

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, Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, 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, Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Alan Carmen, Special Projects Manager Sally Heffernan, Martin Luther King Center Director Jerry Jones and other City staff.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING CUTS**

City Manager John Phillips inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne to provide Council with an overview of how the staff is allocated among the different block grant funding, and a description of all of the services that are provided in the different areas that are supported with block grant funding.

Mr. Champagne stated that a month ago, Congress passed a Continuing Resolution to fund the Federal Government for the Federal year; as a result of the negotiations to get to that resolution, there were many cuts to many programs at the Federal level in which one was the Community Development Block Grant funds. Mr. Champagne explained that at the Federal level, it was a 16.5% reduction from \$3.95 billion dollars to \$3.3 billion dollars. Mr. Champagne added that at the local level, it is a reduction of \$206,000.00, which is effective immediately. Mr. Champagne acknowledged that as Congress continues to go through the process of looking at the Federal budget, staff believes that there will be additional cuts in this program. Mr. Champagne advised that staff has started to evaluate the mix of services supported by block grant dollars and how these services may need to change.

It was noted that there are 23 positions in the Community and Economic Development Department; and there are five (5) positions at the King Center. Mr. Champagne advised that of these 23 positions, approximately 14 are funded either wholly or partially with block grant dollars. It was noted that some positions are a combination of block grant and General Fund dollars. Mr. Champagne added that TIF dollars are also used but on a limited basis.

Mr. Champagne advised that the four (4) categories in which block grant dollars are allocated to include; Economic Development, Code Enforcement, Planning and Redevelopment and the King Center. Mr. Champagne then discussed the programs, functions and services in regards to Community Development Block Grant dollars.

Mr. Champagne indicated that in the area of Economic Development, the programs and services include; the Commercial/Industrial Revolving Loan Fund (CIRLF), Bi-State Regional Revolving Loan Fund; Enterprise Zone; Tax Increment Finance (TIF); Brownfields; Façade Improvement Program; Real Estate Acquisition and Sales, Business Support Services; and Board/Committee Support/Liaison with Organizations. Mr. Champagne further discussed these programs and services. It was noted that Community Development Block Grant funds are used for staff support for these programs and services.

Mr. Champagne advised that the Planning and Redevelopment area is the only area that has some direct program funds as well as administrative and staff support. It was noted that these programs include; Housing Programs; Neighborhood Planning; Historic Preservation and Administration. Mr. Champagne further discussed these services.

The next area Mr. Champagne discussed was Code Enforcement. Mr. Champagne advised that there is a variety of activities that are funded with block grant dollars. It was noted that people in positions are also funded by the block grant dollars. Mr. Champagne stated that the main functions in this area include; Residential Rental Program; Nuisance Abatement; Non-Rental Property Maintenance Complaints; Emergency Responses; Demolition; Administrative and Circuit Court Hearings and Other Duties. Mr. Champagne further discussed these functions in detail.

Martin Luther King Center Director Jerry Jones stated that the King Center was projected to receive over \$189,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2012 in Community Development Block Grant funding. However, it is now projected at just over \$158,000.00, which is a reduction of almost \$31,000.00. Mr. Jones advised that most of the funding goes for staff to support activities, which include; the A.C.T.I.V.E. Club, Summer Day Camp, Family Fun Day, Circuit Breaker Program, Tax Return Program, Drug Prevention Services, Workforce Center, Building Management, Utilities and a variety of administrative functions. Mr. Jones further discussed the impact of funding reductions as it related to these programs.

Council discussed the King Center's programs that are supported by Community Development Block Grant dollars and how the cuts will affect those programs.

Mr. Champagne indicated that recommendations are not being made at this point. It was noted that staff will come back to Council with options and recommendations and Council will decide on what services that will continue to be provided using Community Development Block Grant dollars.

Council discussed the programs at it related to Community Development Block Grant funding reductions. Council also discussed economic development strategies as it related to the impact of block grant funding cuts, and the City's current budget year as it related to next year's budget concerning block grant funding reductions and State cuts.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderman Jones to recess to Executive Session in Council Chambers on matters of Section 2 (c) (8) of the Open Meetings Act. 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 5:40 p.m.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:33 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Austin 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 6:34 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. Acting City Manager Bob Hawes was also present. City Manager John Phillips 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 Brooks gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

#### **Minutes of the Meeting of May 2, 2011.**

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of May 2, 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 on Sunday, May 15, 2011 at 2:30 p.m., the Rock Island Fire Department will conduct its annual Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service. It was noted that the service will take place on the front lawn of Central Fire Station at 1313 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, followed by a reception in the station. Mayor Pauley advised that this memorial service pays tribute to the fallen firefighters of the Rock Island Fire Department. The Mayor added that this year's memorial service will include the dedication of a bell made of cast bronze that has been a part of the Rock Island Fire Department's history for 120 years. It was noted that the bell will hang from a specially designed memorial, which is located on the front lawn of Central Fire Station. Mayor Pauley indicated that the Rock Island Fire Department Honor Guard will be ringing this bell during the memorial service to honor the fallen. It was noted that this bell has not been in service for over 40 years, and this will be its first official ringing in many years.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Rock Island Public Library has expanded its services with audio books and e-Books to download from the library's website. Mayor Pauley stated that thanks to the library's new Overdrive subscription, library card holders can check out and download digital media anytime, anywhere by using the link off the library website or by visiting <http://www.omnilibraries.org>. It was noted that this service offers access to more than 1,400 titles in digital format and is free for patrons with a valid Rock Island Library card. Mayor Pauley stated that choices include hundreds of popular fiction and non-fiction, best-sellers, classics, self-improvement guides and more.

Mayor Pauley indicated that the Rock Island Human Rights Commission will present information regarding fair housing laws and employment opportunities in the building trades at a community meeting on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the MLK Center. It was noted that

David Levin, Vice President of the Illinois Region for Ruhl and Ruhl Commercial Realty will present information on fair housing and the real estate market, and Rory Washburn, Executive Director of the Tri City Building Trades Council will discuss apprenticeship opportunities in the QC building trades. Mayor Pauley advised that Human Rights Commission members will be present to answer questions about their role in addressing human and civil right matters in Rock Island.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether anyone knows someone that deserves to be recognized for what they do for the community? If so, this is an opportunity to nominate them for the 2011 Citizen of the Year Awards. Mayor Pauley advised that there are seven categories for Rock Island Citizens – Business, Professional, Education, Individual, City Employee, Organization and Youth. It was noted that there is a special category for someone that does not live in Rock Island but has contributed to the good of the community; this person/organization is not eligible for the overall Citizen of the Year award, but may be nominated as the Honorary Citizen of the Year. Mayor Pauley invited the public to submit a nomination for someone that deserves the recognition of this award. It was noted that the deadline for receiving nominations is June 10, 2011, and you may nominate more than one person for the award. Mayor Pauley indicated that if anyone has questions, please call Committee Co-Chairpersons/Aldermen Chuck Austin at 786-6978 or Joy Murphy at 721-3254 or City Clerk Aleisha Patchin at 732-2010.

Agenda Item #7

**Proclamation declaring the week of May 15 through May 21, 2011 as National Public Works Week.**

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation. Public Works Director Bob Hawes accepted the Proclamation. Mr. Hawes thanked the Mayor and Council for the Proclamation. Mr. Hawes stated that a Public Works Week will not be held this year due to the budget. However, a Ribbon Cutting will be held at the new facility in July or early August.

Agenda Item #8

**A Special Ordinance establishing a no parking zone on the east side of 45<sup>th</sup> Street from 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Avenues.**

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Austin 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 establishing a four-way stop intersection at 37<sup>th</sup> Street and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Brooks 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 Jones 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 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 #4 and final in the amount of \$15,492.43 to Atlas Daylighting, LLC for services provided for the 2010 Sewer Cleaning and Televising project. (133)

Agenda Item #11  
**Claims for the week of April 29<sup>th</sup> through May 5<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$673,474.19.**

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 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 April 18<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup> in the amount of \$1,257,754.62.**

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Tollenaer 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 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 Seal Coat Program, recommending the bid be awarded to Settle, Inc. in the amount of \$24,214.00.**

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, 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 Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2011 Brick Street Repair Program, recommending the bid be awarded to Walter D. Laud, Inc. in the amount of \$70,950.00.**

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded 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 #15

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a renewal agreement with the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau for the operation of the Centennial Bridge Visitors Center.**

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Austin 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 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 Missman, Stanley and Associates for services related to a wetlands mitigation project on City owned property on Ridgewood Road.**

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to table Agenda Item #16. 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.

Mayor Pauley inquired to Alderman Conroy for how long. Alderman Conroy stated that he tabled the item and did not defer it. Alderman Conroy advised that he would like to discuss this item at a Study Session.

Agenda Item #17

**Report from the Finance Department regarding a trial based program with TEK Collect to collect delinquent storm water only and trash pick-up fees in the amount of \$8.00 per account.**

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the trial based program 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 #18

**Report from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding a Highway Resolution for the closure of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue between 17<sup>th</sup> Street and 20<sup>th</sup> Street on Sunday, July 3, 2011 for the Red, White and Boom event at Schwiebert Riverfront Park.**

Alderman Jones moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to 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 #19

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to ban parking on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 40<sup>th</sup> Street west to the alley.**

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

Agenda Item #20

**Report from the Mayor regarding an appointment to the Martin Luther King Jr. Board of Directors and a reappointment to the Boaters' Advisory Committee.**

Alderman Foley moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the appointment and reappointment 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.

Assistant City Engineer Justin Johnson was appointed to the Martin Luther King Jr. Board of Directors for a three year term ending on January 30, 2014.

Mike Thoms was reappointed to the Boaters' Advisory Committee for a three year term ending on June 1, 2014.

Agenda Item #21

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from City Limits Saloon and Grill to hold an outdoor event on Thursday, May 12, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at 4514 9<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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

Agenda Item #22

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request for a Street Closing from Joy McDonald of 4002 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to close off 40<sup>th</sup> Street from 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the alley way on Saturday, June**

**4, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a graduation party and a Sound Amplification permit from noon to 10:00 p.m.**

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the requests 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 #23

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from the Word of Life Church for a Street Closing at 18<sup>th</sup> Street between 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue on Saturday, June 11, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for a Family Fun Day and a Sound Amplification permit from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the requests 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 #24

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Tri City Motorcycle Sales for a Street Closing and Sound Amplification at 2219 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue between 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for an auction.**

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the requests 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 #25

**Report from the City Clerk regarding an Activity application from the American Volkssport Association to hold a 5K and 10K Convention Walk on Sunday, June 26, 2011 beginning at 8:00 a.m.**

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer, seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the event 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 #26

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from John Norris of J & M displays for a pyrotechnic display permit for fireworks to be held on Monday, July 4, 2011 after 9:00 p.m. at Jumer's Casino and Hotel at 777 Jumer Drive in conjunction with the John Deere Classics Pairings Party.**

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to approve the request as recommended and temporarily waive Article I of Chapter 10: Sec. 10-9 of the Code of Ordinances to allow for the issuance of a pyrotechnic display permit, and authorize the Fire Marshal to issue the permit. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #27

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

Acting City Manager Bob Hawes did not have any items to discuss.

Alderman Conroy advised that he would like to make sure that Agenda Item #16, which was tabled, will stay on the Agenda until such time Council pulls it off the Agenda.

Alderman Brooks stated that due to the weather changing, he has received complaints about pedestrians walking in the streets. Alderman Brooks inquired upon Police Chief Scott Harris as to whether the same process could be used as last year to help with this issue.

Police Chief Harris stated that it could certainly be done. Chief Harris advised that as part of the process last year, citations were issued for pedestrians on the runway in which it is a \$125.00 fine. Chief Harris added that Bike officers are already out and trying to address this issue. Chief Harris and Alderman Brooks further discussed this issue.

Alderman Austin reminded everyone that the deadline for the 2011 Citizen of the Year nominations is Friday, June 10, 2011. Alderman Austin indicated that this is a great opportunity for someone to recognize their friends and neighbors for all that they have done. It was noted that nomination forms are available on the City's website at [www.rigov.org](http://www.rigov.org). Alderman Austin noted that for more information; call the City Clerk at (309) 732-2010.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that a Ribbon Cutting was held today at 9:00 a.m. for Aldi's new food store, which is located on the corner of 38<sup>th</sup> Street and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Alderman Murphy commented that Aldi's has been in Rock Island since 1976, and they are the largest food retailer in the world. It was noted that they have over 4,000 stores worldwide. Alderman Murphy advised that Aldi's is open from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Item #28

**Other Business**

None.

Agenda Item #29

**Executive Session.**

The Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #30

**Recess**

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recess to Monday, May 16, 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 Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:05 p.m.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk