

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 Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy and Kate Hotle. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, other City staff and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 6:02 pm. Alderman Stephen L. Tollenaer was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Clark 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 Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 6:01 pm.

At this time, various staff were excused from the meeting and returned when the Executive Session concluded.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:13 pm.

DOWNTOWN PLAN

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder stated that staff is preparing to put an RFP out for a consultant to lead the City through the Downtown planning process. Mr. Eder added that the RFP will be set up very similar to the comprehensive plan process. Mr. Eder advised that there are some different options in the RFP for the consultant to lead the City through some of the public input process. Mr. Eder inquired upon Council as to what their thoughts were on public input.

Alderman Hotle indicated that public input is good, but she didn't want to exclude the community at large. Alderman Hotle stated that she would like the people that are living and working Downtown to be able to feel like they are playing an important role in it. Mr. Eder advised that this will naturally happen because this is an area plan; the Downtown businesses and residents will be able to be part of the process.

Alderman Conroy and Mr. Eder discussed the parking strategy component as it related to the RFP concerning the Downtown. Mr. Eder advised that parking may always be an issue, but there is plenty of parking Downtown; it is just a block or two away.

Alderman Murphy stated that it is important to do community outreach and engage as many people in the community as possible because the Downtown is the community identity. Alderman Murphy also discussed the Rock Island Arts and Entertainment District as it related to identity. Alderman Murphy advised that the City has worked a long time on this and people identify Rock Island with the Arts and Entertainment District. Alderman Murphy did not want a

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consultant to say that the City needs to change this name. Mr. Eder and Alderman Murphy further discussed this issue.

Mr. Eder and Council discussed the Downtown area. Alderman Conroy advised that he would like to look at the Plaza area in regards to whether or not the City wants to make that a street again for through traffic because of business. Alderman Conroy also discussed other areas in the Downtown where there is not really a connection between residential and Downtown, which is an area between 4th Avenue and 7th Avenue. Alderman Conroy stated that he didn't want the City to lose focus on those areas. Council and Mr. Eder further discussed the Downtown area.

Alderman Murphy discussed community surveys as it related to the Downtown and community engagement. Council and Mr. Eder further discussed this item.

Mr. Eder advised that there will be a number of public meetings and there could be a couple of different formats. Mr. Eder stated that he would like to leave that up to the consultant to define exactly what they will be doing first. Mr. Eder added that public meetings are a major component of this plan. Mr. Eder advised that staff will get the RFP out and get the responses back, which will take about a month or so, and staff will be working on it this summer.

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 Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.

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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 Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy, P.J. Foley and Kate Hotle. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman Stephen L. Tollenauer was absent.

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of April 21, 2014.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 21, 2014 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Scott County Kennel Club's annual AKC dog show is back to the QCCA Expo Center Saturday, May 10th and Sunday, May 11th from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm each day. The Mayor added that top dogs from all over the United States will be competing in conformation, rally obedience and obedience! Best In Show competition will be offered each day! Shop the vendors for all your pet's needs. Admission is \$10.00 per family, \$5.00 per person. Mayor Pauley stated to visit their website at www.scottcountykennelclub.org for more information.

Mayor Pauley stated that On the Rock Grille & Bar in Rock Island is hosting a golf outing at Saukie Golf Course to raise funds for the Child Abuse Council on Saturday, May 10th with a 11:00 am shotgun start. The outing will be a four-person scramble with tons of fun games and prizes including hole prizes, raffles, 50/50 and more. The Mayor added that golfers will also compete for the "Pink Lady" award given to the team that shoots the lowest score with the Pink Ball. Cost is \$60.00 per player and registrations are being taken at On the Rock Grille & Bar 4619 34th Street. Call (309) 732-2277 or email winter.todd@rigov.org for more info.

Mayor Pauley advised that the 2014 Citizen of the Year Award Nominations are underway - Do you know someone that deserves to be recognized for what they do for the community? If so, this is your opportunity to nominate them for the 2014 Citizen of the Year Awards, sponsored by the Mayor and City Council. The Mayor stated to please include their address and telephone number so they may be contacted. It is important to include your name and telephone number so we may contact you for additional information if necessary. Mayor Pauley indicated that the deadline for receiving nominations is June 6, 2014. You may nominate more than one person for the award. If you have questions, please call Committee Co-Chairpersons/Alderman Joy Murphy

at (309) 721-3254 or Kate Hotle at (309) 269-7969 or City Clerk Aleisha Patchin at (309) 732-2010.

Agenda Item #7

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

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$5,645.76 to Kutsunis and Weng P. C. for legal services rendered for the month of April.
- b. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$527.40 to Robert Crowder for General Liability claim with the necessary budget adjustment in FY13/14.
- c. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$4,279.69 to Cara DeMuyneck for General Liability claim with the necessary budget adjustment in FY13/14.
- d. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$1,200.00 to Brett Hitchcock for General Liability claim with the necessary budget adjustment in FY13/14.
- e. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$4,926.92 to Kim Zepeda for General Liability claim with the necessary budget adjustment in FY13/14.
- f. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$54,242.87 to Crawford & Company (Anthony Mendoza) for Worker's Compensation settlement with the necessary budget adjustment in FY13/14.

Agenda Item #8

Claims for the weeks of April 18 through April 24 in the amount of \$625,446.25 and April 25 through May 1 in the amount \$492,044.77 and payroll for the weeks of April 14 through April 27 in the amount of \$1,302,258.19.

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

Agenda Item #9

Purchase Card Claims for the month of March in the amount of \$72,981.43.

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

Agenda Item #10

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of two open top roll-off containers from Poynette Iron Works, Inc. in the amount of \$10,500.00.

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

Agenda Item #11

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the Fiber Optic Cable Phase 7 project, recommending the bid be awarded to CDB Utility Contractors in the amount of \$154,735.60.

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

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a quote from Janda Motor Services for the repair and return of one Fairbanks Morse outside electric storm pump motor in the amount of \$13,750.00.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Police Department regarding a Memorandum of Understanding for the 2014 Justice Assistance Grant.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to approve the memorandum of understanding as recommended and authorize the Mayor, City Clerk and City Attorney to execute the contract documents. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the use of the IMPACT Agreement for the new Rock Island Police Station.

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a pilot study with CDM Smith, Inc. for testing of gravity and membrane filtration processes at the water treatment plant in the amount of \$75,000.00.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Human Resources Department regarding the 2014/2015 Liability Insurance Program, recommending approval of the self-insurance package and payment in the amount of \$348,962.00 to Arthur J. Gallagher for insurance renewals.

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

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a request from Mark Snyder of Snyder Construction for Riverview Lofts to install an electrical transformer within Parking Lot G behind the property at 1701-05 2nd Avenue.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Austin seconded to approve the request as recommended, subject to providing proof of insurance and a recordable agreement. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

Agenda Items 18, 19, 20 and 21

It was moved by Alderman Conroy to approve the budget adjustments as recommended for items 18, 19, 20, and 21, Alderman Hotle seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the CY2014 Budget, recommending increasing the MLK Activity Fund budget in the amount of \$14,317.43.

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the CY2014 Budget, recommending increasing the MLK Activity Fund budget in the amount of \$600.00.

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the FY2014 Budget, recommending increasing the Self Insurance Fund budget for FY13-14 in the amount of \$103,613.44.

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the CY 2014 Budget, recommending increasing the MLK Activity Fund budget in the amount of \$24,321.00.

Agenda Item #22

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Michael Nicholson to install two handicapped parking spaces at 2032 35th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve installing one handicapped parking space 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 Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #23

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Scott Christiansen, President of LRC Developers, Inc. to install a right turn lane heading west bound on 4th Avenue at 44th Street.

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

Agenda Item #24

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Troy Bland to install a handicapped parking space at 1611 12th Street.

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

Agenda Item #25

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Frances Phillips to install a handicapped parking space at 2923 13th Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #26

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Vicki Grothusen to ban parking on the north side of 35th Avenue from 17th Street to 16th Street Court.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Austin to ban parking on the north side of 35th Avenue 165 feet west of 17th Street 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 Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #27

Report from the Mayor regarding a reappointment to the Illinois Quad City Civic Center Authority.

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

Ms. Jennifer Walker was reappointed to the Illinois Quad City Civic Center Authority for a three year term expiring in May 2017.

Agenda Item #28

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Augustana College (Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter) for a Sound Amplification Permit for Thursday, May 8, 2014 from 5:00 pm to midnight for a concert (Fundraiser) in the lower campus quad.

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

Agenda Item #29

Other Business.

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

Alderman Hotle stated that King Center Director Dwight Ford was interviewed by news leaders and it will run on MC22 (Mediacom channel) this month. Alderman Hotle stated that he did a great job and encouraged everyone to check it out.

Alderman Foley stated that he went to the Gallery Hop on Friday night and had a great time going around to the different businesses and art galleries.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that there are a number of places in Rock Island to shop for flowers, mulch, grass seed, landscaping materials and other gardening needs. The list of places that Alderman Murphy mentioned included; M&M Hardware, K-Mart, Aldi's, Family Dollar, Dollar General, Hy-Vee, True Value, Milan Surplus, and various gas stations such as 7-Eleven. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

Alderman Clark reminded everyone that the MLK ACTIVE Club is having a Trivia night on May 16th at 6:00 pm at the Martin Luther King Center. Alderman Clark stated that it is \$10.00 per person. Alderman Clark encouraged everyone to come out and support this club.

Alderman Hotle encouraged everyone to nominate people for Citizen of the Year. Alderman Hotle stated that there are a number of categories and it is a great way to nominate people that deserve to be honored.

Alderman Murphy stated that if anyone knows any great teachers, please take the time and nominate them for the Education category.

Agenda Item #30

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

The Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #31

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Conroy to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, May 12, 2014. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting

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Aye being; Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:03 pm.

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