

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:30 pm in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Charles O. Austin III, Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones and Joy Murphy. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Public Works Director Bob Hawes, Finance Director Cindy Parchert, other City staff and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman P.J. Foley was absent.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT DISCUSSION

City Manager Thomas stated that Council had requested another Study Session on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Mr. Thomas added that staff has brought back options for Council to review related to the stormwater utility rates, sewer rates and water utility rates.

Mr. Hawes distributed documents concerning options for the stormwater utility rates, sewer rates and water utility rates. Mr. Hawes advised that staff revisited the revenue assumptions. Mr. Hawes explained that the CIP was started in October and staff was working with data through September. Mr. Hawes noted that currently, staff has access to data through January. Mr. Hawes noted that based on that data, staff was able to raise revenue estimates for both water and sewer.

Mr. Hawes stated that instead of trying to grow the cash on hand towards the 90 day target, staff basically made it flat. Mr. Hawes referred to the documents concerning stormwater rates and advised that by not having the cash on hand grow, this helps with what has to be done for rate increases. It was noted that this assumes annual inflation of 2.0%. Mr. Hawes advised that staff is recommending to freeze the stormwater rates for 2012 and 2013. Mr. Hawes further discussed the stormwater utility rates.

Mr. Hawes pointed out that in regards to the sewer utility rates, a six year window was used instead of a five year window due to the Long Term Control Plan. It was noted that the revenue projections increased based on the latest billing data. Mr. Hawes explained that the year-end cash balance is falling because of the funds that were borrowed and will be used for the CIP. Mr. Hawes stated that this assumes an annual 2.0 % inflation. Mr. Hawes advised that it is assumed that the Long Term Control Plan will continue as required by the federal court order. Mr. Hawes advised that the result is that the budget for the undesignated sewer replacement scheduled for FY18 is reduced from \$1,000,000.00 to \$750,000.00. Mr. Hawes advised that staff is recommending to freeze the sewer rates for 2012 and 2013 and revisit the rate model assumptions next year. Mr. Hawes further discussed this item as it related to project costs and the State Revolving Loan Fund.

Mr. Hawes then discussed several options in regards to the water utility rates. Mr. Hawes stated that staff is recommending no increase for 2012 and a 3.0% increase each year after that for the water utility rates. It was noted that this is Option A. Mr. Hawes advised that revenue projections increased based upon the latest billing data and this assumes annual inflation of 2.0%. Mr. Hawes then discussed the results for option A. It was noted that the SCADA System upgrade program was reduced from \$50,000.00 per year to \$25,000.00 per year. Mr. Hawes added that the 11th Street water main replacement between 25th and 31st Avenue and the Bowers Addition

connection were deferred. It was noted that the impact on the average residential customer is \$0.94 per month.

Mr. Hawes then discussed Option B for the water utility rates. Mr. Hawes advised that this option calls for a 0% increase for the first two years and then a 3.0 % increase for the next three years. It was noted that revenue projections increase by the latest billing data and this assumes annual inflation of 2.0%. Mr. Hawes pointed out that the impacts of this option include the SCADA upgrade being reduced; the 11th Street water main replacement between 25th and 31st Avenue being deferred out of the program as well as the Bowers Addition connection; 20th Street between 9th and 13th Avenue would be deferred out of the program; and phase two of 21st Street between 9th and 12th Avenue would be pulled out of the program.

Council discussed the options. Mayor Pauley stated that he appreciated all of the work that staff has done on this item. The Mayor stated that this is very manageable and supported Option A on the water utility rates, sewer and stormwater rates.

Alderman Conroy stated that staff did a great job and appreciated staff's hard work. Alderwoman Murphy stated that she appreciated all of the hard work that staff has done on this issue. Alderman Brooks stated that he appreciated staff's efforts.

Council also discussed this issue as it related to Agenda Item #20 concerning the Capital Improvement Plan in regards to the process of taking the item off of the table and whether or not to amend the motion that remained on the floor or withdrawing the second on the motion and making a new motion.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Jones to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 20, 2012
MINUTES**

Rock Island City Council met in regular session at 6:45 pm 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, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones and Joy Murphy. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman P. J. Foley was absent.

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the Meeting of February 13, 2012.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of February 13, 2012. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Illinois Quad Cities Citizens Police Academy is sponsored by each of the police departments in which Rock Island is one of the sponsors. Mayor Pauley stated that the academy begins on March 14, 2012 and ends on May 23, 2012. It was noted that all applications must be received by March 2, 2012. Mayor Pauley indicated that if anyone is interested in signing up for the academy, call the police department and they will send an application. Mayor Pauley advised that the weekly sessions start at 6:30 pm and last until 9:30 pm. It was noted that the class also includes a ride along with the police. Mayor Pauley stated that if you want to know more about the police department and what they do, sign up for the police academy.

Mayor Pauley stated to come and meet the candidates for Rock Island County and District 72 State Representative elections on February 21st at 6:00 pm at the King Center. The Mayor commented that county position candidates invited are Kelly Fisher, Robert Ellis, Lauren Boswell-Loftin, Tracy Nessler, Tony Holland, Christina Fait, and 72 Representative candidates Pat Verschoore, Glen Evans, Jonathan Wallace and Neil Anderson. Mayor Pauley advised that this event is hosted by the Community Caring Conference, Rock Island Township and Rock Island NAACP.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Greenbush Neighbors meeting will be held on February 21st at 7:00 pm in Rock Island Township Hall at 2827 7th Avenue. It was noted that Fire Chief James Fobert will be speaking.

Mayor Pauley indicated that the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is offering orientation and training for new in-school and after-school tutors and mentors with Rock Island

schools on February 22nd and February 29th from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm at the King Center. The Mayor noted that there is no cost and lunch is provided. It was noted that for more information, call (309) 793-4425.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce is currently accepting nominations and applications for the 2012 Quad Cities Small Business Awards. It was noted that these awards will recognize local companies exemplifying professional skills and area leaders who are peer-rated as champions in their respective fields. Mayor Pauley stated that everyone is invited to nominate esteemed colleagues and companies or submit individual applications. It was noted that forms are available at www.quadcitieschamber.com. Mayor Pauley indicated that nominations must be submitted to the Chamber by Friday, March 9th and completed applications are due Friday, April 6th. The Mayor added that finalists will be notified by Monday, April 30th, and winners will be announced at the May 16th awards ceremony.

Note: Mayor Pauley made a slight change in the order of Agenda Items. The next Agenda Item was #8.

Agenda Item #8

Proclamation declaring February 26, 2012 as NAACP Religious Affairs Community Day.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring February 26, 2012 as NAACP Religious Affairs Community Day.

Ms. Ametra Carrol, Chairperson of the Religious Affairs Committee accepted the proclamation. Ms. Carrol thanked Council for the proclamation and invited them to the 4th annual community day celebration sponsored by the Rock Island County NAACP's Religious Affairs Committee to be held on Sunday, February 26, 2012 at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in East Moline at 1501 6th Avenue. Ms. Carrol noted that Pastor P. Wonder Harris will bring a powerful message of "Then and Now." Ms. Carrol added that refreshments will be served following the program. It was noted that Ms. Carrol will be united in marriage to Mr. Salvador Castaneda at this celebration.

Agenda Item #7

Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Budget by City Manager Thomas Thomas.

City Manager Thomas Thomas addressed Council and stated that this budget represents three to four months of work and staff has worked very diligently in putting together this budget. Mr. Thomas advised that the 2012/2013 Budget calls for no property tax rate increase; it is a balanced budget. Mr. Thomas added that the budget calls for maintaining the same current staffing levels and the City is maintaining the same high level of services that has always been maintained in the past. Mr. Thomas inquired upon Finance Director Cindy Parchert to present to Council more detailed information on the 2012/2013 Budget.

Ms. Parchert stated that historically, the largest share of property taxes went for general City operations. However, in recent years, there has been a shift and most of the property tax dollars

go to support Police and Fire pensions, which is 37%. It was noted that General Fund operations receive approximately 29% of the property tax dollars.

Ms. Parchert indicated that Employee FTEs (full time equivalents) includes part time as well as full time. It was noted that from 2002, the City has reduced the FTE's by 27 full time equivalents. Ms. Parchert offered that since 1980, the City has reduced employee counts by 89.

Ms. Parchert advised that the proposed income tax for next year is unchanged from 2012. Ms. Parchert added that the income tax has declined since the 2008/2009 time frame. It was noted that the City is seeing a reduction of approximately \$560,000.00 in income tax. Ms. Parchert pointed out that the proposed replacement tax is unchanged from 2012. It was noted that replacement tax is also down approximately \$600,000.00 from what it was in 2008. Ms. Parchert indicated that the City has seen about a \$1.1 million dollar reduction in income and replacement tax since 2008. Ms. Parchert advised that 85% of General Fund spending is for the City's core and necessary services, which include Police, Fire and Public Works.

Ms. Parchert stated that the income tax and replacement tax have been a challenge these last few years. Ms. Parchert added that there is also several other challenges throughout this budget, which include an increase in health insurance of approximately 8.0% and a 4.58% increase in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF).

Ms. Parchert advised that there is no increase in the property tax rate; the budget is balanced; services are being maintained; and the City remains in good financial strength. Ms. Parchert stated that the budget reflects all of the things that are being planned and accomplished. Ms. Parchert added that the City has some challenges just as all the other communities do. However, the budget indicates the City's ability to meet and address those challenges.

It was noted that the budget work sessions will be held on Saturday, February 25 and Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 8:00 am in Council Chambers. Ms. Parchert added that the 2012/2013 Budget will be presented in March for approval so that it is adopted prior to the beginning of the new fiscal year, which starts on April 1, 2012.

Ms. Parchert thanked all of the department directors for their hard work on the budget. In addition, Ms. Parchert thanked Budget Coordinator Don Reichert for all of his efforts in putting the budget documents together.

Mayor Pauley thanked City Manager Thomas and staff for all of their hard work. The Mayor added that it is a great budget and it will be looked at in detail over the next several weekends.

Agenda Items 9, 10,11,12,13,14,15,16 and 17.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinances for Items 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy advised that these are standard ordinances that the City has for right-of-ways, parking and moving around several tracts. Alderman Conroy stated that there are no major consequences in regards to these ordinances.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #9

A Special Ordinance providing for the sale of six City owned properties on 10th Street between 6th and 7th Avenue to Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation.

Agenda Item #10

A Special Ordinance amending a Special Ordinance by removing a no parking zone on the east side of 22nd Street from 3rd to 4th Avenue.

Agenda Item #11

A Special Ordinance establishing control of parking on private property at 2411 4th Avenue.

Agenda Item #12

A Special Ordinance amending a zoning district and zoning map at 1112 37th Street and 1116 37th Street.

Agenda Item #13

A Special Ordinance providing for the transfer of Tract 1 of Parcel RI-55-A-1 to Wanda Schumacher.

Agenda Item #14

A Special Ordinance providing for the transfer of Tract 2 of Parcel RI-55-A-1 to Precision Holdings, L.L.C.

Agenda Item #15

A Special Ordinance vacating an unimproved segment of 1st Street public right - of - way from 18th Avenue north to the southern line of the unimproved and reserved 16th Avenue right - of - way.

Agenda Item #16

A Special Ordinance accepting dedication of the new 1st Street right - of - way in the City of Rock Island.

Agenda Item #17

A Special Ordinance accepting dedication of a water main easement in the vicinity of 18th Avenue and 1st Street.

Agenda Item #18

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$24,567.00 to Maguire Iron, Inc. for services provided for the 14th Street and 42nd Avenue Water Tower Replacement project. (043)

Agenda Item #19

Claims for the week of February 10 through February 16 in the amount of \$297,160.91.

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

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan, recommending to approve the allocation of Gaming and General Fund Carryover funds; approve a 5.0% water rate increase effective April 1, 2012 and a 5.0% water rate increase effective January 1, 2013; a 2.0% sewer rate increase effective April 1, 2012 and a 2.0% sewer rate increase effective January 1, 2013; a 2.0% stormwater rate increase effective April 1, 2012 and a 2.0% stormwater rate increase effective January 1, 2013. (Motion whether or not to take off the table). (*A Motion remained on the floor - Alderman Conroy moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan, the allocation of Gaming and General Fund carryover funds, authorize staff to implement the FY13 projects and authorize staff to begin designing the FY14 projects.*)

Note: Agenda Item #20 was tabled at the February 13, 2012 Council meeting.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Brooks seconded to take Agenda Item #20 off the table. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Alderwoman Murphy then removed her second from the motion that remained on the floor. The motion then died for lack of a second.

Alderman Conroy then moved to approve the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan with the noted changes, which included; the SCADA System upgrade reduction from \$50,000.00 to \$25,000.00 per year; moving of the 11th Street water main replacement out past the five years;

and the Bowers Addition connection deferral of a \$250,000.00 reduction; approve the Gaming revenues and General Fund carryovers; and to have no sewer rate increase for the year 2012 or 2013; no stormwater increase for 2012 or 2013, no water rate increase for 2012 and a 3.0% water rate increase for 2013; and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance, Alderwoman Murphy seconded.

Discussion followed. Alderman Brooks stated that the water rate increase will be \$0.94 per month for 2013. Alderman Brooks indicated that staff did a great job of bringing back what Council wanted. Alderman Brooks thanked staff for all of their hard work. Alderman Brooks stated that he was proud of that effort.

Mayor Pauley advised that this item was discussed in length prior to the Council meeting. The Mayor added that staff came back to Council with these proposals; they did an excellent job of reducing what was needed, keeping the same services, and moving forward with the City's projects.

Alderman Conroy thanked City Manager Thomas for working with staff to come up with these recommendations. Alderman Conroy added that staff did a fantastic job. Alderman Conroy stated that the citizens should be proud of how things were moved around to accomplish the goals.

Alderwoman Murphy stated that everyone came together on this issue; when everyone works together, great things can be done. Alderwoman Murphy added that the citizens of Rock Island will appreciate that the City will not have a property tax increase, and for this year, the City will not be raising any of these rates.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to investigate traffic flow on 10th Avenue between 30th and 34th Street to see if no parking zones need to be installed to allow an eastbound bus, truck or vehicle to pull onto the south side of the street to let oncoming vehicles pass.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the request to ban parking for 80 feet on the south side of 10th Avenue beginning 70 feet from the intersection of 34th Street as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderwoman Murphy explained the reasoning behind the request. Alderwoman Murphy commented that this will allow cars to pull over in the no parking area so that other vehicles can pass. Alderwoman added that the neighbors didn't want to make no parking on all of 10th Avenue because a lot of people who live there use that parking.

After more discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #22

Report from the City Clerk regarding Plaza events for the upcoming 2012 season, a Resolution for the Quad Cities Criterium and the American Heart Association's Start! Heart Walk, requesting a waiver of application and event fees for the District's two Gallery Hops, Fright Night and Red, White and Boom, a waiver of the event fee for the 8th annual Labor Day Ride for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma sponsored by the Daiquiri Factory and a waiver of the event fee for the Spring Chaser 5K Run/Walk sponsored by Steve's Old Time Tap.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the events and waiver of fees as recommended and adopt the two resolutions.

Alderman Jones commented that there will be a lot to do in Downtown Rock Island and this will be an exciting year.

After comments, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #23

Other Business

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

Alderman Conroy stated that last week, a group of people came to Council to discuss deer harvesting in the City of Rock Island. It was noted that this group was in favor of deer harvesting. Alderman Conroy encouraged people that are against this issue to come to the Study Session on March 5th to let Council know what they want. Mayor Pauley stated that the portion of the Study Session devoted to the deer discussion will be held from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

Alderwoman Murphy offered that the Rock Island Public Library has OverDrive classes, which is how to learn to download free eBooks and audio books. Alderwoman Murphy added that they have free classes and one class is being offered on Tuesday, February 21st at 10:00 am in the Rock Island Main Library Community Room. Alderwoman Murphy stated that the library is also offering beginning computer classes, which include learning how to use the internet, e-mail, learning about social media and files, folders and flash drives.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that DePaepe's Gym is located at 1409 30th Street. Alderwoman Murphy advised that they have free weights, a boxing room, tanning beds, sauna, a kid's room and all kinds of exercise equipment. Alderwoman Murphy noted that DePaepe's also has a certified personal trainer available. It was noted that for more information, visit www.depaepesgym.com.

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Agenda Item #24

No Executive Session.

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #25

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Conroy to recess to Saturday, February 25, 2012 at 8:00 am. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:15 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk