

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 Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, Stephen L. Tollenaer 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 David Conroy was absent. Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 5:33 pm.

LIQUOR LICENSE MORATORIUM

City Attorney Ted Kutsunis stated that there were questions raised in regards to whether the City Council has the authority to limit liquor licenses within the City, and as to whether it could be for a certain classification, extended options or a number of licenses. Mr. Kutsunis advised that the City Council does have the authority to do so. City Attorney Kutsunis stated that the State Legislature has given specific authority to City Councils to pass ordinances or resolutions limiting the number and classifications of liquor licenses. Mr. Kutsunis added that the only restriction on the City Council is that they cannot pass an ordinance that creates a license that is more lenient than the State licenses.

City Attorney Kutsunis stated that the City has had moratoriums in the past. Mayor Pauley indicated that the City still has two moratoriums, which include one against airline bottles and the other against 40 ounce cans. City Attorney Kutsunis and Council further discussed this issue as it related to moratoriums.

City Attorney Kutsunis pointed out that the Mayor as Liquor Commissioner also has the authority at his own discretion, and if he feels it is for the good of the public as a whole to deny a license to someone that qualifies as long as there are specific reasons as to why the applicant should not be given a license even though they may meet all of the requirements that are contained in the City ordinance. Mr. Kutsunis added that the City Council has the authority to create the resolutions or ordinances that may limit the number, types and costs for liquor licenses.

Alderman Hotle stated that after much research and discussions on moratoriums, it was her opinion that the best way to go about doing a moratorium would be for the late night extended licenses. Alderman Hotle stated that she would like Council to consider doing a moratorium on the extended licenses for 2:00 am and 3:00 am in the Downtown District area. Alderman Hotle added that the Police have done a lot in the Downtown in regards to the Downtown Police Unit and now is the perfect time to do a moratorium.

Alderman Murphy inquired as to whether the majority of the issues that the Liquor Commission deals with are in the late night. Mayor Pauley advised that the majority of the issues were from 2:00 am to 3:00 am. The Mayor added that there has not been any issues since October in the Downtown area since two bars have been eliminated; things are going smoothly. Council further discussed this issue. Alderman Hotle advised that she didn't care to see more 3:00 am licenses and then these issues start again. Council discussed Downtown issues as it related to the public safety component. Alderman Hotle pointed out that Rock Island is the only city in the Quad

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Cities that offers unlimited 3:00 am liquor licenses. Council further discussed this issue as it related to the number of 3:00 am licenses that other neighboring cities have. It was noted that Moline has a limit of 13-3:00 am licenses. City Attorney Kutsunis stated that he had spoken to the City Attorney for Moline about why they decided on a number. City Attorney Kutsunis advised that Moline's Attorney stated that bars come and go and rather than have a blanket prohibition, they decided to set a number. Mr. Kutsunis added that Moline's City Attorney indicated that there would be some bar closures and then this would allow for some licenses to be available.

Council discussed the option of limiting the amount of liquor licenses as it related to a certain number concerning the Downtown area. Council also discussed issues in regards to attracting other types of businesses in the Downtown area during the day.

City Attorney Kutsunis offered that if Council decides on a moratorium or limiting the number of liquor licenses then the existing licenses should not be affected. Mr. Kutsunis added that it would be his recommendation to grandfather in the existing licenses.

Alderman Foley advised that these issues can be discussed at the Council's Goal Setting session. Executive Assistant Linda Mohr provided Council with the current number of licenses in the Downtown area. Ms. Mohr advised that this is a little broader than the Downtown Security Area by a few blocks. Ms. Mohr stated that there are (3) three 2:00 am licenses and approximately (7) seven 3:00 am licenses in the Downtown. Ms. Mohr added that there are approximately 12-3:00 am licenses throughout the City.

After more discussion, Mayor Pauley advised that information will be gathered on the total number of bars in the City, what their hours are, the total number of convenient stores and what their hours are, and maps of where all the bars are located in the City. The Mayor added that this information will then be available for discussion at the Council's Goal Setting session in June.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy 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 Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 5:59 pm. Alderman David Conroy was absent.

