

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 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 November 8, 2010.

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of November 8, 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 Rock Island's Advanced Technology and Sustainability Consortium is seeking nominations for the 2010 Mark W. Schwiebert Sustainability Leadership Award. The Mayor advised that businesses, organizations and individuals that have demonstrated outstanding leadership in sustainable initiatives are eligible. It was noted that the award was created to honor former Mayor Schwiebert for his 20 years of service to Rock Island and for his work in the area of sustainable initiatives. Mayor Pauley stated that nominations may be submitted through email to Mary Chappell at chappell.mary@rigov.org or send the nominations to City Hall, 1528 Third Avenue. It was noted that the deadline for nominations is November 29, 2010.

Mayor Pauley offered that on Wednesday, November 10th, Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation (GROWTH) hosted a groundbreaking for the new Jackson Square development, located at 321 24th Street. It was noted that Jackson Square is one of GROWTH's largest redevelopment efforts to date, building upon the success of previous multifamily developments. The Mayor added that this adaptive reuse project has been named after the owners of Illinois Oil Products building as a tribute to their involvement in the history of this circa 1922 structure. In addition, it is a local landmark. Mayor Pauley commented that the \$8.4 million dollar investment will help to establish 30 residential rental units and 3,700 square feet for future commercial space.

Mayor Pauley advised that once complete, Jackson Square will feature spacious units for families and households who desire to live near work. Jackson Square is situated at the foot of the Arsenal Bridge and the site is close to many local employers. It is also located along a major transportation thoroughfare and will allow residents to easily access many amenities by virtue of

its urban setting. Mayor Pauley stated that the units to be developed include three (3) one-bedroom (830 sq.ft.), 17 two-bedroom (925 sq.ft.) and 10 three-bedroom / two-bathroom (1300 sq.ft.) units. It was noted that the rent will range from \$432.00 to \$875.00. The Mayor added that households eligible to live on the site can earn up to 120% of the Area Median Income (e.g. \$81,250.00 for a family of four).

Mayor Pauley indicated that the Mississippi Valley Blues Society (MVBS) will present the duo of Hal Reed and Ellis Kell in a free public performance at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 18th at the Rock Island Public Library as part of its annual Artist in Residency Series. It was noted that the public performance will be held in the Main Library Community Room at 401 19th Street and it is part of the MVBS "Blues in the Schools" week, which brings blues music and education to 10 schools and two (2) public performance sites.

Mayor Pauley stated that to celebrate the opening of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1, the library will host a Harry Potter Party on Tuesday, November 16th at the Main Library. Mayor Pauley indicated that everyone can enjoy games, crafts and food beginning at 6:00 p.m. It was noted that ages 9 to 11 can meet in the Children's Room and ages 12 to 18 can meet in the Community Room. It was noted that the cost is free.

Agenda Item #7

A Special Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit at 2500 4th Avenue.

It was moved by Alderman Jones, 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 #8

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

- a. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$21,215.07 to Califf and Harper, P.C. for legal services rendered for the months of September and October 2010.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$4,962.25 to Langman Construction for repairs made at 2221 20½ Avenue under the Sanitary Lateral Repair Program. (333)

- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$13,380.70 to Tri City Electric Company of Iowa for services provided for the Fiber Optic Cable Phase 4-B project. (334)
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$6,865.20 to Advanced Environmental for services provided for the Martin Luther King Center Asbestos Removal project. (335)
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$129,985.46 to Hoerr Construction, Inc. for services provided for the 2010 Joint Sanitary/Storm Sewer Lining project. (336)

Agenda Item #9

Claims for the week of November 5 through November 11 in the amount of \$1,135,016.22.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Tollenaer 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 #10

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of a new radiator from Truck Country, Inc. in the amount of \$2,759.07.

It was moved by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderman Tollenaer 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 #11

Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding a contract for Labor Counsel Services with Califf and Harper, recommending a one-year extension at the rate of \$175.00 per hour for Mr. Eggers and \$110.00 per hour for an associate for calendar year 2011.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the one-year extension 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 Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley.

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an intergovernmental agreement for completing an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing.

It was moved by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderman Brooks to approve the agreement as recommended and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk 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 #13

Report from General Administration regarding a proposed Strategic Marketing Plan and modified Marketing Services Proposal from UpStream.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to approve the Strategic Marketing Plan and the modifications to the Marketing Services Proposal as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy stated that he would be voting no to this item due to looking at next year's budget and what the City may have to do in the future. Alderman Conroy noted that some areas may need to be cut in regards to next year's budget.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, Alderman Brooks Alderman Conroy.

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Board of Local Improvements regarding a Special Assessment Ordinance for improvements to 26th Avenue between 32nd and 34th Streets.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to consider and schedule for a second reading. 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.

Note: A second reading will be held on Monday, November 22, 2010 for final consideration.

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Board of Local Improvements regarding a Special Assessment Ordinance for improvements to 34th Avenue Court, east of 12th Street.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to consider and schedule for a second reading. 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.

Note: A second reading will be held on Monday, November 22, 2010 for final consideration.

Agenda Item #16

Report from General Administration regarding the appointment of Jim Fobert to the position of Rock Island Fire Chief effective Tuesday, November 16, 2010.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the appointment 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.

Council congratulated Mr. Fobert on his appointment to the position of Rock Island Fire Chief. Mr. Phillips also congratulated Jim Fobert and thanked Jeff Hindman who served in the capacity as interim Fire Chief.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request (neighborhood petition) to prohibit truck traffic on 10th Avenue between 30th and 34th Street.

Note: Agenda Item #17 was originally deferred for two weeks at the Monday, November 1, 2010 Council Meeting. A ***Motion remained on the floor*** (Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Brooks seconded to approve the request and refer to the City Attorney for an Ordinance:

Alderman Brooks removed his second. With no other Alderman seconding the motion, the motion died for lack of a second.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request (neighborhood petition) to change the North/South yield signs on 44th Street and 22nd Avenue to stop signs and to install a four-way stop at the intersection of 42nd Street and 22nd Avenue.

Note: The printed motion was to deny the request.

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Brooks to approve changing the North/South yield signs on 44th Street and 22nd Avenue to stop signs and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Alderman Austin stated that there were two (2) components to this request; the other was to create a four-way stop at the intersection of 42nd Street and 22nd Avenue. Alderman Austin commented that this component of the request is in the southeast corner of Denkmann School. Alderman Austin indicated that he had visited with the principal of the school and others and it was determined that at this point in time creating a stop would not be in the school's best interest.

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 #19

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to ban parking on the south side of 16th Avenue from 20th to 22nd Street from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on school days and install stop signs at 16th Avenue and 22nd Street eastbound and westbound.

Note: The printed motion was to deny the request.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Brooks seconded to approve banning parking on the south side of 16th Avenue from 20th to 22nd Street from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on school days and install stop signs at 16th Avenue and 22nd Street eastbound and westbound.

Discussion followed. Alderman Jones inquired upon Jill Doak (City staff) to comment on where the nature of both requests came from.

Ms. Doak stated that this is a follow-up to the Rock Island Center for Math and Science travel plan, which the Council adopted this past May. Ms. Doak advised that the travel team had a follow-up meeting in September. It was noted that a number of items were identified by the committee and the Traffic Engineering Committee approved several of the items. Ms. Doak commented that these two (2) requests were not approved.

Ms. Doak stated that in regards to the ban on parking on 16th Avenue on the south side, there are approximately three (3) lanes of traffic. It was noted that the north side is always parked up at school dismissal time. Ms. Doak commented that if there is a car on the south side, it makes it difficult to get through there. It was noted that it is all one-way headed west bound. Ms. Doak added that there are a lot of pedestrians and cars and it is a traffic safety issue to not have parking on the south side of that street.

Ms. Doak stated that the second request regarding the stop sign is due to it being the major entrance to the school and there is not a stop sign east and west on 16th Avenue.

Council discussed these two (2) requests as it relates to opposition to the stop sign and safety issues as it relates to the ban on parking on the south side of 16th Avenue.

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 #20

Items from the City Manager's Memorandum Packet.

City Manager Phillips stated that included in the memo packet is a copy of a memorandum that was sent to department heads last week related to the budget process. Mr. Phillips advised that this information is to give Council an early indication of the process that the City is going through to make sure that the City structures a balanced General Fund Budget for the coming year. Mr. Phillips indicated that the first cut showed a shortfall of \$2.4 million dollars. It was noted that after working on the budget last week, there is approximately a \$2 million dollar gap. Mr. Phillips

added that there is a lot of work to do to narrow the gap between revenues and expenses for the coming year.

Mr. Phillips stated that staff will come to Council next week to discuss the tax levy. It was noted that on December 6th, staff will have more information for Council consideration on options to consider for increases in fees or cuts in costs.

City Manager Phillips noted that information is included in the memo packet regarding the selection of the Commercial Beautification Awards. It was noted that staff is interested in getting Council's vote for the awards.

Mr. Phillips reminded Council of the College Hill District meeting to be held on Wednesday November 17th.

Mr. Phillips stated that information is also included in the memo packet regarding Police and Fire pension reform. Mr. Phillips indicated that this is information that the City continues to share with the legislators urging them to make modifications to Police and Fire pensions for new hires and is similar to what they have done for all other pension programs in Illinois.

Alderman Foley stated that on Saturday, November 13th, he attended the Division three; Regional Cross Country Meet held at Saukie Golf Course. Alderman Foley thanked the Parks Department and stated it was a great event.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated to shop the City of Rock Island Parks and Recreation Department when shopping for Christmas gifts. Alderwoman Murphy commented that golf passes are available for Saukie and Highland Springs Golf courses, gift certificates for Whitewater Junction for the summer and at Saukie Golf Course, one may purchase gifts at Santa's Pro Shop.

Agenda Item #21
Other Business

Ms. Dameion Watkins of 1907 5th Avenue formerly recorded as 429 19th Street stepped forward. Ms. Watkins voiced concerns regarding the TIF project at 1706 3rd Avenue. Ms. Watkins was also concerned in regards to the address at 1923 5th Avenue-Immanuel Lutheran Church formerly recorded as 425 19th Street. Ms. Watkins was concerned that the developer is not who he says he is. Ms. Watkins indicated that when two (2) addresses that equal a whole block, which includes a church is turned into something else, it is a misuse in a restricted covenant. In addition, Ms. Watkins also voiced concerns regarding several complaints she made to the Inspections Department regarding 1907 5th Avenue and information in regards to the Freedom of Information Act that she requested on October 27, 2010 and November 1, 2010.

Alderman Conroy stated that he would like a follow - up report on this issue and inquired as to when the information could be submitted. City Manager Phillips stated that next week information could be provided to Council.

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Agenda Item #22

Executive Session on Personnel and Property Acquisition.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy at 7:14 p.m. to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel and Property Acquisition. 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 #23

Recess

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 7:51 p.m. A motion was made by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderman Jones to recess to Monday, November 22, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:52 p.m.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk