

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, David Conroy, 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, Special Projects Manager Sally Heffernan, Public Works Director Bob Hawes, Administrative Services Director John Thorson, Renaissance Rock Island President Brian Hollenback and other City staff. Alderman Terry M.A. Brooks I and Alderman P.J. Foley were absent.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM UPDATE**

City Manager John Phillips inquired upon Renaissance Rock Island President Brian Hollenback to update Council on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and the marketing plan for housing.

Mr. Hollenback commented on Renaissance Rock Island's annual report and noted that it has been a very good year for this partnership in which a strong foundation has been laid for moving forward into 2011. Mr. Hollenback discussed GROWTH's 2011 goals. Mr. Hollenback advised that as a direct investment into the neighborhoods for 2011, it is just under \$13 million dollars. Mr. Hollenback noted that they will be bringing on line an additional 105 units with \$12.6 million dollars as a pass through. Mr. Hollenback advised that they currently own 23 homes and are in negotiations with two (2) others and 17 are under construction. Mr. Hollenback explained that GROWTH serves approximately 160 households not only through the Homebuyers Program but within the existing homeowners with the owner occupied rehab and then those that are worked with within foreclosure prevention. Mr. Hollenback commented that 70 units will be rehabilitated.

Mr. Hollenback indicated that GROWTH has a pilot program pending in which 25% of the sale proceeds from the sale of the properties will be able to come back to GROWTH for reinvestment. It was noted that it is similar to NSP, but GROWTH will acquire the property, prepare it and then put it back on the market.

Mr. Hollenback then discussed DARI's 2011 goals. Mr. Hollenback explained that DARI's goals for 2011 include; implementing the Economic Development Strategic Plan in partnership with the city of Rock Island; continue to focus on job creation and attract a variety of diverse businesses with special focus on the Downtown and Hilltop Campus areas; lease and/or sell the remaining McKesson commercial units; and facilitate and complete a successful capital campaign.

Mr. Hollenback then discussed NSP marketing efforts. It was noted that recently a billboard was installed along 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue stating: Homes Within Your Reach starting at \$434.00 a month. Mr. Hollenback stated that a contract was just signed for a monthly publication in the Quad City Homes Real Estate catalog. It was noted that this also ties in with the 1<sup>st</sup> Army marketing efforts.

Mr. Hollenback discussed marketing efforts as it related to McKesson Lofts. It was noted that a Request for Proposal is out for the marketing of McKesson Lofts. Mr. Hollenback stated that part

of the marketing effort is walking through virtual tours, which is underway. Mr. Hollenback stated that they are also updating the website and taking advantage of the social media. It was noted that an eight (8) page newspaper insert specific to GROWTH and NSP programs will be advertised in the Dispatch/Argus and will be coming out in March. Mr. Hollenback discussed the NSP marketing and advertising budget and gave an update on Jackson Square.

### **DEMONSTRATION ON SITE AND BUILDING INVENTORY**

City Manager Phillips inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne and Special Projects Manager Sally Heffernan to demonstrate the data base system LOIS for sites and buildings.

Ms. Heffernan advised that the data base system is identified as LOIS, which stands for Location One Information System. Ms. Heffernan stated that this is a listing of sites, buildings and demographic information for Rock Island and the Quad Cities as a whole. It was noted that LOIS is the largest and most used search data base for site selectors in the country. Ms. Heffernan commented that there are 18 states including Illinois that bought into it. It was noted that 6,500 communities have sites and buildings listed on this site. Ms. Heffernan explained that LOIS was created by the economic development community to help fill a void. It was noted that the data base allows for a one-on-one comparison in a consistent format as it relates to sites and buildings.

Ms. Heffernan stated that it is time consuming and it is important to keep the information up to date in the system. Ms. Heffernan indicated that the City has 76 buildings and approximately 18 vacant sites (land parcels) in LOIS.

Ms. Heffernan then demonstrated how to navigate through the system. It was noted that the three (3) main components of the system are the presentation site, administration site and user site. Ms. Heffernan stated that the address for LOIS is [www.location.com](http://www.location.com). It was noted that the City is linked to the City site and Live RI website. It was noted that LOIS is a great on-line economic development site selection tool.

Mr. Champagne commented that information on the LOIS site states that 95% of site selectors begin on the internet. Mr. Champagne stated that the site selectors that they have talked to begin their initial screening by looking on LOIS for sites.

Council discussed the LOIS system.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Jones to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 5:50 p.m.

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 24, 2011  
MINUTES**

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:11 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion made by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Austin to adjourn the meeting 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, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 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 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. Alderman Terry M.A. Brooks I 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 Foley gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

#### **Minutes of the Meeting of January 17, 2011.**

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of January 17, 2011 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being 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 2011 Winter issue of Neighborhood News is now available; learn more about past and upcoming Rock Island happenings in the 2011 Winter newsletter. Mayor Pauley advised that to look at this issue featuring the exciting Jackson Square project, please visit [www.rigov.org](http://www.rigov.org) under "Important Links."

Mayor Pauley advised that while glass is not accepted as part of the City's Curbside Recycling Program, Rock Island residents may now recycle glass at the Midland Davis facility located at 3301 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Moline. It was noted that glass may be dropped off Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Mayor Pauley stated that for more information on the City's recycling program, please call the Public Works Department at 732-2200 or visit the City's website at [www.rigov.org](http://www.rigov.org).

Mayor Pauley indicated that Augustana College's Women in Leadership Symposium will be held Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that this two-day symposium will celebrate the accomplishments of women leaders and prepare women to be leaders. The Mayor added that all events are free and open to the public with the exception of the Monday night dinner. It was noted that speakers will include women leaders from John Deere, Trinity Health, WQAD, World Relief and more. Mayor Pauley stated that for more information please visit [www.augustana.edu](http://www.augustana.edu).

Mayor Pauley stated that the Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation has received an allocation of \$980,000.00 from the Illinois Housing Development Authority for its HOME Purchase Renovation Program. It was noted that this represents a \$360,000.00 increase over the prior year award meaning more homebuyers can be assisted. Mayor Pauley stated that for more information on the HOME Purchase Renovation Program; please call Rock Island Economic Growth at 788-6311.

Agenda Item #7

**Presentation by the Advanced Technology Sustainability Consortium.**

Mr. Kevin Koski, Chair of the ATSC stepped forward. Mr. Koski stated that members of Rock Island's Advanced Technology and Sustainability Consortium (ATSC) established the Mark W. Schwiebert Sustainability Leadership Award in April of 2009. Mr. Koski advised that it 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. It was noted that this special award would be given annually to a business, organization or individual that has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the area of green or sustainable initiatives. The first award was presented to Mark Schwiebert at the January 2010 City Council meeting.

Mr. Koski noted that the actual award was created from a green material. It was developed from a small piece of steel beam taken from the Armory demolition site. Mr. Koski indicated that Valley Construction y provided a 10" x 6" section of beam and also created an attractive wooden base to hold the heavy piece. It was noted that the base was designed with space for names of future award recipients. Mr. Koski added that the award is now kept in the City Hall trophy case with a smaller award to be presented to the recipient as a reminder of the acknowledgement.

Mr. Koski stated that seven (7) nominations were received for the 2010 award and of the seven, three (3) were nominations for Augustana College. Mr. Koski provided highlights from the nominations. Mr. Koski then presented Augustana College President Steve Bahls with the award.

Mr. Bahls thanked the City and members of the selection committee for the award. Mr. Bahls stated that these recent efforts were student led and thanked the students of Augustana College for their sustainability efforts.

Mayor Pauley congratulated Augustana College for all of their efforts.

Agenda Item #8

**CLAIMS**

It was moved by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to accept the following report and authorize payment as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being 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 \$21,930.00 to Active Network, Inc. for annual maintenance for the Park and Recreation software. (022)

Agenda Item #9

**Claims for the week of January 14<sup>th</sup> through January 20<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$748,172.09.**

Alderman Jones moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to allow the claims. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman

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

Agenda Item #10

**Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding the purchase of Symantec Enterprise Antivirus software security renewals from CDW-G in the amount of \$4,770.00.**

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

Agenda Item #11

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding the state contract purchase of 19 patriot prisoner seats from Landmark Ford, Inc. in the amount of \$7,714.00.**

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

Agenda Item #12

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of water treatment chemicals, recommending the bid for each of the water treatment chemicals listed in the report in the total amount of \$472,961.30.**

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

Agenda Item #13

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a contract and bid for NSP 2 NESHAPS asbestos investigation of 20 residential properties, recommending authorizing staff to terminate the contract with Ramsco for failure to perform and accept the next low bid from EnviroNet, Inc. in the amount of \$9,225.00.**

It was moved by Alderman Foley, seconded by Alderman Conroy to terminate the contract with Ramsco as recommended, award the bid to EnviroNet 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 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 an amendment to the environmental consulting contract with EnviroNet, Inc. for the development of a cleanup plan for the Jackson Square site.**

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

Agenda Item #15

**Report from the Finance Department regarding a rate increase in the prepared food and liquor tax, recommending changing the rate from 1.0% to 1.5% effective April 1, 2011.**

It was moved by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the rate increase 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 Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Austin; those voting No, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy.

The vote ended in a tie. Mayor Pauley advised that the Mayor may choose whether or not to break a tie. Mayor Pauley chose to break the tie and voted Aye. Agenda Item #15 was approved.

Agenda Item #16

**Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget, recommending increasing the State Drug Prevention Fund in the amount of \$7,714.00.**

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

Agenda Item #17

**Report from General Administration regarding a revised gaming allocation, recommending that \$46,665.00 in undesignated gaming funds for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 be allocated for contract street maintenance.**

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

Agenda Item #18

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding amendments to the Rental Housing Program Ordinance related to fees charged for a rental residential property license.**

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

Agenda Item #19

**Report from the Police Department regarding amendments to Chapter 8, Article II, Sec. 8-28 of the Code of Ordinances related to alarm permit fines.**

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

Agenda Item #20

**Report from the Police Department regarding an amendment to Chapter 3: Alcoholic Liquor, Sec. 3-11 paragraph (m) of the City Code of Ordinances.**

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

Agenda Item #21

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding a Resolution supporting a grant application related to the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue sewer replacement as part of the Long Term Control Plan.**

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

Agenda Item #22

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to either ban parking or install residential permit parking on the east side of 5<sup>th</sup> Street between 37<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> Street.**

**Note:** The original report and printed Agenda had an error regarding the streets. The corrected motion states whether or not to ban parking on the east side of 5<sup>th</sup> Street between 37<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> Avenues.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the ban on parking on the east side of 5<sup>th</sup> Street between 37<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> Avenues 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 Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #23

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to install a handicapped parking space at 1517 32<sup>nd</sup> Street.**

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

Agenda Item #24

**Report from the City Clerk regarding various license fee increases, recommending an increase of \$5.00 (from \$60.00 to \$65.00) for coin operated game fees, an increase of \$50.00 (from \$50.00 to \$100.00) for tree trimmer fees, an increase of \$50.00 (from \$100.00 to \$150.00) for city ordinance control of private parking lot fees and an increase of \$10.00 (from \$35.00 to \$45.00) for filling station (gas nozzle) fees.**

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

Agenda Item #25

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

City Manager Phillips inquired upon Finance Accounting Supervisor Linda Johnson to review the December 2010 Management Report.

Ms. Johnson stated that in the General Fund, the benchmark for revenues and expenditures is 75%. It was noted that in the General Fund, revenue is reported on target at 77% and expenditures are below target at 66%. Ms. Johnson advised that the tax revenue is projected to exceed budget by approximately \$500,000.00. It was noted that this is primarily due to the Replacement Tax. It was noted that in the Gaming Fund, expenditures are on target at 75% and revenue is at 82%. Ms. Johnson commented that in Parks and Public Works, revenue is above budget for most funds due to the recording of bond proceeds from the 2010A and 2010B bond issues. It was noted that Parks, Water and Wastewater expenses are below budget and

Stormwater and Sunset Marina revenues and expenses are on target. Ms. Johnson indicated that Motor Fuel Tax revenues and expenses are both above target at approximately 90%.

Mr. Phillips made reference to information included in the memo packet regarding Schwiebert Park project expenditures. Mr. Phillips advised that the project was very well managed and it is anticipated having a balance available in bond proceeds of approximately \$1.2 million dollars. Mr. Phillips stated that this is a positive result.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that Roe Aquarium and Pet Company is located at 4422 11<sup>th</sup> Street. It was noted that this family owned business has been in existence for approximately 30 years. Alderman Murphy advised that Roe Aquarium and Pet Company's main focus is freshwater tropical fish, aquariums and supplies. It was noted that they have a great assortment of various small animals including hamsters, gerbils and birds. In addition, they sell reptile and pond supplies. Alderman Murphy stated that Roe Aquarium and Pet Company is open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and closed on Sundays and Mondays.

Agenda Item #26

**Other Business**

Ms. Crystal Brown of 3721 5<sup>th</sup> Street stepped forward. Ms. Brown voiced concerns regarding Agenda Item #22 concerning banning parking on the east side of 5<sup>th</sup> Street between 37<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> Avenues. Ms. Brown stated that her driveway and mailbox are always blocked and this has been due to people parking on that side of the street. Ms. Brown stated that this has become a safety issue.

Mayor Pauley advised Ms. Brown that Council just approved the ban on parking on the east side of 5<sup>th</sup> Street between 37<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> Avenues.

Agenda Item #27

**Executive Session on Personnel.**

The Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #28

**Recess**

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Murphy to recess to Monday, February 7, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:12 p.m.

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