

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:30 pm at Jackson Square at 2411 4th Avenue, Rock Island, IL. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Charles O. Austin III, Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, P.J. Foley, and Stephen L. Tollenaer. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Public Works Director Bob Hawes, Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne, other City staff, staff from Renaissance Rock Island and Renaissance Rock Island President Brian Hollenback. Alderman Jason W. Jones and Alderwoman Joy Murphy were absent.

TOUR OF JACKSON SQUARE

Renaissance Rock Island President Brian Hollenback distributed ballots for the Mayor/Council Trophy to be awarded at the Hard Hat Awards on December 7, 2011. Council members voted and returned the ballots to Mr. Hollenback for tabulation.

Prior to the tour of the building, Mr. Hollenback discussed the Jackson Square development. Mr. Hollenback advised that this housing development not only included 40 thousand square feet of demolition, but also included adaptive reuse, new construction and the historical component. It was noted that Jackson Square, which was formally the Illinois Oil Company has been transformed into thirty residential units.

Mr. Hollenback indicated that there are three one-bedroom units at 830 square feet, 17 two-bedroom units at 925 square feet and 10 three-bedroom units that are over 1300 square feet. Mr. Hollenback offered that the monthly rent for the apartments range from \$432.00 to \$875.00. It was noted that there are nine different floor plans. Mr. Hollenback further discussed the layout of the rental units. Mr. Hollenback advised that occupancy will begin later this month, and tenants will be required to sign a one year lease. Mr. Hollenback commented that a ribbon cutting and formal open house to the public is targeted for the week of December 12th.

After discussion, Renaissance Rock Island President Brian Hollenback, Council and various staff members toured the Jackson Square housing development.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Brooks to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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 Charles O. Austin III, Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, P. J. Foley and Stephen L. Tollenaer. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman Jason W. Jones and Alderwoman Joy Murphy were absent.

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the Meeting of November 21, 2011.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of November 21, 2011. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley advised that City Manager Thomas Thomas announced on Friday, December 2nd that Cindy Parchert will be the new Finance Director for the City of Rock Island. It was noted that Ms. Parchert's official start date will be Monday, January 9th.

Mayor Pauley indicated that Cindy Parchert has extensive experience in budgeting and accounting. Particularly, she has eleven years experience in local government financial management with the City of Rock Island. It was noted that Ms. Parchert is a Certified Public Accountant with a Masters of Business Administration from St. Ambrose University and a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting and Business Administration from Augustana College. Mayor Pauley added that Ms. Parchert's professional experience includes: Controller for WQAD, Controller for Performance Food Group – TPC, Manager for McGladrey and Pullen and Accounting Supervisor for City of Rock Island.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Changing Faces Action Team announces the Creation of Quad City Alliance for Immigrants & Refugees. It was noted that applications will be taken until January 31, 2012 for organizations wishing to be inaugural members of the Quad City Alliance for Immigrants & Refugees (QCAIR). The Mayor added that membership is targeted to ethnic community-based organizations (ECBOs) and non-profit agencies, churches, school districts, community colleges, governments or other groups providing services to immigrants and refugees in the Quad Cities. It was noted that the first meeting of Quad City Alliance for Immigrants and Refugees is slated for February 23, 2012.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Martin Luther King Center and Kiwanis Club of Rock Island are sponsoring the 35th annual Children's Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 14th. Mayor

Pauley stated that the program provides wrapped gifts, books and treats for Rock Island/Milan children, ages 3 to 12 years, whose families are in need of assistance during the holiday season. The Mayor added that interested parents need to register at the King Center by Friday, December 9th. It was noted that registration is required.

Mayor Pauley advised that volunteers interested in helping with gift wrapping for the King Center Children's Christmas Party can help on Saturday, December 10th from 9:00 am until the task is completed. It was noted that for more information, please call (309) 732-2999.

Mayor Pauley offered that the Rock Island Beautification Commission is sponsoring the 26th annual Holiday Lighting Contest. The Mayor added that to nominate a residential or commercial light display, send the name and address of the display via email to planning@rigov.org or call (309) 732-2900 by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, December 13th. Mayor Pauley stated that judging will take place on the evening of December 19th, when all displays should be illuminated by 5:30 pm. It was noted to please visit www.rigov.org for more information.

Mayor Pauley indicated that WHBF-TV/CBS4 along with the US Marine Corp will hold a "Toys for Tots" toy drive on Tuesday, December 6th from 5:30 am to 6:30 pm in Parking Lot F (next to Daiquiri Factory). It was noted that live remotes throughout the day will spotlight downtown Rock Island and a wonderful charity. Mayor Pauley stated that members of the community are encouraged to make donations and help make the holidays a little brighter for those less fortunate.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring Friday, December 9, 2011 as Barkan's Day.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring Friday, December 9, 2011 as Barkan's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Barkan accepted the Proclamation and the business benchmark award.

Mr. Barkan thanked the Mayor and City Council for the Proclamation and the award. Mr. Barkan stated that the downtown has always been a focal point for the Council in terms of development. Mr. Barkan advised that staying in business for 65 years is due to hard work, adaptation, change and sticking to it.

Agenda Item #8

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$29,592.60 to Crawford and Company (Justin Holmes and

- Attorney James Ridge and Associates) for Worker's Compensation settlement for Justin Holmes.
- b. Report from the Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$15,389.58 to Califf and Harper, P.C. for legal services rendered for the month of October 2011.
 - c. Report from the Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$252,697.32 to General Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Turkey Hollow Road Bridge Replacement project. (326)
 - d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$1,203,355.65 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Wet Weather Treatment System project. (333)
 - e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$27,048.52 to Valley Construction Company, Inc. for an emergency sewer repair in the alley at 25th Street and 22nd ½ Avenue. (334)
 - f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$36,765.31 to Langman Construction, Inc. for an emergency water main repair at 601 2nd Street. (335)
 - g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$10,107.96 to Langman Construction, Inc. for an emergency water main repair at 23rd Avenue and 25th Street. (336)
 - h. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$30,848.36 to Langman Construction, Inc. for an emergency sewer main repair at 2503 29th Avenue. (337)

Agenda Item #9

Claims for the weeks of November 18 through December 1 in the amount of \$2,544,641.00.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to allow the claims. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #10

Payroll for the weeks of November 14 through November 27 in the amount of \$1,224,507.86.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Foley to allow the payroll. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #11

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the NMC contract joint purchase of three 2012 Ford Medtec ambulances from Foster Coach Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$473,886.00.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the purchase as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance declaring the current 2001 Ford Medtec ambulances as surplus and to be traded-in. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Police Department regarding bids for a towing contract from January 1, 2012 through midnight on December 31, 2014, recommending the bid be awarded to Quad City Towing, Inc. for the total unit cost of \$1,095.00.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding an agreement with Cloud Sherpas for Google Apps for Government concerning email spam, virus filtering and other services and payment in the amount of \$18,847.50.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the agreement as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and approve payment. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget, recommending increasing the Wastewater Capital 2010A BAB Fund in the amount of \$56,249.76.

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a request for qualifications from firms for the Police Station Repair Study.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to approve the selection of Shive-Hattery, Inc. as recommended and authorize the Public Works Department to negotiate a service agreement. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the Parkway/I-280 TIF surplus funds in the amount of \$533,545.57.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Conroy to declare a surplus of funds in TIF #4 as recommended and authorize the City Finance Director to return these surplus funds to the Rock Island County Treasurer for distribution. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Prior to the reading of Agenda Item #16, Alderman Tollenaer briefly excused himself from the meeting.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Mayor regarding appointments to the Liquor Control Commission and the Project NOW Board.

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

Steve Schwindt was appointed to the Liquor Control Commission for a three year term ending on April 30, 2014. Nick Camlin was appointed to the Project NOW Board for a five year term, and this is the City's first appointment to this board.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the City Clerk regarding two requests from Reverend Willie E. Jones of the People's Missionary Baptist Church for parking to be permitted at the curbside along the east and west sides of 23rd Street between 5th and 6th Avenues on Saturday, December 17, 2011 from 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm for their Christmas Concert and Saturday, December 31, 2011 from 7:00 pm to 12:45 am on Sunday, January 1, 2012 for their New Year's Eve Church Service.

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

Agenda Item #19

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from the City Limits Saloon and Grill to extend their business hours for one night only on Saturday, December 31, 2011 until 3:00 am on Sunday, January 1, 2012 for New Year's Eve.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Austin seconded to approve the request as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #20

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Rozz - Tox to extend their business hours for one night only on Saturday, December 31, 2011 until 3:00 am on Sunday, January 1, 2012 for New Year's Eve.

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the request as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #21

Other Business

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

Alderman Brooks commented on his Ward I meeting that was held last Monday. Alderman Brooks stated that it was a productive meeting and there were positive responses as to what the community needs were and community commitment.

Agenda Item #22

No Executive Session.

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #23

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Austin to recess to Monday, December 12, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:00 p.m.