

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 and Joy Murphy. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, other City staff and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Alderman Kate Hotle and Alderman Charles O. Austin III were absent.

OVERVIEW OF GAMING GRANT PROGRAM

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder presented an overview of the Gaming Grant Program to Council. Mr. Eder advised that every year, \$50,000.00 of Gaming funds is set aside for granting it out in the community. Mr. Eder advised that as part of the policies, eligible applicants have to be non-city, 501 (c) (3) or non-profit organizations that provide services to Rock Island residents. Mr. Eder noted that the maximum award is \$10,000.00 to each recipient.

Mr. Eder discussed eligible activities under the award. Mr. Eder stated that the eligible activities are very similar to what the CDBG activities are because that is what it was originally based on. Various eligible activities include; employment services (job training), crime prevention and public safety, substance abuse services (counseling and treatment), education programs, services for seniors, services for homeless persons and recreational services.

Mr. Eder stated that in the past, the policies and procedures approved by Council have indicated that a priority for funding shall be given to applicants that provide services to youth. Mr. Eder advised that he was seeking Council's direction as to whether this is still the priority.

Council discussed this issue. After discussion, it was a consensus among Council to keep the policy as is.

Mr. Eder then reviewed the Gaming grant schedule. Mr. Eder stated that the Gaming grant is being reviewed separately from CDBG. Mr. Eder indicated that the applications will be available on August 1st. Mr. Eder added that the policies will come to Council for final approval on August 11th. Mr. Eder commented that the applications will be due by September 15th and the applications will be reviewed by City staff during the week of September 22nd. Mr. Eder advised that the applications will be presented to the Citizens Advisory Committee on October 7th, October 9th, and October 14th. Mr. Eder stated that the allocations will then be presented to Council for final approval on November 3rd.

Council discussed the Gaming grant as it related to eligibility criteria for the award recipients. Council further discussed Mr. Eder's presentation.

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 Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 6:11 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:19 pm. A motion made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

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**July 28, 2014
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Rock Island City Council met in regular session at 6:45 pm in Council Chambers of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer and Joy Murphy. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Alderman Kate Hotle and Alderman Charles O. Austin III were absent.

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of July 14, 2014.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve the Minutes of the meeting of July 14, 2014 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated to join us for the Whitewater Junction Back to School Bash - a day of games, races and fun-filled activities celebrating the start of a new school year. Friday, August 1, 2014 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Admission is \$8.00. Children 2 and under are free with paid adult.

Mayor Pauley advised that the 28th Annual Family Fun Day at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center will be Saturday, August 2, 2014 at 10:00 am. Family Fun Day is aimed to bring people together in a celebration of the community through family-centered activities, empowering informational sessions, music and entertainment. We encourage community members to come out and join us for festivities during this weekend of celebration. Mayor Pauley noted that the parade starts at 10:00 am and the other festivities are from 11:45 am until 3:00 pm.

Mayor Pauley stated that Ya Maka My Weekend is the best reggae fest in the Midwest, and it will be held on Friday, August 8th and Saturday, August 9th on the Great River Plaza on 2nd Avenue between 17th & 19th Streets. Mayor Pauley advised that this Caribbean-themed festival features reggae music, steel drums, Caribbean food and island activities. Mayor Pauley added that the event is presented by the Rock Island Arts & Entertainment District. Tickets are \$9.00 for a one day ticket or \$14.00 for two days. Children 12 and under are free. For more information, go to www.yamakamyweekend.com.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Rock Island Library is seeking volunteers to help install the Smithsonian Exhibit, "Hometown Teams," when it arrives at the Main Library in early September. The six-person installation team will help put together the national exhibit on the 2nd

floor of the Rock Island Main Library on September 9th and 10th and take it down on Monday, October 27th. Mayor Pauley stated that the installation requires no special skills. A step-by-step guide and video from the Smithsonian Institution Museum on Main Street program is available. The Mayor added that the Library is also searching for volunteers who can serve as exhibit guides. Training will be available on September 11th, at a time to be announced later. If you can assist with either need, please contact Lisa Lockheart at the Rock Island Public Library by calling 309-732-7303 or emailing lockheart.lisa@rigov.org.

Agenda Item #7

A Special Ordinance amending a zoning district and zoning map at 2436 24th Street.

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

Agenda Item #8

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #7 in the amount of \$344,100.56 to Brandt Construction Company for services provided for the 23rd Avenue Reconstruction: 12th to 17th Street project.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #6 and final in the amount of \$64,754.05 to Brandt Construction for services provided for the Quad City Botanical Center - Children's Garden project.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #33 in the amount of \$179,335.96 to Civil Constructors Inc. for services provided for the Wet Weather Treatment System project.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$74,000.00 to New Coat Sealing & Paving for services provided for the 2014 Street Joint and Crack Sealing Program project.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$25,874.00 to Trotter General Contracting, Inc. for the City Hall Window project.

Agenda Item #9

Claims for the weeks of July 11 through July 17 in the amount of \$498,037.02 and July 18 through July 24 in the amount of \$1,049,741.58 and payroll for the weeks of July 7 through July 20 in the amount of \$1,375,483.36.

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

Agenda Item #10

Purchase Card Claims for the month of June in the amount of \$90,017.96.

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

Agenda Item #11

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of 180,000 paper yard waste bags for the 2014 Free Leaf Pickup Program, recommending the bid be awarded to Pabco Industries, LLC in the amount of \$58,482.00.

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

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for 7th Avenue Resurfacing: 30th Street to 38th Street, recommending the bid be awarded to Langman Construction in the amount of \$553,852.79.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the 2014 Stormwater Outfall Program, recommending to extend the 2013 contract with Legacy Corporation through 2014.

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

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an agreement with GTI Rock Island Partners, LLC for the purchase of City property at 8153 51st Street West.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the purchase agreement as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents, subject to minor modifications by legal counsel for each party prior to execution. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

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

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request and consent agreement from Rock Island River Terminal Corporation for permission to sub-lease and make improvements to the existing moth-balled trans-loading facility operation at 7th Avenue and Mill Street.

Alderman Clark moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the request and agreement as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Foley inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder to explain the details of this item.

Mr. Eder advised that the Rock Island River Terminal put a major investment in the new barge terminal last year. Mr. Eder added that this will be a smaller operation that was previously on the property. Mr. Eder explained that it occupies about one acre. Mr. Eder stated that they take mash from the ethanol plants and put it in containers and ship it overseas. Mr. Eder added that this is a little bit of a risky business, but they believe they have an operator that now wants to do this. Mr. Eder commented that they think they can make some money at it.

Mr. Eder advised that it needs some improvements, which is over \$25,000.00, and which needs approval as well as approval to enter into the sub-lease. Mr. Eder noted that this will create a few more jobs on the property.

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

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Rock Island Housing Authority to apply for the 2014 HUD Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant, and a Resolution for identifying City support of the collaboration with Rock Island Housing Authority in submitting the application.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve the memorandum of understanding as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and adopt the resolution.

Discussion followed. Alderman Foley inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder to explain the details of this item.

Mr. Eder advised that the Neighborhood Choice Program is a grant program. Mr. Eder added that last year, the Housing Authority applied on their own with a letter of support from the City. Mr. Eder advised that there is a much better chance of getting this neighborhood transformation planning grant by having a joint application. Mr. Eder stated that the west end area of town is identified and qualifies under the Federal grant for up to \$500,000.00.

Alderman Foley inquired as to what the exact areas were. Mr. Eder stated that the areas include Longview, Douglas Park and the New Old Chicago Neighborhoods.

Alderman Conroy inquired as to whether the City is being asked to match funds for this grant. Mr. Eder stated that the City does not have to match any funds for this grant.

Alderman Murphy inquired as to what the criteria is for meeting the guidelines. Mr. Eder advised that it is census tract based and income based criteria to qualify. Mr. Eder advised that this is the only area that qualifies on a census tract that has a housing authority or low income housing complex in a deteriorated state.

Mayor Pauley inquired that if the grant is obtained, would it be a joint decision making process between the City and the Rock Island Housing Authority. Mr. Eder stated yes; Rock Island Housing Authority is the fiscal agent and the consultant would come through City staff.

Alderman Murphy inquired as to what they would be doing.

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Rock Island Housing Authority Executive Director Susan Anderson stepped forward. Ms. Anderson stated that the grant requires that a public housing property be in the neighborhood in order to qualify for the grant. Ms. Anderson advised that the 221 (d) is another subsidy program. Ms. Anderson and Alderman Murphy further discussed this item.

Alderman Murphy then inquired as to what were the 236 subsidized properties that may be added to the application. Ms. Anderson indicated that section 236 is another subsidy type program.

Mr. Eder advised that only two properties qualify, which is Lincoln Homes and Century Woods. Ms. Anderson stated that this is a planning grant and not an implementation grant. Council, Mr. Eder and Ms. Anderson further discussed this issue.

Alderman Murphy stated that she was concerned that there were 236 subsidized properties, but there are only a couple of properties that qualify so why should that number be in the document.

Steve Clark, Development Consultant with Rock Island Housing Authority stated that there is not 236 properties; it is the 236 Program under the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mr. Eder advised that the grant looks at complete neighborhoods, bringing market rate folks into the neighborhood and looking at infrastructure, park needs and everything else that is needed to create a diverse vibrant neighborhood. Mr. Eder added that the City is using the technical qualifications of the Housing Authority's property to qualify for the grant. Council further discussed this issue.

Alderman Tollenaer advised that he would only support this if the part that Alderman Murphy read was eliminated, which was (any additional qualified HUD 221 (d) 3 and/or 236 subsidized properties may be added to the application). After discussion on this issue, it was agreed to strike *any additional....*

Alderman Murphy discussed market rate housing as it related to this proposed grant. Alderman Murphy then clarified that this grant would be for improvement of the neighborhood and not for adding new low income housing projects.

Mr. Eder stated no. Mr. Eder advised that one of the outcomes could be the upgrade of Lincoln Homes.

Mr. Steve Clark stated that he suspects that there will be low income housing as part of the implementation. Mr. Clark added that the planning grant is for the planning of the neighborhood; it is from the neighborhood, from the City; it is from all of the stakeholders, and if they determine that more affordable housing needs to go into that community then that would probably be part of the implementation. Council discussed this issue.

After more discussion, Alderman Murphy stated that she was not in favor of new housing expansion projects because the joint study stated that market rate housing is where the void is.

Alderman Conroy inquired as to who was the lead on this grant. Mr. Eder stated that the Rock Island Housing Authority is the lead fiscal agent. Mr. Eder added that on the planning side of the grant with the consultant and with the public input, the City is taking the lead role. Alderman Conroy inquired that if the plan comes back, would it need City approval to move forward or anything else as far as the City would want to do. Mr. Eder stated yes. Council further discussed this item.

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

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the disposition of City property located at 612 8th Street.

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Clark seconded to approve the disposition of the City property at 612 8th Street to the adjacent property owners based on the conditions as stated in the report, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents 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 and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the disposition of the City Right-of-Way adjacent to 919 8th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the disposition of the City right-of-way adjacent to 919 8th Street to the adjacent property owners based on the conditions as stated in the report, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents 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 and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding review of a one lot minor final plat of Prairie View Business Park Second Addition located at 4701 45th Street Court.

Alderman Foley moved to defer Agenda Item #20 until August 11, 2014, Alderman Murphy seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Note: Agenda Item #20 will come back to Council for consideration on Monday, August 11, 2014.

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding a Highway Resolution for the closure of 1st Avenue from 17th Street to 20th Street on Monday, September 1, 2014 for a Fireworks Display and concert at Schwiebert Riverfront Park.

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 and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #22

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Diana Alm for a Street Closing near the curve of Thornwood Court between 27 Thornwood Court and 35 Thornwood Court on Sunday, August 24, 2014 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm for a Neighborhood Picnic.

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

Agenda Item #23

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Benjamin Fawks, owner of Rozz-Tox to set up outdoor seating on the east side of their building and to allow for the consumption of alcohol outside during business hours at 2108 3rd Avenue.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the request as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations and subject to being closed down early if noise complaints are received.

Comments followed. Alderman Foley stated that he has heard great things about Rozz-Tox. Alderman Foley stated that he really enjoys outdoor seating and this will enhance Rozz-Tox's business.

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

Agenda Item #24

Other Business.

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

Alderman Clark stated that the Rock Island Boxing Club will be going to the regionals and nationals this week in Kansa City, Missouri. Alderman Clark encouraged everyone to support the Rock Island Boxing Club.

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Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that Cool Beanz Coffeehouse is celebrating their 5th Year Anniversary and this Friday, there will be a ribbon cutting. Alderman Murphy added that Cool Beanz sells a variety of foods and beverages and they have live music twice a week. Alderman Murphy advised that Cool Beanz Coffeehouse is a great addition to the College Hill District. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to help Cool Beanz celebrate their 5th Anniversary. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to Shop local.

Agenda Item #25

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

An Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #26

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, August 11, 2014. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:19 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk