

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 16, 2013
MINUTES**

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 6:00 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, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Human Resources Director John Thorson, Public Works Director Randy Tweet, Executive Assistant Linda Mohr, other City Staff, Attorney Roy Harsch and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis.

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 Foley and seconded by Alderman Conroy 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 6:01 pm.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle 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 6:31 pm.

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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 9, 2013.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 9, 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 in observance of the holidays, City Hall will be closed Tuesday, December 24th, Wednesday, December 25th and Wednesday, January 1st. The refuse schedule will be on normal schedule Monday and Tuesday and the rest of the week one day late both the week of Christmas and New Years. The recycling will be on schedule Tuesday and the rest of the week one day late for both the week of Christmas and New Years. All Rock Island Library locations will close early at 5:30 pm on Monday, December 23rd and Monday, December 30th and will be closed December 24th, 25th and 31st and January 1st for the Christmas and New Year's Holiday. The City of Rock Island wishes everyone a very happy and safe holiday season!

Mayor Pauley stated that the Monday, December 23rd City Council meeting has been cancelled. The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, January 6th at 6:45 pm in City Hall Council Chambers, 1528 Third Avenue.

Mayor Pauley offered that as we enter the winter season, please note that parking is not allowed on designated snow routes when two or more inches of snow has fallen until the snow has been removed. Snow routes are marked by street signage. Mayor Pauley added that vehicles in violation of this ordinance will receive a \$35.00 parking ticket. Vehicles that remain in violation will be towed. In the event of snow, primary streets are plowed first and school areas are plowed second. Residential streets are plowed when the primary streets and school areas are complete.

Mayor Pauley advised that the new Winter/Spring activity guide from the Park and Recreation Department is now out. Check out the many new activities available including Interactive Yoga, Whodunit? Murder Mystery Dinner, and Music, Movement & Me classes for infants and toddlers. We now offer the only youth fencing program in the Quad Cities! Mayor Pauley stated

that to see the complete listing of opportunities, go to www.rigov.org/activityguide.

Mayor Pauley stated to indulge yourself at the 2014 Chocolate Festival at the Quad City Botanical Center, Sunday, January 5th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Lots of free samples from area chocolatiers and sweet shops, meet Willy Wonka, learn about the history of chocolate from the education staff of the Quad City Botanical Center, enjoy a cooking demo, kids chocolate activity area and much more! Purchase your presale tickets online now! Please visit the Chocolate Fest tab under special events. Presale Tickets: Adults \$10.00, Youth 3-15 \$5.00, Children 2 years and under free. Mayor Pauley stated that a limited number of tickets will be available at the door! Ticket price the day of the event: Adults \$12.00, Youth 3-15 years old \$5.00. All ticket sales support the not for profit Quad City Botanical Center!

Agenda Item #7

A Special Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit at 4510 42nd Avenue.

Alderman Austin 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 #8

CLAIMS

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Murphy 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 Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$35,627.50 to Crawford & Company for Ricky Schmidt's Worker's Compensation settlement.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$180,764.24 to Walter D. Laud for services provided for the 37th Avenue Reconstruction: 30th to 32nd Street Special Assessment project.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$155,651.25 to Langman Construction Inc. for services provided for the 20th Avenue Reconstruction: 32nd to 34th Street project.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #5 and final in the amount of \$121,409.84 to Walter D. Laud for services provided for the 5th Street Reconstruction: 18th to 26th Avenue project.

- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #4 and final in the amount of \$29,172.40 to A.J. Excavating, Inc. for services provided for the 3rd Avenue Reconstruction: 24th to 25th Street project.
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #3 in the amount of \$183,263.45 to Brandt Construction Company for services provided for the 23rd Avenue Reconstruction: 12th to 17th Street project.
- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #5 in the amount of \$520,130.88 to Valley Construction for services provided for the Landing at Schwiebert Park.
- h. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #3 in the amount of \$307,740.92 to Brandt Construction for services provided for the Q.C. Botanical Center Children's Garden project.
- i. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 and final in the amount of \$31,006.28 to Brandt Construction Company for services provided for the 2013 Seal Coat Program.
- j. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$10,990.05 to Brandt Construction Company for services provided for an emergency sanitary sewer repair at 2713 25th Avenue.
- k. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$11,983.79 to Brandt Construction Company for services provided for an emergency water main repair at the Rock Island Fitness Center.
- l. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$17,964.25 to Langman Construction, Inc. for services provided for an emergency water main repair on Valley View Drive.

Agenda Item #9

Claims for the week of December 6 through December 12 in the amount of \$4,063,430.83.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Foley 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 #10

Payroll for the weeks of November 25 through December 8 in the amount of \$1,316,439.70.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Conroy to allow the payroll. 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 #11

Report from the Information Technology Department regarding the purchase and installation of a four camera system from AVI Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$13,263.74.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the purchase and installation as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Murphy inquired as to what is going to improve and how will it improve.

Information Technology Director Tim Bain advised that over the years, some problems have existed with the cameras in Council Chambers. Mr. Bain explained that for the people viewing the meeting at home, they may have noticed that an individual with a light colored or white shirt really glows brightly against the dark background. Mr. Bain added that a lot of times it is caused by the cameras and the lighting in Council Chambers. Mr. Bain advised that the new cameras will give a more professional and polished look to the broadcast. Mr. Bain pointed out that the fourth camera that will be added will sit behind Council and face the person speaking at the podium. Mr. Bain further discussed this item.

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 #12

Report from the Police Department regarding a request from Officer Matthew Frank to purchase retired K-9 Rino in the amount of \$1.00 and his kennel in the amount of \$100.00.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the request for purchase as recommended.

Comments followed. Alderman Austin stated that he had the opportunity to go on a ride-along one time with Officer Frank and Rino. Alderman Austin added that it was impressive to see the two of them work together.

After comments, 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 #13

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding bids for the demolition of 2711 18th Avenue, recommending the bid be awarded to Valley Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$16,732.00 as an addition to the Rock Island/Milan School District demolition of the former school at 2610 18th Avenue.

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute any 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 #14

Report from the Human Resources Department regarding an intergovernmental agreement with South Rock Island Township for on-site health care services.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the agreement as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Comments followed. Alderman Conroy advised that this is something that started many years ago just with the City and after that, Rock Island County and now South Rock Island Township. Alderman Conroy offered that this helps reduce the cost to the health care plan for the City employees; this has been a great venture for the City and employees.

After comments, 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 Public Works Department regarding an agreement with Missman, Inc. for engineering design services for the 2014 Neighborhood Water Improvement Program in the total estimated amount of \$12,400.00.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a lease termination agreement with Hill & Valley, Inc. with no termination fee to be paid.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the agreement as recommended, allow minor attorney modifications 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 Community and Economic Development Department regarding an agreement with Hill & Valley, Inc. for relocation expenses.

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Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the agreement as recommended, subject to minor attorney modifications and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Comments followed. Alderman Murphy stated that Hill and Valley will be relocated to the old Farmall site, which is LRC. Alderman Murphy added that this is a great addition to the east end of Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that she is very happy to vote on some of these contracts. Alderman Murphy thanked everyone that participated and worked together to get this done.

After comments, 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 Community and Economic Development Department regarding a lease termination agreement with Illinois Title Loan, Inc. in the amount of \$250,000.00.

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the agreement as recommended, allow minor attorney modifications 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 #19

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an Ordinance approving a redevelopment agreement with LRC Developers, Inc., subject to minor attorney modifications and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Alderman Conroy 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 #20

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a Resolution for setting a Public Hearing for Monday, February 10, 2014 at 6:45 pm in City Council Chambers and convening a joint review board meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 1:00 pm at Rock Island City Hall for proposing a redevelopment plan and project and designation of the Watchtower Redevelopment Project Area and the adoption of tax increment allocation financing.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Foley to adopt the resolution. 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 #21

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a Resolution for setting a Public Hearing for Monday, February 10, 2014 at 6:45 pm in City Council Chambers and convening a joint review board meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 1:15 pm at Rock Island City Hall for proposing a fourth amendment to the redevelopment plan and project heretofore approved and amended for the Downtown Redevelopment Project Area.

Alderman Clark moved and Alderman Foley seconded to adopt the resolution. 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 #22

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a Resolution for setting a Public Hearing for Monday, February 10, 2014 at 6:45 pm in City Council Chambers and convening a joint review board meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 1:30 pm at Rock Island City Hall for proposing a redevelopment plan and project and designation of The Locks Redevelopment Project Area and the adoption of tax increment allocation financing.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Murphy to adopt the resolution.

Discussion followed. Alderman Hotle inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder to explain items 20, 21 and 22, but especially items 21 and 22.

Mr. Eder advised that the Downtown TIF, which is a larger area TIF, is expiring and there are a number of projects going on. Mr. Eder explained that they are carving out a small section of the Downtown and creating a new TIF in that small section to support development. Mr. Eder added that this area is the new Locks development area, along with the District, which includes the former Del's and the Star Block project. Mr. Eder stated that this will allow for the financing tools to redevelop these properties. Mr. Eder commented that the new TIF will have a lifetime of 23 years and the existing Downtown TIF ends in six years.

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 #23

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Don Krueger, Risk Manager at MetroLink to install tow zone signs on the no parking signs that are currently posted at the bus stops located on 3rd Avenue between 16th and 17th Street.

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Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an 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 #24

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Don Krueger, Risk Manager at MetroLink to install tow zone signs and no parking signs at the new MetroLink Transfer Station at 1975 2nd Avenue.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an 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 #25

Report from the City Clerk regarding an application and Resolution for the Center for Active Seniors (CASI) to hold their 5K Road Race on Saturday, March 15, 2014. (A Motion remained on the floor - Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to not approve the event.)

Note: Agenda Item #25 was deferred from the November 18, 2013 Council meeting.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether the motion stands. Alderman Austin stated yes. Mayor Pauley then inquired as to whether the second stands, Alderman Conroy stated yes.

Alderman Austin stated that he made the original motion based on what he read in the staff report and letters from each of the groups that were impacted. Alderman Austin advised that it was suggested at that meeting for the two groups to try and work out their differences. Alderman Austin stated that unless he hears other information than what has been currently presented, he will vote for the motion to deny.

Mr. Joe Dooley of 2603 College Avenue, Davenport, IA and President of the St. Patrick Society stepped forward. Mr. Dooley stated that as requested by Council on November 18th, the St. Patrick Society met with CASI. Mr. Dooley advised that unfortunately, the St. Patrick Society still has the same concerns as discussed at the November 18th meeting. Mr. Dooley added that none of the concerns were answered satisfactorily; primarily the concern of safety; we are concerned about the runners. Mr. Dooley further discussed this issue. Mr. Dooley inquired upon Council to deny CASI's request.

Ms. Laura Kopp of 702 North Meadows Court, Davenport, IA and President and CEO of CASI stepped forward. Ms. Kopp offered that for 32 years, CASI has provided the St. Patrick's Day

race in Davenport and CASI was hoping to expand that into Rock Island this year. Ms. Kopp advised that CASI met with the St. Patrick Society as requested. Unfortunately, there was very little negotiation. Ms. Kopp stated that safety is of the utmost concern.

Ms. Kopp commented that CASI was willing to move up the race to help alleviate congestion on the bridge; CASI was going to discuss with the Police Department and Parks Department any necessary changes that would need to be made for the route to ensure safety. Ms. Kopp added that CASI was willing to pay for law enforcement service and willing to work through any other issues that would be a barrier in regards to this event. Ms. Kopp advised that they would like to rescind the application request. Ms. Kopp added that she hopes that there will be a day that Rock Island would welcome CASI as part of these events.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether Ms. Kopp was officially rescinding her application request.

Ms. Kopp stated yes.

Mayor Pauley advised that with Ms. Kopp rescinding the application request, the motion is dropped; there is no reason to vote on it.

Agenda Item #26

Other Business.

No one signed up to address Council to speak on a topic.

Alderman Austin inquired upon Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen to discuss the new Illinois law that will begin on January 1, 2014 as it impacts texting and hand held cell phone usage.

Police Chief VenHuizen advised that beginning on January 1, 2014, there will be some changes to the use of hand held cellular phones for motorists. Chief VenHuizen added that the use of hand held cellular phones will be prohibited and violators will be subject to a fine of \$75.00 for the first offense and it increases thereafter. Chief VenHuizen commented that this will impact a person's driving license because this will be considered as a moving violation. Chief VenHuizen explained that the law does allow for some emergency uses and the use of a hands free device. Chief VenHuizen added that cell phones are already prohibited from use in work and school zones. Chief VenHuizen indicated that some additional penalties will be levied against people that are involved with injury accidents if the use of a cell phone device is determined to be a contributing factor. Chief VenHuizen stated that the Police will be enforcing the new law. Police Chief VenHuizen further discussed the new changes in the law.

Alderman Clark stated that three young men in the Rock Island Boxing Club made it to the regionals from the State tournament. Alderman Clark added that they will be performing on January 3, 2014 in Wichita, Kansas.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that Shields Sewing Center is located in Downtown Rock Island at 217 17th Street; their hours of operation are Monday through Saturday from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm. Alderman Murphy stated that

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if anyone is looking for expertise in regards to sewing machines, go to Shields Sewing Center. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

Agenda Item #27

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

The Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #28

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, January 6, 2014. 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 7:15 pm.

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