

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 Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy and Stephen L. Tollenaer. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Public Works Director Randy Tweet, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Ben Griffith and other City staff. City Attorney Dave Morrison arrived at 5:35 pm and Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 6:00 pm.

SIDEWALK POLICY PRESENTATION

Public Works Director Randy Tweet gave an update to Council on the Sidewalk Repair Policy Program. Mr. Tweet advised that the Sidewalk Master Plan was developed in 2008 by a committee of people from the engineering division, CED and the school board. Mr. Tweet advised that City wide sidewalk issues were reviewed with the main focus being on replacing missing sidewalks. Mr. Tweet indicated that there is three million square feet of missing sidewalk and the cost in 2008 was about \$22 million dollars to replace the sidewalks. Mr. Tweet added that today, it would cost about \$27 or \$28 million dollars.

Mr. Tweet stated that at that time, the recommendations from the committee included; sidewalks within one-half mile of elementary schools would be a priority; repair and install sidewalks during reconstruction projects; modify the subdivision ordinance to require sidewalks; submit application for Safe Routes to Schools in 2009 and 2011; begin detailed sidewalk planning in 2010 for construction in 2011; take \$200,000.00 of gaming funds every year and allocate it towards sidewalks; and consider adding sidewalks to only one side of the streets. Mr. Tweet stated that the recommendations that were adopted included; repair and install sidewalks during reconstruction; modify the subdivision ordinance to require sidewalks; and submit application for Safe Routes to Schools in 2009 and 2011. Mr. Tweet advised that sidewalks are now repaired and replaced during construction projects, but on resurfacing projects, sidewalks are not added, they are repaired if they are there. Mr. Tweet stated that the subdivision ordinance does require sidewalks. It was noted that an application was submitted for Safe Routes to Schools, but no funds were received.

Mr. Tweet then reviewed the current maintenance policy for sidewalks. Mr. Tweet advised that sidewalk irregularities are repaired during reconstruction or resurfacing of the streets. Mr. Tweet added that if there is damage to a sidewalk panel due to an accident or repair work, then they are repaired. Otherwise, the trip hazard is alleviated by repairing it with an asphalt patch. Mr. Tweet added that citizens that would like replacement of panels can use the 50/50 program.

Mr. Tweet indicated that in the last three years, participation in the 50/50 program has averaged about 11 participants per year with a total of about 2,000 square feet. Mr. Tweet added that currently, the cost is \$8.00 per square foot. Mr. Tweet commented that special action requests for sidewalk repairs average about 25 per year and it is usually three to four sidewalk panels, which is about 60 to 80 square feet. Mr. Tweet pointed out that the total for sidewalk repair is approximately 4,000 square feet per year. Mr. Tweet advised that if this were to be bid out next year as part of the concrete program, the estimated cost to repair a sidewalk would be about \$5.50 to \$6.00 a square foot. Mr. Tweet further discussed this item.

Mr. Tweet indicated that the proposed maintenance policy would include the City evaluating the sidewalk issue and if repairs are needed then the City will do the repairs, which would include replacing the damaged panels. Mr. Tweet added that the repairs would be done by City crews or by the City's concrete contractor.

Mr. Tweet then recommended increasing the sidewalk budget by \$40,000.00, which would bring it to a total of \$90,000.00 for the sidewalk and right-of-way program. Mr. Tweet stated that it would include \$75,000.00 for sidewalks and curbs and \$15,000.00 for the 50/50 tree program. Mr. Tweet added that with that \$75,000.00 designated, \$25,000.00 would be used for handicapped accessibility issues and \$50,000.00 for sidewalk maintenance. Mr. Tweet also recommended eliminating the 50/50 program in which repair would be done at the City's cost. Mr. Tweet added that the repairs would be done on a first come, first serve basis. However, if something comes up that may be a hazard, it would be moved up on the list.

Council discussed sidewalks as it related to the amount of missing and damaged sidewalks. Council also discussed allowing citizens to do their own sidewalk repairs. In addition, Council discussed cost and savings as it related to the elimination of the 50/50 program.

After more discussion, it was a consensus among Council to move forward with Mr. Tweet's recommendations.

REVIEW OF CDBG REHABILITATION POLICES AND PROCEDURES

Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Ben Griffith stated that the current CDBG Policies and Procedures manual is from 2007 and HUD prefers that it be updated every four or five years. Mr. Griffith added that the 2013 monitoring visit listed many items that were out of date and in need of compliance with HUD's national objectives. Mr. Griffith pointed out that those are the national objectives that HUD has specifically for the CDBG Program to deal with low to moderate income homeowners in helping them to keep their homes up to code and to maintain home ownership. Mr. Griffith explained that some of the things that the national objectives changed were the rehabbing of dilapidated garages, which is no longer allowed and sidewalk and driveway improvements, which is only allowed in cases for handicapped accessibility. Mr. Griffith commented that HUD gives specific guidance on some items such as loan processing and income qualifications and they change every year.

Mr. Griffith stated that the new policies and procedures address many items to keep up with the changing financial industry standards such as income qualifications, liens and mortgages and buying on contract. Mr. Griffith discussed the three current programs that are offered, which include the roof program, the targeted rehab program and the emergency programs, which are broken down into either forgivable based on income or repayable. Next, Mr. Griffith discussed the targeted rehab program as it related to the demolition of dilapidated garages, sidewalks and driveways. Mr. Griffith commented that these items are no longer listed as national objectives. Mr. Griffith further discussed this item.

Mr. Griffith advised that staff wanted to address the issues of how to make the decreased HUD funding go further and reach more citizens and households in the community. Mr. Griffith

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indicated that staff has researched other service organizations and programs, and staff is proposing a non-emergency loan program that would include water heater upgrades, furnace and boiler upgrades, chimney tuck pointing, demolition of dilapidated garages and replacement of gutters. Mr. Griffith stated that this program would replace the targeted rehab loans program and this program would focus on energy efficiency and home improvements. Mr. Griffith pointed out that the other current programs, which include; the emergency program and the roof program would remain the same, but the dollar amounts would be raised.

Mr. Griffith stated that this is a draft document, which is part of a larger document for HUD, and staff would like to finalize this document and bring it back to Council for adoption.

Council discussed the CDBG housing repair programs as it related to the cost of the programs.

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 Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 6:06 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:15 pm. 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 Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 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 Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy, P.J. Foley and Stephen L. Tollenaer. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Dave Morrison.

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 November 3, 2014.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve the Minutes of the meeting of November 3, 2014 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley advised that City of Rock Island facilities will be open on Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11, 2014. Refuse, recycling and yard waste will be collected as normal.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Rock Island National Cemetery will host a Veterans Day program at 1:00 pm, November 11, 2014 at the Main Flagpole Circle. The scheduled key note speaker will be Lt. Gen. Michael Tucker, First Army Commanding General. For more information, call (309) 732-2094.

Mayor Pauley advised that on Tuesday, November 11, 2014, at 2:00 at the Rock Island Main Library, Dave Wrath, associate athletic director and sports information director, will speak on "Augustana's Hometown Heroes." Though Ken Anderson, the NFL's 1982 Most Valuable Player, is perhaps the best-known sports legend from the Rock Island College, dozens of other athletes have catapulted Augustana to the national stage. Mayor Pauley added that Wrath, an inductee of the College Sports Information Directors of America's Hall of Fame, will share stories of those whose exploits landed our community on sports pages around the country.

Mayor Pauley advised that the 38th Annual Children's Christmas Party sign-ups are going on now. They are accepting signups until December 12th at the King Center, 630 9th Street from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday. Mayor Pauley noted that it is available for youth ages 3 to 12 years old. You must be a Rock Island resident and must provide proof of residency when signing up. For more information, call (309) 732-2999.

Mayor Pauley stated that Rock Island's very own Metropolitan Youth Program will represent the City in the McDonalds Thanksgiving Day Parade in Chicago on Thursday, November 27th.

Earlier this month, the Drill team was selected to perform for First Lady Michelle Obama at the Wharton Field House in Moline. After their performance, the group was invited back stage to have their picture taken with the First Lady and presented her with a challenge coin for the First Family. The Mayor commented that the members of the program are truly honored to be chosen to be a part of these events and will represent the City of Rock Island well.

Agenda Item #7

Presentation of the Financial Management Report for September 2014.

Finance Director Cynthia Parchert stated that the target percentage on the September 2014 Financial Management Report is listed as 33%; it actually should be 67%. Ms. Parchert commented that this did not get updated from the prior period's report. Ms. Parchert stated that Riverboat Gaming revenue is down approximately 7%, which is consistent with the trend that is being seen in gross receipts and admissions. Ms. Parchert indicated that some of the state and local taxes are projected to be below budget, but others are projected above budget. Ms. Parchert pointed out that all state and local tax revenues combined are expected to be very close to budget; it will be within about \$50,000.00 of budget.

Ms. Parchert advised that interest rates are starting to rise on investments. Ms. Parchert added that 12 month CD rates have increased from .41% last September to .70% this September. Ms. Parchert added that 24 month CD rates were .6% and now, they are almost to one full percentage point. Ms. Parchert further discussed the management report.

Agenda Item #8

Presentation of the Calendar Year 2015 Budget.

Finance Director Cynthia Parchert presented to Council an overview of the Calendar Year 2015 Budget.

Ms. Parchert advised that this is a full year calendar budget, beginning January 1, 2015 and concluding on December 31, 2015. Ms. Parchert stated that this budget reflects no property tax increase, a balanced General Fund; services maintained at the high level that citizens have grown to expect; the City's continued financial strength; and progress towards accomplishing the strategic goals developed by Council.

Ms. Parchert advised that the total spending is \$127 million over nine departments and 63 funds. Ms. Parchert referred to the chart and stated that the General Fund, which represents one-third of the City's budget is at \$38.1 million, which is where expenses are budgeted for police, fire and streets. The next largest at \$23.7 million is the City's utilities for water, sewer and stormwater. Ms. Parchert offered that the City is a Personnel driven organization, which makes up about \$46.8 million of the entire City budget. Ms. Parchert added that the Other category is approximately \$7.5 million and represents expenses such as contingency, depreciation and loss on sale of investments and assets.

Ms. Parchert stated that in the area of revenue, the total budgeted revenue is \$124,662,681.00. Ms. Parchert added that charges for services as well as local and state taxes account for approximately 40% of City revenue. Ms. Parchert commented that budgeted state and local taxes total \$23.8 million. Ms. Parchert pointed out that property tax revenue has declined slightly as a result of a reduction in the City's equalized assessed value (EAV). Ms. Parchert added that staff is projecting a .33% decline in the EAV. It was noted that the bulk of property tax supports Police and Fire pension payments. Ms. Parchert discussed revenue comparisons.

Ms. Parchert stated that the General Fund is the primary funding mechanism for supporting operations of the City. Ms. Parchert explained that the Calendar Year 2015 General Fund totals \$38.3 million; approximately 85% of all expenditures are attributed to Police, Fire, and Public Works, which are the City's core services. Ms. Parchert commented that the largest portion of General Fund expenses is attributed to Personnel expenses. Ms. Parchert further discussed this item. Ms. Parchert offered that in addition to the General Fund, the City's budget includes an assortment of governmental, special revenue and enterprise activities. Ms. Parchert advised that the Water Fund is one of the City's most significant enterprise operations and the proposed budget for 2015 is over \$9 million. Ms. Parchert commented that this fund is supported by user fees and the Calendar Year 2015 Budget includes no rate adjustment. Ms. Parchert stated that the Wastewater Fund is another significant fund in which a substantial portion of this fund's expenditures are driven by debt service payments associated with the Long Term Control Plan. It was noted that this fund is also supported by user fees and there is no rate adjustment proposed. Ms. Parchert indicated that the Recreation Fund consists of \$6.4 million in expenses, which is dedicated to programming and monitoring the City's park lands. It was noted that Personnel expenses account for approximately 50% of the Recreation Fund's budget.

Ms. Parchert discussed the Capital Improvement Plan. Ms. Parchert advised that in Calendar Year 2015, the City anticipates \$31.6 million in capital related expenses; streets, water and sewer account for 50% of all capital expenditures. Ms. Parchert indicated that the CIP is supported by a variety of revenues including General Fund carryover. Ms. Parchert stated that for Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2014, the General Fund generated \$2.2 million in excess general funds to be used in calendar year 2015.

Ms. Parchert indicated that the City's tax rate has been relatively stable. Ms. Parchert discussed tax rate history and equalized assessed value (EAV).

Ms. Parchert concluded that the budget meetings will be held on Monday, November 17th and Monday, November 24th; both sessions beginning at 5:00 pm in Council Chambers. Ms. Parchert added that on Monday, December 8th a public hearing will be held on the Calendar Year 2015 Budget.

Mayor Pauley stated that the budget will be reviewed the next two Monday nights from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Mayor Pauley added that the meetings are open and anyone can attend; each department will be presenting their budget.

Council discussed Ms. Parchert's presentation.

Agenda Item #9

Public Hearing on a request from Kevin Murphy for a special use permit to continue to utilize a former residential structure on the site as an office and construct an eight-space employee parking lot on the site at 1826 31st Street.

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting at 7:11 pm and opened a Public Hearing on a request from Kevin Murphy for a special use permit to continue to utilize a former residential structure on the site as an office and construct an eight-space employee parking lot on the site at 1826 31st Street.

Mayor Pauley advised that a list of petitions was received with 37 names of people that are agreeing to the special use permit.

Mayor Pauley inquired if Mr. Murphy was at the meeting. Alderman Murphy stated that Mr. Murphy was not in attendance and that she would be presenting the information.

Alderman Murphy advised that this special use permit request is concerning the McDonald's restaurant on 30th Street. Alderman Murphy stated that Mr. Murphy had gone through the rezoning process and asked for a B-1 rezoning and the zoning commission denied the rezoning request and recommended that he apply for a special use permit. Alderman Murphy stated that Mr. Murphy is making this request to alleviate some of the parking.

Alderman Murphy advised that Mr. Murphy is asking for the house on the property that he owns to be used as an office, which will have up to two McDonalds's restaurant employees; a minimum of eight improved parking spaces on the site; and he would construct and maintain a revised landscape plan that includes a privacy fence in the back along the property line and arborvitae trees; and there wouldn't be any signs.

Alderman Murphy indicated that Mr. Murphy has agreed to carry the privacy fence all the way across the back lot where the arborvitae trees are. Alderman Murphy added that the only way this would change is that the entire landscape plan would have to move to the east to make room for the fence. Alderman Murphy commented that the arborvitae trees would be a buffer for the neighborhood.

Alderman Austin discussed the petitions.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was anyone that wished to speak in favor of the special use permit. No one stepped forward.

Mayor Pauley then inquired as to whether there was anyone that wished to speak in opposition to the special use permit.

Ms. Angela Handley of 1823 30th Street stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Ms. Handley. Ms. Handley stated that she was in favor of most of the stipulations. Ms. Handley offered that the drawing (landscape plan) does not depict where the fence was going to be added at the back of the property. Ms. Handley referred to the drawing and stated that the property line at the top is

her fence. Ms. Handley added that there would be another fence (Murphy's) two feet from there and the arborvitae trees would be on the other side of that. Ms. Handley stated that they are the only neighbors in that area that use their backyard. Ms. Handley added that she is happy that Mr. Murphy is formalizing something and she just wants him to be held to the promise he has made. Ms. Handley concluded that she does not want to lose the privacy in her backyard.

Alderman Murphy stated that the stipulation regarding the fence, which Mr. Murphy agreed to, can be changed to carry it all the way across the back of the property.

Mr. Pernon Tew of 1851 30th Street stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. Tew. Mr. Tew inquired to Alderman Murphy as to whether it was a minimum of eight parking spaces or a maximum of eight parking spaces. Alderman Murphy stated that it says it is a minimum of eight parking spaces.

Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Ben Griffith stated that the maximum is eight parking spaces.

Alderman Murphy advised that it would be changed to maximum.

After discussion, and with no other persons present to speak in opposition to the special use permit, Mayor Pauley closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:20 pm.

It was moved by Alderman Murphy to approve the request for the special use permit with the following stipulations: The office shall be for private use only by up to two McDonald's restaurant employees; maintain a maximum of eight improved parking spaces on the site; construct and maintain the attached revised landscape plan that includes locating a privacy fence all across the western property line from the corner of the garage south and arborvitae trees along the five foot wide west edge of the parking lot and the southern edge of the parking lot; no signs shall be allowed; the use shall meet all other applicable codes and ordinances; and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance, Alderman Foley seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #10

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$6,463.86 to Dave Morrison for legal services rendered for the month of October.

b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #37 in the amount of \$120,063.23 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Wet Weather Treatment System project.

c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$13,925.00 to Langman Construction, Inc. for the replacement of existing water services on the 34th Avenue water main replacement project.

d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #11 in the amount of \$543,814.73 to Gilbane Building Company for construction services provided for the Rock Island Police Station project.

Agenda Item #11

Claims for the week of October 31 through November 6 in the amount of \$734,440.34.

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

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of one Spencer Aeration Tank Blower from JC Cross Company in the amount of \$38,455.00.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Police Department regarding bids for the towing contract, recommending the bid be awarded to Quad City Towing, Inc. in the amount of \$1,295.00 to begin on January 1, 2015 through midnight on December 31, 2017.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids (package 3) for the new Police Station, recommending the bids be awarded to East Moline Glass in the amount of \$513,300.00, Meyer Landscaping and Design in the amount of \$185,762.00, Paragon in the amount of \$105,420.00 and Paragon in the amount of \$152,975.00.

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Hotle to award the bids as recommended and authorize Gilbane Building Company to execute the contract documents. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Police Department regarding a contract with Rock Island Housing Authority for police services at the Housing Authority properties.

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

Discussion followed. Alderman Tollenaer stated that he would like to have a study session on this item. At this time, Alderman Tollenaer made a motion to table Agenda Item #15 so that Council can hear from all of the interested parties. Alderman Hotle seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Police Department regarding the updated Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) Mutual Aid Agreement, and a Resolution authorizing execution of the agreement.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the agreement as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and adopt the resolution. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an ordinance approving a redevelopment agreement with Big Tubby's, Inc. (d.b.a. Gunchie's RI), subject to minor attorney modifications and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

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

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin inquired as to whether the applicants were at the meeting. Mr. Toby Speece and Mr. Eric Ludtke stepped forward.

Alderman Austin stated that this is a significant investment and noted that they are seeking CIRLF support also. Alderman Austin inquired as to whether their ability to complete the project is contingent upon CIRLF approving an application for support as some level.

Mr. Ludtke stated that they had talked to Brian Hollenback about CIRLF and he was putting something together for them. Mr. Ludtke stated that he did not know if it was contingent upon that.

Alderman Austin inquired that if the support wasn't available, would they still have the ability to do the project.

Mr. Ludtke explained that it was kind of at a standstill going forward with the purchase, with the bank, and our corporation and the amount of work that is needed within that building. Mr. Ludtke stated that it was proposed as a way of getting the deal done to get down there, get to work on that building and move the business forward.

Alderman Austin inquired again that if CIRLF support was not a factor at some level, would this project be viable without CIRLF participation. Mr. Speece stated that he did not know.

Alderman Foley stated that he didn't believe that the issue of whether CIRLF money is to be given out should be debated because that is not the motion before Council. Council further discussed this issue.

After more discussion, Mayor Pauley advised that the project has to go forward in order for them to get the \$25,000.00.

Alderman Hotle thanked Mr. Ludtke and Mr. Speece for choosing Rock Island for their business. Alderman Hotle further discussed this item.

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

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the Citizen's Advisory Committee recommendations for the 2015 Gaming Grant allocations.

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

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding review of a one-lot minor final plat of LRC Addition located at 4017 6th Avenue.

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the final plat as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Tollenaer inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder as to whether they have a definite plan; is the City just giving away property or is there any agreement made.

Mr. Eder advised that the agreement is to allow them to build a building on this site. Mr. Eder stated that they went through the zoning process Wednesday night of last week to rezone this for a commercial use from an office classification so that they can build a retail strip building on this site. Mr. Eder added that they own the property on both sides of this site. Council and Mr. Eder further discussed this item.

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

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from LRC Real Estate to vacate a north/south alley between 40th and 42nd Streets and 5th and 6th Avenues in order to construct an approximate 8,065 square foot retail structure on a development site at approximately 4017 6th Avenue.

It was moved by Alderman Murphy for purposes of discussion and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the request as recommended, subject to maintaining a utility easement until the site is developed and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Murphy clarified that this is being vacated so that they can put this development on the site.

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder stated yes, that is correct.

Alderman Murphy then inquired as to whether there are stipulations in the agreement that the vacation is only if they put up this development. Alderman Murphy stated that the City doesn't want to vacate an alley if the development doesn't happen. Alderman Murphy added that she wanted to make sure that this is contingent upon the development actually happening.

Mr. Eder advised that this is being referred to the City Attorney for an ordinance and that language can be put in the ordinance.

At this time, Alderman Murphy moved to amend the motion to approve the request as recommended, subject to maintaining a utility easement until the site is developed and being contingent upon the completion of the project or signed agreement. Alderman Conroy seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin stated that there has been a history that when the City donates land to somebody, the person benefiting from the donation pays all the legal costs. Council further discussed this issue.

After discussion, the original amended motion reads as follows: It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the request as recommended, subject to maintaining a utility easement until the site is developed and being contingent upon the completion of the project or signed agreement and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from LRC Real Estate for a rezoning from a R-3 (one and two family residence) district and O-1 (office) district to a B-3 (community business) district at approximately 4017 6th Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #22

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from First Equity Acquisitions, LLC for a rezoning from a R-3 (one and two family residence) district to a B-3 (community business) district at 2617 and 2711 18th Avenue and approval of the proposed site plan.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the request as recommended, subject to the stipulations as stated in the report and refer to the City attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Hotle stated that this is in her ward. Alderman Hotle added that it has taken a while to come up with a viable plan for this location to get it back on the tax rolls and to take it out of being a burden for the school district. Alderman Hotle stated that she believes this is the best decision for the City. Alderman Hotle advised that the developer has done a fantastic job of working with the neighborhood, addressing their concerns and providing a site plan that really does offer a good buffer between residential and commercial space. Alderman Hotle further discussed this item.

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

Agenda Item #23

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Minnie Johnson to remove a handicapped parking space at 1124 19¹/₂ Avenue.

Alderman Conroy moved to approve item #23, #24, #25, #26, and #28 as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance, Alderman Hotle seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #24

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Jose and Sarah Zepeda, Owners of QC Coffee and Pancake House at 1831 3rd Avenue to remove two metered parking spaces in front of their business on 3rd Avenue and replace them with a handicapped parking space.

Agenda Item #25

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Angela Campbell, Director of the Rock Island Library to remove the parking meter in front of the library at 401 19th Street.

Agenda Item #26

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Tanya Jones to remove a handicapped parking space at 1312 32nd Street.

Agenda Item #28

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Jose and Sarah Zepeda, Owners of QC Coffee and Pancake House at 1831 3rd Avenue to remove the three metered parking spaces in front of their business on 19th Street and the two metered parking spaces on 3rd Avenue.

Agenda Item #27

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Tim Howard, President of Wellsprings of Freedom International NFP for City ordinance (section 9-42) control of a parking lot at 3900 18th Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #29

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a neighborhood petition from Marjori Kehoe to install residential parking (Type B) on 12th Street between 20th to 21st Avenues.

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

Agenda Item #30

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Alan and Johnna Gustafson to install stop or yield signs at the intersection of 16th Street and 21st Avenue.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the installation of stop signs on 16th Street at 21st Avenue as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin inquired as to whether it would be stopping on both directions or all directions.

Alderman Foley inquired upon Public Works Director Randy Tweet to explain this item.

Mr. Tweet advised that it would be just stopping on 16th Street. Mr. Tweet explained that 16th Street is offset - each direction, so 21st Avenue would be thru traffic and the stop signs would be at 16th Street.

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

Agenda Item #31

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a neighborhood petition from the residents of Sala Flats at 1829 4th Avenue to change the two-hour parking zone to a four-hour parking zone on 19th Street from 4th Avenue south to the alley.

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

Agenda Item #32

Other Business.

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

Alderman Austin reminded everyone of the Library fundraiser that will be held this Thursday evening. Alderman Austin stated that it is a wonderful opportunity to support the library and have a good evening at the same time.

Alderman Murphy stated that the fundraiser is called Food for Thought. Alderman Murphy added that several chefs and restaurants will be there preparing some nice hors d'oeuvres and food for people that will be attending this event.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that with the holiday season coming up, there are a lot of great and small locally owned family businesses in Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that it is very important to support these businesses. Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to shop Rock Island first.

Agenda Item #33

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy at 7:43 pm 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 Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #34

Recess

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 7:48 pm. A motion was made by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Hotle to recess to 5:00 pm, Monday, November 17, 2014 for the Budget session. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:49 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk