

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 6:30 pm in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy and P.J. Foley. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne, Public Works Director Bob Hawes, other City staff and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis.

## **BICYCLE PATH PLAN**

Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne updated Council on the Bikeways Plan. Mr. Champagne referred to the handout that was distributed to Council and advised that the first page is the Bikeways map, which gives an idea of how the bikeways are to be connected throughout the community. Mr. Champagne explained the four Bikeways project elements, which included; the striping of 20<sup>th</sup> Street from 1<sup>st</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue; 17<sup>th</sup> Street from 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue; 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue from 38<sup>th</sup> Street to Sunset Park; and 38<sup>th</sup> Street to Williamson Park or to the connection on the west Rock River Bridge project. Mr. Champagne commented that by implementing this project, it will create major north/south and east/west bike routes.

Mr. Champagne advised that in the last discussion, Council had concerns regarding parking and costs. It was noted that the original plan included the elimination of one lane of parking on 17<sup>th</sup> Street, 20<sup>th</sup> Street and 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue. It was noted that the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration were contacted and they will allow the use of sharrows (pavement markings) instead of bike lane striping. It was noted that the parking lanes will not have to be removed. Mr. Champagne commented that by using sharrows, it could reduce the project costs by 25% to 30%.

Mr. Champagne indicated that the 20<sup>th</sup> Street and 17<sup>th</sup> Street striping projects were estimated at \$327,840.00. It was noted that the bike facility at 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue is in the Downtown TIF district and \$100,000.00 is proposed to cover that segment. Mr. Champagne pointed out that the balance of the striping on 20<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Street from 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue south was to be covered by a state grant of \$182,240.00, which requires a local match of \$45,600.00. Mr. Champagne advised that the cost of the striping on 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue from 38<sup>th</sup> Street to Sunset Park is estimated at \$580,000.00. It was noted that \$470,000.00 of Federal grant funds were obtained, which requires a local match of \$110,000.00. Mr. Champagne commented that the estimated cost for the connection to the west Rock River Bridge is \$268,000.00. It was noted that a State grant was obtained for \$200,000.00, but requires a local match of \$68,000.00.

Mr. Champagne advised that there is a little over \$1 million dollars in projects. It was noted that approximately 72% of the \$1 million dollars is funded through various grants and about 28% will be funded locally and with \$100,000.00 in TIF funds. Mr. Champagne added that if the costs could be reduced by 30%, the local match would be reduced to \$227,000.00.

Discussion followed. Council discussed parking as it related to contacting neighbors concerning the possibility of eliminating parking on various streets in regards to the bike lanes.

Council shared concerns in regards to the life expectancy of sharrows as it related to cost and maintenance of the pavement markings. In addition, Council discussed the project timeline as it related to when the grant money had to be spent. It was noted that the requirement for the funds to be spent is in September of 2012.

After more discussion, Council came to a consensus for staff to take a look at refining the costs to see what the actual savings would be in regards to the project, and provide additional information as it related to what the maintenance costs would be in the future in regards to the pavement markings.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion made by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Jones to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 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 Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy and P. J. Foley. Also present was City Manager Thomas Thomas.

### **Introductory Proceedings**

Mayor Pauley called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Alderman Brooks gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

#### **Minutes of the Meeting of November 7, 2011.**

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of November 7, 2011. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

#### **Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.**

Mayor Pauley stated that a telescope has now been mounted along the promenade in Schwiebert Riverfront Park and aptly named "Phillips Lookout" in appreciation of the twenty-five years that John Phillips spent looking out for the City of Rock Island as City Manager. It was noted that the Mayor and City Council wanted to appropriately honor Mr. Phillips for his service. The Mayor offered that because of Mr. Phillips' friendship with former Mayor Mark Schwiebert and their work on the new signature park downtown, the Schwiebert Riverfront Park location was chosen. Mayor Pauley advised that the telescope can be used to spot eagles, view sister cities skylines and enjoy the beautiful views of the Mississippi River.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Rock Island Beautification Commission is sponsoring the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Lighting Contest to recognize Rock Island residents and businesses that decorate with exceptional seasonal lighting displays. Mayor Pauley indicated that to nominate a residential or commercial light display, send the name and address of the display to the Rock Island Beautification Commission, Rock Island City Hall, 1528 Third Avenue, or call (309) 732-2900 with a nomination. Mayor Pauley indicated that nominations must be received by 5:00 pm, Tuesday, December 13, 2011. It was noted that judging will take place on Monday evening, December 19<sup>th</sup>. All displays should be illuminated by 5:30 pm. The Mayor stated that there will be awards for the top winners in the residential and commercial categories. In addition, winners of the 2009 and 2010 Holiday Lighting Contests are not eligible.

Mayor Pauley announced that the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center is delighted to invite the community to their Thanksgiving Holiday Dinner on Sunday, November 20, 2011 at Second Baptist Church at 919 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue (across the street from the King Center). It was noted that guests will be served from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm. Mayor Pauley stated to please come and

enjoy a hot holiday meal and mingle with the neighborhood community. Mayor Pauley added that if anyone is interested in volunteering between the times of 7:00 am to 3:00 pm, then the King Center has a variety of opportunities. It was noted to please come on that day or sign-up in advance. Call (309) 732-2999 for more information.

Mayor Pauley commented that the free leaf collection will be ending on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mayor Pauley stated that Rock Island City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday November 25<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. Mayor Pauley advised that all locations of the Rock Island Library will close at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Thanksgiving Holiday. All locations are closed on Thanksgiving and will remain closed on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Pauley offered that the City wishes everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

Agenda Item #7

**A Special Ordinance amending a zoning district and zoning map at 900 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 824 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 1030, 1022/1026, 1018, 1010 and 1004 9<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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

Agenda Item#8

**A Special Ordinance vacating a 10 foot wide segment of an east/west alley west of 9<sup>th</sup> Street at 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

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

Agenda Item #9

**A Special Ordinance accepting dedication of the northerly 10 feet of property at 1004 9<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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

Agenda Item #10  
**CLAIMS**

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

- a. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$906.22 to Terry Williamson for General Liability claim.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$21,692.00 to Bush Turf, Inc. for services provided for the 2011 Sod Replacement program project. (312)
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #4 in the amount of \$98,855.50 to Maguire Iron, Inc. for services provided for the 14<sup>th</sup> Street and 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Water Tower Replacement project. (313)

Agenda Item #11

**Claims for the week of November 4 through November 10 in the amount of \$805,836.02.**

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

Agenda Item #12

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a development agreement with Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation for the sale of six City owned lots on 10<sup>th</sup> Street between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

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

Agenda Item #13

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the donation and relocation of the sculpture "Invitation".**

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Jones seconded to approve the donation as recommended and authorize relocation of the sculpture to City property at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 16<sup>th</sup> Street.

Discussion followed. Alderwoman Murphy inquired as to who will be moving the sculpture, did the City take out bids for the relocation of the sculpture and could the plaques on the sculpture be moved.

Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne advised that a local contractor looked at the sculpture and gave an approximate estimate of how much it would cost to relocate the sculpture. Mr. Champagne added that the plaques on the sculpture could be moved, but there may be a possibility that during the move, the plaques would be destroyed. Mr. Champagne added that there is a lot of uncertainty of how the sculpture is anchored down, and there is some question as to whether the base could be saved.

Alderman Conroy inquired as to whether the base was included in the \$5,000.00 estimate. Mr. Champagne responded yes.

Alderwoman Murphy inquired as to whether the company that is donating the sculpture would pay for the relocation. Mr. Champagne advised that they could be asked that question. However, the original suggestion to the City was that if the City wanted the sculpture then the City would pay for the cost of the relocation.

After more discussion, Alderwoman Murphy moved to defer Agenda Item #13 for three weeks (December 5<sup>th</sup>), Alderman Tollenaer seconded.

Alderwoman Murphy then withdrew her motion to further discuss this item.

Alderman Conroy advised that if the company would pay to have the sculpture relocated, then he would be more than happy to have it.

After more discussion regarding the relocation of the sculpture, Alderwoman Murphy moved to defer Agenda Item #13 for three weeks (December 5<sup>th</sup>), Alderman Foley seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #14

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Maggie Anderson, 1003 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, to install a handicapped parking space on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue next to her home.**

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

Agenda Item #15

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Frances Gomez to remove the handicapped parking space at 2530 5½ Avenue.**

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

Agenda Item #16

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Kavanaugh's Hilltop Tavern to hold an outdoor fundraising event on Friday, November 18, 2011 from 5:00 pm. to 11:00 pm.**

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

Agenda Item #17

**Other Business.**

No one signed up to address Council to speak on a topic.

Alderman Austin and Alderman Foley attended an event last week held by the Illowa Construction Labor and Management Council. Alderman Austin advised that they picked up a recognition award for the City in support of the Impact Agreement.

Alderman Tollenaer inquired as to whether or not a tarp would be put on the roof of Old Lincoln School. Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne stated that the City does intend to put a tarp on the building sometime in December.

Alderwoman Murphy inquired about IL. Route 92 and changing the one-ways on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenues, and if the City has received approval yet from the State of Illinois.

Public Works Director Bob Hawes advised that the joint study was approved three or four years ago. Mr. Hawes indicated that the whole package was sent to Springfield and eventually the City was supposed to receive a letter of approval. Mr. Hawes noted that the City has not received a letter of approval yet.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy discussed Aunt Joy's Christmas Stockings. Alderwoman Murphy advised that she has been in business for 17 years and also sells the stockings on-line. It was noted that Council approved a Special Use Permit for Alderwoman Murphy to have the ability to sell Christmas stockings out of her home.

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**November 14, 2011  
MINUTES**

Alderwoman Murphy stated that she is having an open house on Thanksgiving weekend, and encouraged everyone to stop by 4502 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and take a look at the Christmas stockings.

Agenda Item #18

**No Executive Session.**

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #19

**Recess**

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Conroy to recess to Monday, November 21, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:02 p.m.

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