

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:00 p.m. in the Personnel Conference Room of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley, presiding, and Aldermen P. J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager John Phillips, Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne, Finance Director Bill Scott, Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson, other City staff, Tara Barney, Chief Executive Officer from the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce, Rick Baker, President and Chief Operating Officer from the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce, Ian Frink, Board member on Quad Cities First and other representatives from the Quad Cities Chamber and Quad Cities First. Alderman Terry M.A. Brooks I arrived at 5:07 p.m. and Alderman David Conroy arrived at 5:06 p.m.

### **PRESENTATION BY QUAD CITIES CHAMBER - QUAD CITIES FIRST**

City Manager John Phillips inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne to introduce representatives of the Quad Cities Chamber and Quad Cities First and discuss how this ties in with the City's economic development strategy and efforts in Rock Island.

Mr. Champagne stated that one of the strategies included in the economic draft strategic plan that was brought to Council this past September was to work in partnership with area organizations that share the same mission. Mr. Champagne advised that three (3) important reasons to partner with other organizations includes; to help pool resources with agencies throughout the region; to tap into expertise that may not be available on staff; and to help the City network with other economic development professionals and other organizations throughout the region. Mr. Champagne stated that the City has been a part of and supported Quad Cities First (formally the Quad City Development Group) over the years. It was noted that the change in leadership and change in direction in the organization has been positive.

Mr. Ian Frink (Crawford Company), a board member on Quad Cities First indicated that the Quad Cities First model is somewhat better than the former Quad City Economic Development Group model. Mr. Frink advised that from the business community standpoint, there is a need to look at things collectively to see the Quad Cities as a whole. Mr. Frink concluded that Rock Island is appreciated as well as other communities.

Ms. Barney provided Council with an update on what has happened in the last year and what can be expected looking towards the future. Ms. Barney advised that Quad Cities First is a business attraction effort. Ms. Barney stated that when they were asked to help transition from the Quad City Development Group to a new model, they looked at one that would have a board comprised of folks that would really focus on how to use the resources that are available to Quad Cities First. Ms. Barney discussed strategic marketing of the Quad Cities region in regards to gaining attention of target companies, industries, site selectors and other opportunities.

Ms. Barney acknowledged that they have a new Quad Cities website with new features including mapping and improved building and site information. It was noted that individual buildings will be marketed at sites in Rock Island and the Quad Cities that best suit targeted industry groups.

Ms. Barney commented that there will be new aerial maps of individual properties, highlighting boundaries and infrastructure. Ms. Barney explained that in shifting resources, a sales professional will be put in place to actively go on the road selling and working in targeted industry areas that have been identified to look at opportunities in regards to additional investment in this region.

Ms. Barney also discussed trade shows as it relates to targeted industries, distributing bi-monthly newsletters in regards to site selectors and elevating international recruitment efforts with states and existing multi-national corporations as it relates to strengthening relationships.

Mr. Baker discussed leads, advanced manufacturing, strengths in industry areas and business and expansion as it relates to existing businesses.

Ms. Barney discussed numbers as it relates to meetings held with potential prospects, site selector visits, trade shows attended and projects generated.

Council discussed the business components of creation, expansion and retention, and overall economic activity as it relates to today's economy and the direction that the new company is taking.

## **PROPOSED TAX LEVY**

City Manager John Phillips stated that at this time each year, staff inquires upon Council to go on record suggesting that it is not the intention of the City to increase the Property Tax Levy more than 5%. Therefore, a public hearing would not be required.

Mr. Phillips inquired upon Finance Director Bill Scott to review the Truth in Taxation report. Mr. Scott explained that meetings have been held in regards to the 2011/2012 budget and initially, the budget review focused on the projected gap in the General Fund, which was \$2.4 million dollars. Mr. Scott indicated that staff has held more meetings and made some adjustments, but there is still a significant deficit. It was noted that the schedule on the adoption of the Property Tax Levy is December 20, 2010. Mr. Scott stated that the Truth in Taxation documents have to be certified and this is why a public meeting is held to indicate that it is not the intention of the City to increase the Tax Levy more than 5%.

Mr. Scott then referred to the charts in the report, and explained to Council that the General Fund operations levy has gone down over time and the other components of the levy have gone up, which include Library and Parks operations and pension funds. Mr. Scott indicated that the City has consistently reduced the property tax rates over the years. It was noted that the City's portion of the total tax bill has been declining. Mr. Scott then referred to the draft levy in the report, and commented that the maximum amount that the levy could be increased without having a public hearing would provide an additional \$135,000.00 for General Fund operations; both pension funds would go up over \$300,000.00; Library would increase \$57,000.00 and Parks would go up \$51,000.00. Mr. Scott advised that the total increase would be \$558,000.00 and the current rate would go from 2.38% to 2.46%.

After more discussion regarding the Property Tax Levy, Mr. Phillips stated that the first draft of a list of budget options would come back to Council on December 6<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that there is a lot of work left to be done.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy 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. The meeting was recessed at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:35 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion made by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to adjourn the meeting 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 adjourned at 6:36 p. m.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

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 15, 2010.**

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of November 15, 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 congratulated the Alleman Pioneers. It was noted that next Friday night at 7:00 p.m., they will go in for the state championship game against Rochester.

Mayor Pauley advised that Rock Island City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. It was noted that Refuse Collection and Curbside Recycling will be one day late on Thursday and Friday; the Rock Island Public Libraries will close at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday and re-open at their normal time on Friday. Mayor Pauley commented for everyone to have a happy and safe Thanksgiving Holiday.

Mayor Pauley indicated that under a new name, the annual Rock Island Police and Firefighters at Christmas event will be held Thursday, December 2, 2010. It was noted that Police officers and Firefighters will assist economically disadvantaged Rock Island students in purchasing Christmas gifts for members of their families. Mayor Pauley stated that volunteers are needed to assist with the shopping and to wrap gifts while the student shoppers eat dinner. It was noted that volunteers will be needed from 3:45 p.m. to about 7:30 p.m. at the Moline Wal-Mart. Mayor Pauley advised to contact Doris Quigley at 732-2900 to volunteer or for more information.

Mayor Pauley indicated that free leaf collection will end Friday, December 3, 2010. It was noted that leaf bags are still available for pick-up at various locations, including City Hall and the King Center.

Mayor Pauley advised that together with the Center for Economic Progress, the King Center offers free tax assistance from January to April. It was noted that tax site assistants are needed for a variety of tasks and no tax experience is necessary. The Mayor added that last year,

volunteers helped bring \$1.5 million dollars back to the Quad Cities by helping at the King Center tax site. It was noted that volunteers will need to commit at least 20 hours during tax season. Mayor Pauley stated that to register to volunteer or for more information, please contact the King Center at 732-2999, now through Mid-January.

Agenda Item #7

**Proclamation declaring the month of December as Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month.**

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring the month of December as Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month.

Agenda Item #8

**A Special Ordinance establishing a two-way stop intersection at the intersection of 44<sup>th</sup> Street and 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue with the installation of stop signs.**

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, 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 #9

**A Special Ordinance amending a Special Ordinance establishing a No Parking zone on the south side of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Street from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on school days and establishing a stop intersection with the installation of stop signs at the intersection of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street eastbound and westbound.**

Alderman Jones 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 #10

**CLAIMS**

It was moved by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderman Brooks 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 \$5,034.59 to Langman Construction for repairs made at 1323 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue under the Sanitary Lateral Repair Program. (342)

- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #5 in the amount of \$472,639.53 to Valley Construction for services provided for the 14<sup>th</sup> Street: 35<sup>th</sup> to 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue: 14<sup>th</sup> Street to Watch Hill Road project. (343)
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #4 and final in the amount of \$22,657.69 to Langman Construction for services provided for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Resurfacing: 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Street project. (344)
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #4 and final in the amount of \$32,336.50 to Langman Construction for services provided for 22½ Avenue Resurfacing from 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> Streets. (345)
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #17 in the amount of \$151,893.22 to Williams/Valley Construction Management for services provided for the Schwiebert Riverfront Park project. (346)
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 and final in the amount of \$71,579.88 to Miller Trucking and Excavating, Inc. for services provided for the 45<sup>th</sup> Street Utility Removal project. (347)

Agenda Item #11

**Claims for the week of November 12<sup>th</sup> through November 18<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$1,693,001.05.**

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 #12

**Payroll for the weeks of November 1<sup>st</sup> through November 14<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$1,199,911.07.**

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

Agenda Item #13

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding an amendment to the agreement with Symbiont for additional engineering services related to the proposed wet weather treatment system at the Mill Street wastewater treatment facility in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00.**

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the amendment 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 #14

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding an amendment to the agreement with Foth Infrastructure and Environment, L.L.C. for additional engineering services related to the Mill Creek South Slough Protection Study in an amount not to exceed \$16,500.00.**

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer, seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the amendment as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed with Alderman Tollenaer stating that a lot of hard work was put into this to protect the stakeholder's property on the north side of Andalusia Road. Alderman Tollenaer commended staff for their hard 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 #15

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

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to consider 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

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

It was moved by Alderman Foley, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to consider 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

**Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget, recommending increasing the Debt Service Fund, Water Operation Fund, Wastewater Operation Fund, Sunset Marina Fund and Park & Recreation Fund budgets in the amount of \$66,878.40.**

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

Agenda Item #18

**Report from General Administration regarding the cancellation of the City Council meeting on Monday, January 3, 2011.**

It was moved by Alderman Foley, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the cancellation as recommended and authorize staff to take the necessary actions to notify the public and the media of the cancellation. 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 Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from William Jetter Jr. to apply for a Special Use Permit to operate a used car lot and a parts locator service at 200 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

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

Agenda Item #20

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to install a stop sign on 14<sup>th</sup> Street at 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue creating a 3-way stop at this intersection.**

Note: The printed motion was whether or not to deny the request.

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

Agenda Item #21

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to install 4-way stop signs at the intersection of Watch Hill Road and Woodley Drive.**

Note: The printed motion was whether or not to deny the request.

It was moved by Alderman Foley, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the request and refer to the City Attorney for an Ordinance.

Discussion followed with Alderman Foley stating that he had talked to a lot of the residents in the Watch Hill area and they really want the stop signs due to a lot of children living in the area and due to the new rehabilitated roads.

Mayor Pauley stated that there was a long list of signatures of people that really want these stop signs.

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 #22

**Report from the City Clerk regarding requests from the businesses in the area of 14<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Streets to decorate street posts, trees, place signage in the City's right-of-way, place trash receptacles at six area businesses and requesting Police presence for traffic control for a Holiday Festival to be held on December 11, 2010.**

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Austin seconded to approve the request for decorating the street posts, trees and placing signage in the City's right-of-way as recommended and authorize staff to place trash receptacles in front of the six businesses as stated in the report, subject to the businesses contacting the Police Department for traffic control, providing the proper insurances, removing the signage by December 13<sup>th</sup>, removing the decorative bows by December 28<sup>th</sup> and all other decorations by January 3, 2011. 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 City Clerk regarding an activity application for the St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on Saturday, March 12, 2011 beginning at 11:30 a.m., and a Resolution authorizing the use of a portion of 15<sup>th</sup> Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to the Centennial Bridge.**

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the event as recommended and adopt the resolution. 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

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

City Manager Phillips made reference to information included in the memo packet regarding a list of issues that will be coming before Council for discussion and consideration.

Mr. Phillips advised that a follow-up report that was promised to Ms. Watkins last week at the Council meeting will be ready on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

City Manager Phillips inquired upon Finance Director Bill Scott to review the October Management Report.

Mr. Scott advised that there was not a lot of change in October from September. It was noted that the benchmark is 58%. Mr. Scott stated that in the General Fund, revenues are reported at 59% and expenditures at 49%. Mr. Scott indicated that there has not been a lot of movement in the taxes that are tracked; it is stable compared to September. Mr. Scott advised that staff did not have the numbers for the Income tax when this report was put together. It was noted that the Department of Revenue website was checked and instead of a slight surplus, the report would have showed a slight shortfall of \$8,675.00. Mr. Scott commented that there is no distribution for the month of November for Replacement tax; it stayed the same. It was noted that the Sales tax is down a little and \$40,000.00 was picked up in September for the Utility tax. Mr. Scott advised that overall, taxes changed downward about \$44,000.00 for September.

Alderman Austin reminded everyone to shop Rock Island. Alderman Austin stated that when Council approved a Special Use Permit for Joy Murphy (Alderwoman), it allowed for one open house day per year for Aunt Joy's Personalized Christmas Stockings. Alderman Austin stated that Aunt Joy's Christmas Open House will be held on Saturday, November 27, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Joy Murphy's home and shop at 4502 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Alderman Austin commented that there will be over 250 stockings to choose from and they can be personalized free while one waits.

Alderman Brooks inquired upon Martin Luther King Center Director Jerry Jones to update Council on this year's Martin Luther King Center Thanksgiving Dinner.

Mr. Jones stated that the Thanksgiving Dinner was held at the Second Baptist Church. Mr. Jones commented that there were approximately 188 volunteers and over 5,000 plates of food served. Mr. Jones thanked Second Baptist Church for the use of the building and the volunteers for their hard work.

Agenda Item #25

**Other Business**

Mr. Timothy Dooling of 832 14½ Street #1 stepped forward. Mr. Dooling voiced concerns regarding issues surrounding Quad Citians Affirming Diversity.

Agenda Item #26

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

An Executive Session was held prior to the Regular Meeting.

Agenda Item #27

**Recess**

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Brooks to recess to Monday, December 6, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote:

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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 7:12 p.m.

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