

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:00 p.m. at the Rock Island Fitness and Activity Center (RIFAC) and at 6:00 p.m. in the Personnel Conference Room of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley, presiding, and Aldermen Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager John Phillips, Public Works Director Bob Hawes, Urban Planner II Jill Doak, Rock Island/Milan School District representative Holly Sparkman and other City staff. Alderman P.J. Foley joined the Study Session at 6:00 p.m. via telephone conference.

RIFAC TOUR

At 5:00 p.m. Council toured the Rock Island Fitness and Activity Center located at 4303 24th Street to view the progress that has taken place on the expansion of the facility.

After the tour, Council met back at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. for the 2nd part of the Study Session.

TEC REPORT ON ROCK ISLAND CENTER FOR MATH AND SCIENCE

City Manager Phillips stated that the memo packet included a report regarding travel plans for the Rock Island Center for Math and Science, which will be opening later this year. Mr. Phillips noted that it was recognized that there was a need to look at pedestrian and vehicle traffic as it relates to the new school. Mr. Phillips indicated that the Neighborhood Partners School-Community Task Force worked with the Rock Island/ Milan School District to coordinate a Safe Routes to School Travel Plan. Mr. Phillips then inquired upon Public Works Director Bob Hawes to review the report, requests and proposed recommendations regarding traffic configurations and travel implementation for the new Center for Math and Science.

Mr. Hawes referred to the report and explained that the Traffic Engineering Committee received a number of requests from the Neighborhood Partners School-Community Task Force. The first two (2) requests entail making 16th Avenue a one-way during part of the day. It was noted that the first request included flip-down signs that would indicate to the motorists that it is a one-way. Mr. Hawes stated that the signs would be manned by school personnel. It was noted that the Traffic Engineering Committee recommends approval of the requests.

Mr. Hawes indicated that the Traffic Engineering Committee is recommending approval of the third request, which includes the installation of school zone signs and crosswalk pavement markings at 20th Street at 13th Avenue, 25th Street at 16th Avenue and 18th Avenue at 24th Street.

It was noted that the fourth request involves the installation of school area speed limit signs and caution lights (flashing yellow lights) at 20th Street at the 13th Avenue crosswalk. Mr. Hawes indicated that the Traffic Engineering Committee is recommending approval of this request. Mr. Hawes acknowledged that there is a request to install school area speed limit signs and a traffic light at 25th Street on 16th Avenue. Mr. Hawes stated that the committee is recommending placing flashing yellow lights and a crossing guard at that location. Mr. Hawes advised that there is a distinct difference in cost between a traffic signal light and flashing yellow lights.

Mr. Hawes offered that the Traffic Engineering Committee is recommending approval of the request for installation of school zone signs and school area speed limit signs on 16th Avenue from 20th to 22nd Street. Mr. Hawes pointed out that the request was made to install no parking signs that would restrict parking for an hour in the morning and an hour in the afternoon at 24th Street between 16th and 18th Avenues. Mr. Hawes stated that the committee is recommending denial of that request based on letters that were sent out to the property owners in which responses were received with three (3) in favor of the request and four (4) opposing the request.

Mr. Hawes stated that another request was to install stop signs at 21st Street and 22nd Street at 16th Avenue. It was noted that stop signs are already at these locations. Mr. Hawes indicated that the Traffic Engineering Committee is recommending denying the request at this time to install four-way stop signs at 21st Street and 17th Avenue. Mr. Hawes stated that this request could be revisited after the school opens to determine if this needs to be done. Mr. Hawes stated that the last request was to add an off-site queuing lane on 16th Avenue between 22nd and 24th Streets. Mr. Hawes indicated that staff believes that nothing should be done at this time because the area is scheduled to be widened, and once the street is widened then there should be plenty of parking.

Mr. Hawes then discussed costs. It was noted that the cost for the sidewalk and crossing signal expenses are recommended to be covered by carryover block grant funds.

Council discussed one-way flip signs as it relates to who would be responsible for attending to the signs and pedestrian traffic patterns as it relates to the installation of crosswalks. Council also discussed the installation of sidewalks as it relates to the east side of 20th Street between 13th and 17th Avenues.

Ms. Doak explained that there is not a sidewalk between 13th and 16th Avenues, and there is only a remnant of sidewalk from 16th to 17th Avenues.

Council then discussed the recommendation to deny the request to install no parking signs for an hour in the morning and afternoon at 24th Street between 16th to 18th Avenues.

Council and Ms. Sparkman discussed the Safe Route to School Plan and promoting walking.

Council further discussed the issue of snow removal as it relates to the sidewalks and the new school, and responsibility as it relates to plowing sidewalks. In addition, Council discussed the petition from residents in Highland Park to add four-way stop signs at the intersection of 17th Avenue and 21st Street.

After more discussion, City Manager Phillips stated that staff would ask the school for a response as it relates to removal of snow and sidewalks. City Manager Phillips indicated that next week, the report concerning this discussion would be on the Agenda for Council action.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to adjourn the meeting carried on a roll call 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 adjourned at 6:31 p. m.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

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, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. City Manager John Phillips was also present. Alderman P.J. Foley 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 Brooks gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the Meeting of April 19, 2010.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of April 19, 2010 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, 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 Scott Harris was sworn in as Police Chief for the City of Rock Island today. Chief Harris was most recently Deputy Chief and has worked for the Rock Island Police Department for 27 years. The Mayor indicated that last Friday marked the retirement of Police Chief John Wright. Mayor Pauley stated that the City thanks John Wright for his many years of service to the City.

Mayor Pauley advised that the City of Rock Island reduced fuel consumption by 8% or by 17,460 gallons from Fiscal Year 2008/2009 to Fiscal Year 2009/2010. It was noted that at an average of \$2.00 per gallon, this equates to an estimated \$35,000.00 in savings.

Mayor Pauley indicated that the City of Rock Island has offered a citywide property tax rebate program on the City's share of taxes for newly constructed homes and condominiums since 1991. It was noted that a maximum of a \$1,500.00 rebate for three (3) years is offered to homeowners. It was noted that the program is set to expire on June 30, 2010. The Mayor added that this evening, a three (3) year extension is on the Agenda for Council action.

The Mayor stated that the City has a Human Rights Commission to advise the Mayor and Council on human rights issues. One of the major activities of the commission last year was a public forum where items discussed included; the process for handling and resolving discrimination complaints, reduction in public housing, the need for the commission to form strategic alliances with other groups, and how to better promote the commission as a means to locally address human rights issues. Mayor Pauley indicated that during the period from April 2009 to April 2010, two (2) complaints were filed, which were employment related. The Mayor noted that there has been some concern that the commission is still not well known in the community as an organization that provides for the mediation of disputes within the scope of the

City's Human Rights Ordinance. Mayor Pauley commented that the commission is planning a second forum this year. Mayor Pauley stated that the Human Rights Commission will continue to address the objectives within the Ordinance, which will result in making Rock Island a better place for all.

Mayor Pauley stated that the City of Rock Island received two (2) Eddy awards from River Action, which included a revitalization award for the hydroelectric plant and a design award for Schwiebert Riverfront Park.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring May 9 through May 15, 2010 as National Women's Health Week.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring May 9 through May 15, 2010 as National Women's Health Week.

Agenda Item #8

A Special Ordinance vacating a 20' x 40' unimproved area of public right-of-way adjacent to an improved north/south alley located behind the residence at 2513 12th Street.

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

Agenda Item #9

Resolution approving an agreement with the City Manager and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract documents.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to adopt the Resolution. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, 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 Conroy 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 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 \$5,042.61 to Konecky, Koenig, Kutsunis and Weng for legal services rendered for April 2010.

- b. Report from the Fire Department regarding payment in the amount of \$5,687.00 to Physio-Control, Inc. for an annual service contract for cardiac monitor/defibrillators.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$2,959.25 to Amsan, \$2,695.00 to CCP Industries and \$2,836.60 to Greenwood Cleaning Systems for Janitorial supplies. (097)
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$2,828.08 to Cole-Parmer for a muffle furnace for use at the Mill Street Wastewater Plant Laboratory. (111)
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$30,005.25 to Valley Construction Company for clean-up and removal of debris at 601 1st Street. (112)
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$5,313.60 to Langman Construction for an emergency water main repair at 7805 31st Street West. (113)
- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,082.75 to the United States Postal Service for mailing of the Water Quality Report. (114)
- h. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,385.38 to Langman Construction for services provided at 1021 21st Street for the 2010 Water Service Repair Program. (124)
- i. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,309.25 to Langman Construction for services provided at 4310 25th Avenue for the 2010 Sewer Lateral Repair Program. (125)
- j. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$42,380.64 to Walter D. Laud for services provided for the 2010 Brick Street Program project. (127)
- k. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$4,468.87 to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for the City's obligation of the Watt's property. (128)

Agenda Item #11

Claims for the weeks of April 16 through April 29 in the amount of \$1,567,582.69.

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

Agenda Item #12

Payroll for the weeks of April 5 through April 18 in the amount of \$1,211,583.24.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Police Department regarding the purchase of a Network Video Recorder from Hewlett-Packard in the amount of \$15,058.00 and the purchase of AXIS related equipment from Florida Micro in the amount of \$4,183.24.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of sweeper parts from Elliot Equipment Company, Inc. in the amount of \$7,265.00.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded 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 Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of four (4) turbidimeters from the Hach Company in the amount of \$9,723.80.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of two (2) 2010 Ford Ranger 4x2 Pickups and one (1) 2010 Ford Ranger 4x4 Pickup from Bob Ridings Ford, Inc. in the amount of \$48,647.00.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the purchase as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an Ordinance declaring the current vehicles as surplus. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of one (1) 2010 Ford F250 4x4 Pickup and one (1) 2010 Ford F150 4x4 Pickup from Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc. in the amount of \$45,738.00.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the purchase as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an Ordinance declaring the current vehicles as surplus. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the purchase of property at 919 7th Avenue in the amount of \$55,000.00.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Brooks to approve the purchase as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and refer to the City Attorney for an Ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2010 Weed Control Spraying Program, recommending the bid be awarded to TruGreen in the amount of \$12,500.00.

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

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2010 Mudjacking Program, recommending the bid be awarded to Kelly Construction of Davenport, Inc. in the amount of \$26,135.00.

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

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2010 Seal Coat Street Program, recommending the bid be awarded to Settle, Inc. in the amount of \$29,405.50.

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

Agenda Item #22

Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding agreements with AT&T for Primary Rate Interface service (PRI) and CompleteLink usage as part of the transition to the new telephone system and payment in the estimated amount of \$1,500.00 for the monthly service fee plus usage.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Jones seconded to approve the agreements as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and authorize payment. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #23

Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding a one (1) year contract with Concentra for the On-Site Nursing program, beginning April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011 in the amount of \$48,016.00 per year.

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

Agenda Item #24

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a proposal for engineering services with Missman, Stanley and Associates for the 2010 Parking Ramp Renovations.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded 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 Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #25

Report from the Public Works Department, Community Economic Development Department and Parks and Recreation Department regarding a contract with the Hitchcock Design Group for phase I design services for the Children's Garden at the Quad City Botanical Center in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Austin to authorize the selection committee to negotiate a contract with Hitchcock Design Group for phase I design services as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Jones inquired upon Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson to explain to the public where the funds are coming from.

Mr. Nelson stated that the Botanical Center has requested a grant program. However, prior to that, the City had put aside some money from Gaming that was originally to be used to cross the railroad tracks from the Botanical Center from what had been the north gardens. Mr. Nelson pointed out that it became apparent that it would be too difficult to cross the tracks. It was noted that the Botanical Center then came up with a new plan to move the Children's Garden from what had been the north side to the west. Mr. Nelson added that the Botanical Center was able to obtain a grant from Scenic Byways to help develop the Children's Garden. It was noted that the City had earmarked the funds to help with the project. Mr. Nelson stated that the Gaming money has been held in the Park and Recreation fund specifically for this project.

Mr. Phillips stated that the Scenic Byway grant was obtained by the City on behalf of the Quad City Botanical Center for their Children's Garden.

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

Agenda Item #26

Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding a General Wage Increase for non-affiliated employees and a 30-year longevity step for eligible employees.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve a 1.00% General Wage Increase to non-affiliated employees effective October 4, 2010 and a 30-year longevity step to eligible employees on their next anniversary date as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #27

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget, recommending an adjustment to the Employee Health Plan Fund in the amount of \$77,391.64.

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

Agenda Item #28

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the New Construction Property Tax Rebate Program, recommending renewal of the program for three years, from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013.

It was moved by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the renewal of the New Construction Property Tax Rebate Program as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #29

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Sam Smith for a 3% ten year repayable loan in the amount of \$9,900.00 to install a new on-demand tankless hot water system for a 17 unit apartment building at 1119 4th Avenue.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the loan as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderwoman Murphy inquired as to which property has a lot of junk accumulating in the backyard and will there be plans to take care of it.

Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Alan Carmen stated that Mr. Smith bought the building next door several years ago and he has been cleaning it up slowly. Mr. Carmen explained that the building is slated for demolition as part of Neighborhood Stabilization Program (round one). Mr. Carmen offered that the building will be gone and it will be a potentially buildable site at a future date.

Mr. Smith stated that when he bought the property, it was in terrible shape and he has cleaned it up repeatedly. It was noted that people use that area in the back as a dump site.

Mr. Carmen stated that the asbestos abatement work has been completed for round one; it should go out to bid this month. It was noted that the contract will come back for Council action in June and demolition would start. Mr. Carmen indicated that the building should be gone by July.

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

Agenda Item #30

Report from the Mayor regarding reappointments to the Water Pollution Control Board and the Board of Zoning Appeals.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the reappointments as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those

voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Reappointments to the Water Pollution Control Board include; Emily Smith, John Hass, Gary Kennelly, Robert Motz and Dr. Dell Jensen all with three (3) year terms to expire on April 30, 2013.

Karen Williams was reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five (5) year term expiring on April 30, 2014.

Agenda Item #31

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Lori Shafer, Broadway Historic District Chair for no parking signs (temporary no parking) to be placed at 1038 21st Street, 541 23rd Street, 2229 10th Avenue, 1021 22nd Street, 837 23rd Street and 700 22nd Street from 8:00 a.m to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 16, 2010 for the 2010 Broadway Tour of Homes.

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

Agenda Item #32

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request for a Street Closing at 4th Street between 11th Avenue and 4th Street (corner of 4th Street and 11th Avenue); along with a Sound Amplification permit for a graduation party to be held on Sunday, June 6, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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

Agenda Item #33

Report from the City Clerk regarding a Sound Amplification application for the Tri-City Jewish Center for Sunday, June 27, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for their Jewish Feast-ival.

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

Agenda Item #34

Report from the City Clerk regarding a Plaza Activity application from the District for their 2nd annual Lunchtime on the Plaza series to be held on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m.

to 1:00 p.m. during the late spring and summer, and a request for a waiver of the application and permit fees for the event.

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

Agenda Item #35

Items from the City Manager's Memorandum Packet.

Mr. Phillips made reference to information included in the memo packet regarding an updated Status Report on City Council Goals. Mr. Phillips discussed some highlights and major items of progress, which included; approving a balanced budget by the City Council in March; the City receiving a \$3.1 million dollar NSP1 Grant and Renaissance Rock Island receiving an \$18.1 million dollar grant with \$10 million dollars focused on Rock Island housing opportunities; progress on the design and utility relocation at the site of the new \$35 million dollar Metro Mass Transit facility; focus groups were conducted for the Safer Community Task Force; several new businesses started in the Downtown and the City assisted Rock Island Lubricants and City Limits with expansions; Deputy Chief Scott Harris was selected as the new Police Chief on May 1, 2010; and a new housing development at 30th Street and Blackhawk Road was approved.

Mr. Phillips noted that the Public Works annual report was included in the memo packet for Council's review.

City Manager Phillips stated that the City received notice from HUD regarding the final allocations for Community Development Block Grant funds. It was noted that it was actually an 8.4% increase (\$98,241.00) in additional block grant funding, which was over and beyond what was budgeted and allocated earlier. Mr. Phillips stated that the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is recommending that there be a proportional increase for all of those receiving it provided the agencies receive no more than what was requested.

City Manager Phillips indicated that there was a question that was raised in regards to the Community Marketing Survey concerning where the contacts were made and in what parts of the City. It was noted that the addresses were put on a map to show that contacts were made in all of the Wards in regards to the questions that were asked in the survey.

Alderman Brooks discussed a few phone calls he had received recently in regards to the new solid waste user fees.

Alderman Jones stated that this is the second year that he and his wife have participated in the Broadway Community Garden program. It was noted that Greenbush Neighborhood has also become involved with the Community Gardens. Alderman Jones stated that this is a very positive program for helping to beautify the neighborhoods, stimulating social interaction between neighbors and creating opportunities for recreational exercise and education.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that there is a new restaurant in an old building; it is Lee's on 14th Avenue. It was noted that the business is open Monday through Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Alderwoman Murphy stated that in several weeks, they will open for lunch and have longer hours. It was noted that Lee's on 14th Avenue serves a variety of breakfast items including waffles, pancakes, biscuits and gravy and gourmet French toast.

Agenda Item #36

Other Business

Linda Dothard of 1615 14th Street stepped forward. Ms. Dothard discussed City and community support for safe school routes.

Ms. Dothard stated that she was at the meeting as a parent and resident to obtain Council support to make sure that student walkers get to and from school safely. Ms. Dothard noted that due to school boundary changes and budget cuts, students will have to walk to and from school.

After much discussion, the Mayor stated that the City wants the children to be safe and the City will work with the schools. Mayor Pauley added that when the school plans come together, the Council would like to be updated so they can be involved.

Alderman Brooks stated that in the past, the Council and School Board met periodically and discussed future plans in regards to what is going on with the City and schools, and has worked cooperatively in the past to make the City better.

Mr. Phillips stated that the City has an excellent working relationship with the schools. Mr. Phillips added that the City will be happy to follow-up with the superintendent to schedule some meetings.

Agenda Item #37

Executive Session on Personnel.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Jones at 7:34 p.m. to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #38

Recess

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 8:01 p.m. A motion was made by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderman Conroy to recess to Monday, May 10, 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 Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 3, 2010
MINUTES**

The meeting was recessed at 8:02 p.m.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk