

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 14, 2012
MINUTES**

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, P.J. Foley, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Terry M.A. Brooks I and David Conroy. Also present was City Manager Thomas Thomas. Alderman Jason W. Jones arrived at 5:35 pm and Alderman Stephen L. Tollenaer arrived at 6:19 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Conroy to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Foley, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 5:31 pm. Alderman Jones arrived at 5:35 pm and Alderman Tollenaer arrived at 6:19 pm.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:24 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 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, P. J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Terry M.A. Brooks I and David Conroy. 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 Brooks gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of May 7, 2012.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the Minutes of the meeting of May 7, 2012 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Keep Rock Island Beautiful annual Bike Path Cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2012. It was noted that all volunteers will meet at the City of Rock Island parking lot at the corner of 20th Street and 1st Avenue at 8:00 am. Mayor Pauley advised that the cleanup is usually completed by 11:00 am. Mayor Pauley added that all cleanup supplies, gloves and bottled water will be provided. It was noted that for more information, contact Carolyn Fuller of Keep Rock Island Beautiful at (309) 786-1334.

Mayor Pauley stated that City Manager Thomas Thomas announced that Jeff Eder will be the new Community and Economic Development Director for the City of Rock Island. It was noted that his official start date will be June 4, 2012. The Mayor commented that Mr. Eder most recently worked as the Director of Community Development for the Village of Franklin Park, Illinois. Mayor Pauley offered that Mr. Eder will be responsible for planning, organizing, and directing the activities of the Community and Economic Development Department. Mayor Pauley advised that Mr. Eder has a Masters of Business Administration from Indiana University (1997) and a Bachelor of Urban Planning and Development and Bachelor of Science in Environmental Design from Ball State University (1993). Mayor Pauley added that Mr. Eder is an Economic Development Institute graduate from the University of Oklahoma (2002).

Mayor Pauley advised that beginning today, Monday, May 14, 2012, the northbound lane on 24th Street from Blackhawk Road to the south entrance of the Rock Island Fitness and Activity Center (RIFAC) will be closed due to an emergency storm sewer repair. It was noted that RIFAC will be open during normal business hours. Mayor Pauley advised to please follow all posted construction signs for detour directions and watch for trucks entering and leaving the

construction zone. Mayor Pauley indicated that the anticipated date for resuming traffic is Friday, May 18, 2012. Mayor Pauley added that the City of Rock Island is sorry for any inconvenience due to this road closure and appreciates the patience and consideration of the traveling public.

Mayor Pauley stated that the 2012 Heart Walk to raise awareness and funds for the American Heart Association will take place on Saturday, May 19, 2012 at the Great River Plaza in the District of Rock Island. Mayor Pauley indicated that the festivities will begin at 8:00 am and the walk starts at 9:30 am. It was noted to register to walk at www.quadcitiesheartwalk.org or call (563) 323-4321.

Agenda Item #7

Presentation by the Quad City Riverfront Council.

Timothy Huey, President of the Quad City Riverfront Council stepped forward. Mr. Huey was also accompanied by Meghan Overton of Bi-State Regional Commission, Joe Taylor, President of the Quad City Convention and Visitors Bureau and Rock Island Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson.

Mr. Huey stated that they were delighted to be at the meeting during tourism week. Mr. Huey advised that the Quad City Riverfront Council is a Bi-State Council made up of representatives of all of the communities along the river. Mr. Huey then presented the City of Rock Island and the Quad City Convention and Visitors Bureau with Certificates of Appreciation for the collaboration between the City and the Quad City Convention and Visitors Bureau for the 2011 Train Festival that brought thousands to downtown Rock Island to celebrate the history of transportation on and along the river.

Mayor Pauley thanked the Quad City Riverfront Council for the Certificate of Appreciation. Mayor Pauley stated that Bill Nelson and staff spent numerous hours on this project. Mayor Pauley added that all of the work that was put into the project is greatly appreciated.

Agenda Item #8

Proclamation declaring the week of May 20 through May 26, 2012 as National Public Works Week.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation. Public Works Director Bob Hawes accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Mayor and Council for their support. Mr. Hawes stated that an open house will not be held this year. However, tours are available for students and anyone else by appointment. Mr. Hawes stated that to make an appointment for a tour, please call 732-2200.

Agenda Item #9

A Special Ordinance amending a Special Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit at 1728 9th Street.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Brooks to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those

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

Agenda Item #10

A Special Ordinance vacating a 50' by 40' segment of 9½ Street.

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

Agenda Item #11

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

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 and final in the amount of \$34,263.35 to Langman Construction for services provided for the 2012 PCC Street Patching project.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$58,453.50 to Brandt Construction for services provided for 15th Avenue resurfacing from 33rd to 38th Streets.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$58,998.06 to Walter D. Laud, Inc. for services provided for the 2012 Brick Street Patch Program.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$23,227.25 to Kelly Construction for services provided for the 2012 Mudjacking Program.

Agenda Item #12

Claims for the week of May 4 through May 10 in the amount of \$2,591,305.04.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a proposal from Langman Construction, Inc. for reconstruction of 34th Avenue west of the railroad tracks, recommending to reallocate \$45,750.00 of gaming funds from the 24th Street project to pay for this work.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding a three-year contract for Labor Counsel Legal Services with Pappas, O'Connor and Fildes at the rate of \$165.00 per hour starting July 1, 2012, \$170.00 per hour starting July 1, 2013 and \$175.00 per hour starting July 1, 2014.

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a request from the residents of the 4500 block of 12th Avenue for the replacement of the end of roadway markers installed at the north end of 12th Avenue with something that would be a better match to the charm and style of the neighborhood.

Note: The motion on the printed Agenda was whether or not to deny the request.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the request by the neighborhood, and authorize the Public Works Department to work with the residents of the neighborhood for the replacement of the end of road way markers that are currently installed, and replace them with something that would be a better match to the charm and style of the neighborhood. Alderman Tollenaer seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #16

Report from the City Clerk regarding an activity application and Resolution for the annual Ride the River event to be held on Sunday, June 17, 2012.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to approve the application as recommended and adopt the resolution. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote;

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

Agenda Item #17

Other Business

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

Alderman Jones stated that the Broadway Tour of Homes was held this past Sunday. Alderman Jones added that he received a lot of contacts in regards to how responsive the Public Works Department and Police Department were to make the event a success. Alderman Jones stated that they did a great job.

Alderman Austin reminded everyone that it is Citizen of the Year nomination time. Alderman Austin advised that if you know someone in the Business, Professional, Youth, City Employee, Education, Organization, Individual or Honorary category, it is time to submit their names so that they may be considered for one of these honors and for the overall Citizen of the Year.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that last week, a ribbon cutting was held for the Shoppes on 2nd, located on the corner of 2nd Avenue and 17th Street in downtown Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that this is a call to the retail entrepreneurs that have always wanted to have a little shop in downtown Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy noted that the City and Renaissance Rock Island are handling all of the leasing. Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local; Shop Rock Island.

Agenda Item #18

Executive Session on Personnel.

The Executives Session on Personnel was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #19

Recess

A motion was made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Austin to recess to Monday, May 21, 2012 at 5:30 pm. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:00 pm.

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