

Rock Island City Council met in regular session at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley, presiding, and Aldermen Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. City Manager John Phillips was also present.

Introductory Proceedings

Mayor Pauley called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Alderman Jones gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the Meeting of February 1, 2010.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of February 1, 2010 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that today is the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. It was noted that the organization was founded in the United States on February 8, 1910 by W. D. Boyce who was a businessman from Peoria, IL. Mr. Boyce brought the concept over from England after learning about their scouting program. The Mayor indicated that scouting helps youth develop academic skills, self confidence, ethics, leadership skills and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

Mayor Pauley indicated that the City of Rock Island now has a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/rockislandil. It is designed to provide citizens with information about the City and about activities and events going on within the City. The Mayor stated that updates will include changes in refuse collection, street closings, snow routes, hydrant flushing, leaf collection information, Neighborhood Partners, new programs and Update Rock Island.

Mayor Pauley offered that the City of Rock Island hosted a Job Shadow Day on Friday, February 5, 2010 with fifth and sixth grade students from the Rock Island Center for Math and Science (RICMS). It was noted that 33 students participated this year. The Mayor added that students teamed up with City employees in various departments including; Fire, Police, Sewer Treatment Plant, Library, Inspections, Community and Economic Development, Public Works, Water Meter and Parks and Recreation. Mayor Pauley offered that the City of Rock Island has participated in the Rock Island-Milan School District's Adopt-a-School Program for eleven years, and is currently paired with the Rock Island Center for Math and Science (RICMS).

Mayor Pauley stated that transportation around the Quad Cities just got easier now that a new bus service called the Loop started on February 4, 2010. It was noted that the buses will travel to The District, downtown Moline, downtown Bettendorf, the Village of East Davenport and downtown Davenport. Mayor Pauley commented that the cost is \$1.00 per trip or \$3.00 for an all-day pass. The bus runs Thursday through Saturday from 5:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. and Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Item #7

Presentation of the Illinois Association of Park Districts Commissioner of the Year award to Ann Austin.

Mayor Pauley inquired upon Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson to comment on this special presentation.

Mr. Nelson then inquired upon Millie Keith of the Freeport Park District and Ann Austin to step forward.

Mr. Nelson stated that Ann Austin was recently honored at the Illinois Association of Park Districts state conference with the Illinois Association of Park Districts Commissioner of the Year award. Mr. Nelson stated that Ann Austin has been with the Park District for over 30 years. Mr. Nelson added that Ann Austin has provided a lot of insight over the policies, programs and services that are provided by Parks and Recreation. It was noted that during Ann's tenure with Parks and Recreation, there has been a multitude of projects that have taken place, including the development of Ben Williamson Park, Alan A. Campbell Sports Complex, Whitewater Junction, Hasselroth Dog Park and Playground, the softball and baseball field development at Hauberg, playground replacements at Webber Park, Lincoln Park, RIFAC, Longview Park, Mel McKay Park and many others.

It was noted that Ann Austin was elected to the Board of Trustees for the Illinois Association of Park Districts and serves as a municipal task force member of the Joint Editorial Committee and currently serves as the Co-chair of that committee. Mr. Nelson stated that for the mentioned reasons, Ann Austin's name was submitted for nomination for Commissioner of the Year.

Millie Keith stated that it is an honor to recognize Ann Austin for this special award. Ms. Keith offered that the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) Commissioner of the Year award recognizes a Commissioner who shows outstanding qualities to support and promote parks, recreation and conservation in the community as well as throughout the state. Ms. Keith then presented Ann Austin with the award.

Ms. Austin thanked her family, Bill Nelson and John Gripp for the nomination, Park staff and the Mayor and City Council for allowing her to serve.

Mayor Pauley congratulated and thanked Ms. Austin for all of her service.

Agenda Item #8

A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 13, Article II, Sec. 13-24, paragraph (h), Sec. 13-25, Sec. 13-40 and Sec.13-41 of the Code of Ordinances regarding storage facilities for refuse, removal, billing and collection and refuse service charges.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Brooks to consider, suspend the rules and pass the Ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #9

A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Article II, Sec. 16-36, paragraph (i) and Article V, Sec. 16-908 of the Code of Ordinances regarding water and stormwater billing and collection.

It was moved by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderman Foley to consider, suspend the rules and pass the Ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #10

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$2,100.00 to Progressive Insurance and payment in the amount of \$3,750.00 to Grzanka Grit, Attorneys for Depositors Insurance for General Liability Claims.
- b. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$60,000.00 to Attorney John Malvik (Crawford & Company) for Worker's Compensation Settlement for Richard Darnell.
- c. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$2,516.52 to Robert Happ and payment in the amount of \$647.35 to Gretchen Ann McLaughlin for General Liability Claims.

- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 and final in the amount of \$54,150.69 to Langman Construction, Inc. for services provided for the 2009 Catch Basin and Manhole Program. (035)
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$5,659.34 to Legacy Corporation for services provided for the Outfall Repair Program. (036)

Agenda Item #11

Claims for the week of January 29 through February 4 in the amount of \$491,096.83.

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

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of a sewer camera transporter from Coe Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$12,900.00.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Public Works Department regarding an amendment to the contract with Symbiont for an Arc Flash Analysis and Wet Well Modeling services related to the design of the Wet Weather Treatment System in an amount not to exceed \$24,950.00.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Jones seconded to approve the amendment 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 Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a proposal from Missman, Stanley & Associates for an Intersection Design Study for an intersection to be located on the Rock Island Parkway (IL. Route 92) north of Interstate 280 in the amount of \$9,300.00.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the proposal 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 Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a lease agreement for the Sunset Marina apartment.

Note: Agenda Item #15 was deferred from Monday, February 1, 2010 - *A motion remained on the floor* - Motion made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the lease agreement as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Alderman Austin inquired as to whether the issue had been resolved. Mayor Pauley responded yes.

The motion reads as follows:

Motion made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the lease 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 Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget, recommending an adjustment to the General Fund for ambulance related revenues in the amount of \$520,000.00 and expenditures in the amount of \$800,000.00.

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

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from George Sedlak for a Special Use Permit to operate an artwork and sign business out of his residence and detached garage at 1624 26th Street.

Note: Agenda Item #17 was deferred from the December 7, 2009 Council meeting in which a Public Hearing was held regarding this item.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the Special Use Permit as recommended, subject to the stipulations as stated in the original report and refer to the City Attorney for an Ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

Items from the City Manager's Memorandum Packet.

Mr. Phillips stated that included in the memo packet is a modified budget review schedule. It was noted that the budget will be presented next week.

Mr. Phillips indicated that several articles included in the memo packet refer to difficulties being experienced around the state with balancing budgets.

Mr. Phillips made reference to the notification on the Neighborhood Stabilization update that is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at Icons. It was noted that Renaissance Rock Island and Growth will review the NSP1 and NSP2 programs. Mr. Phillips commented that a Study Session will be held at a later date to discuss these programs in detail with Council.

Alderman Brooks discussed fee increases as it related to Federal and State funding cuts concerning municipalities, specifically the City of Rock Island and the impact that is associated with the cuts.

Mayor Pauley stated that going into April of this year, the City was faced with a \$2.4 million dollar budget deficit. It was noted that staff was able to narrow the gap to \$1.2 million dollars, which still left \$1.2 million dollars to go. Mayor Pauley indicated that Council reviewed more options and delayed purchases of ambulances for one year, eliminated three vacant positions in the Public Works Department, reduced computer purchases and consultant services, delaying facility repairs and equipment purchases, reduced the City Clerk's assistant's hours, reduced seasonal employees in several departments, consolidated the Park's office, reduced the purchase of books for the library and some Parks programs were cut. Mayor Pauley indicated that every item in the budget is being reviewed. Mayor Pauley stated that the last thing the City wants to do is raise fees and taxes.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Ragtime Grill and Supper Club is a new business in Rock Island, which is located at 1524 4th Avenue. It was noted that the business is open Monday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. and the kitchen is open until 10:00 p.m. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Ragtime Grill and Supper Club has a large variety of food items, a banquet facility and carryout is available.

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Agenda Item #19
Other Business

None

Agenda Item #20
Executive Session on Personnel.

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #21
Recess

A motion was made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Brooks to recess to Monday, February 15, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:09 p.m.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk