

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**July 23, 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 Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, David Conroy, P.J. Foley and Stephen L. Tollenaer. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Public Works Director Bob Hawes, Finance Director Cindy Parchert, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder and Assistant City Attorney Dave Morrison. Alderman Terry M.A. Brooks I and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis were absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION I

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

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:08 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 Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 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 Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, David Conroy, P.J. Foley and Stephen L. Tollenaer. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and Assistant City Attorney Dave Morrison. Alderman Terry M.A. Brooks I and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis were absent.

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of July 9, 2012.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 9, 2012 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley recognized Martin Luther King Center Director Jerry Jones. The Mayor stated that this is the last meeting for Mr. Jones; he has submitted his resignation. The Mayor added that Mr. Jones will be leaving the City but for a very good reason. It was noted that Mr. Jones will become the Chief Operating Officer for United Way. Mayor Pauley commented that Mr. Jones' last day will be August 10th. Mayor Pauley thanked Mr. Jones for all of his years of dedicated service to the City.

Mayor Pauley stated that to celebrate the upcoming Olympic Summer Games in London, the Rock Island Parks and Recreation Department is hosting its own version of the Olympics on Friday, July 27th at the Rock Island Fitness & Activity Center (RIFAC) at 4303 24th Street. Mayor Pauley stated that from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm enjoy a friendly family to family competition in such activities as obstacle course, backwards free-throws, human bowling, tricycle race and blindfolded disc toss. It was noted that groups of two to five people can register at RIFAC on Friday between 5:30 pm and 6:00 pm. Mayor Pauley stated that the \$10.00 per family fee includes games, awards, pizza from Rock Island Happy Joe's and pool and gym access until 9:00 pm. It was noted that RIFAC members and non-members are welcome. For more information, call (309) 723-2132.

Mayor Pauley commented that the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center will hold its annual Family Fun Day on August 4, 2012 followed by the return of the Drill Team Showdown. The Mayor stated that Family Fun Day is held from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm at the Martin Luther King Center at 630 9th Street, Rock Island. Mayor Pauley indicated that Family Fun Day starts with a parade at 10:30 am on 25th Avenue and 9th Street and ends at the King Center grounds.

The Mayor added that the parade will proceed to the King Center where vendors will be selling fried catfish, ribs, pork chops and other great food. Mayor Pauley commented that families can enjoy interactive games and inflatable rides for the kids. It was noted that information booths will be setup in order to learn about community resources. In addition, a DJ will spin festive music and all are guaranteed a good time. The Mayor indicated that Family Fun Day is a free event and open to everyone. It was noted that the Drill Team Showdown will start at 5:00 pm at Rock Island High School Stadium at 1400 25th Avenue and will highlight six Midwest teams in a competition of marching, stepping and drumming. The Mayor stated that youth dressed in colorful uniforms, playing drums, throwing rifles, spinning flags and dancing in one big choreographed routine describes the showdown. It was noted that gates for the showdown open at 4:00 pm with a show start of 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$7.00 at the Martin Luther King Center, www.showclix or at the gate. It was noted that all proceeds benefit programs of the Martin Luther King Center. For more information on either event, contact the Martin Luther King Center at (309) 732-2999 or www.rigov.org/mlk.

Mayor Pauley advised to join residents of the Broadway Historic District for an evening of wine and food while relaxing in several historic homes. The Mayor stated that the neighborhood will host its 2nd annual Wine Walk from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Saturday, August 4th. It was noted that for just \$25.00 per person, you'll receive a commemorative wine glass, a sampling of 16 wines from around the world and an assortment of appetizers. In addition, you'll get a glimpse into four premier Broadway homes. Mayor Pauley stated that only 100 tickets are available, so get your ticket before they're gone. For more information, contact Anthony Heddlesten at (309) 786-5562 or Heddlesten@gmail.com.

Mayor Pauley commented that National Night Out Against Crime & Drugs will be held on Tuesday, August 7th at 5:00 pm at Sunset Park in Rock Island. The Mayor added that food, entertainment, fellowship, informational booths and much more will be happening, but the big feature will be hot air balloon rides. It was noted that the event is sponsored by the Community Caring Conference, Rock Island Police Department and Rock Island Parks and Recreation. For more information, contact Ametra Carrol-Castaneda at (309) 373-1202 or Connie Hayes at (309) 786-0345.

Mayor Pauley stated that Ya Maka My Weekend is the best reggae fest in the Midwest. The Mayor added that Ya Maka My Weekend will be held on Friday and Saturday, August 10th and 11th. It was noted that this Caribbean-themed festival features reggae music, steel drums, Caribbean food and island activities. Mayor Pauley commented that the event is presented by the Rock Island Arts and Entertainment District. It was noted that for more information, go to www.yamakamyweekend.com.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring Tuesday, August 7, 2012 as National Night Out.

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. No one was available to accept the proclamation.

Agenda Item #8

A Special Ordinance establishing control of parking on private property at 1617 11th Street.

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

Agenda Item #9

A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 9 of the Code of Ordinances regarding Sec. 9-15.1: Vehicle involved in an unlawful attempt to flee and elude a peace officer, Sec. 9-16, Sec. 9-12 and Sec. 9-13 of the Code of Ordinances.

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

Agenda Item #10

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$742.41 to Timothy Muehler for General Liability Claim.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 and final in the amount of \$74,999.90 to New Coat Sealing & Paving for services provided for the 2012 Street Joint and Crack Sealing Program project. (160)
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #9 in the amount of \$1,515,286.88 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Wet Weather Treatment System project. (161)
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$24,537.73 to Valley Construction Company, Inc. for an emergency water main repair on 17th Street and 31st Avenue. (162)

Agenda Item #11

Claims for the weeks of July 6 through July 12 in the amount of \$319,232.52 and July 13 through July 19 in the amount of \$805,011.08.

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

Agenda Item #12

Payroll for the weeks of June 25 through July 8 in the amount of \$1,313,848.38.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of 100,000 paper yard waste bags for the 2012 Free Leaf Pickup Program, recommending the bid be awarded to Pabco Industries, LLC in the amount of \$33,000.00.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to award the bid as recommended and authorize purchase.

Discussion followed.

Alderwoman Murphy stated that residents had contacted her in regards to this item. Alderwoman Murphy explained that she did not support the burn ban when Council voted on it. Alderwoman Murphy added that it is the law of the land that in Rock Island we don't burn our leaves. Alderman Murphy stated that citizens can sign up for the yard waste pickup program.

Alderwoman Murphy stated that Council made a promise to the citizens that if the City had the burn ban then the City would continue to pick up the leaves and that is what the City is doing. Alderwoman Murphy stated that we need to support this and added that the City is spending the money because the City made a promise to continue to provide this as long as there is a burn ban.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a property acquisition agreement with Real Estate Advisors to seek out and enter into option agreements with interested property owners for acquisition of said property for possible re-development of said property to enhance the City tax base.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Jones 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 Jones,

Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenauer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a lease extension (Addendum 1) with the Rock Island River Terminal Corporation.

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the lease extension 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 Jones, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenauer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Fire Department regarding a Special Ordinance declaring 35 pieces of City-owned communications equipment as surplus and allowing for disposal.

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

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget, recommending increasing the Community and Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$3,068.00.

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

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the Water Service and Sewer Lateral Repair Programs, recommending an overall cap in the amount of \$8,000.00 per repair for the Sewer Lateral Repair Program.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenauer and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the overall cap in the amount of \$8,000.00 per repair as recommended.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Austin stated that the wording of the report states; recommending an overall cap of \$8,000.00 for the Sewer Lateral Repair Program. Alderman Austin inquired as to whether it was just the sewer and not the water.

City Manager Thomas responded correct, it is just the sewer portion.

Public Works Director Bob Hawes advised that the report analyzes both the water and the sewer lateral repair programs. Mr. Hawes added that the recommendation is to change the sewer lateral repair program.

Mayor Pauley stated that it was \$4,000.00 to repair and \$4,000.00 to resurface and now we are stating it is \$8,000.00, which could be any combination.

Mr. Hawes responded yes.

Mayor Pauley further commented on this item.

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

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the transfer of Gaming funds in the amount of \$12,841.00 from the Ditch Cleaning Program to the Mudjacking Program.

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

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Community Development Block Grant and Gaming Allocation Policies.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Community Development Block Grant and Gaming Allocation Policies as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Jones stated that Council had discussed the future of Community Development Block Grant funding and inquired as to whether the City is speculating that it is going to be about another loss of 10%.

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder stated that the City does not know what it will be; it takes congressional action. Mr. Eder added that the City is anticipating 10%. Mr. Eder added that each of the last two years, it has been about 15% and it is hoped that it will not be more than 10%.

Alderman Jones inquired to Mr. Eder as to whether he was suggesting to Council to raise the percentage of the allocation of Gaming funds by 1.5%, which would be about \$75,000.00.

Mr. Eder responded yes in regards to the Gaming funds.

Alderman Conroy stated that regarding social services, the City wants to go from \$50,000.00 to \$75,000.00 in regards to what the City gives out of Gaming revenue.

Mr. Eder stated that the City is trying to fill some of the gaps with Gaming money. Mr. Eder added that the City is running out of CDBG money for some of the City's emergency programs.

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

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from the Rock Island River Terminal Corporation for a Riverfront Corridor Overlay District site plan review for proposed construction of a new office and industrial shop structure and fertilizer warehouse structure at approximately 600 Mill Street.

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

Agenda Item #22

Report from the Mayor regarding the appointment of Alderman Steve Tollenaer to the Boaters Advisory Committee as an "At Large" committee member.

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

Alderman Steve Tollenaer was appointed to a three year term expiring on June 1, 2015 as an "At Large" committee member.

Agenda Item #23

Report from the Mayor regarding reappointments to the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mayor Pauley stated that Item #23 has been pulled from the Agenda. It will come back again at the next meeting on Monday, August 13, 2012.

Agenda Item #24

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Ametra Carrol-Castaneda for a Street Closing at 10th Street between 10th Street and 23rd Avenue, along with a Sound

Amplification permit for a neighborhood gathering to be held on Saturday, July 28, 2012 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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

Agenda Item #25

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Lolita Payne for a Street Closing at 15th Avenue between 35th Street and 36th Street to the alley, along with a Sound Amplification permit for a birthday block party to be held on Saturday, July 28, 2012 from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

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

Agenda Item #26

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from the Rock Island Moose Lodge to hold an outdoor event on Saturday, July 28, 2012 from 3:00 pm to 11:00 pm at 4410 9th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the event as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations and subject to being closed down early if noise complaints are received. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #27

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from the Greater Antioch Church for an amendment to their Street Closing and Sound Amplification permits for an Evangelistic Community Event that was to be held on Saturday, July 7, 2012 at 10th Avenue between 14th Street and 14½ Street, requesting to modify the date to Saturday, August 18, 2012.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the amendment to the street closing and sound amplification permits as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Items #28

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Second Baptist Church for a Street Closing at 10th Street between 5th Avenue and 7th Avenue and the corner of 6th Avenue and 11th Street, along with a Sound Amplification permit for their Ice Cream Social and Open House to be held on Saturday, August 11, 2012 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.

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

Agenda Item #29

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from RIBCO for modifications to their August and September Plaza event applications for their annual outdoor Summer Concert Series, requesting permission for one additional day on Friday, August 3, 2012 and amend the event date of Saturday, September 22, 2012 to Friday, September 7 and Saturday, September 8, 2012.

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

Agenda Item #30

Other Business

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

Alderman Austin stated that the Starlight Review Concert Series is winding down and tomorrow at 7:00 pm at Lincoln Park, Coupe de Ville will be featured.

Alderman Austin noted that this month's issue of the Illinois Parks and Recreation magazine focuses on maintenance and sustainability and there is a nice four page article on Schwiebert Riverfront Park.

Alderwoman Murphy stated that this Wednesday at 10:00 am at the main library, there is a bat show. Alderwoman Murphy stated that you can learn about bats and see bats. It was noted that a bat naturalist will be there.

Alderwoman Murphy stated that the RenovateQC.org website launched this week. Alderwoman Murphy commented that this website is an interactive community help tool. It was noted that this is a collaboration of the Rock Island Historic Preservation organizations and it is promoting local solutions for restoring and renovating historic properties.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Mark's Barber Shop is a new business at 3910 14th Avenue, which is located in the College Hill Business District. Alderwoman Murphy commented that the business is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. It was noted that walk-ins are welcome and haircuts are \$10.00. Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local; Shop Rock Island.

Agenda Item #31

Executive Session on Litigation and Property Acquisition.

Note: The Executive Session on Property Acquisition was held prior to the regular meeting.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Jones at 7:11 pm to recess to Executive Session on matters of Litigation. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer, those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #32

Recess

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 7:15 pm. A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recess to Monday, August 13, 2012 at 5:30 pm. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:16 pm.

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