

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 2, 2012  
MINUTES**

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 6:15 pm in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III and Terry M.A. Brooks I. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Public Works Director Bob Hawes, Administrative Services Director John Thorson, other City staff, City Attorney Ted Kutsunis, Attorney Roy Harsch and Attorney Jack Nathan. Alderman Jason W. Jones arrived at 6:20 pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 1**

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recess to Executive Session on matters of Litigation and Personnel. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 6:16 pm. Alderman Jones arrived at 6:20 pm.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:40 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Jones to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

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 David Conroy, P. J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III and Terry M.A. Brooks I. 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. Alderman Austin gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

#### **Minutes of the meeting of March 19, 2012.**

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the Minutes of the meeting of March 19, 2012 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

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

Mayor Pauley stated that Rock Island-born American folk rock musician Lissie Maurus will return home to team up with the Rock Island Parks and Recreation Department for a cause near and dear to her heart. Mayor Pauley added that Laura's Legacy, a Mother's Day celebration honoring Lissie's Aunt Laura who passed away from ALS will take place at Schwiebert Riverfront Park in Rock Island, IL on Sunday, May 13, 2012 from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm benefiting the ALS division of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois. It was noted that the outdoor concert will have great bands, food vendors, and a beer garden. Mayor Pauley advised that admission is available at the gate only and is \$10.00 for adults and children 12 and under will be free.

Mayor Pauley indicated that refuse, recycling, yardwaste and leaf collection will be on the normal collection schedule during the Good Friday holiday. The Mayor added that all City of Rock Island offices will be open on Good Friday (Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>). It was noted that the Drop-Off Center located at Millennium Waste; 13606 Knoxville Road, Milan will be open on Saturday from 7:00 am to noon.

Mayor Pauley stated that the City of Rock Island is providing free leaf collection for its residential refuse customers from Monday, April 9 through Friday, April 27, 2012. In addition to providing free leaf collection, the City will also furnish bags for this program at no cost. The Mayor commented that free bags will be available beginning today, Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at several City locations. It was noted to visit [www.rigov.org](http://www.rigov.org) for a complete listing of locations and times. Mayor Pauley advised that residents must provide proof of Rock Island residence through a photo ID or official mail in order to receive free bags.

Mayor Pauley offered that volunteers for Income Tax Assistance and AARP Tax-Aide will provide free income tax preparation and e-filing for those who qualify on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm at the Rock Island Main Library at 401 19<sup>th</sup> Street in the Community Room. It was noted that walk-in availability is limited to 15, so reservations are highly encouraged. The Mayor stated that this event is managed and ran by the United Way of the Quad Cities. It was noted that the United Way can also help you make sure that you have the right documents with you. Mayor Pauley added that to sign up for an appointment, call the United Way at 563-355-9900. It was noted that the library cannot take appointments for this event.

Mayor Pauley advised that once again, the time of year is approaching when the Citizen of the Year Committee should be meeting to develop plans for the 2012 Citizen of the Year. Council members are important members of this committee. Mayor Pauley stated that the Citizen of the Year awards are Council awards made each year to citizens that have been nominated in various categories, which have been determined by the committee. Mayor Pauley indicated that the winners are generally announced at the first City Council meeting in August (August 13, 2012), and the winners and their guests will be honored at a reception just before the last City Council meeting in August (August 27, 2012). It was noted that during that Council meeting, the winners are presented and the overall Citizen of the Year is announced.

Mayor Pauley added that if the City plans to continue this program, we will need one or two City Council members to volunteer to serve on this committee. It was noted that last year, Alderman Austin and Alderwoman Murphy served on the committee. At this time, Alderman Austin and Alderwoman Murphy volunteered to be co-chairs of the 2012 Citizen of the Year Committee.

Agenda Item #7

**Proclamation declaring April 8 through April 14, 2012 as National Library Week.**

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring April 8 through April 14, 2012 as National Library Week. Library Director Ava Ketter accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Mayor and City Council for the Proclamation. Ms. Ketter stated that there are a number of events and programs being held on National Library Week. Ms. Ketter stated that for more information, check the website or Facebook.

Agenda Item #8

**CLAIMS**

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to accept the following reports and authorize payments as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none.

- a. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,911.71 to Kutsunis and Weng for legal services rendered for the month of March.

- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$19,410.80 to Valley Construction Company, Inc. for an emergency water main repair at Valley View Drive west of Velie Drive. (073)
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$12,970.20 to Graybar for an emergency purchase of an open style VFD Drive for raw water pump #2. (074)

Agenda Item #9

**Claims for the weeks of March 16 through March 22 in the amount of \$496,863.62 and March 23 through March 29 in the amount of \$523,661.74.**

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

Agenda Item #10

**Payroll for the weeks of March 5 through March 18 in the amount of \$1,218,726.46.**

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

Agenda Item #11

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding a proposal from Langman Construction for extending sanitary sewer service along 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue from the railroad tracks to the west for a shared cost to the City of \$34,317.68.**

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

Agenda Item #12

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding an intergovernmental agreement with the Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District for the Rock Island Transfer Station project.**

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

Agenda Item #13

**Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding a Special Ordinance providing for the ninth cable extension of the cable franchise agreement through June 30, 2012.**

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Jones to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #14

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a Special Ordinance ceding the City's 2012 private activity volume bonding cap to the Quad Cities Regional Economic Development Authority.**

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

Agenda Item #15

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a Resolution for the IKE Disaster Planning Grant Application.**

It was moved by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Conroy to adopt the Resolution as recommended and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute and submit the application to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #16

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the donation and relocation of the Sculpture Invitation, recommending to not accept the donation.**

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Austin seconded to accept the donation of the sculpture.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin advised that annually, the City participates in the shared sculpture program in which the City rents a piece of sculpture for a year. Alderman Austin stated that last year, \$8,000.00, \$7,000.00 and \$7,000.00 was spent for that program. Alderman Austin advised that the City could adopt out of this program for one or two years to retain this significant piece of sculpture. It was noted that Alderman Austin believed retaining this piece of sculpture was in the City's best interest.

Alderman Austin indicated that the City has annually supported the Metro Arts Summer Program for murals. Alderman Austin inquired upon the Community and Economic Development Department to come back to Council with a recommendation on how they would like to break out the funding to support this venture; whether it may be to reduce the expenditures for Metro Arts or opting out of the sculpture program for one or two years.

Alderman Conroy advised that Modern Woodmen was generous enough to donate this piece of sculpture to the City and it is only fitting that the City honor their gift by sharing in the cost.

Italo Milani of 2801 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue stepped forward. Mr. Milani stated that this is a major piece of sculpture and it should be honored. It was noted that the sculpture has been here for 30 years and was a gift from the bank. Mr. Milani urged Council to please find the money for the relocation of the sculpture and not give it away. Mr. Milani stated that it should be kept in Rock Island.

Alderman Jones inquired upon staff as to whether the reason for the recommendation of not accepting the donation was due to cost.

Public Works Director Bob Hawes responded yes. Mr. Hawes advised that the budget has \$20,000.00 for the Downtown arts program. Mr. Hawes added that staff did not think that Council wanted to take \$13,000.00 of those funds for this particular piece. Mr. Hawes advised that staff will figure out a recommendation for splitting up the \$20,000.00.

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

Agenda Item #17

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request for the removal of a handicapped parking space at 2615 5½ Avenue.**

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

Agenda Item #18

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request for the removal of a handicapped parking space at 2530 5 ½ Avenue.**

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

Agenda Item #19

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Renaissance Rock Island for utilization of the new parking lot at 1620-1624 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue as stated in the report.**

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

Agenda Item #20

**Report from the Mayor regarding an appointment and reappointments to the Preservation Commission.**

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

Colleen Vollman was appointed to the Preservation Commission with a term to expire on March 31, 2015. Lendol Calder and Kent Cornish were reappointed to the Preservation Commission with terms to expire on March 31, 2015.

Agenda Item #21

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from the Daiquiri Factory for modifications to their June 30<sup>th</sup> event, requesting permission for an additional day on Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, changing the set up time from Friday June 29<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> and requesting that 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue between Arts Alley and 18<sup>th</sup> Street, and 18<sup>th</sup> Street between 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue be closed for the event.**

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

Agenda Item #22

**Other Business**

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

Alderman Austin stated that on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, he will be holding his annual Ward meeting at the Nazarene Church at 38<sup>th</sup> Street and 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 6:30 pm. Alderman Austin advised that City Manager Thomas will be there. Alderman Austin added that this is an opportunity for not

only citizens of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward, but for all citizens of Rock Island to listen to ideas and concerns, ask questions and share ideas and concerns.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Print Wear is a new business in Downtown Rock Island located on the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 15<sup>th</sup> Street. It was noted that they offer personalized apparel services, printed t-shirts, sweatshirts and hats. Alderwoman Murphy indicated that Print Wear also does embroidery and screen printing. It was noted that the company prints signs, banners and business cards. Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local; Shop Rock Island.

Agenda Item #23

**Executive Session on Litigation and Personnel.**

**Executive Session on Litigation.**

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy at 7:04 pm to recess to Executive Session on matters of Litigation. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 7:17 pm.

**Executive Session on Personnel.**

A motion was made by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy at 7:18 pm to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #24

**Recess**

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 7:29 pm. A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recess to Monday, April 9, 2012 at 5:30 pm. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:30 pm.