

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**November 5, 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 David Conroy, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III and Terry M.A. Brooks I. Also present was City Manager Thomas Thomas. Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 5:45 pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderman Conroy to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel and Property Acquisition. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 5:31 pm. Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 5:45 pm.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:35 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Conroy 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 6:36 pm.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

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**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 October 22, 2012 and Minutes of the meeting of October 29, 2012.**

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 22, 2012 and Minutes of the meeting of October 29, 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 advised that the City Council has completed the strategic planning process and developed a set of key initiatives for 2012-2013. Mayor Pauley indicated that the key initiatives focus on five areas including; infrastructure, financial stability, economic development, redevelopment and high quality services. In addition, the strategic planning process also provides guidance beyond 2013. Mayor Pauley stated that the completed 2012-2013 strategic initiatives communicate our community's priorities and provide staff with clear direction.

Mayor Pauley advised that tomorrow, Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> is Election Day. Let's remember that our right to vote was not a right that was easily earned. Let us do our part for America and get out there and vote! It was noted that the polls will be open from 6:00 am until 7:00 pm. Mayor Pauley stated that if you need to find your polling place or have questions, call 309-786-VOTE or go to [www.votercounty.org](http://www.votercounty.org). Your vote is your voice...Make your voice heard!

Mayor Pauley stated that you can enjoy shopping in a comfortable, beautiful atmosphere with plenty of close parking at the Holiday Market at Hauberg Civic Center located at 1300 24<sup>th</sup> Street on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Mayor Pauley added that you can find great gifts and stocking stuffers in an array of prices for family, friends and coworkers. It was noted that you can stroll through the historic Tulip Mansion and sip a hot beverage as you browse hand-crafted, unique and popular items. Mayor Pauley advised that a drawing will be held every half-hour and winners will receive a special discount – up to 25%. Admission is free. It was noted that children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information contact Debbi at (309) 732-2132.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center is proud to partner with an outstanding Rock Island High School Senior, Ms. Macia Guy. She has started a Shoe Drive (New and Slightly Used) for children and adults who are in desperate need. Mayor Pauley indicated that the Donation Kick Off is November 3, 2012 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center. It was noted that additional drop off times start November 5, 2012, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center. It was noted that for more information call Machelles at 309-314-5861 or the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center at 309-732-2999.

Mayor Pauley commented that on November 8, 2012 from 7:00 am to 11:00 am at the Central Fire House, the Rock Island City Employees will be participating in a Blood Drive to help the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center's blood supply. It was noted that the City holds two blood drives a year to assist the blood center in collecting the area's much needed supply of blood.

Agenda Item #7

**A Special Ordinance amending Appendix A, Article VIII of the Code of Ordinances regarding Solar Energy Systems.**

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Austin 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 Alderman Tollenaer 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 \$32,014.62 to Michael Heber (Crawford & Company) for Worker's Compensation settlement.
- b. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$6,689.00 to Kutsunis and Weng P.C. for legal services rendered for the month of October.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 and final in the amount of \$507,369.26 to Utility Service Company for services provided for the Reservoir Water Tower Repair project.

- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$21,782.27 to Langman Construction for the repair of street pavement at the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 24<sup>th</sup> Street.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #3 in the amount of \$22,432.50 to Kelly Construction for services provided for the 2012 Mudjacking Program project.
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #16 in the amount of \$128,879.63 to General Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Public Works Department Street Garage project.
- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 and final in the amount of \$36,730.00 to Municipal and Contractors Sealing Products, Inc. for services provided for the 2012 Manhole Lining Program project.
- h. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #13 in the amount of \$1,598,577.83 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Wet Weather Treatment System project.

Agenda Item #9

**Claims for the weeks of October 19 through October 25 in the amount of \$1,146,053.35 and October 26 through November 1 in the amount of \$493,209.52.**

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 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 October 15 through October 28 in the amount of \$1,271,590.06.**

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 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 State bid for the purchase of 3,200 tons of rock salt at \$62.05 per ton from Morton Salt Company in the amount of \$198,560.00.**

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve participation in the state bid as recommended and authorize purchase. 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 bids for the purchase of a blended anti-ice product, recommending the bid be awarded to Ossian, Inc. in the amount of \$13,000.00.**

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to award the bid as recommended and authorize purchase. 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 a three year lease/maintenance agreement for employee uniforms, recommending the bid be awarded to Phelps Uniform Service Company.**

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to award the bid 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 #14

**Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget, recommending increasing the Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$3,081.00.**

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the budget adjustment 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 #15

**Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget, recommending a budget transfer decreasing the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Extension in Columbia Park budget in the amount of \$50,000.00 and establishing a budget in the amount of \$50,000.00 for landscaping improvements completed by LRC Developers, Inc. to City owned property in Columbia Park.**

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Jones seconded to approve the budget adjustment as recommended.

Alderwoman Murphy commented that it is a big improvement; the entrance to their business looks very nice.

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 #16

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding a policy change for documenting pre-development impervious areas as it relates to the Storm Water Control Ordinance.**

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve that developers document pre-development impervious areas by either of the two methods as stated in the report. 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 Public Works Department regarding a request for reimbursement to Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation as it relates to the New Old Chicago Redevelopment Addition for the cost of complying with the post-construction storm water control requirements of the ordinance up to a maximum amount of \$130,000.00.**

Note: The motion on the Agenda was to deny the reimbursement.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Brooks seconded to approve the reimbursement.

Alderman Brooks then motioned to defer Agenda Item #17 until after the Public Hearing with the Storm Water Board of Appeals.

Discussion followed with Mayor Pauley stating that GROWTH has requested to go in front of an appeals board before anything is paid out. Mayor Pauley added that Alderman Brooks is recommending that this item be deferred until they go in front of the appeals board.

At this time, Alderman Conroy seconded the motion. The motion then 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.

Mayor Pauley stated that this item is deferred until that date comes up.

Agenda Item #18

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request urging the City Council to preliminarily agree to join with Landmarks Illinois and others as a "friend of the court" in the appeal of Hanna and Mrowka v. the City of Chicago.**

It was moved by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the request as recommended, and authorize the City Manager to sign the representation agreement as amicus curiae once the proper documents are prepared by Landmarks Illinois counsel. 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 Community and Economic Development Department regarding the IKE Disaster Planning Grant, recommending adopting and approving multiple policies as stated in the report.**

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the policies as recommended and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the required IKE Disaster Planning Grant certifications and policies. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, Alderman Tollenaer.

Agenda Item #20

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a neighborhood petition from the residents on 15<sup>th</sup> Street Court to allow vehicles to park "head in" instead of parallel to allow more parking.**

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the request to allow "head in" parking as recommended, ban parking on Mondays between the hours of 7:00 am to 3:00 pm and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Scot Wendland of 2526 15<sup>th</sup> Street Court stepped forward. Mr. Wendland stated that this is probably the best idea for this court, being that it is so small. Mr. Wendland added that there is a handicapped spot already designated for one person. Mr. Wendland indicated that there are eight units and a lot of them do not have behind the house parking; this will allow the people on the court to have parking up front.

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 #21

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to install a handicapped parking space at 1104 12<sup>th</sup> Street.**

Alderman Brooks moved and Alderman Foley 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 #22

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a neighborhood petition requesting to install residential parking (Type B) on the east side of 31<sup>st</sup> Street between 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenues.**

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed.

Mr. David Requet of 1408 31<sup>st</sup> Street stepped forward. Mr. Requet referred to his letter that was distributed to Council and discussed the parking situation and selective enforcement of City ordinances for new and existing businesses in the area of 30<sup>th</sup> Street, 31<sup>st</sup> Street and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Requet noted that the residences to the north of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue have already gotten a residential permit to park on 31<sup>st</sup> Street. Mr. Requet added that there are businesses that do not have adequate parking. Mr. Requet stated that he is a property owner and that he has adequate parking for his customers, but the parking situation continues to get worse because of selective ordinances that have been enforced. Mr. Requet added that this has created an adversarial position for some of the businesses that do have adequate parking. Mr. Requet stated that he has to protect his investment by protecting his parking lot. Mr. Requet further discussed the parking situation.

Alderwoman Murphy advised that she will have staff answer all of the questions in Mr. Requet's letter.

Mr. Requet indicated that he is not against the residents; the residents have to have facilities to park.

Ms. Lisa Langdon of 1433 31<sup>st</sup> Street stepped forward. Ms. Langdon stated that everyone except for one neighbor has asked for this type of parking on 31<sup>st</sup> Street. Ms. Langdon added that several new businesses have opened up and there is not adequate parking for their customers; it is especially bad on Friday and Saturday nights. Ms. Langdon indicated that customers are parking in other businesses' parking lots and up and down the streets, when that is full, they start parking on residential streets. Ms. Langdon added that this causes traffic congestion and it is a safety hazard. Ms. Langdon stated that the residents on 31<sup>st</sup> Street are requesting residential parking permits.

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 #23

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request for the removal of a handicapped parking space at 1100 6<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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Alderswoman Murphy moved and Alderman Foley 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, Alderswoman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #24

**Other Business**

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

Alderman Brooks encouraged everyone to vote in this important election on Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

Alderman Austin stated that last Monday new audio equipment was installed and this evening new video equipment was picked up. Alderman Austin encouraged the viewing audience for feedback.

Alderswoman Murphy encouraged everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderswoman Murphy stated that on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, the Rock Island Main Library downtown will hold their annual Food for Thought fundraiser. It was noted that the event begins at 5:00 pm. Alderswoman Murphy stated that the library will be transformed into a spot for dining, socializing and silent auction bidding. It was noted that admission includes wine tastings, craft brew samples, complimentary soft drinks and music. Alderswoman Murphy added that there will be unique gift items and great food. Alderswoman Murphy stated that it will be a fun time. Alderswoman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

Agenda Item #25

**Executive Session on Personnel and Property Acquisition.**

The Executive Session on Personnel and Property Acquisition was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #26

**Recess**

A motion was made by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderswoman Murphy to recess to Monday, November 12, 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, Alderswoman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:10 pm.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk