

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 Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Public Works Director Bob Hawes, Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne, other City staff, City Attorney Ted Kutsunis, Renaissance Rock Island President Brian Hollenback and concerned citizens Evie White and Bob Motz in regards to the deer population. Alderman Jason W. Jones arrived at 5:42 pm.

ENVIRONET - LOT C DISCUSSION

Mr. Hollenback discussed Phase 2 of the environmental assessment of Lot C. Mr. Hollenback advised that this is a necessary step for the pre-development stages for any future development. Mr. Hollenback added that this is TIF eligible.

Mr. Champagne stated that Phase 1 of the environmental assessment has been completed. It was noted that Phase I found three or four issues at the site. Mr. Champagne advised that more evasive work needs to be done including testing of soil borings and ground water samples. Mr. Hollenback indicated that the most cost effective approach will be used in the redevelopment efforts and for containment.

Mayor Pauley advised that this has to be done. Mayor Pauley added that there will be 51 units of housing on 1st Avenue. Mayor Pauley stated that this will be prime housing and the transfer center will be on the corner. Mayor Pauley advised that this is a prime area that really needs to be developed.

Council and Mr. Champagne further discussed this issue as it related to private and public financing.

Mr. Champagne explained the reasons for doing this work. Mr. Champagne advised that if the City hopes to develop this current property or other projects in the future, answers are needed for all of these questions in regards to the environmental condition of the property. Mr. Champagne explained that it is very difficult to market a property if there are concerns about the environmental conditions of a site. Mr. Champagne commented that the resources are available; environmental work is clearly TIF eligible. Mr. Champagne added that the City being a property owner has the responsibility to address these environmental issues.

Council further discussed this item.

DEER PRESENTATION

Concerned citizens Bob Motz and Evie White presented their presentation opposing the hunting of the deer population in the City of Rock Island. Petitions and document packets were distributed to Council in regards to this issue.

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Mr. Bob Motz of 2535 River Heights Drive stepped forward. Mr. Motz attended the Study Session on behalf of the people that did not want deer hunting in the City.

Mr. Motz advised that some hunters signed their petitions opposing the hunting of deer in the city of Rock Island. Mr. Motz made reference to some newspaper articles he had read that stated habitat loss and lack of predators has caused the increase in the number of deer. It was noted that there are now more deer in Illinois. Mr. Motz discussed the types of plants that deer like to nibble on. Mr. Motz referred to the packet and stated that the deer are incredible animals and he loves seeing the deer in his yard.

Mr. Motz made reference to a letter included in the packet from the Fish and Wildlife Service and stated that the letter advised that before anything is done about deer, an aerial population survey should be done. Mr. Motz referred to the deer nuisance data report from the Police Department and advised that the report concludes that the deer population does not pose a threat to public safety and it is recommended that the City not engage in lethal population control. Mr. Motz added that the report stated that from 2001 to 2010, there has not been a spike in the number of deer-vehicle accidents. Mr. Motz further discussed this issue. Mr. Motz discussed Lyme disease as it related to deer.

Mr. Motz gave several suggestions as an alternative to deer hunting. Mr. Motz advised that an option for reducing deer-vehicle accidents is the Strieter - Lite, which is a reflector. It was noted that these are roadside reflectors that keep deer from crossing the road; the vehicle lights bounce off of the reflectors. Mr. Motz commented that most deer that cross the roads do so at dusk and dawn. Mr. Motz also discussed deer and trees. Mr. Motz stated that screen or wire can be put around the trunk of sapling trees as a deterrent. Mr. Motz added that another option to keep the deer population from increasing is sterilization. Mr. Motz advised that sterilization could be done by darting or capture and injection.

Mr. Motz discussed deer removal permits. Mr. Motz also discussed poaching as it related to controlled deer hunts. In addition, Mr. Motz discussed costs as it related to organization, supervision and liability insurance concerning controlled deer hunts.

Ms. Evie White of 4004 17th Street stepped forward. Ms. White stated that she lives in a wooded area and has learned to garden a different way. Ms. White advised that she has rain gardens, vegetable gardens, flower gardens and sun and shade gardens. It was noted that Ms. White also has raccoons, groundhogs, squirrels and deer.

Ms. White pointed out that the groundhogs, moles and raccoons do more damage to her gardens than a deer could ever do. It was noted that Ms. White has lots of deer at her property. Ms. White commented that she loves seeing the deer on her property and they do not eat her hostas. Ms. White added that a deer never kills a plant, it just eats it down so far and then the plant will grow again. Ms. White stated that there are other avenues to take besides killing that will take care of critters.

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Ms. Diane Schuch of 9904 14th Street West stepped forward. Ms. Schuch stated that she lives on nine wooded acres and has a lot of deer on her property and she enjoys them. Ms. Schuch stated that she hoped the deer population would not be killed.

Mr. Joe Schuch of 9904 14th Street West stepped forward. Mr. Schuch opposed the hunting of deer in the City. Mr. Schuch stated that he enjoys watching the deer. Mr. Schuch had concerns in regards to accidents and liability if the City were to allow deer hunting.

Ms. Jean Shaul of 931 20th Street stepped forward. Ms. Shaul stated that she had no tolerance for the hunting of deer and firmly opposed deer hunting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy 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 6:15 pm.

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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 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 Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis.

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of February 20, 2012 and Minutes of the meeting of February 25, 2012.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the Minutes of the meeting of February 20, 2012 and Minutes of the meeting of February 25, 2012. 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 advised that if anyone is in the mood for an afternoon treat of arts, culture, history or entertainment, check out the Rock Island Library's new Senior Series of programs. Mayor Pauley commented that although the programs are open for anyone, they are specifically targeted for seniors and retirees who are available during the day. It was noted that most programs start at 2:00 pm on selected Tuesdays in the Rock Island Main Library Community Room at 401 19th Street. All are free and open to the public. Mayor Pauley indicated that the series starts with a special tribute to workers on the home front for Women's History Month in March. Mayor Pauley advised that Kris Leinicke, Director of the Rock Island Arsenal Museum will lead a photo presentation on "Women Serving Our Nation in WWI and WWII" at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, March 13th at the Rock Island Main Library Community Room at 401 19th Street. It was noted that the program will discuss the many contributions of women in wartime at the Rock Island Arsenal.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Ninth Annual Quad Cities Henry Farnam Dinner, celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Rock Island Arsenal will be held on Friday, March 9th at Jumer's Casino & Hotel, Rock Island. It was noted that the keynote speaker is Leslie D. Jensen, Curator of Arms and Armor at West Point Museum. Mayor Pauley added that Mr. Jensen will discuss the role of the Rock Island Arsenal in the national army from 1862 to 1920. It was noted that there will be a cash bar and displays will open at 5:00 pm. The Mayor commented that dinner is at 6:00 pm and the program begins at 7:00 pm. Mayor Pauley indicated that tickets are \$40.00 per person. It was noted that reservations are due March 6th. Mayor Pauley advised to register online at www.riveraction.org.

Mayor Pauley indicated that the Broadway Historic District Association's Beautification Committee is looking for plants to beautify street corners. It was noted that they specifically want hostas and Stella d'Oro daylilies. Mayor Pauley stated that if anyone has some of these plants that they would like to donate, please email Anthony Heddlesten at hddlesten@gmail.com.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Friends of the Library provide seniors with a monthly program and lunch at 11:30 am on the second Monday of each month at the First Baptist Church of Rock Island at 3020 30th Street. It was noted to RSVP to 786-5293. Mayor Pauley stated that the topic for March 12th is "What's New at the Zoo" with Niabi Zoo Director Mark Ryan.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring the week of March 4 through March 10, 2012 as Women In Construction Week.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation. Ms. Missy Gasiorowski and Ms. Rhonda Osbourne accepted that proclamation. Ms. Gasiorowski thanked the Mayor for the proclamation. Ms. Gasiorowski stated that Women in Construction is across the nation, and its mission is to enhance the success of women in the construction industry. Ms. Gasiorowski stated that they accomplish this through educational opportunities, networking and community or service projects.

Agenda Item #8

Proclamation declaring the week of March 11 through March 17, 2012 as Brain Awareness Week.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation. Ms. Carol Triebel, President of the Pilot Club in Moline thanked the Mayor for the proclamation. Ms. Triebel stated that their motto is dedicated to service and committed to brain awareness. Ms. Triebel discussed the Project Lifesaver Program that the Pilot Club brought to Rock Island County. Ms. Triebel explained that it is the fastest and most effective rescue program for first responders. Ms. Triebel pointed out that a personalized radio transmitter (bracelet) is placed on a person that may tend to wander. If a person wanders, the first responders will find them within 30 minutes. It was noted that they have a 100% success rate. Ms. Triebel encouraged anyone that has a loved one that tends to wander to sign up with the Rock Island County Sheriff's Department. Ms. Triebel further discussed this program.

Agenda Item #9

Proclamation declaring March as American Red Cross Month.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation. No one was available to accept the proclamation. Mayor Pauley discussed how fundraising for the Red Cross has been extremely difficult this year with all of the devastation that has taken place across the country. Mayor Pauley encouraged all citizens to help the Red Cross.

Agenda Item #10

A Special Ordinance providing for the donation of property at 526 40th Street to LRC Real Estate, Inc.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Foley to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance.

Alderman Austin inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne to explain what this ordinance entails.

Mr. Champagne advised that this is one of a number of properties that the City acquired as part of the Rock Island County Tax Auction process. Mr. Champagne further explained the process. Mr. Champagne advised that this property was bought on behalf of LRC Developers and the City paid \$1,000.00 for this property. Mr. Champagne offered that the long term plan is to add to LRC's holdings in that part of the neighborhood. Mr. Champagne added that the approach is to buy the property and donate it to them; they are responsible for demolishing the building. It was noted that the demolition cost will be approximately \$12 to \$15 thousand dollars. Mr. Champagne advised that this will get a blighted property and house out of the neighborhood; it puts the property back on the tax rolls; and it puts it into private hands that will maintain the property.

At this time, Alderman Austin made a motion to amend. It was moved by Alderman Austin to amend Section Two of the ordinance to include that the donation shall be contingent upon LRC Real Estate, Inc. obtaining and executing a contract for demolition of the structure on the property not less than 90 days from the date of this ordinance. Alderwoman Murphy seconded.

Council further discussed this item in regards to whether or not 90 days was enough time.

After discussion, the amendment to 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 final motion reads as follows:

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Foley to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance and that Section Two of the ordinance shall include that the donation shall be contingent upon LRC Real Estate, Inc. obtaining and executing a contract for demolition of the structure on the property not less than 90 days from the date of this 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 #11

A Special Ordinance establishing a no parking zone for 80 feet on the south side of 10th Avenue beginning 70 feet from the intersection of 34th Street.

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

Agenda Item #12

A Special Ordinance establishing a water rate increase in the city of Rock Island.

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Conroy 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 #13

CLAIMS

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy 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 Brooks, 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 \$5,344.70 to Kutsunis and Weng for legal services rendered for the month of February.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$7,944.34 to Greenwood Cleaning Systems, \$4,246.35 to Great Western Supply, \$313.74 to B.L. Murray and \$282.97 to Amsan for janitorial supplies. (046)
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #14 in the amount of \$15,039.68 to General Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Public Works Street Garage project. (050)
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #4 and final in the amount of \$74,472.55 to Valley Construction for services provided for the Rock Island Parkway Improvements project. (051)
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding final payment in the amount of \$338,248.59 to the Treasurer of the State of Illinois for the City's share of the 30th Street Resurfacing from 31st Avenue to Blackhawk Road project. (052)

- f. Report from the Police Department regarding payment in the amount of \$18,305.00 to McClaren, Wilson and Lawrie, Inc. for the Police Department facility needs assessment. (007)

Agenda Item #14

Claims for the weeks of February 17 through February 23 in the amount of \$350,387.96 and February 24 through March 1 in the amount of \$341,350.52.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Foley 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 #15

Payroll for the weeks of February 6 through February 19 in the amount of \$1,268,088.24.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy 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 #16

Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding an agreement for City Attorney legal services, recommending a three year contract with Kutsunis, Weng and Morrison at the rate of \$120.00 per hour and \$77,250.00 for the annual retainer fee effective April 1, 2012.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Austin seconded 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.

At this time, Alderman Austin inquired upon City Attorney Ted Kutsunis for an introduction.

City Attorney Kutsunis thanked the City for approving the law firm's proposal. City Attorney Kutsunis stated that they are happy to continue their services for the City of Rock Island and look forward to many more years of continued service. Mr. Kutsunis introduced Attorney David Morrison to Council. It was noted that Attorney Morrison will be the Assistant City Attorney.

Attorney Morrison thanked Council for the opportunity to provide services to the City and looked forward to working with Council.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an agreement with Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation for committing \$100,000.00 of Downtown TIF funds to create five apartments at 1610 to 1618 2nd Avenue.

It was moved by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the agreement as recommended, subject to completing the program application and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Jones inquired upon Renaissance Rock Island President Brian Hollenback to provide an update to Council on this item.

Mr. Hollenback advised that this development will complete \$13 million dollars worth of investment along 2nd Avenue. Mr. Hollenback added that this will continue to enhance not only the new parking lot but will provide additional support for Shops on 2nd. Mr. Hollenback stated that they will be requesting an opportunity to come back to a Study Session to give a complete project update.

Mr. Hollenback then provided Council with a quick update on the incubator project.

After discussion, 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 Public Works Department regarding a Resolution appropriating \$1,122,335.00 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for street maintenance.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Foley 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 Community and Economic Development Department regarding a Resolution authorizing submittal of an application for funding through the State of Illinois CDBG Disaster Recovery "IKE" Program.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Conroy 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 #20

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a request from the Broadway Neighborhood Association for permission to install six (6) informational kiosks on the City Rights of Way at various locations within their neighborhood.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the request as recommended, subject to the stipulations as stated in the report.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy inquired as to where the kiosks would be installed and were there any restrictions on what is allowed to be put on the kiosks.

Street Maintenance Superintendant Randy Tweet stated that there are some proposed locations in the report. Mr. Tweet added that once the group comes up with the exact locations within 30 days, they will then bring those chosen areas back to Public Works for approval. Mr. Tweet commented that someone from the association will be designated to be responsible for what is put on the kiosks and for the maintenance of the kiosks.

Council further discussed this item as it related to kiosks in the right-of-way.

After discussion, 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 #21

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Roosters Sports Bar and Grill to hold an event outside on Saturday, March 17, 2012 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at 2130 3rd Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #22

Other Business

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

Alderman Austin thanked Argus/Dispatch Reporter Brandy Donaldson for being a good ambassador for the City of Rock Island for presenting things accurately and fairly.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy commented that if anyone is making plans to attend the upcoming St. Patrick's Day Parade, there are lots of businesses in Downtown Rock Island to have a good time at during and after the parade.

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No Executive Session.

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #24

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recess to Monday, March 12, 2012 at 5:30 pm. 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 7:14 pm.

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