

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 19, 2015
MINUTES**

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:30 pm at Metro Link's new operations and maintenance center located at 4501 4th Avenue, Rock Island IL. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley, and Aldermen Charles O. Austin III, Kate Hotle and Joy Murphy. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and various City staff. Aldermen Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy, P.J. Foley and Stephen L. Tollenauer were absent.

TOUR OF METROLINK FACILITY

The Mayor, various Council members and City staff took a tour of the new MetroLink (Metropolitan Mass Transit District) facility located at 4501 4th Avenue in Rock Island. Prior to the tour, an introductory video was shown depicting the maintenance and operation center's sustainable design. Jeff Nelson, General Manager of MetroLink led the tour.

Mr. Nelson escorted everyone through the operations center, building maintenance area, building storage area and the fueling area. During the tour, Mr. Nelson pointed out and discussed various sustainable elements in each of the areas, some of which included; state of the art technology in the operations area, radiant in-floor heating system in the maintenance area; a solar thermal hot water system to heat water used for vehicle washing; a reduction of water usage through bus wash recycling; and an indoor CNG (compressed natural gas) and Diesel refueling station.

Everyone thanked Mr. Nelson for the tour.

It is noted that time did not allow for an update on Personnel and Park Policies.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Hotle to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 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 Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle and Joy Murphy. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Alderman P.J. Foley was absent.

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of January 12, 2015.

A motion was made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the Minutes of the meeting of January 12, 2015 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that refuse and recycling collection will be on the normal collection schedule during the week of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The Drop-Off Center located at Millennium Waste, 13606 Knoxville Road, Milan will be open on Saturday from 7:00 am to noon.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Rock Island-Milan Little League will be holding Player Registration on Saturday, January 24, 2015 @ Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm. Coach Pitch thru Big League Ages 6-18. For questions, contact (309) 752-8573. Walk-in Registration accepted during normal business hours at Rock Island Fitness & Activity Center, 4303-24th Street.

Calling all adults to the Quad City Botanical Center for a fun filled tropical Beach Bum Bash on January 31, 2015 from 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm. Mayor Pauley stated that there will be games including bags, volleyball, beach pong & more. Other activities include surf shack style food, music by the Fry Daddies, a limbo contest and a cash bar. Come dressed in tropical attire for a chance to win a prize. \$10.00 for members and \$12.00 for non-members.

Have you ever wanted to play a live game of Clue in an historic mansion? Come to Hauberg for our Whodunit? Interactive Murder Mystery Dinner. Set in a country music hall, guests are right in the middle of the action in order to figure out how & why a murder took place. Mayor Pauley stated that surprises, twists and turns await our journey throughout the Mansion as teams compete for clues and messages. The Mayor added that the date has changed from what was published in the guidebook and is Friday, February 20th, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm. A full buffet dinner & beer/wine included with each \$45.00 registration. Additional drinks will be available for

purchase. Guests are encouraged to dress in their best party or country wear. Call (309) 732-7275 or go online to www.rigov.org to register.

Agenda Item #7

Presentation of the 2014 Holiday Lighting Awards.

Beautification Commission member Bob Towler and Mayor Pauley presented the 29th annual Holiday Lighting Awards to three (3) residential and two (2) commercial winners. The first place residential winner was Michael & Rebecca Carton. The second place award winner was John Hildredth, and the third place award winner was Alyssa Spidle.

Commercial winners included; Douglas S. Scovil, LLC who won first place and the second place winner was La Rancherita.

The citizens (residential) that were awarded Honorable Mention Certificates included; Todd Turner, Cynthia Wage, David Vanderlinden, Michael Cobert, Kayci & David Straw, Robert Wild, S&K Did, Bonnie Peterson, Maisabel Gualajara, Deb Kuntzi & Paul Magnuson, J&K Jackson, Retha Baggs, Milton Spidle Jr., Jerry & Traci Cralle, Kathleen Leibengood, Rhonda Bull, Tamara & Michael Hardin, William Barlett, Rick Cassini, Penny Burhop-Logan, Andrea & James Thompson, Rachel & Stephen Stephens, Tracy & Mark Doeckel, Peter Diulio, Jan & John Brixey, Helen Frances, Teresa & Harold Crummy, Kathleen Clark, Marlo Greeg, Justin Moffitt and Family and Robert Shuda.

The businesses (commercial) that were awarded Honorable Mention Certificates included; Poor Boys Pizza and El Patron.

Agenda Item #8

Presentation of the 2014 Commercial Beautification Awards.

Beautification Commission member Bob Towler and Mayor Pauley presented the 2014 Commercial Beautification Awards. The Rotary Trophy winner was presented to St. James Lutheran Church. The Mayor's Award was presented to Friendship Place. The City Council Award was presented to Skeleton Key Arts and Antiques and the Beautification Commission Award was presented to IL IA Center for Independent Living.

The following businesses were awarded with Honorable Mention Certificates; Abbey Station, Center for Alcohol & Drug Services, Gemini Food Mart, Heritage Church, Lohse Property, Oh Nuts, Sheet Metal Workers Local 91, Apartment Buildings -1302-1308-1314 20th Street, Cool Bean, Grell Partners, Inspiredesign, McDonald's, Interventions in Pain Management, Steve's Old Time Tap, Cassini Marble & Tile, DK Partnership, Hagemeyer, Le Figaro, Miner Consulting, Second Avenue and Wendy's.

Agenda Item #9

Presentation by the Advanced Technology and Sustainability Consortium.

Mr. Kevin Koski, Chair of the ATSC stepped forward. Mr. Koski stated that members of Rock Island's Advanced Technology and Sustainability Consortium (ATSC) established the Mark W. Schwiebert Sustainability Leadership Award in April of 2009. Mr. Koski advised that it was created to honor former Mayor Schwiebert for his 20 years of service to Rock Island and for his work in the area of sustainable initiatives. It was noted that this special award would be given annually to a business, organization or individual that has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the area of green or sustainable initiatives. The first award was presented to Mark Schwiebert.

Mr. Koski stated that the 2014 award recipient is MetroLink. Mr. Koski provided highlights for the selection of MetroLink. Mr. Koski then presented Jeff Nelson, General Manager of MetroLink and Berlinda Tyler-Jamison Rock Island Trustee on the Board of MetroLink with the award.

Mr. Nelson stated that on behalf of MetroLink and its employees, he is really humbled and honored by this award. Mr. Nelson commented that years ago, Mark Schwiebert gave MetroLink a challenge of being something different. Mr. Nelson advised that when you step into the environmental world, being a leader in sustainability is a challenge. Mr. Nelson stated that he was very excited with the sustainable buildings, and the buildings are friendly to the users and to MetroLink's employees. Mr. Nelson commented that Rock Island is a great city to work with. Mr. Nelson also discussed other partnerships that made this sustainable initiative possible.

Ms. Berlinda Tyler-Jamison stated that she was honored to be the representative of the City of Rock Island on the MetroLink Board of Trustees, and very honored on behalf of the board to be in partnership with the City of Rock Island. Ms. Tyler-Jamison also stated that they want to help improve and enhance the City of Rock Island and the Quad Cities with this project that they have been engaged in for 15 years.

Agenda Item #10

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$15,600.00 to DrinkerBiddle & Reath for legal services provided for the Long Term Control Plan.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$21,000.00 to Elliott Equipment for rental of two refuse packers for the 2014 Fall Leaf Collection.

Agenda Item #11

Claims for the week of January 9 through January 15 in the amount of \$584,451.43.

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

Agenda Item #12

Purchase Card Claims for the month of November in the amount of \$61,871.95 and December in the amount of \$56,860.11.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the NJPA contract purchase of a 2015 Rosco Asphalt Spray Patching Machine from Roland Machine Company, Inc. in the amount of \$205,162.50.

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the purchase as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance declaring the current 2004 Wildcat Roadpatcher as surplus. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the new Community Garden Program.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the new community garden program as recommended, authorize staff to advertise on the website and begin accepting applications for 2015.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin stated that the City had a group step forward stating that a commission would be appropriate. Alderman Austin inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder as to how it impacts this action or adds to it.

Mr. Eder stated that staff had a group step forward and they asked about creating a commission; there is a meeting scheduled with them. Mr. Eder advised that he did not know any more details, but this does create opportunities to have some more dialogue concerning the City program and to look at new ideas to better that program in the future.

Alderman Austin inquired as to whether it would impact anything that would be put in place this evening. Mr. Eder advised that there would not be an impact; it gets the program going for the current year and then that group can take it forward.

Council further discussed this item as it related to fees.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, Alderman Tollenaer.

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from the City for annexation of the Rock Island Parkway right-of-way between the south right-of-way line of 85th Avenue West and the west right-of-way line of 35th Street West.

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Raju Penmatcha for annexation of a 60 acre parcel located at approximately 8900 Rock Island Parkway.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Raju Penmatcha for a rezoning from an R-1 (one family residence) district to a PUD (planned unit development) district at approximately 8900 Rock Island Parkway.

Alderman Conroy moved to discuss Agenda Items 15, 16 and 17, Alderman Tollenaer seconded.

Alderman Conroy inquired as to whether staff was giving a presentation on these items. Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder stated that staff does not have a presentation.

Alderman Conroy stated that he expected a presentation. Alderman Conroy advised that there is not enough information and more information is needed on this project such as any lighting scheme; more information on water run-off; and how it will impact the neighborhood. Alderman Conroy added that it looks like a project where stop lights may be needed. There is a lot of information that is not in the report of how it should move forward or if the project should even take place. Alderman Conroy pointed out that when you are changing from a residential to a commercial area, the neighbors need to know what is going on.

Mayor Pauley inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder as to whether a market study was done on this item. Mr. Eder stated no.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether the concepts were Mr. Penmatcha's. Mr. Penmatcha stated yes. Mayor Pauley stated that what he saw from the reports is a big project with a big box, restaurants and other buildings, but there is not a market study to say whether or not it would work in that area.

Mr. Raju Penmatcha noted that the proposed site is an agricultural area and he is planning to annex within the City. Mr. Penmatcha stated that the preliminary plans were prepared and once the grading plan is done and before the real construction plans can be prepared, he needs to make sure that he can get the rezoning. Mr. Penmatcha stated that after the rezoning, he can then partner with other contractors or developers to see what can be implemented. Mr. Penmatcha discussed the proposed grading of his land. In addition, Mr. Penmatcha discussed this project as it related to functionality, value and economics.

Mayor Pauley stated that Mr. Penmatcha is asking the City to rezone this area from residential to commercial without any plans whatsoever; there is no market study, just ideas. Mr. Penmatcha commented that he will do the grading and afterwards, he would like to have concrete plans to develop this property within the next three years.

Alderman Hotle advised that this is a good location for residential; it seems to be a little rushed to annex it and rezone it all at once when the City has no idea what the development plans could be. Mr. Penmatcha explained that the right-of-way belongs to the City. Mr. Penmatcha added that he is in the county and to do the grading, he needs Council approval. Mr. Penmatcha further discussed this issue.

City Manager Thomas stated that in order for Mr. Penmatcha to find a developer, the property needs to be rezoned first as part of the process. Mr. Thomas added that Mr. Penmatcha has a lot more things to do to this property such as grading it, bringing in utilities and a road. Mr. Thomas advised that as part of the process, Mr. Penmatcha had to submit some sort of preliminary design. Mr. Thomas stated that he has already expressed concerns about Mr. Penmatcha's preliminary plans, which will change.

Alderman Conroy disagreed in regards to rezoning first and then finding a developer. Alderman Conroy further discussed this issue. Alderman Conroy stated that he needed more information before he would be comfortable to vote on this project. Alderman Conroy added that the Planning Commission voted this down and he had no problem with the way they voted on this item.

Alderman Murphy stated that she didn't think it fits into the residential aspect of the neighborhood. Alderman Murphy advised that when there is a residential area involved, the people in that neighborhood need input. Alderman Murphy added that there is not enough information for a project of this size.

Alderman Hotle stated that Mr. Penmatcha is trying to bring retail to an area that is better suited for residential development.

Alderman Austin commented that Mr. Penmatcha wants to put something on a piece of land that requires extensive reshaping and reforming to make it work.

Council further discussed this issue.

After more discussion, it was moved by Alderman Conroy to not approve the request for Items 15, 16, and 17, Alderman Tollenaer seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Martin Luther King Center regarding a request for the sale of alcohol (beer) at the Martin Luther King Center for the USA Boxing Silver Gloves Regional Tournament to be held on Friday, January 23rd and Saturday, January 24th from 4:00 pm to 10:30 pm.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the request as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Mayor regarding appointments and reappointments to the Labor Day Parade Advisory Board.

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Mayor regarding an appointment to the Library Board.

Alderman Conroy moved to approve the appointments and reappointments for Item 19, the Labor Day Parade Advisory Board and the appointment for Item 20, Library Board, Alderman Hotle seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Bill Sowards and Edna Sowards were appointed to the Labor Day Parade Advisory Board to fill current vacancies for one year terms expiring in January 2016.

Mary Chappell, Art Milton and Grace Shirk were reappointed to the Labor Day Parade Advisory Board for three year terms expiring in January 2018.

Pat Mahar was appointed to the Library Board to fill a current vacancy.

Agenda Item #21

Other Business.

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

Alderman Hotle stated that on Wednesday, January 28th at 6:30 pm at the Rock Island Township office on 7th Avenue that she will be hosting a ward meeting for the 5th Ward. Alderman Hotle advised that various City staff will be there and the other Aldermen and the Mayor if they want

to be there. Alderman Hotle stated that it is a public forum. Alderman Hotle added that this ward meeting gives citizens an opportunity to ask questions and talk with key staff.

Alderman Tollenaer stated that he along with Mayor Pauley, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and City Manager Thomas attended the Martin Luther King Jr. Center today for their event. Alderman Tollenaer stated that it was enjoyable watching Metro Youth.

Mayor Pauley advised that there were two events; one on Saturday night at Augustana College, which was fabulous; the Augustana Choir performed at the event and they were great. Mayor Pauley added that the other event was held today at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center and the MLK Steppers were outstanding. In addition, the Mayor stated that there were church groups that sang and danced and some inspirational speakers. Mayor Pauley commented that Rock Island has done an outstanding job of recognizing the Martin Luther King Jr. Day with these events and that Dr. King was a very inspirational person that everyone is trying to emulate and make things happen.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that earlier tonight, Council took a tour of the MetroLink facility in the 6th Ward and it was absolutely fabulous. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to ride the bus in the next 30 days and see what great service MetroLink provides. Alderman Murphy also encouraged everyone to drive down to 45th Street and 4th Avenue in Rock Island and take a look at the new MetroLink facility. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to Shop Rock Island First.

Agenda Item #22

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Clark at 7:42 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 Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #23

Recess

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 7:56 pm. A motion was made by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Clark to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, February 2, 2015. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy, those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:57 pm.