

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 6:00 pm in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen David Conroy, 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, Public Works Director Bob Hawes, other City staff, City Attorney Ted Kutsunis and Susan Anderson and Gail Brooks from the Rock Island Housing Authority. Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 6:20 pm.

ROCK ISLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY UPDATE

Susan Anderson from the Rock Island Housing Authority provided an update to Council on the agency. Ms. Anderson stated that Rock Island Housing Authority currently operates 487 units of conventional public housing and manages a Housing Choice Voucher Program with 313 units of subsidized section eight housing. It was noted that Rock Island Housing Authority provides 800 homes for Rock Island families.

Ms. Anderson indicated that for the past four years, HUD has rated the Rock Island Housing Authority's public housing program and section eight program as a high performer. It was noted that the high performance designation is the highest honor that HUD gives to public housing authorities and it signifies excellence in operations.

Ms. Anderson advised that Rock Island Housing Authority pools resources from a variety of service providers and offers a diverse selection of supportive services. It was noted that Rock Island Housing Authority assists public housing residents and housing choice voucher participants in their efforts to become financially self sufficient, economically independent and less dependent upon government assistance. Ms. Anderson discussed the Self Sufficiency Program, noting that the program is sustained through grant dollars. Ms. Anderson commented that since 2005, Rock Island Housing Authority has received over \$3 million dollars in grant funding and partnered with over 85 local agencies and organizations. Ms. Anderson further discussed the Self Sufficiency Program. Council discussed grants as it related to funding for the Rock Island Housing Authority's programs.

Ms. Anderson discussed the Asset Management Plan. It was noted that one of the most important goals of the plan is to provide current and future residents with more housing options. Ms. Anderson commented that the plan signifies part off the agency's 20 Year Strategic Plan, the City's Consolidated Plan, the New Old Chicago Redevelopment Plan and the Illinois-Iowa River Vision Plan. Ms. Anderson advised that the 2003 Asset Management Plan was updated in 2009 due to changes in the economy and a second update based on a comprehensive housing market study is being considered.

Ms. Anderson then discussed the agency's properties. Ms. Anderson indicated that Cascade Gardens was completed this year and provides affordable rental housing that is available to the general public. However, preferences are given to households that include a person with a disability. It was noted that the apartments are designed and constructed to meet special needs. Ms. Anderson offered that currently, 68 of the 70 units are occupied with either an individual with a disability or a family with a member that has a disability.

Ms. Anderson advised that the redevelopment for Manor Homes was one of the 150 applications submitted to the Illinois Housing Development Authority. It was noted that Manor Homes was one of the properties recommended for funding. Ms. Anderson stated that the new look for Manor Homes will include 55 single family homes and duplexes and two, four bedroom single family homes; each of the rental properties will include two, three or four bedrooms and the units will be mixed income affordable rentals.

Council discussed Manor Homes as it related to demolition of the current buildings and the redevelopment and construction process for the new buildings. Council also discussed relocation as it related to the current residents at Manor Homes.

Ms. Anderson pointed out that Rock Island Housing Authority has secured funding to develop seven town homes at 3rd Avenue and 11th Street. Ms. Anderson indicated that one of the buildings for Lincoln Homes will be demolished because it is uninhabitable. The remaining buildings will be redeveloped as funding becomes available. It was noted that until that time, the units will be monitored and maintained. Council further discussed Manor and Lincoln Homes as it related to occupancy and relocation of families.

Ms. Anderson stated that over the last 12 months, Spencer Towers has received \$1,650,000.00 in renovations and improvements. It was noted that Spencer Towers is still proposed for redevelopment based upon available funding. Ms. Anderson commented that Spencer Towers will be reconfigured and upgraded to mixed income units. Council discussed Spencer Towers as it related to occupancy and unit size. Council also discussed rules and regulations as it related to HUD in regards to housing, occupancy and housing for people with disabilities.

Ms. Anderson stated that Valley Homes was demolished in 2005 and the plan called for its redevelopment. Ms. Anderson noted that Valley Homes will be reevaluated for redevelopment and will be part of the future market study. Ms. Anderson advised that Sunset Heights is a 141 unit high-rise building that will be kept and maintained. It was noted that over the past five years, modifications to Sunset Heights has totaled over \$1.5 million dollars. Ms. Anderson stated that the building is in good solid shape and fully occupied. Council further discussed the Rock Island Housing Authority's update.

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 Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm.

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 April 9, 2012.

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the Minutes of the meeting of April 9, 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 the ninth annual Quad Cities Earth Week Fair is Saturday, April 21st from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the QCCA Expo Center at 2621 4th Avenue, Rock Island, IL. The Mayor indicated that the fair is open to the public and admission is free of charge. It was noted that the first 200 adults through the door receive a gift certificate for a free train ride at Niabi Zoo. Mayor Pauley stated that the fair is a celebration of Earth Day (April 22nd) and educates attendees on environmental issues and ways they can be better stewards of our local environment. It was noted that the 2012 fair showcases exhibitors from various environmental organizations, businesses and local governments. Mayor Pauley stated that the booths provide hands-on activities, make and take crafts, green giveaways and fun environmental education for the whole family.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Quad Cities Crime Victims' Rights Week Committee in cooperation with the Rock Island County Sheriff's Department invites you to the Quad Cities Crime Victims' Rights Week Proclamation Ceremony on Monday, April 23, 2012 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Rock Island County Justice Center at 1317 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL. Mayor Pauley stated to please join in as they acknowledge and honor the victims of crime in the community. Mayor Pauley commented that if you will be attending and/or would like to speak at this event, call Molly Forslund at the Rock Island County Sheriff's Department at 309-558-3410.

Mayor Pauley stated that Saukie Golf Course is offering a season special of \$22.00 for an 18-hole round of golf and a cart every day after 10:00 am. It was noted that Saukie Golf Course is

conveniently located in the heart of Rock Island at the intersection of 31st Avenue and 38th Street. It was noted to call (309) 732-CART (2278) to set up a tee time. Mayor Pauley advised that at Highland Springs Golf Course, Pay for 9 and Play 18 on Mondays and Wednesdays. It was noted that Highland Springs is located in southwest Rock Island at 9500 35th Street West. The Mayor added to call (309) 732-PARS (7277) to set up a tee time.

Mayor Pauley offered that Dr. W. Jackson Rushing III, Adkins Presidential Professor of Art History and Mary Lou Milner Carver, Chair in Native American Art at the University of Oklahoma, will speak on "Native American Art and Abstract Expressionism" on Tuesday, April 17th at Larson Hall at Augustana College at 7:30 pm, followed by a reception in the Augustana College Art Museum. Mayor Pauley stated that this event is sponsored by the Olson-Brandelle North American Indian Art Collection at Augustana College. It was noted that the art museum is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of 7th Avenue and 38th Street, Rock Island. Mayor Pauley commented that there is no admission fee.

Agenda Item #7

A Special Ordinance amending a zoning district and zoning map at 1220 and 1224 5th Avenue; 516, 522/524, 526, 528, 528 rear, 602 and 612 13th Street; 1221 and 1231 6th Avenue; 513, 517, 537/539 12th Street; 545 12th Street/1209 6th Avenue; 603 12th Street; and 1221,1225 and 1231 7th Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #8

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #3 and final in the amount of \$11,042.61 to Hoerr Construction for services provided for the 2011 Joint Sewer Lining Program project. (087)

Agenda Item #9

Claims for the week of April 6 through April 12 in the amount of \$536,226.02.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Foley 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

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of 11 fire hydrants from Ferguson Water Works in the amount of \$16,900.00.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the purchase as recommended.

Alderman Conroy commented that the City usually does this as a joint purchase with Moline and inquired as to whether this is part of it.

Public Works Director Bob Hawes responded yes.

After comments, 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 the purchase of a sewer camera from Coe Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$14,842.00.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the purchase 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.

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the purchase of property at 606 24th Street from the Rock Island County Delinquent Tax Agent in the amount of \$4,750.00 and the sale of property at 606 24th Street to Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation in the amount of \$4,750.00 plus closing costs.

It was moved by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the purchase and sale as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents 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 #13

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of two 2012 B&B Trailers, recommending the bid be awarded to Martin Tri-State Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$10,720.00.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to award the bid as recommended, authorize purchase and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance declaring the current trailers as surplus. 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 Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of a John Deere tractor and mower (commercial lawn equipment), recommending the bid be awarded to River Valley Turf, Inc. in the amount of \$29,175.56.

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to award the bid as recommended, authorize purchase and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance declaring the current tractor and mower as surplus. 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 Public Works Department regarding the Prairie View Business Park settlement, recommending payment to Prairie View Business Park LLC and Attorney Jack Brooks in the amount of \$250,000.00 from gaming revenue currently allocated for the Fiscal Year 2013 Ridgewood Road Sustainable Business Park debt service.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the payment as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy stated that in regards to the Ridgewood Road Sustainable Business Park, how will this be paid for if it is taken out of Fiscal Year 2013.

Public Works Director Bob Hawes advised that the bonds have not been sold yet.

Alderman Conroy inquired as to whether the purchase would be moved to Fiscal Year 2014.

Mr. Hawes stated no; the bonds will be sold at the same time. Mr. Hawes advised that the debt repayment will be customized. Mr. Hawes added that the first year will only be an interest payment; the debt service will be taken out of the bonds, which will be scheduled for five years and that will be stretched out to five and one half years.

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 #16

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from the Blue Cat Brew Pub to hold an event (National Home Brew Day) outside on Saturday, May 5, 2012 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at 113 18th Street and a request for a waiver of the permit fees.

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 16, 2012
MINUTES**

It was moved by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the event and waiver of fees as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy inquired as to why the fees are being waived.

Alderman Foley stated that this is due to being a non-profit event.

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

Other Business

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

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Fabulous Finds opened about a year ago on 18th Avenue. They have moved to a new location at 14th Avenue and 40th Street. Alderwoman Murphy advised that this is a gift shop filled with antiques and fabulous and unique finds. Alderwoman Murphy stated that they have handcrafted items, jewelry, purses and a lot of unique and fun items. Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local; Shop Rock Island.

Agenda Item #18

No Executive Session.

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #19

Recess

A motion was made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Austin to recess to Monday, April 23, 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 6:59 pm.

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