

The 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 Dave Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. City Manager John Phillips was also present. Alderman Terry M.A. Brooks I was absent.

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 Austin gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the Meeting of April 12, 2010.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of April 12, 2010 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being 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 Augustana and Whitey's Ice Cream are partnering to launch a new ice cream flavor, and to break the world record for the most people simultaneously licking ice cream on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. on Ericson Field. Mayor Pauley offered that the new flavor is Augustana Viking Pride, which is peanut butter ice cream with fudge swirls and oreo chunks. It was noted that the flavor was created to honor the college's founding 150 years ago. The Mayor commented that Augustana students, faculty, staff and alumni are invited to participate in this event, where over 2,500 people are needed to set the new record.

The Mayor indicated that Augustana Special Collections Librarian, Sara Horowitz will present the History of the Old Main on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wilson Faculty Center at Augustana. It was noted that the Old Main is now the most iconic image on the Augustana campus. Mayor Pauley stated that its original design would have produced a building nothing like the one that now stands. In addition, the Old Main was not the first name of Augustana's oldest still-standing building. The Mayor commented that Ms. Horowitz will discuss the history of the Old Main, design process and early history of the structure. It was noted that Kai Swanson will briefly speak about the college's renovation plans.

Mayor Pauley pointed out that the Longview Park Spring Community Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It was noted that this huge sale will include a variety of books, clothes, furniture, toys, food and more. The Mayor added that the rain date will be Sunday, April 25, 2010. For more information, please call 732-Park.

Mayor Pauley advised that each year, the second full week of April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as Public Safety Telecommunicators. The Mayor stated that Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact that the citizens have with emergency

services and are a vital link to the emergency responders. It was noted that the City of Rock Island has 12 Telecommunicators who answer approximately 34,000 emergency (911) calls annually. Mayor Pauley stated that these dedicated professionals also handle about 150,000 non-emergency calls for service for Police, Fire and EMS.

The Mayor congratulated Jumer's Casino and Hotel on having the most successful revenue month ever in the month of March. It was noted that the state gaming reports show that Jumer's had \$6.95 million in adjusted gross receipts last month, which topped the Isle of Capri Bettendorf by \$247,000.00.

Mayor Pauley stated that the City of Rock Island will host the Next Generation Consulting Workshop on April 22, 2010. It was noted that Marti who is with Next Generation Consulting will offer innovative, practical and often simple applications to achieve results in attracting new patrons. The Mayor stated that Next Generation Consulting has led the only multi-year research dedicated to the issue of attracting, engaging and retaining younger patrons (ages 20 to 40) to the arts and cultural activities. To register, please visit www.nextaudiences.com.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring April 30, 2010 as Arbor Day.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring April 30, 2010 as Arbor Day.

Agenda Item #8

Proclamation declaring Saturday, May 1 and Sunday May 2, 2010 as Sauk and Meskwaki Days.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring Saturday, May 1 and Sunday, May 2, 2010 as Sauk and Meskwaki Days. Ms. Virginia Payton accepted the Proclamation.

Ms. Payton thanked the Mayor and Council for the Proclamation and invited everyone to come to the two day event at the Blackhawk State Historic Site. Ms. Payton stated that parking will not be an issue for the event. Buses will shuttle people from the Watch Tower Plaza on 11th Street to the event.

Mayor Pauley stated that on Saturday, there will be a lot of good entertainment including dancing and drumming, and the elaborate dedication ceremony will be held on Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Item #9

Proclamation declaring the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Mr. Troy Tallman, Vice President of Blackhawk Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. accepted the Proclamation. Mr. Tallman thanked the Mayor and Council for the Proclamation and for

recognizing that motorcyclists are a large part of the community. Mr. Tallman invited the Mayor and Council to the opening ceremony at the Rock Island County Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 1, 2010.

Agenda Item #10

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,500.00 to Lovewell Fencing, Inc. for guardrail repair on 6th Avenue and 38th Street east of Augustana College. (100)
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$5,239.00 to Schebler Heating and Air for the replacement of an office heat pump system. (102)
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,039.97 to Langman Construction for services provided for the 2009 Sewer Lateral Repair Program at 3008 30th Street. (106)
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,495.39 to Langman Construction for services provided for the 2009 Water Service Repair Program at 1825 38th Street. (107)
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$2,920.50 to DrinkerBiddle&Reath for professional services for the Pretreatment Program-NPDES Permit. (108)
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #11 in the amount of \$211,170.89 to Williams/Valley Construction Management for services provided for the Schwiebert Riverfront Park Bid Release 2 project. (109)
- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$50,482.13 to the Treasurer of the State of Illinois for the City's share of the Blackhawk Road Widening of 24th to 34th Street project. (110)

Agenda Item #11

Claims for the week of April 9 through April 15 in the amount of \$556,730.19.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to allow the claims. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being 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 a proposal from General Constructors, Inc. for construction management services related to the new Municipal Services Garage.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the proposal as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed with Alderman Conroy inquiring as to whether this was put out for bid and how are the contactors selected.

Public Works Director Bob Hawes stated that the contractor is selected through an RFP process similar to a consulting firm. Mr. Hawes added that this is expanding General Constructor's contract.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being 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 the 2009/2010 Tree Trimming/Removal contract with Turkle's Tree Service, recommending an extension of the contract in the amount of \$18,695.00.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding the Liability Insurance Program for 2010/2011, recommending approval of the self-insurance package and brokerage fees, and recommending payment in the amount of \$322,508.00 to Cleveland Insurance for insurance renewals and brokerage fees and payment in the amount of 25,815.00 to Crawford and Company for third party administration services.

It was moved by Alderman Foley, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the self-insurance package, insurance renewals and brokerage fees as recommended and authorize payments. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Fire Department regarding the reorganization of the Fire Department, recommending changing the Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Fire budgeted staffing levels from 11 Lieutenants to eight (8) Lieutenants and 38 Firefighters to 41 Firefighters.

Note: Agenda Item #15 was deferred from the April 12, 2010 Council Meeting.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Austin seconded to approve the changes as recommended and authorize implementation of this change through attrition.

Discussion followed. Alderman Jones inquired upon Fire Chief Doug Vroman that in regards to Station 34, whether or not there would be a company officer going out on a medical situation (call) as per usual for the other stations.

Fire Chief Vroman stated that the First Response vehicle out of that station would not have an officer on it. In addition, First Response vehicles out of the other stations are manned with company officers.

Alderman Jones inquired as to whether the Chief had any concerns in regards to citizens that are serviced by Station 34 not receiving the same services as citizens being serviced by the other stations.

Chief Vroman stated that he did not have any concerns because on a medical call, the paramedics are in charge of the call and the patient. There would be no negative impact on patient care.

Alderman Austin inquired as to how often Ambulance 31 would be the only entity responding to a call out of Station 31 when they are not followed up by an engine.

Chief Vroman stated that a general dispatch and EMS call is an ambulance and First Response vehicle.

Council further discussed Station 34.

Alderman Conroy stated that he is supporting Chief Vroman and his decision. Alderman Conroy added that Fire Chief Vroman has done a great job. Alderman Conroy stated that Chief Vroman has made this decision on how to run his department and Alderman Conroy didn't think the Chief would do anything to jeopardize the citizens in the City of Rock Island.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a proposal from Quad City Arts for the 2010 Metro Arts Summer Youth Employment

Program for the creation of a series of small sculpture pieces to be placed in planter boxes in Arts Alley.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the proposal as recommended and authorize support of the program in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy stated that he would like to see this organization in the future go through the program that sets aside \$50,000.00 to help support different programs throughout the City. Alderman Conroy stated that he would support this item this time.

Alderman Austin commented that this organization has broadened their base of support.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being 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 Ramona and Dan Ballard to vacate a segment of a 20' by 40' unimproved area of public right-of-way adjacent to an improved north/south alley located at 2513 12th Street.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Austin seconded to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an Ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderwoman Murphy inquired as to what costs are involved in regards to the vacation.

Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Alan Carmen stated that the cost would be the recording of the ordinance at the courthouse, which is approximately \$33.00 and it is handled through the City Clerk's Office.

Alderwoman Murphy inquired as to whether the individuals requesting the vacation of the property could pay for it.

Mr. Carmen responded yes.

The amendment to the motion reads as follows:

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Conroy to direct the Ballard's to pay for the cost of recording the Ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

The main motion reads as follows:

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Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Austin seconded to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an Ordinance and direct the Ballard's to pay for the cost of recording the Ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

A Resolution regarding an application for a Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery 1771 Program.

Note: Agenda Item #18 was omitted from the Agenda.

Agenda Item #19

Items from the City Manager's Memorandum Packet.

City Manager John Phillips pointed out that on Monday, May 3, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. in Council Chambers, the City will have the swearing in ceremony for the next Police Chief, Scott Harris.

City Manager John Phillips made reference to information included in the memo packet regarding a project status update of all of the City's capital projects.

Mr. Phillips commented that the City was unsuccessful in obtaining the Boater Infrastructure grant for the transient boat dock at Schwiebert Riverfront Park. It was noted that this was a \$1.5 million dollar application. Mr. Phillips further discussed this issue.

Mr. Phillips made reference to information included in the memo packet regarding Quad City First regarding their Public First Input Meeting concerning the work they are doing in regards to creating a more regional economy.

Alderman Conroy commented that on Saturday, April 24, 2010, the Ride with Kelly event (charity motorcycle ride) will begin and end at Kavanaugh's Hilltop Tavern.

Alderwoman Murphy stated that May is Stroke Awareness Month. It was noted that every year, 40,000 people are disabled from a stroke. Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to visit www.stroke.org, which lists the warning signs of a stroke.

Alderwoman Murphy stated that the Keystone Neighborhood Association will hold their Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, May 1, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church at 4501 7th Avenue. A donation of \$5.00 is appreciated. Alderwoman Murphy added that after the breakfast, there will be a Garden Workshop, which will include topics on lawn care and the care of shade plants.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Aunt Bea's Café is located at 2429 9th Street. Alderwoman Murphy commented that Aunt Bea's Café specializes in Southern home cooking and soul food. It was noted that Aunt Bea's offers a

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variety of items including catfish, fried chicken, collard and mustard greens, yams, fried okra and desserts.

Alderman Foley stated that this is Police Chief John Wright's last meeting. Alderman Foley congratulated Police Chief John Wright on his retirement and thanked Chief Wright for over 30 years of service to the City of Rock Island.

Agenda Item #20
Other Business

None

Agenda Item #21
Executive Session on Personnel.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderman Foley at 7:17 p.m. to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #22
Recess

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to recess to Monday, May 3, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:31 p.m.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk