promoted to the position of Assistant City Manager. As an Assistant City Manager, Jeff will be able to better assist in the day to day operations of the City and can step in, should the City Manager be unavailable. Along with his new position, Jeff will also maintain his current duties as CED Director. The City Manager said Jeff was selected among several internal candidates.

Mayor Pauley stated that Broadway Church, 710 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, is presenting "Music of the Season" on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm (doors open at 5:30). Advance tickets are \$10.00, which increases to \$12.00 on the night of the event. Children under 12 are \$5.00. Mayor Pauley commented that this church fundraiser features local artists - Steve Burke, Brad Moran, Walter Haedrich, John Kinser and Company and the Just 4 Fun Band. In addition, there will be performances from the church's Nepali Singers and Dancers as well as "Broadway's Kids" in "Manger Mania." Come and help support Broadway Church, which has an open door policy for our neighborhood and the community at large. It was noted to call the church office at (309) 786-2631 for tickets.

Mayor Pauley stated to join the Handel Oratorio Society and the Handel Oratorio Society Chamber Orchestra and four professional soloists for a 90-minute performance of A Christmas Messiah, focusing on the Christmas Story. There will be no intermission for this magnificent concert! A new take on a Quad-City holiday tradition this Saturday, December 14, 2013 at 8:00 pm and Sunday, December 15, 2013 at 2:00 pm at Augustana's Centennial Hall, 3703 - 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mayor Pauley stated that tickets are \$20.00 for the general public, \$16.00 for senior citizens and \$10.00 for students, children and Augustana faculty/staff. Mayor Pauley added that a

limited number of free tickets are available for junior high school and senior high school students thanks to generous support from the Meredith Foundation. Please call the Augustana Ticket Office for further details.

Mayor Pauley advised that for the golfer on your shopping list, visit Santa's Pro Shop at Saukie Golf Course. Purchase a 2014 season pass, gift certificate or punch pass and lock in 2013 rates. Check out the huge sale on all golf merchandise and clearance prices on golf bags and clubs. Mayor Pauley commented that hours are Wednesday through Friday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and weekends from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. For the rest of your loved ones, don't forget that they have holiday gift certificates available! The Mayor added that they have many special interests, sports, and fitness classes to learn or try something new. Mayor Pauley stated that maybe they would like to play some rounds at Highland or Saukie Golf Course, splash down a slide at Whitewater Junction next summer, or take a relaxing soak in the Rock Island Fitness and Activity Center hot tub! Call (309) 732-7275 for more information.

Would you like Santa to visit family get-togethers or to make your party extra memorable? Mayor Pauley stated that the Parks and Recreation Department has a hotline straight to the North Pole. Santa will be available for special appearances through December 24<sup>th</sup>. Fees start at \$40.00. Call (309) 732-7275 for reservations.

Agenda Item #7

**Public Hearing on a request from Joseph and Kathy Gusse for a Special Use Permit to operate an architect's office out of their proposed new residence at 4510 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.**

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting at 6:49 pm and opened a Public Hearing on a request from Joseph and Kathy Gusse for a Special Use Permit to operate an architect's office out of their proposed new residence at 4510 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

Mr. Joseph Gusse of 2705 35<sup>th</sup> Street stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. Gusse.

Mr. Gusse stated that his family has outgrown the house they currently live in and he would like to move to a little bit larger house and combine his business with the residence. Mr. Gusse noted that his business is Joseph Architectural Group and it has been in Rock Island for the past 14 years. Mr. Gusse indicated that he would like to continue his business as well as raise his family in Rock Island. Mr. Gusse offered that he has four children and they are constantly going to lots of events and if one of the kids needs to be at home, it is easier if one parent is there while the other parent takes the other kids to events. Mr. Gusse further discussed his family. Mr. Gusse stated that Joseph Architectural Group is a small office business with a total of five employees including him. Mr. Gusse offered that he is a professional licensed architect in eight Midwestern states. Mr. Gusse indicated that there is not much traffic generated by clients. Mr. Gusse commented that they would like to have at their house a nice professional atmosphere if a special use permit can be obtained.

Alderman Austin stated that parking is a concern on that corner. Alderman Austin inquired upon Mr. Gusse to discuss the parking.

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Mr. Gusse stated that he is planning to add to the house. Mr. Gusse commented that he would like to turn the two car garage into a three car garage. Mr. Gusse further discussed the parking component.

Alderman Murphy inquired as to how often clients would come to Mr. Gusse's home/office.

Mr. Gusse stated that clients would come by his office possibly a couple of times a week. Mr. Gusse added that most of the clients meet with him by phone, computer, conference calls or Skype.

Mayor Pauley then inquired as to whether there was anyone who wished to speak in favor of the special use permit. No one stepped forward at this time.

Mayor Pauley then inquired as to whether there was anyone who wished to speak in opposition to the special use permit.

Ms. Vera Hinrichsen of 4425 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Ms. Hinrichsen. Ms. Hinrichsen stated that it is a dead end street but has a very severe blind corner where the Gusse's house sits. Ms. Hinrichsen explained that most of the neighborhood's hesitation is because this issue came up so quickly; there was never an informal meeting and all the facts are not known. Ms. Hinrichsen commented that this is a favored walking area with no sidewalks. Ms. Hinrichsen was concerned about traffic and the safety component. Ms. Hinrichsen then submitted a petition with 16 of the neighbors' signatures asking Council to deny the special use permit at this time.

Mr. Gary Camp of 4101 46<sup>th</sup> Street Court stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. Camp. Mr. Camp stated that it is a quiet residential area and he doesn't know all of the changes that Mr. Gusse is proposing. Mr. Camp stated that this seems like it would be a business type of property and future uses would be for business purposes. Mr. Camp also had concerns in regards to the parking situation and the blind corner.

Alderman Conroy advised that one concern could be alleviated in regards to the parking issue; a no parking area could be established. Council further discussed this issue.

Mr. Gary Erickson of 4436 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. Erickson. Mr. Erickson stated that this area is a good neighborhood to raise a family in. Mr. Erickson discussed a job he had where his duty was to call on architects five days a week in regards to selling products. Mr. Erickson noted that there will be traffic.

Mr. Dick Permantier of 4501 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. Permantier. Mr. Permantier stated that his house and driveway is directly across the street from the house that Mr. Gusse is interested in. Mr. Permantier described this area as being a quiet neighborhood with no traffic and that is what attracted him to the neighborhood. Mr. Permantier voiced concerns in regards to the blind corner and what would happen with congestion between both driveways. Mr. Permantier stated that when that business comes in, the quiet neighborhood will change. Mr. Permantier was very concerned about the traffic component. Mr. Permantier

inquired as to whether someone had to be the current owner of a property in order to be granted the special use permit.

Mayor Pauley advised that Mr. Gusse wants to buy the property based on whether he can get the permit.

Mr. Permantier commented that living there becomes secondary then to operating the business, which doesn't meet the special use requirements that it has to be the primary residence. Mr. Permantier and Council further discussed this issue as it related to the special use permit process and the stipulations for the special use permit concerning Mr. Gusse's business.

Alderman Foley inquired upon Mr. Gusse as to whether there is a possibility for him to meet with the neighbors, explain his plans and defer this item for a week.

Mr. Gusse stated that he would be very happy to meet with the neighbors. Mr. Gusse added that they are hoping to close on the house before Christmas.

Ms. Kathleen Gusse of 2705 35<sup>th</sup> Street stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Ms. Gusse. Ms. Gusse stated that extending it one week will be fine. Ms. Gusse explained that she has four children and the meeting would have to be determined by her schedule when she is not running the kids around.

Council further discussed this issue.

Alderman Hotle inquired that if Mr. Gusse did not get the special use permit in Rock Island would he locate somewhere else outside the City. Mr. Gusse offered that they are looking at a house in Moline.

Council further discussed this issue as it related to the process for the special use permit.

Mr. Kevin Nolan of 3400 20<sup>th</sup> Street Court and business address of 4330 11<sup>th</sup> Street stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. Nolan. Mr. Nolan stated that he is actually Mr. Gusse's landlord. Mr. Nolan added that we have been together in our building at 126 8 ½ Street and 4330 11<sup>th</sup> Street for the better part of 2 ½ years. Mr. Nolan stated that Mr. Gusse is a quiet and great neighbor. Mr. Nolan added that the neighborhood will benefit from having Mr. Gusse as a neighbor. Mr. Nolan commented that Mr. Gusse is a super professional and hoped the proposal passes.

Mr. Bill Maurhoff of 4000 46<sup>th</sup> Street Court stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. Maurhoff. Mr. Maurhoff stated that he would like a draft of the permit and the stipulations it contains because it will be useful for the meeting that is suppose to take place in the next few days. Mr. Maurhoff also inquired as to whether there was a procedure for scheduling the meeting.

Alderman Conroy advised that scheduling the meeting would be between Mr. Maurhoff (neighbors) and the applicant.

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Alderman Murphy stated that the information with the stipulations is located on the website. Mr. Maurhoff was then given a copy of the report regarding this item.

Ms. Carole Tingle of 4500 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Ms. Tingle. Ms. Tingle stated that she lives next door to the home that the Gusse's are interested in. Ms. Tingle commented that she has lived next door to a mess for over 10 years and she welcomed the Gusse's with all her heart. Ms. Tingle stated that they will be an addition to the neighborhood; these people deserve the chance.

Ms. Carol Clarke of 4103 46<sup>th</sup> Street Court stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Ms. Clarke. Ms. Clarke stated that she agreed with Ms. Tingle that the Gusse's would improve the neighborhood. Ms. Clarke voiced concerns in regards to the previous discussion on the dangerous corner. Ms. Clarke stated that the corner has nothing to do with the Gusse's. Ms. Clarke stated that in addition to no parking, something needs to be done to control the traffic on that corner.

With no other persons present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the special use permit, Mayor Pauley closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:46 pm.

Mayor Pauley advised that City Attorney Kutsunis has suggested deferring this item until next week. City Attorney Kutsunis stated that the way the motion would be formulated, Council is going to pass it and then the ordinance would be prepared and the ordinance would be passed. Mr. Kutsunis advised that for the purpose to accomplish what the applicant and neighbors need to do, the motion could be tabled. Mr. Kutsunis added that the ordinance will be prepared for everyone to consider for the next meeting.

Council discussed this issue. After discussion, It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the special use permit as recommended, subject to the stipulations that; two resident employees, one full-time non-resident employee and two part-time non-resident employees shall be allowed; hours of operation shall be 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday; a minimum of five off-street parking spaces shall be provided on the site; a 20" x 12" business logo on the door and a 12" x 3" plaque on the mailbox sign shall be allowed; the use shall meet all other applicable codes and ordinances and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin discussed the current condition of the property. Alderman Austin stated that this will be an addition to the neighborhood and he will support it. Alderman Austin encouraged Public Works to be a part of the conversation in regards to the traffic on that corner.

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

Agenda Item #8

**A Special Ordinance removing a handicapped parking space at 2830 5 ½ Avenue.**

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

**Agenda Items 9, 10, 11 and 12**

Alderman Conroy moved to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinances for Agenda Items 9, 10, 11 and 12, Alderman Tollenaer seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #9

**A Special Ordinance establishing no parking zones on both sides of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 34<sup>th</sup> to 35<sup>th</sup> Street, both sides of 9½ Avenue from 34<sup>th</sup> to 35<sup>th</sup> Street and both sides of 35<sup>th</sup> Street from 9<sup>th</sup> to 9½ Avenue.**

Agenda Item #10

**A Special Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space at 529 23<sup>rd</sup> Street.**

Agenda Item #11

**A Special Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space in front of the apartment building at 2960 12<sup>th</sup> Street.**

Agenda Item #12

**A Special Ordinance removing a handicapped parking space at 3325 7½ Avenue.**

Agenda Item #13

**CLAIMS**

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley 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 Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #26 in the amount of \$980,196.72 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Wet Weather Treatment System project.

b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$31,857.14 to Gilbane Building Company for pre-construction services provided for the

Rock Island Police Station project.

Agenda Item #14

**Claims for the weeks of November 22 through December 5 in the amount of \$1,168,184.80.**

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

Agenda Item #15

**Report from the Information Technology Department regarding the purchase of Marina Software from DockMaster in an amount not to exceed \$43,905.00.**

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the purchase 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 Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #16

**Report from the Police Department regarding bids for uniforms and equipment, recommending the bids be awarded to Uniform Den, Inc. for uniform pants and shirts in the amount of \$12,193.25, outerwear and accessories in the amount of \$13,355.45, leather goods and accessories in the amount of \$10,055.75 and badges and bars in the amount of \$4,940.10.**

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to award the bids 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 Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #17

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding an amendment to the agreement with Symbiont for additional engineering services related to the proposed 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Relief Sewer project in the amount of \$39,000.00.**

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the amendment 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 Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

**Report from the Finance Department regarding an Ordinance providing for the levy, assessment and collection of taxes for the City of Rock Island for fiscal year April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014.**

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

Agenda Item #19

**Report from the Human Resources Department regarding a modification to the residency ordinance for non-affiliated employees.**

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the modifications as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Murphy stated that she would be supporting this modification because the same benefits should apply to all employees.

Alderman Austin stated that he wished that every employee lived in the City of Rock Island. Alderman Austin added that he would like to give the City Manager or whoever is responsible for hiring, the opportunity to hire the best person available.

Alderman Conroy advised that he would like everyone to live in the City. Alderman Conroy stated that what he is really voting for is how far someone is allowed to live outside the City. Alderman Conroy stated that he supports letting people have the freedom to live where they want to live. Alderman Conroy noted that this does not change the requirement for Directors and the City Manager.

Alderman Clark stated that this vote could send the message that the City is ok with people going further and further outside the City to live. Alderman Clark stated that people should live in Rock Island that work for the City of Rock Island.

Mayor Pauley advised that he supported this item. The Mayor stated that we live in a global economy now and we need to take into consideration the best employee the City could possibly hire. Mayor Pauley added that he would love to have everybody live in Rock Island, but it has already been voted to not allow that in certain situations; we now have to look at it for the entire team.

Alderman Hotle stated that it is being suggested that anybody that is non-affiliated other than the directors can live as far as 30 miles outside of the City. Alderman Hotle added that this would send the message that we would love to have a person come and work in the City, but we don't want that person to have to live close to the City. Alderman Hotle advised that the citizens of Rock Island pay for these jobs and it is very important that the people that are doing these jobs

live in the City of Rock Island. Alderman Hotle added that she is not going to support continuing to expand the limits. Alderman Hotle further discussed this issue.

Alderman Conroy stated that there was one other issue that was part of this item where a resident didn't have enough time to move into the City. Alderman Conroy inquired if Council was looking to change that policy.

City Manager Thomas stated that it is all part of this item.

After discussion, the motion did not carry by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, Alderman Clark, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy advised that he would move to give the City Manager the latitude to have additional time for the employee to move into the City limits with the knowledge that the employee has made due diligence to try and sell their house. Alderman Conroy advised that he would ask for another six months to give the City Manager that time for it applying to someone moving into the City.

Alderman Tollenaer inquired as to whether that would have to be an item on the Agenda next week.

City Attorney Kutsunis advised that the question was not separated; technically, it needs to come back next week. City Attorney Kutsunis stated that it would be a motion to amend.

Alderman Conroy inquired as to whether it could be a separate item on the Agenda next week.

City Attorney Kutsunis stated yes; you are giving notice tonight that you want this to occur next week.

Alderman Conroy stated that the City usually allows people one year to move inside the City limits. Alderman Conroy added that this would give the City Manager an additional six months if he feels it's necessary to allow that employee to move into the City. Alderman Conroy stated that he didn't want to lose someone that the City hired that is having a hard time selling their house before they can buy another one.

Agenda Item #20

**Other Business.**

One person signed up to address Council to speak on a topic, but they left.

Alderman Tollenaer inquired as to when he will receive a report on the condition of the windows that the City of Rock Island purchased. Alderman Tollenaer added that the last time he was informed, it was in the City Attorney's hands and a report would be submitted.

Public Works Director Randy Tweet stated that it is going to arbitration.

City Attorney Kutsunis advised that it is going to mediation; it is going to be scheduled if not this month then hopefully early in January.

Alderman Tollenaer inquired as to why the hold up on this item.

City Attorney Kutsunis advised that there was a request from the mediator that he wanted an assessment done by an independent architect or engineer before the mediation started. Alderman Tollenaer further discussed this issue.

Alderman Tollenaer inquired about receiving timely updates from Roy Harsch concerning the South Slough.

City Attorney Kutsunis advised that it is just a matter of scheduling a meeting with Mr. Harsch.

Council further discussed this issue. It was determined that a conference call would be scheduled for next week with Mr. Harsch.

Alderman Tollenaer also requested a Study Session on the signature waiver for liquor licenses after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that Dickey's Barbecue opened in Rock Island in November; they are located in Rock Valley Plaza on Blackhawk Road. Alderman Murphy offered that they have slow smoked pit-barbecue. Alderman Murphy stated that Dickey's has free ice cream and kids eat free on Sundays. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

Agenda Item #21

**Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.**

The Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #22

**Recess**

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, December 16, 2013. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 8:14 pm.