

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 4, 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, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. City Manager John Phillips was also present. Alderman Stephen L. Tollenaer 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 September 17, Minutes of the Meeting of September 18 and Minutes of the Meeting of September 20, 2010.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of September 17, Minutes of the Meeting of September 18 and Minutes of the Meeting of September 20, 2010 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley advised that two (2) weeks ago, the City Council held their annual Goal Setting Session. The Mayor stated that the 2010-2011 Top Priority Goals include:

1. **Budget.** Make decisions on the property tax rates, service levels and adopt a balanced budget.
2. **Economic Development Strategic Plan.** Develop action steps related to the Strategic Plan and review and approve the plan.
3. **Campustown.** Work with business owners and Augustana College to develop a plan to increase business activity in the neighborhood of 30th Street and 14th Avenue.
4. **Safer Community Task Force.** Implement the recommendations of the Safer Community Task Force.
5. **Casino Area Development.** Take actions to support future development in the area near the Jumer's Casino and Hotel and the southwest area.
6. **Liquor License Modifications.** Consider changes in liquor licenses for license holders with the 3:00 a.m. extended hours option.

Mayor Pauley indicated that the High Priority Goals include:

1. **Negotiations and Compensation Policy.** Obtain collective bargaining agreements for all units for agreements expiring 2010 and 2011.
2. **Mill Creek.** Review options and develop a plan to address the flooding and environmental risks associated with the decision by the Corps of Engineers to cease the clean-out of Mill Creek South Slough.

3. **Economic Development Position.** Develop a position description and funding source for a new City position that would work to support the retention and growth of small businesses.
4. **Rental Housing Inspector.** Maintain staffing and funding and implement an incentive to encourage landlord training.
5. **Street Improvements Comprehensive Plan.** Develop comprehensive plan to do street improvements in concert with available funding.
6. **Market Rate Rental Property.** Review market and determine potential for development of a market rate rental complex.

Mayor Pauley indicated that the Management Top Priorities include:

1. **Management Succession Planning.** Plan for and implement as needed, the replacement of retiring management staff.
2. **New Police Headquarters.** Begin preliminary planning for the future construction of a modern police facility.
3. **First Army Strategy.** Implement a strategy to encourage civilians and uninformed personnel moving to the Quad Cities to consider Rock Island as home.
4. **Problem Properties.** Identify the worst and chronic violators of nuisance ordinances and develop a plan to focus enforcement to obtain compliance.
5. **Transient Boat Dock.** Apply for funding for a transient boat dock at Schwiebert Riverfront Park.

In addition, Mayor Pauley noted the Management High Priorities, which include:

1. **Emergency Communications System.** Seek funding for an 800 MHz radio system.
2. **Casino Area Development.** Obtain approvals for interchange modifications at IL92 and I-280.
3. **Highway 92 Corridor.** Seek federal and state funding for the IL 92 corridor project.

Mayor Pauley stated that today, Doug Scott, who is the Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) came to town to discuss the City's most recent brownfield projects that have been done and to discuss other projects on the horizon. Mayor Pauley indicated that the City has received over \$1.5 million dollars in grant funding from the IEPA and USEPA for environmental assessment and cleanup. Mayor Pauley advised that the City has a proactive approach to brownfields redevelopment, taking full advantage of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) programs including the Site Remediation Program.

Mayor Pauley advised that the City's brownfields redevelopment program includes 23 properties, which have been investigated and cleaned up or are in the process of investigation or cleanup. It was noted that to date, investment in these properties totals \$48.8 million dollars including \$33 million dollars from the private sector. The Mayor added that redevelopment of these sites has resulted in 425 jobs with another 45 jobs projected in the next three (3) years.

Agenda Item #7

United Way Presentation.

Special Projects Manager Sally Heffernan and City representative for the 2010 United Way Campaign stated that this is rally week for the City of Rock Island. Ms. Heffernan indicated that 19 presentations are scheduled between 7:30 a.m. this morning to 10:30 p.m. Saturday night. Ms. Heffernan noted that United Way supports many non-profit agencies in the Quad Cities. It was noted that United Way has also created programs to address unmet needs in the Community.

Mr. Bruce Pieper, a loaned executive volunteer from United Way thanked the City for their support last year and past years support. Mr. Pieper stated that the goal for the 2010 United Way Campaign is \$10 million dollars, which is approximately a 10% increase over funds raised last year.

Martin Luther King Center Director Jerry Jones discussed some of the King Center's programs that have benefitted from United Way. Mr. Jones noted that the King Center has been receiving United Way funds for their after school program for over 20 years. Mr. Jones commented that since that time, the afterschool program has expanded, and now serves over 130 kids a year. It was noted that this program had a budget of \$30,000.00, but it now has a budget of over \$200,000.00 and has expanded to include a summer camp, which serves over 200 children a year. In addition, the King Center is able to provide preventative services with United Way funds that serve over 1,100 kids every year. Mr. Jones advised that through these programs, youth improve their grades, master life skills and improve school attendance.

Mr. Jones stated that these programs provide consistency, a safe place to be and an opportunity to build relationships with responsible adults and the United Way has laid the groundwork for this. Mr. Jones stated that whatever amount anyone can give is much appreciated.

Ms. Heffernan stated that rally week will be followed by a cookout on Wednesday, October 13, 2010 in the City Parking Ramp. It was noted that this year, a chili cook-off will join the menu of hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, cookies, pop and water for just \$5.00.

Agenda Item #8

Presentation by Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson.

Mr. Nelson stated that last Thursday, he had the opportunity to represent the City at the 20th annual Convention and Visitors Bureau Celebration. Mr. Nelson stated that the City was presented with a partner recognition award for Schwiebert Riverfront Park. Mr. Nelson explained that a lot of people were involved in the process from the beginning of the idea for the park to the design and completion of the park.

Agenda Item #9

Proclamation declaring October, 2010 as Crime Prevention Month.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring October, 2010 as Crime Prevention Month.

Dylaan Bibbs who is a youth member on the board of the Community Caring Conference accepted the Proclamation. Ms. Bibbs thanked Council and invited Council to the 17th annual Quad City Hero Awards Banquet to be held on October 7, 2010 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Milan Community Center. It was noted that tickets may be purchased through the Community Caring Conference.

Agenda Item #10

Proclamation declaring October, 2010 as Douglas Park Place Month.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring October, 2010 as Douglas Park Place Month.

Ametra Carrol who is the Onsite Residential Coordinator for Douglas Park Place accepted and thanked the Mayor and City Council for the Proclamation. Ms. Carrol stated that Douglas Park Place Women's Recovery Home Program is a program that was organized for giving addicted women a purpose to be sober; to give women needed discipline; and to unite women with their children. Ms. Carrol added that the program accomplishes these areas through continued treatment, jobs and/or education.

Ms. Carrol stated that on October 8, 2010, Douglas Park Place Women's Recovery Home program will be celebrating its 3rd anniversary with an Open House at 720 9th Street. It was noted that the Open House will run from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a program beginning at 1:00 p.m. It was also noted that light refreshments would be served. For more information, please contact Ametra Carrol at (309) 373-1202 or Arthur Gillen at (309) 373-3923.

Agenda Item #11

A Special Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space at 1504 12th 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 Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #12

A Special Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space at 1504 25th Street.

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

Agenda Item #13

A Special Ordinance establishing a school speed limit and the installation of school speed limit signs on 11th Street between 9th to 11th Avenues.

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

Agenda Item #14

A Special Ordinance establishing a traffic travel plan for Frances Willard Elementary School and the Rock Island Academy.

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

Agenda Item #15

A Special Ordinance providing for the sale of property at 401 24th Street.

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

Agenda Item #16

A Special Ordinance providing for the sale of property at 2418 4th Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #17

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$4,175.95 to MRA-The Management Association, Inc. for City employee customer service training.
- b. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$6,818.45 to Konecky, Kutsunis and Weng for legal services rendered for September 2010.

- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$6,844.75 to Missman Stanley & Associates for construction observation and administration of the 2010 Parking Ramp Repairs project. (288)
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$13,310.00 to Foth Infrastructure & Environment L.L.C. for services provided for the Mill Creek South Slough Flood Protection Study. (289)
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$161,440.91 to McCarthy Improvement Company for services provided for the Turkey Hollow Road Resurfacing from Andalusia Road to the City Limits project. (290)
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #3 in the amount of \$211,117.43 to Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities, Inc. for services provided for 14th and 15th Street Reconstruction: South of Blackhawk Road. (291)
- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$8,947.18 to Electric Pump, Inc. for the rebuilding of a KSB pump and motor. (292)

Agenda Item #18

Claims for the week of September 17 through September 30 in the amount of \$2,430,669.86.

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

Agenda Item #19

Payroll for the weeks of September 6 through September 19 in the amount of \$1,239,881.14.

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

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of snow plow parts, recommending the bid be awarded to Bonnell Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$16,838.60.

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

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Public Works Department, Community and Economic Development Department and the Parks and Recreation Department regarding a Local Agency agreement for federal participation for phase one design services for the Children's Garden at the Quad City Botanical Center.

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

Agenda Item #22

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a proposal from McClure Engineering for construction inspection services related to the removal of City water and sewer utilities at the site of MetroLink's new operations and maintenance facility east of the Quad Cities Industrial Center.

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

Agenda Item #23

Report from the Finance Department regarding a Resolution of the City of Rock Island, Illinois declaring its official intent to reimburse certain capital expenditures from the proceeds of future debt issues.

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

Agenda Item #24

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget, recommending increasing the Stormwater Utility Fund in the amount of \$14,124.00.

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

Agenda Item #25

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Sally Johnson and Todd Batey, Batey, LTD (timber company) to apply for a Special Use Permit to continue to allow hunting on Turkey and Little Turkey Island.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to allow for the application of the Special Use Permit as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #26

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request for the installation of stop signs at 6th Street and 15th Avenue.

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

Note: The original printed motion for Agenda Item #26 was to deny the request.

Agenda Item #27

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Martinis on the Rock to hold a fundraising event outside with music on Sunday, October 10, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

It was moved by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the outdoor event as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations and subject to being closed down early if noise complaints are received. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #28

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Phil Scott to continue to hang a banner for an additional 60 days to advertise the Sea Turtle apartment at 2104 4th Avenue.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the 60 extension as recommended expiring on November 12, 2010. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #29

Items from the City Manager's Memorandum Packet.

City Manager Phillips stated that included in the memo packet is information on the status of the Fire Chief recruitment. It was noted that the City received 43 applications for the position and it

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has been narrowed down to five (5) applications. Mr. Phillips stated that interviews are being conducted this week. Mr. Phillips added that from this process, it will be narrowed down to two (2) or three (3) finalists and then there will be another round of interviews conducted. Mr. Phillips indicated that he hopes to have the recommendation for the selection of the next Fire Chief by mid November or no later than the end of this calendar year. It was noted that Fire Marshal Jeff Hindman will serve as Interim Fire Chief beginning October 5, 2010.

Mr. Phillips made reference to an article included in the memo packet regarding the Façade Program.

Mr. Phillips stated that included in the memo packet is information regarding the Community Development Block Grant funding requests and Gaming funding requests that have gone to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). It was noted that the recommendations will be presented next week. Mr. Phillips advised that the recommendations will be included for Council consideration the following week.

Alderman Foley congratulated Alleman High School and Rock Island High School on their 6-0 Football records thus far this season.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that C & J Upholstery is located at 600 15th Street. Alderwoman Murphy indicated that they specialize in all types of auto upholstery, but they also provide furniture upholstery services. It was noted that C & J Upholstery is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Saturdays by appointment only.

Agenda Item #30

Other Business

Timothy Dooling of 832 14½ Street voiced concerns regarding Quad Citizens Affirming Diversity in regards to Community Develop Block Grant funding and Gaming funds.

Agenda Item #31

Executive Session on Litigation.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Jones at 7:30 p.m. to recess to Executive Session on matters of Litigation. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #32

Recess

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 7:40 p.m. A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recess to Monday, October 11, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks,

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

The meeting was recessed at 7:41 p.m.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk