

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**September 20, 2010  
MINUTES**

Rock Island City Council met in regular session at 6:45 p.m. in 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 invited Boy Scout Pack 258 to come to the front of the chambers to help lead in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Alderwoman Murphy gave the Invocation.

**Agenda Item #5**

**Minutes of the Meeting of September 13, 2010.**

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of September 13, 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 on August 16<sup>th</sup>, construction began on the expansion and renovation of the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center. It was noted that for 35 years, the King Center has worked to build community, nurture dreams and change lives each and every day.

Mayor Pauley offered that the King Center's presence allows families that are striving to overcome the challenges of daily life an opportunity for hope and achievement. The Mayor added that the building is now undergoing a needed transformation to enhance its services and to be more of an effective resource for the community.

It was noted that the building will be renovated and expanded to provide more space for youth services including substance abuse prevention, job training, mentoring and after school activities. Mayor Pauley stated that the expansion will enable service to over 200 youth, which will be up from the current level of 65. It was noted that the community room will have capacity for over 500 at which the current level is 260. In addition, this space will provide an excellent resource for meetings, conferences and services that enhance and strengthen the community. Mayor Pauley stated that the project is expected to be completed by May of 2011.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Fall Fire Hydrant Flushing Program begins on Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that crews will be flushing hydrants for approximately a four (4) week period. The Mayor added that this program helps to maintain water quality standards and the fire protection system. It was noted that it is normal during flushing operations to experience brief periods of discolored water and low pressure.

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Mayor Pauley announced that free leaf bag distribution will begin on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that leaf bag distribution locations are posted on the City's website at [www.rigov.org](http://www.rigov.org) under "Important Links". The Mayor added that leaf bag pick-up will run from Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> through Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mayor Pauley stated that on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., everyone is invited to Longview Park at 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Rock Island to shop. The Mayor indicated that this will be a huge sale and will include everything from books, clothes, furniture, toys, food and more. It was noted that the rain date will be Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Pauley stated that for more information call 732-PARK.

Mayor Pauley offered that the Rock Island Preservation Society will hold a guided walking tour of Highland Park Historic District on Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. It was noted that the tour will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the intersection of 21<sup>st</sup> Street and 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Mayor added that after the tour, refreshments will be provided inside a Highland Park home that is undergoing a renovation. It was noted that this event is free.

Agenda Item #7

**Presentation by Keep Rock Island Beautiful.**

Carolyn Fuller, Director of Keep Rock Island Beautiful gave a summary of the organization's programs for the year.

Ms. Fuller stated that this year 754 volunteers worked to clean Rock Island streets and organized and provided supplies for the Downtown Cleanup, two (2) bike path cleanups, Xstream Cleanup, United Way Day of Caring and 15 neighborhood cleanups. It was noted that Keep Rock Island Beautiful has maintained 34 groups and individuals in the Adopt-A-Highway program. It was noted that the Keeping Rock Island Beautiful award continues and has been presented to numerous organizations, businesses and individuals that work to keep their properties free of litter or that have worked on recycling projects. Ms. Fuller commented that this spring, Keep Rock Island Beautiful began giving certificates to individuals or groups that were caught in the act of caring for the environment.

Ms. Fuller noted that this summer, they began an Adopt-An-Event program. It was noted that individuals and organizations that have events can come and pick up recycling bins. Ms. Fuller stated that recycling bins have been utilized for many events including the Schwiebert Riverfront Park grand opening, neighborhood fairs and District events. Ms. Fuller commented that Keep Rock Island Beautiful was presented with the Keep America Beautiful's President's Circle Recognition award for the past four (4) years and Keep Rock Island Beautiful has qualified to receive it again in December. Ms. Fuller stated that this year, Keep Rock Island Beautiful celebrated 25 years as an organization. Ms. Fuller added that the 1,871 volunteers of this organization have picked up approximately 48,269 pounds of trash from Rock Island streets and waterways.

Agenda Item #8

**Presentation of the 2010 Labor Day Parade Awards.**

Grace Shirk, who is a member of the Labor Day Parade Advisory Board and Mayor Pauley stepped to the podium for the 2010 Presentation of the Labor Day Parade Awards.

Ms. Shirk stated that the parade theme for this year's Labor Day Parade was "Learning Comes to Life." Ms. Shirk commented on the highlights of the parade. Ms. Shirk stated that there were over 155 entries this year. Ms. Shirk thanked everyone involved with the parade for making it safe and successful.

Ms. Shirk along with Mayor Pauley presented the 2010 Labor Day Parade Awards to the winning recipients.

The following are the winners of the 2010 Labor Day Parade Awards:

The Citizen's Choice Award winners were selected by various citizens watching the parade. The winners included; Attwood Antique Cars, Boy Scout Pack 258 from St. Pius Church, Keep Rock Island Beautiful, Denkmann Elementary School, Rock Island Center for Math and Science and Washington Junior High School.

The Council's Choice Award winners included; the Davenport Jaycee's, Ganson's Neighborhood Bakery & Café, Rock Island Conservation Club, Quad City PAWS: RI County Animal Care & Control, Comedy Sportz Quad Cities, U.S. Navy Seabee Veterans of America and the Rock Island Association of Retired Firefighters.

Blackhawk Chapter, A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois was the recipient of the Parade Committee's Choice Award. The Church of Peace, United Church of Christ received the Marshal's Choice Award for the best theme-related entry and Eugene Field Elementary School was the recipient of the Mayor's Cup Winner. All winners had their pictures taken with the Mayor.

Mayor Pauley congratulated all of the winners and everyone involved with the parade.

Agenda Item #9

**Proclamation declaring October, 2010 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.**

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring October, 2010 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Colleen Gilhooly who is a representative from Family Resources accepted, and thanked the City for the recognition of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Ms. Gilhooly stated that Schwiebert Riverfront Park is hosting an awareness event on October 16<sup>th</sup> and Ms. Gilhooly encouraged everyone to come to the event to support the efforts in raising this awareness.

Agenda Item #10

**A Special Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit at 4423 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Austin seconded 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 #11

**A Special Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit at 2300 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

It was moved by Alderman Foley, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy 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 #12

**A Special Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit at 100 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue.**

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded 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 #13

**A Special Ordinance declaring the current City owned patrol fleet as surplus and allowing for disposal.**

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

Agenda Item #14

**A Special Ordinance authorizing the acquisition of 15 residential properties in the City of Rock Island in the amount of \$13,896.70.**

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Brooks seconded 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 #15

**A Special Ordinance authorizing the acquisition of property at 602 8<sup>th</sup> Street.**

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, 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 #16

**A Special Ordinance amending a Special Ordinance by removal of the school zone and school zone signs in front of Immanuel Lutheran School at 3300 24<sup>th</sup> Street.**

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Conroy seconded 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 #17

**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 Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$2,724.00 to Sue and Dan Carothers for the building of a rain garden through the Rain Gardens for Rock Island Program. (273)
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,000.00 to Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home for the building of a rain garden through the Rain Gardens for Rock Island Program. (274)
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$4,130.00 to Tri City Blacktop, Inc. for Asphalt Street Repair at 1800 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 18 Hillcrest Ct., 325 20<sup>th</sup> Street and 1816 39<sup>th</sup> Street. (276)
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$14,131.63 to Langman Construction for repairs at 4518 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 4125 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue through the Sanitary Lateral Repair Program. (279)
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$2,954.00 to DrinkerBiddle&Reath L.L.P. for services provided for the Long Term Control Plan, Wet Weather Treatment System project. (280)
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #16 in the amount of \$340,293.99 to Williams/Valley Construction Management for services provided for the Schwiebert Riverfront Park project. (281)

Agenda Item #18

**Claims for the week of September 10 through September 16 in the amount of \$749,057.66.**

Alderman Conroy 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 #19

**Report from the Fire Department regarding the purchase of Dave Clark Headset Systems from RACOM Critical Communications in the amount of \$17,157.65.**

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 #20

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of a remanufactured transmission from Sexton Ford, Inc. in the amount of \$2,945.00.**

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

Agenda Item #21

**Report from the Fire Department regarding bids for the purchase of extrication equipment, recommending the bid be awarded to Sandry Fire Supply in the amount of \$42,315.00.**

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Foley to award the bid as recommended and authorize purchase. 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 #22

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding a State bid for purchase of 4,000 tons of Rock Salt at \$70.28 per ton from the North American Salt Company in the amount of \$281,120.00.**

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve participation in the state bid as recommended and authorize purchase. 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 #23

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the Public Works Street Garage, recommending the base bid less alternate number 1 be awarded to General Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$3,544,417.00.**

It was moved by Alderman Foley, seconded by Alderman Conroy to award the bid as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and authorize the Public Works Department to negotiate a price for the trash compactor relocation and come back to Council for approval of that price. 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 #24

**Report from the Fire Department regarding proposals for the cleaning and painting of Central Fire Station's basement walls and ceiling, recommending accepting the proposal from W.F. Scott Decorating in the amount of \$4,700.00.**

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, 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 #25

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding bids for the new website design and content management system vendor, recommending the bid be awarded to Civic Plus in the amount of \$27,932.00.**

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Austin seconded to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy inquired as to whether this item was something that didn't allow time for the City to do because of staffing levels or does the City not have anyone internally to do the work.

City Manager Phillips stated that this is a very specialized type of work to set up websites; there are firms that specialize in this particular line of work and the City does not have anyone in-house to do the work.

After discussion, 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 #26

**Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding a contract with the Holiday Inn Rock Island Hotel & Conference Center for the annual employee holiday luncheon in the amount of \$2,904.28.**

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy 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

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Conroy, Alderman Foley, 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 2011 Budget, recommending increasing the Fleet Services Fund in the amount of \$196,518.00.**

Alderman Foley moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the budget adjustment as recommended.

Discussion followed with Alderman Conroy inquiring as to what was the extra \$200,000.00 for. Public Works Director Bob Hawes stated that it was a carryover.

After more discussion, 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 #28

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request for assistance through the City's Façade Improvement Program for The Fort Armstrong.**

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve a façade improvement rebate for The Fort Armstrong in the amount of \$25,958.00 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 #29

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the Frances Willard and Rock Island Academy Safe Routes To School Travel Plan.**

It was moved by Alderman Foley seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the plan as recommended and request that the Rock Island/Milan School Board approve the plan at their September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. 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 #30

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request for the installation of a handicapped parking space at 1504 25<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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

Agenda Item #31

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request for the installation of a handicapped parking space at 1504 12<sup>th</sup> Street.**

Alderman Jones 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 Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenauer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #32

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request for the installation of a school speed limit on 11<sup>th</sup> Street between 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenues.**

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

Agenda Item #33

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request for the approval of the Frances Willard and Rock Island Academy Travel Plans with the installation of the components as stated in the report.**

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed with Alderman Jones inquiring as to whether the City was making any commitment in regards to the hybrid beacon that would be installed at 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue if the school district's grant was not successful.

Mr. Phillips stated that no City resources are committed by this action for the installation of the beacon or anything else.

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

Agenda Item #34

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Esquire Lodge 1648 located at 427 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue for parking to be permitted along both sides of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and North to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue for one day only on Friday, September 24, 2010 for a fundraiser.**

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

Agenda Item #35

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request for a Street Closing at 20½ Avenue between 17<sup>th</sup> Street and 21<sup>st</sup> Street on Sunday, October 31, 2010 from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for a haunted house for trick-or-treaters.**

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

Agenda Item #36

**Items from the City Manager's Memorandum Packet.**

City Manager Phillips inquired upon Finance Director Bill Scott to review the August Management Report that was included in the memo packet.

Mr. Scott stated that the City is five (5) months through this fiscal year and the target percentage is at 42%. It was noted that the General Fund revenues are above the target at 46% and expenditures are below target at 35%.

Mr. Scott discussed taxes and advised that there is a little improvement this month. The total shortfall has an increase of approximately \$100,000.00. It was noted that the change was in the utility tax. Mr. Scott stated that the sales taxes are slightly ahead of budget, but there is still a problem with the income and replacement taxes. It was noted that the income tax receipts remain at four (4) months behind in which the total due to the City from the State is over \$1 million dollars. Mr. Scott advised that there are no receipts in the replacement tax. Mr. Scott indicated that there should be some receipts in the next report, which will be an important indicator for the City for the remainder of the year.

Mr. Scott offered that the remaining funds are generally on target, which is at or below the benchmark of 42%. Mr. Scott advised that the audit for the fiscal year that ended on March 31<sup>st</sup> will be presented at Study Session on Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Phillips made reference to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) process regarding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Gaming fund allocations. It was noted that the recommendations will be coming to Council in the near future.

City Manager Phillips stated that earlier today, he made the announcement that he is planning to retire, which will be effective in October of 2011. Mr. Phillips stated that at that time, he will have completed 25 years of service with the City of Rock Island. Mr. Phillips advised that there

is a lot of work to do in the next year. Mr. Phillips noted that he plans to stay in Rock Island and still be involved in the community.

Mayor Pauley thanked Mr. Phillips for his 25 years of service with the City.

Alderman Conroy also thanked Mr. Phillips and appreciated all of the hard work he has done in the past years.

Alderwoman Murphy commented on the many arts and theater groups that the City has in the Downtown including two (2) art galleries, three (3) working artist studios, three (3) theater groups, soon to be four (4), two (2) recording studios, one (1) video production house, one (1) ballet company, one (1) framing gallery and two (2) annual events Downtown for the Gallery Hop.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that the Ballet Quad Cities is located at 613 17<sup>th</sup> Street. It was noted that they are celebrating their 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Alderwoman Murphy indicated that they have a ballet school and they are a professional ballet company. Alderwoman Murphy stated that they are the only professional ballet company between Chicago, Illinois and Omaha, Nebraska. It was noted that Ballet Quad Cities offers classes in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Modern Dance, Pilates and Adult Ballet. It was noted that their new performances run from October through next summer with the last performance being held in Lincoln Park.

Alderman Jones thanked Ed Hanna for all of his hard work on all of the travel plans for Rock Island/Milan School District #41.

Alderman Jones advised that the Highland Park walking tour is an opportunity to see a charming historic neighborhood. Alderman Jones stated that it is Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m., and anyone interested is to meet at 21<sup>st</sup> Street and 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Alderman Jones commented that the Greenbush Neighborhood Fair served approximately 500 to 600 people. Alderman Jones thanked all of the volunteers.

Alderman Foley stated that this is Fire Chief Doug Vroman's last meeting; he will be retiring. Alderman Foley thanked Fire Chief Vroman for his 29 years of service to the City and wished him well on his retirement.

Agenda Item #37

**Other Business**

Mr. Richard Hughes of Bettendorf, Iowa stepped forward. Mr. Hughes voiced concerns in regards to the lead contractor (Estes) for the Martin Luther King Center renovation and expansion project not hiring African American workers or subcontractors for the project.

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Alderman Brooks stated that Rock Island follows a bidding process, which is open to any company, with the lowest bidder usually being awarded the contract.

After more discussion, City Manager Phillips stated that there will be African Americans working on the Martin Luther King Center project because there will be many subcontractors. Mr. Phillips added that Estes has assured the City that it will seek African American workers for different stages of the project. Mr. Phillips stated that the City will continue to encourage that.

Agenda Item #38

**Executive Session on Property Acquisition, Personnel and Litigation.**

A motion was made by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Conroy at 7:55 p.m. to recess to Executive Session on matters of Property Acquisition, Personnel and Litigation. The motion 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.

Agenda Item #39

**Recess**

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 8:21 p.m. A motion was made by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderman Conroy to recess to Monday, October 4, 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 8:22 p.m.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk