

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 Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark and David Conroy. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Development Programs Manager Mary Chappell, other City staff and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 5:40 pm.

ENTERPRISE ZONE, TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM AND OTHER CITY INCENTIVES

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder stated that the enterprise zone has been around since 1984 and eight boundary additions have occurred over the last 15 years. Mr. Eder referred to the map and discussed the proposed new enterprise zone expansion and the current enterprise zone. Mr. Eder advised that in the enterprise zone, there are three main incentives utilized, which include; tax abatement; a 0.5% investments tax credit against State income; and the waiver of State and City retail sales tax on construction materials. Mr. Eder further discussed this item.

Mr. Eder indicated that the current enterprise zone expires in December of this year. Mr. Eder explained that last year, the State of Illinois was supposed to come up with a program to renew or adopt new enterprise zones and they failed to do that. Mr. Eder commented that they decided to allow every municipality that has an enterprise zone ending this year to automatically extend it for two years. Mr. Eder noted that there will be an ordinance on the April 7th Agenda to allow for expanding the zone. It was noted that the application for the new zone is due in December of this year. Mr. Eder stated that it will be staff's recommendation to hire a consultant to help staff through this process.

Mr. Eder discussed some changes that will need to be made concerning tax abatement as it related to the enterprise zone. Mr. Eder explained that Council had passed three different ordinances allowing staff to grant tax abatement in the enterprise zone if projects met certain criteria. Mr. Eder added that the ordinance stated that the abatement will end at the end of the enterprise zone. Mr. Eder pointed out that if a project is currently in progress, the equalized assessment in regards to the taxes wouldn't be on until next year (2015) and payable in 2016. Mr. Eder commented that there is no way a company would be able to take a benefit of that. Mr. Eder, Council and Development Programs Manager Mary Chappell further discussed this issue. Mr. Eder advised that he would like to separate the tax abatement process from the enterprise zone. Mr. Eder added that there is a current project that is impacted, which is the Sheet Metal Workers Union expansion project that started last year in the Southwest area. Mr. Eder commented that staff will come back to Council with an ordinance for approving a five year tax abatement for them. Mr. Eder and Council further discussed this item.

Mr. Eder indicated that the Facade Improvement Program started in 1998 and the City has funded approximately 668 projects through this program. Mr. Eder commented that the Green Program was added in 2008 and 108 projects were done. Mr. Eder added that the City is averaging about 41 facade applications on a yearly basis. Development Programs Manager Mary Chappell discussed the Facade Improvement Program as it related to rebates. Mr. Eder and Council further discussed the process for the Facade Improvement Program.

Mr. Eder stated that the Commercial/Industrial Revolving Loan Fund Program (CIRLF) has been around since 1983; it originally came out of the Jobs Bill Community Development Block Grant from HUD. Mr. Eder advised that Council appointed a CIRLF Committee that oversees all of the applications, and sets the terms and conditions of all the loans. Mr. Eder added that currently a 4.0% interest rate is charged and there are loans for up to \$100,000.00 based on job creation or job retention at \$10,000.00 per job. Mr. Eder pointed out that one-half of the project costs must come from another source besides CIRLF, and because it is a HUD funded program, 51% of the permanent jobs must be available to low and moderate income individuals.

Mr. Eder discussed statistics as it related to the CIRLF Program. Mr. Eder indicated that over 260 loans have been approved and there has been a total investment of a little over \$99 million dollars. Mr. Eder added that 2,449 jobs have been created and 1,883 jobs have been retained. Mr. Eder advised that there will be a 30 year celebration on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Skellington Manor. Mr. Eder stated that at that time a new program will be announced, which will run as part of the CIRLF Program and it is a new micro loan version for loans up to \$10,000.00.

Mr. Eder reviewed sustainable initiatives that are currently offered through the City. Mr. Eder stated that there is the facade rebate of up to 75% of the project costs for energy star rated projects. Mr. Eder added that there is a CIRLF loan at \$15,000.00 per green job created. Mr. Eder commented that there is a scheduled permit fee rebate if someone comes in and does a LEED certified building. It was noted that there is a sustainable improvement loan fund for loans from \$5,000.00 to \$25,000.00. Mr. Eder advised that there is also a Ridgewood Business Park lot purchase discount. Mr. Eder commented that the City also offers some sustainable design assistance for small projects.

Council further discussed Mr. Eder's presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle 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 Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 5:54 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:34 pm. 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 Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 24, 2014
MINUTES**

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 Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy and P.J. Foley. 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 Austin gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of March 17, 2014.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 17, 2014 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley advised that the City of Rock Island is providing free leaf collection for its residential refuse customers from Monday, April 7 through Friday, April 25, 2014. In addition to providing free leaf collection, the City will also furnish bags for this program at no cost. Mayor Pauley stated that the free bags will be available beginning Monday, March 31st. In order to insure that everyone has an opportunity to receive free leaf bags, residents will only be given a maximum of 20 bags per day. Mayor Pauley commented that residents must provide proof of Rock Island residence through a photo ID or official mail in order to receive free bags. To find out locations and times and more information, go to www.rigov.org.

Mayor Pauley stated to come into RIFAC by April 25th to get a \$40 discount on Family membership at Whitewater Junction for the summer of 2014. After April 25th, it will be available at the regular price.

Mayor Pauley advised that the 26th Annual Night of a Thousand Dreams, a fundraiser for the Rock Island/Milan School District presents, "A Taste of Rock Island-Milan" at Jumers Casino & Hotel Friday, April 25, 2014 at 6:00 pm. Come and enjoy one of the signature charitable events of the QCA! The Mayor stated that admission will include samplings of signature dishes from some of the finest restaurants in Rock Island, Milan and the surrounding area, complemented by fine wine and premium beer. The Mayor commented that attendees will also enjoy socializing, raffles, and bidding in a first class silent and live auction. General Admission is \$25 and reserved Seating is \$30. Make your reservations by April 4, 2014 and you could win \$100!

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring March 29, 2014 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation. Kyle Rick, Director of the Arc of the Quad Cities and Sarah Wright, Director of Development & Communications at the Arc of the Quad Cities accepted the Proclamation. Ms. Rick thanked the Mayor for the Proclamation and Rock Island's support. Ms. Rick stated that it is important for everyone in the community to welcome people of diversity.

Agenda Item #8

Proclamation declaring April 1, 2014 as National Service Recognition Day.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation. Julie Ross stated that she was at the meeting on behalf of RSVP, which is the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. Ms. Ross thanked the Mayor and Council for the Proclamation. Ms. Ross indicated that they are located in Rock Island and they also serve Knox, Warren and Scott County. Ms. Ross stated that they have over 1,000 volunteers and last year they put in over 120,000 hours, which adds up to over 13 years around the clock service. Ms. Ross added that 182 volunteers live in Rock Island.

Agenda Item #9

A Special Ordinance declaring two current City owned 1981 INCON fuel tank monitoring systems as surplus and allowing for disposal.

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

Agenda Item #10

A Special Ordinance Amending Chapter 9 and Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances regarding unlawful use of electronic communication devices, possession of cannabis 2.5 to 10 grams and required use of safety belts.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance.

Discussion followed. Mayor Pauley inquired upon Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen to explain this Agenda item due to some misconceptions on this item. Police Chief VenHuizen advised that the word decriminalization has been used in such a manner that would lead people to believe that somehow the City is condoning or legalizing the use of marijuana. The Chief added that the possession of cannabis in any amount in the State of Illinois and the City of Rock Island is a criminal offense; if someone is found to be in possession in the City, they will be arrested.

Chief VenHuizen advised that they are proposing an ordinance that allows the Police Department to use other enforcement electives by way of City ordinance to prosecute cases that involve the possession of 2.5 to 10 grams of cannabis. Chief VenHuizen commented that the City has an

ordinance for possession of cannabis of less than 2.5 grams that has been utilized hundreds of times and it deals with minor amounts of cannabis. Chief VenHuizen further discussed this issue.

Mayor Pauley clarified that the proposed ordinance only pertains to first time offenders. Chief VenHuizen indicated that the Police Department would be looking at targeting first time offenders; there are established rules in place for issuing a City ordinance citation to a violator in any of the number of charges that the department has. This is geared towards those first time offenders. Chief VenHuizen stated that this mirrors the State statutes as do all of the other proposed ordinances.

Council and Chief VenHuizen further discussed this item. Chief VenHuizen advised that this will allow the City to prosecute the cases in the MUNICES Court System as opposed to the Circuit Court System. The Chief added that this will free up the Circuit Court to deal with more serious cases. Council and Chief VenHuizen further discussed the Municipal Court System as it related to the court process and ticket violations and criteria as it related to arrests and violations.

City Attorney Kutsunis stated that the only difference between the City law and the State law is that there will be no incarceration as a possible punishment if the hearing officer finds the person is in violation of the ordinance; other than that, it is exactly the same.

Chief VenHuizen and Council further discussed this item.

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

Agenda Item #11

A Special Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, Article II, Sec.14-20 (a) (26) of the Code of Ordinances regarding Park and Playground Rules as it relates to the dock at Schwiebert Riverfront Park.

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

Agenda Item #12

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

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$24,000.00 to Arthur J. Gallagher for the annual insurance consulting fee with the necessary budget adjustment.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$11,170.19 to Miller Trucking and Excavating for an emergency water main repair at 38th Street and 24th Avenue.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #3 and final in the amount of \$20,903.43 to Legacy Construction for services provided for the 2013 Storm Water Outfall Program project.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #5 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 #13

Claims for the week of March 14 through March 20 in the amount of \$942,717.10.

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

Agenda Item #14

Purchase Card Claims for the month of January in the amount of \$49,657.93 and for the month of February in the amount of \$47,107.79.

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

Agenda Item #15

Payroll for the weeks of March 3 through March 16 in the amount of \$1,291,212.47.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 44th Avenue Water Main Relocation: 12th Street to 14th Street project, recommending the bid be awarded to Walter D. Laud, Inc. in the amount of \$137,692.65.

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

Agenda Items #17

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding bids for the demolition of Watchtower Plaza Area Round 3, recommending the bid be awarded to Miller Trucking and Excavating in the amount of \$61,237.00.

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

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Finance Department regarding request for proposals for an overhead cost allocation study, recommending the bid be awarded to MGT of America, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00.

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

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the Coast Guard Auxiliary lease renewal agreement at Sunset Marina.

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

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the 2014 Sod Replacement Program & 50/50 Tree Program, recommending to extend the 2013 contracts with Greenscape Associates through 2014.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the extensions as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being;

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

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the 2014 Joint & Crack Sealing Program, recommending to extend the 2013 maintenance contracts with NuCoat Sealing, LLC in order to perform the required maintenance through 2014.

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

Agenda Item #22

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the 2014 Brick Street Replacement Program, recommending to extend the 2013 maintenance contract with Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities in order to perform the required maintenance through 2014.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the extension as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Foley stated that with the hard winter, he has noticed that in the City and other places in the Quad Cities that brick streets are somewhat upheaving. Alderman Foley added that he has noticed this off of 20th Street and 16th Avenue in which it looks terrible.

Public Works Director Randy Tweet stated that 20th Street and 16th Avenue is one of the locations that will be done this year and another location on 12th Street suffered that same type of thing.

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

Agenda Item #23

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the 2014 Asphalt Street Milling and Patching Program, recommending to extend the 2013 maintenance contract with General Asphalt Construction Company in order to perform the required maintenance through 2014.

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

Agenda Item #24

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the 2014 Catch Basin/Manhole Program, recommending to extend the 2013 maintenance contract with Langman Construction in order to perform the required maintenance through 2014.

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

Agenda Item #25

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a Resolution designating Assistant City Manager/Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder as the primary signatory for all HUD/CDBG documents and City Manager Thomas Thomas as the alternate signatory.

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

Agenda Item #26, 27 and 28

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the appointment to the Beautification Commission and the reappointment to the Rock Island County Joint Animal Control Shelter for Agenda Item #26, the appointments and reappointments to the Human Rights Commission for Agenda Item #27 and the reappointments to the Martin Luther King Jr. Center Board for Agenda Item #28. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #26

Report from the Mayor regarding an appointment to the Beautification Commission and a reappointment to the Rock Island County Joint Animal Control Shelter.

Agenda Item #27

Report from the Mayor regarding appointments and reappointments to the Human Rights Commission.

Agenda Item #28

Report from the Mayor regarding reappointments to the Martin Luther King Jr. Center Board.

Keith Smith was appointed to the Beautification Commission for a four year term expiring June 30, 2018. Jeff VenHuizen was reappointed to the Rock Island County Joint Animal Control Shelter for a three year term expiring March 31, 2017.

Javiar Perez and Casey Bowden were appointed to the Human Rights Commission for three year terms expiring June 2017. Linda Golden and Clayton Peterson were reappointed to the Human Rights Commission for three year terms expiring June 2016.

Tony Banks and Terry Brooks were reappointed to the Martin Luther King Jr. Center Board for three year terms expiring January 2017. Justin Johnson, John Thorson and Edward Yancy were reappointed to the Martin Luther King Jr. Center Board for three year terms expiring January 2016. Clara Ann Jenkins was reappointed to the Martin Luther King Jr. Center Board (as a Board Member Emeritus) for a three year term expiring January 2016. Latricia Andrews, Angelo Julien and David A. Levin were reappointed to the Martin Luther King Jr. Center Board for three year terms expiring January 2015.

Agenda Item #29

Other Business.

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

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that last week, she gave a list of places in Rock Island where events could be held. Alderman Murphy discussed a few more places to hold events. Alderman Murphy stated that Jumer's is a wonderful place to hold events. Alderman Murphy added that local churches have beautiful community halls that can be rented and Hy-Vee has a room upstairs. Alderman Murphy commented that DeBord's Catering and Skellington Manor in Downtown Rock Island are also available for people to have events. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

Agenda Item #30

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

An Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #31

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, April 7, 2014. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:10 pm.