

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 16, 2011
MINUTES**

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen, Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present was Heidi Voorhees, President of Voorhees and Associates. Alderman Jason W. Jones arrived at 5:15 p.m. Alderman Stephen L. Tollenaer and City Manager John Phillips were absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 5:07 p.m.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:22 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Foley to adjourn the meeting 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. The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

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 May 9, 2011.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Brooks to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of May 9, 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 #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center cordially invites the community to the grand opening of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center's Expansion/Renovation on Tuesday, May 24, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. It was noted that the ribbon cutting ceremony will begin at 3:30 p.m., followed by tours and hors d'oeuvres.

Mayor Pauley indicated that the annual Keep Rock Island Beautiful Bike Path Cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2011. The Mayor added that all volunteers will meet at the City parking lot at the corner of 20th Street and 1st Avenue at 8:00 a.m. It was noted that the cleanup is usually completed by 11:00 a.m., and all cleanup supplies will be provided. The Mayor advised to call Carolyn at 786-1334 for more information.

Mayor Pauley advised that the American Heart Association's 2011 Quad Cities Start! Heart Walk will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2011. It was noted that this bi-state event educates the QC area about the risk factors of cardiovascular diseases and stroke, and what can be done to prevent them. Mayor Pauley stated that while there is no cost to participate, walkers are encouraged to raise funds, which will support medical research and educational programs. It was noted that a festival in The District will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the Walk will start at 9:00 a.m. The Mayor added that at the finish line; enjoy live entertainment, healthy snacks and educational activities. Mayor Pauley stated that for more information and to sign-up, please visit www.quadcitiesheartwalk.org.

Mayor Pauley advised to join with CMB Regional Centers LLC to celebrate the open house and ribbon cutting of the Rock Island Auction Company on Wednesday, May 18, 2011. It was noted that the ribbon cutting will take place at 3:30 p.m. and the open house is from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 7819 42nd Street West.

Mayor Pauley indicated that St. Anthony's Nursing and Rehabilitation Center's grand opening celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on May 18, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. at 767 30th Street.

Agenda Item #7

Presentation of the Rock Island Historic Preservation Awards.

Ms. Linda Anderson representing the Rock Island Preservation Society stated that May is National Historic Preservation Month. Ms. Anderson noted that the theme for this year is "Celebrate America's Treasures." Ms. Anderson advised that on Sunday, May 22, 2011, the Rock Island Preservation Society and Highland Park Historical District Neighborhood Association will host a neighborhood walking tour of Highland Park. Ms. Anderson added that this tour is free and open to the public. It was noted that the tour will be held from noon to 2:30 p.m.

Ms. Anderson inquired upon Mayor Pauley to join her at the podium for the award ceremony. It was noted that there was only one award this year. Ms. Anderson and the Mayor then presented Jim and Pat Lerch of 1424 45th Avenue with the award for outstanding home restoration.

Agenda Item #8

Proclamation declaring May 15 through May 21, 2011 as QC In Motion Week.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation. Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson thanked the Mayor and City Council for the Proclamation. Mr. Nelson advised that QC In Motion Week is a large scale event by a number of agencies throughout the Quad Cities that are working together to promote fun events and encourage people to be physically active.

Agenda Item #9

Proclamation declaring the week of May 16 through May 20, 2011 as Small Business Week.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation. Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne thanked the Mayor and City Council for the Proclamation. Mr. Champagne stated that in addition to the Proclamation, staff is also announcing a Business Recognition Program.

Mr. Champagne advised that this is one of the strategies that Council approved in the Economic Development Strategic Plan late last year. Mr. Champagne commented that over the next year, staff will be talking with businesses in the community to find out more information about those businesses. It was noted that the idea is that next year during National Small Business Week, the City will honor those businesses with some sort of celebration. Mr. Champagne advised that this is another way to outreach and communicate with businesses in Rock Island.

Agenda Item #10

A Special Ordinance establishing a no parking zone on the north side of 11th Avenue from 40th Street west to the alley.

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

Agenda Item #11

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 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 \$3,086.56 to Doug Bateman for General Liability Claim.
- b. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,536.90 to Paper 101 for copier paper.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$5,814.31 to Davenport Electric Contract Company for services provided for repairs to various street lighting circuits. (117)
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$5,134.49 to Davenport Electric Contract Company for services provided for repairs to various street lighting circuits. (137)

Agenda Item #12

Claims for the week of May 6th through May 12th in the amount of \$1,293,366.18.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Conroy 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 #13

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2011 Joint Pavement Marking Program, recommending the bid be awarded to Peterson Parking Lot Striping, Inc. in the amount of \$64,915.80.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a proposal from Missman, Stanley and Associates for services related to a wetlands mitigation project on City owned property on Ridgewood Road.

Note: Agenda Item #14 was tabled at the May 9, 2011 Council meeting.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Foley to take Item #14 off of the table and put back on the Agenda. 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.

It was then moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Brooks 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 #15

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an agreement with Stanley Consultants for an environmental and mussel survey for the proposed transient boat dock.

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

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy had concerns in regards to the transient boat dock not being in the best location for park viewers, and obstructing one's view when looking across the river. Alderman Conroy inquired as to whether the dock could be moved upstream or downstream a little or was the City committed as to where the dock has to go.

Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Alan Carmen stated that he wasn't sure how much latitude there would be to move the dock. Mr. Carmen advised that the Corps of Engineers recognizes the previously licensed area where the Casino Rock Island had been as an area that can be used for docking facilities. Mr. Carmen explained that further down the river, closer towards the Modern Woodmen area, the wall is significantly different, and heading upstream is closer to the Sylvan Slough area, which is inaccessible due to the current flowing rather quickly and there are some established protected mussel areas in that location. Mr. Carmen stated that as part of the analysis, staff could have Stanley Consultants look at it to see whether or not there is latitude for the dock to be moved.

More discussion followed in regards to receiving funds from the Federal Government and as to what the rules and regulations are for the City in relation to the boat dock.

After more discussion regarding the details of the grant agreement and the identified location of the boat dock, City Manager Phillips stated that after more details have been obtained, staff will provide a follow-up report to Council.

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 #16

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a proposal from Quad City Arts for participation in the 2011 Sculpture in the District Program in the amount of \$7,000.00.

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

Discussion followed. Alderwoman Murphy inquired as to whether the sculptures in the report were the same ones that would be used at the different locations, and if the cost was the exact same as last year.

Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne responded yes.

Alderman Brooks inquired as to whether the sculptures would be at the locations permanently.

Mr. Champagne advised that they would be at the locations for one year.

Alderman Brooks stated that he would have a hard time supporting these sculptures.

Alderwoman Murphy stated that in the future, Council should preview the sculptures first because Council is responsible to the constituents and the tax payers in making sure that it is something that Council thinks the City is spending the money on wisely.

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

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding a Special Ordinance providing for a sixth cable extension of the cable franchise agreement through July 30, 2011.

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 #18

Report from the Board of Local Improvements regarding a Special Assessment Ordinance for improvements to 46th Street, 29th Avenue and 47th Street Court.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Foley 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, May 23, 2011 for final consideration.

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a Resolution supporting the submittal of a grant application to the Economic Development Administration for assistance in construction of infrastructure improvements for the Ridgewood Road Business Park project.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to adopt the resolution.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Jones had concerns in regards to the funding of the project and postponing some of the projects in the Capital Improvement Plan. However, Alderman Jones stated that the positives outweigh the concerns. Alderman Jones advised that this is an opportunity to add jobs to the community and the importance of sustainability is the key to the vitality of the future of Rock Island.

Alderman Tollenaer stated that it is a great plan, but the City has other commitments right now. Alderman Tollenaer had concerns related to some of the street projects being put on hold in the Capital Improvement Plan. Alderman Tollenaer stated that this item should be put in the Capital Improvement Plan and let it wait its turn.

Alderman Foley advised that tonight, Council would be authorizing the submittal of the grant application.

City Manager Phillips advised that if it is put in the Capital Improvement Plan, it would be a \$2 million dollar item. Mr. Phillips added that the City now has the potential of getting a \$1 million dollar grant that would help with the cost. It was noted that the City has owned the land since 2006. Mr. Phillips stated that this is an opportunity; if Council wants to do the project, this would be the time to do it. Mr. Phillips added that the City's money could be leveraged with a possible Federal grant.

Mayor Pauley stated that the City has to apply when the grant is available, and this is the time that the grant is available.

Alderwoman Murphy also supported this item.

After discussion, 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, Alderman Tollenaer.

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Mayor regarding reappointments to the Boaters' Advisory Committee and the Park Board.

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

Ray Heims was reappointed to the Boaters' Advisory Committee for a three year term ending on June 1, 2014. It is noted that Mr. Heims is representing the 800 dock.

Ann Austin was reappointed to the Park Board for a three year term ending on April 30, 2014.

Agenda Item #21

Report from the City Clerk regarding modifications to two Plaza event applications from the Daiquiri Factory, recommending revising the original scheduled date of Saturday, July 16th to Friday, June 17th and Saturday, June 18th for the 7th Anniversary Party, and recommending changing Friday, June 17th and Saturday, June 18th to the newly scheduled date of Friday, July 15th and Saturday, July 16th for Rock The District.

It was moved by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the modifications as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor and Plaza regulations. 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 a Plaza activity event application for Steve's Old Time Tap requesting to host an Irish Festival on Saturday, August 27, 2011 from noon to 10:00 p.m.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the event as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor and Plaza regulations. 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

Items from the City Manager's Memorandum Packet.

City Manager John Phillips reminded Council and the public that the immigrant circles presentation will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rock Island Academy.

Alderman Austin reminded everyone that it is time to nominate somebody for Citizen of the Year. Alderman Austin stated that there are eight (8) categories, which include; Business, Professional, Youth, Education, City Employee, Individual and Organization. Alderman Austin advised that the last category is Honorary Citizen in which someone can be nominated that does not live in Rock Island, but whose contributions are significant. It was noted that nominations are due by June 10th. Alderman Austin indicated that the winners are announced in August and the winners will participate in the Labor Day Parade with the overall winner being the Grand Marshal of the parade. Alderman Austin stated that for more information, visit the City's website at www.rigov.org, call City Hall or contact Alderman Austin or Alderwoman Murphy.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Fine Things Gift Shop is located at 4109 14th Avenue. It was noted that on May 28th, there will be a grand opening. Alderwoman Murphy stated that the gift shop sells inspirational gifts, bath and body lotions, purses, wallets, glassware, picture frames, lots of home décor, candles, incense and oils. It was noted that Fine Things Gift Shop is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Agenda Item #24

Other Business

None.

Agenda Item #25

Executive Session on Personnel.

The Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #26

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Austin to recess to Monday, May 23, 2011 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 Tollenaar, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:21 p.m.