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

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:17 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Hotle 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 Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 pm.

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

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of May 12, 2014.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 12, 2014 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center is delighted to invite the community to its inaugural YOUnity in the Community: Living in Peace Safe Summer Campaign Kickoff Celebration. The Mayor added that the celebration is scheduled for Saturday, May 24th, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm at the Martin Luther King Jr. Park located at 630 Ninth Street in Rock Island. Mayor Pauley advised that YOUnity in the Community is a community outreach initiative sponsored by the King Center and supported by community partners to promote a Positive, Productive, and Peaceful Safe Summer Campaign. The event will host performances to include the Metropolitan Youth Program and Rock Island Boxing Club. Additionally, local political representatives will render remarks. Mayor Pauley stated that community agencies and concerned citizens will address bullying, domestic violence, and gun violence with the community at various times throughout the event. The event is free to the public. Questions, call (309) 732-2999.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Whitewater Junction Family Aquatic Center's season opening is Saturday, May 24th. Whitewater Junction is a zero-depth to 9 feet deep pool featuring a body slide, tube slide, two drop-slides, tumble buckets, tea-cup, a tot slide and fun for the whole family. Call (309) 732-SWIM for more information or go to www.rigov.org.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Rock Island District presents the first annual Peepshow. A competition featuring original artwork made from and inspired by the iconic marshmallow confection! Fine art exhibitors, live music, café dining, sidewalk sales and interactive projects. Mayor Pauley commented that this is ideal for art enthusiasts and good clean fun for the entire family. May 24-25, noon – 6:00 pm in Downtown Rock Island. Entry forms and complete details available at www.ridistrict.com.

Mayor Pauley stated to take a drive up the hill and into the past for the College Hill District Retro Rally & Street Fair, Saturday, May 31st from 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm at the corner of 14th Avenue & 30th Street. Enjoy live music, vendors, vintage vehicles, a pin up contest, sidewalk sales and more.

Mayor Pauley indicated that on Tuesday, June 3rd, River City 6 will kick off the 58th Annual Starlight Revue Music Under the Stars Concert Series held at Lincoln Park. At 6:00 pm, enjoy dinner from the Hy-Vee grill followed by a swing dance lesson at 6:30 pm then at 7:00 pm, the music begins. Concert rain date is Wednesday of the same week. Call (309) 732-RAIN.

Agenda Item #7

A Special Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit at 2100 18th Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #8

CLAIMS

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Hotle to accept the following reports and authorize payments as recommended.

Alderman Foley stated that he would be abstaining from this vote as he has before.

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

a. Report from the Finance Department regarding payment in the amount of \$73,734.18 to Lane and Waterman for legal services rendered from September 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014 for Jumer's Crossing.

b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$12,625.00 to Baecke-Spranger Appraisers for services provided for the Shadybrook Resurfacing Phase 1 project.

Agenda Item #9

Claims for the week of May 9 through May 15 in the amount of \$664,646.56 and payroll for the weeks of April 28 through May 11 in the amount of \$1,318,661.24.

Alderman Tollenaer 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 Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #10

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the State Contract purchase of one 2015 Ford F250 4x4 Pickup and two 2015 F350 4x2 Dump Trucks from Bob Ridings Ford Fleet Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$91,880.00.

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

Agenda Item #11

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the State Contract purchase of one 2014 Ford C-Max Hybrid from Landmark Ford, Inc. in the amount of \$22,844.00.

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

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Human Resources Department regarding a proposed labor agreement between the City and the Fraternal Order of Police, Command Officers Association for the period of March 17, 2014 through December 31, 2018.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an Ordinance approving a redevelopment agreement with JDH of Rock Island LLC, subject to minor attorney modifications and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Foley to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Murphy inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder to explain this item.

Mr. Eder advised that this is a very small building with some major infrastructure issues. Mr. Eder stated that one of the improvements includes bringing all of the utilities in underground that are currently over ground. Mr. Eder commented that Brian Hollenback is still looking for a

commercial use on the first floor. Mr. Eder stated that there was a convenient store in there that lasted a few months. Mr. Eder indicated that the space needs to be renovated; it is tired and needs help. Mr. Eder explained that the reason this item has a higher amount per unit is because there will be one unit on the second floor and one commercial unit on the first floor.

Alderman Austin stated that a lot of upper floor housing has been created. Alderman Austin inquired about the percentage of occupancy in the Downtown area in regards to housing.

Mr. Eder advised that Renaissance Rock Island owns the vast majority of them and the occupancy rate is about 95%. Mr. Eder added that they are pretty full and there is no trouble filling the units whether they are market rate or subsidized.

Alderman Austin and Mr. Eder discussed TIF funds as it related to City assistance on these types of projects; what would happen when the TIF District expires; and how projects that have been started would be sustained.

Mr. Eder stated that hopefully the projects that are out there will sustain themselves and no additional funding would be asked for. Mr. Eder added that the City may have to look at a new project based TIF District concerning new projects. Mr. Eder and Alderman Austin further discussed this issue.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the CY2014 Budget, recommending increasing the Water Operation and Maintenance Fund budget in the amount of \$137,692.65.

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the CY2014 Budget, recommending increasing the Wastewater Operation and Maintenance Fund budget in the amount of \$3,180,406.42.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the CY2014 Budget, recommending increasing the Water Operation and Maintenance Fund budget in the amount of \$19,912.20.

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

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the CY2014 Budget, recommending increasing the Motor Fuel Tax Fund budget in the amount of \$151,377.49.

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

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Mayor regarding an appointment and reappointments to the Beautification Commission.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the appointment and reappointments as recommended.

Alderman Murphy thanked the people that always serve on this committee. Alderman Murphy stated that they do such a nice job.

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

Barbara Craver was appointed to the Beautification Commission for a four year term expiring June 2018.

Deborah Vesole, Emily Smith, Roy Plasschaert and Mary Ann Kuehnel were reappointed to the Beautification Commission for four year terms expiring June 2018.

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Martin Luther King Center regarding a sound amplification request for their YOUnity in the Community event scheduled for Saturday, May 24, 2014 from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm, requesting that the sound amplification fee be waived.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the request and waive the fee as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those

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

Agenda Item #20

Report from the City Clerk regarding an application and Highway Resolution for the Quad Cities Marathon to be held on Sunday, September 28, 2014.

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

Agenda Item #21

Other Business.

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

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone about the 2014 Citizen of the Year Awards. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to nominate someone in the community that they feel is deserving of this honor. Alderman Murphy commented that the Citizen of the Year awards are tied in with the Labor Day Parade and the winners of the eight categories will ride in the parade. Alderman Murphy stated that one of those winners will be selected as the Grand Marshal of the parade. Alderman Murphy stated that the eight categories include; Individual, Business, Education, Organization, Professional, City Employee, Youth and Honorary. Alderman Murphy added that the Honorary category is for someone that does a lot for the community but does not live in Rock Island. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to submit their nominations within the next two weeks.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that Croegaerts Great Outdoors is located at 4002 11th Street just south of Watchtower Plaza. Alderman Murphy stated that Croegaerts Great Outdoors is known for their fishing reel repair and trolling motor repair. Alderman Murphy noted that they have the biggest selection of fishing rods and reels in the Greater Quad Cities, and they have all kinds of live bait, lures, paintball supplies, books and maps. Alderman Murphy stated that Croegaerts also has a vending machine outside their front door for anyone that needs live bait. Alderman Murphy advised that they are open Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, Saturdays from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sundays from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

Alderman Hotle reminded everyone about the upcoming events this weekend. Alderman Hotle stated that the unveiling of the boat dock at Schwiebert Riverfront Park happens on Friday. Alderman Hotle commented that the District's Dirty Art show, which is a family friendly event, will be held this Saturday and Sunday. Alderman Hotle added that the following weekend - May 31st - the Retro Rally event will be held.

Mayor Pauley advised that the heated pool at Whitewater Junction will open this Saturday and the event at the Martin Luther King Jr. Park will be held this Saturday.

Agenda Item #22

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

The Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #23

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, June 2, 2014. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:06 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk