

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 3, 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, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Charles O. Austin III, Terry M.A. Brooks I and David Conroy. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and Executive Assistant Linda Rutten.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel. The motion carried on a roll call 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 5:01 pm.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 5:55 pm. At this time, staff entered Council Chambers. Present were Public Works Director Bob Hawes, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Administrative Services Director John Thorson, other City staff and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Also present were Christy Filby and Don Osterman from Two Rivers YMCA, along with John Phillips and Vikki Blair and Renaissance Rock Island President Brian Hollenback.

TWO RIVERS YMCA PRESENTATION

Mr. John Phillips and members of Two Rivers YMCA provided an update to Council on the Pioneering Healthier Communities Project.

Mr. Phillips stated that in 1990, no State had obesity levels greater than 15%. In 2010, no State had less than 20% and 36 States had a rate of 25%. Mr. Phillips added that 12 States exceeded 30% obesity levels. It was noted that diabetes, certain types of cancer and heart disease increase in obesity. Mr. Phillips indicated that the problem for employers is an estimated 79 billion dollars a year in increased healthcare expenses for employees. Mr. Phillips commented that nationally, households with less than \$15,000.00 in income have obesity rates of 33.8%. It was noted that 61% of Illinois youth are either overweight or obese. Mr. Phillips stated that all of this is a serious national problem.

Mr. Phillips advised that Two Rivers YMCA has led efforts to focus on the west side of Rock Island. Mr. Phillips stated that the goal is to influence policies, systems and the environment to have a positive impact on improving the health of the people in this targeted area.

At this time, a short video presentation was shown that focused on Nashville, Tennessee and some of the work they have done in building healthier communities.

Vikki Blair of Broadway Presbyterian Church stated that one of the goals of the Rock Island Pioneering Healthier Communities is to provide ready access to fresh fruits and vegetables in the designated area of west Rock Island. Ms. Blair indicated that this year, they started the Rock

Island Urban Garden Consortium to encourage gardeners to join together and learn new ways of gardening. It was noted that 180 families took part in the community gardens. Ms. Blair stated that classes were held to help people learn how to take care of the gardens and how to cook the food. Ms. Blair further discussed the community gardens and access to healthier foods.

Christy Filby discussed youth physical activity. Ms. Filby stated that when they were reviewing physical activity, 60 minutes of physical activity is recommended for each child per day. Ms. Filby added that many youth are not even getting close to that recommended amount of physical activity. Ms. Filby advised that they are currently working on analyzing afterschool programs to see what types of physical activity is happening. Ms. Filby stated that there are a lot of studies that discuss educational achievement and linking it with physical activity. Ms. Filby added that they are trying to work with some of the afterschool programs to see how two intervals of 15 minutes of physical activity can be worked in the program so that children can at least get 30 minutes of physical activity a day, which will help with educational achievement.

Ms. Filby stated that the other area that is being reviewed is Safe Routes to School. It was noted that Francis Willard and the Rock Island Academy are the two walking schools in that project area. Ms. Filby added that they are working on how the routes could be made safer. Ms. Filby further discussed the Safe Routes to School travel plans.

Mr. Dan Osterman discussed the built/physical environment. Mr. Osterman advised that the increase in healthcare cost and loss in productivity in the Quad Cities in regards to obesity is \$200 million dollars this year. Mr. Osterman stated that the goal from a built environment standpoint is to transform and continue to transform sidewalks, streets and safe routes to school so that 80% of the citizens in that designated project area would be able to say that the physical environment in their neighborhoods rate good or excellent in welcoming physical activity.

Mr. Osterman discussed their objectives for the project area, which included; completing the sidewalk improvements project on 11th Street to comply with ADA requirements; complete components of the Bikeways Plan; upon completion of the Rock Island ADA sidewalk improvement survey, identify projects within a half mile of the Rock Island Academy and Francis Willard Elementary School to be among those projects prioritized for completion by December of 2014; 90% of citizens within the project area will report their neighborhood as safe or very safe; and establish at least one joint agreement between the Rock Island/Milan School District and one community organization to increase indoor physical activity space within the project area.

Mr. Osterman further discussed the various objectives that have either started or been completed. Mr. Osterman also discussed some areas that they hope Council will consider in the future. Various areas included; the elimination of some parking on 9th Street and put dedicated bike lanes south of 31st Avenue; target sidewalk improvements around the neighborhoods; and that abandoned houses along the Safe Routes to Schools be a focus for code enforcement.

Council discussed safety as it related to Safe Routes for Schools in the designated project area of west Rock Island. Council discussed building a healthier community as it related to physical activity, and Council discussed healthy eating habits as it related community gardens and access

to fresh fruits and vegetables. Council further discussed the Pioneering Healthier Communities project.

HARD HAT AWARDS

Renaissance Rock Island President Brian Hollenback distributed ballots for the Mayor/Council Trophy to be awarded at the Hard Hat Awards on December 5, 2012. Council members voted and returned the ballots to Mr. Hollenback for tabulation.

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 Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

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MINUTES**

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 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 Conroy gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of November 19, 2012.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 19, 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 on Friday, December 7, 2012, QC Collective will have a ribbon cutting to celebrate their new location and being the first tenant in The Shoppes on 2nd, a retail incubator. Immediately following the ribbon cutting will be the Grand Opening. Mayor Pauley advised that QC Collective is an innovative business that showcases retail items from over 55 local and regional artists. QC Collective features handmade products, artwork and gifts that are practical, functional and affordable. Mayor Pauley stated that they are located at 1700 2nd Avenue, Suite 3. It was noted that their store hours are 11:00 am to 7:00 pm Tuesday through Friday, and 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday. They are closed Sunday and Monday.

Mayor Pauley advised that Gallery Hop is the foremost winter-time event of the Rock Island Arts & Entertainment District. See local and regional artists throughout galleries and hot spots in downtown Rock Island on Friday, December 7, 2012 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Mayor Pauley commented that oils, watercolors, sculptures, photography, jewelry and more will be on display and for sale. For more information please visit www.ridistrict.com.

Mayor Pauley offered that the Martin Luther King Center and Kiwanis Club of Rock Island are sponsoring the 36th Annual Children's Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 19, 2012. The Mayor added that the program provides wrapped gifts, books and treats for Rock Island/Milan children, ages 3 to 12 years, whose families are in need of assistance during the holiday season. Mayor Pauley stated that interested parents need to register at the King Center by Friday, December 14th. Registration is required. Volunteers interested in helping with gift wrapping for the King Center Children's Christmas Party can help on Saturday, December 15th from 9:00 am until the task is completed. For more information please call (309) 732-2999.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Rock Island Beautification Commission is sponsoring the 27th Annual Holiday Lighting Contest. The Mayor added that to nominate a residential or commercial light display, send the name and address of the display via [email](mailto:haag.dena@rigov.org) to haag.dena@rigov.org or call (309) 732-2904 by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, December 11, 2012. It was noted that judging will take place on the evening of December 17th, when all displays should be illuminated by 5:30 pm. Please visit www.rigov.org for [more](#) information.

Mayor Pauley indicated that Augustana College's John Deere Planetarium at 820 38th Street will present its annual holiday program from Saturday, December 8, 2012 to Friday, December 14, 2012. Mayor Pauley stated that the planetarium show "Season of Light" will be offered weekdays at 7:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 pm. It was noted that the show uses the planetarium sky projector, astronomical images, music and narration. Mayor Pauley stated that admission is free and reservations are requested. For reservations, call (309) 794-7327 during weekday business hours.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring the month of December as Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation.

Agenda Item #8

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012A to finance street improvement projects, public infrastructure improvements for the Ridgewood Road Sustainable Business Park and refunding of prior bonds.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to consider the ordinance.

Alderman Conroy inquired as to why the rules could not be suspended.

City Attorney Ted Kutsunis stated that State law for this item requires two readings.

After discussion, 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.

Note: A second reading will be held on Monday, December 10, 2012 for final consideration.

Agenda Item #9

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 Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones,

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

- a. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$5,690.50 to Kutsunis and Weng P.C. for legal services rendered for the month of November.
- b. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$8,470.00 to System Innovators for the iNovah System annual update and support maintenance for the centralized cash receipting system.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #9 and final in the amount of \$45,401.25 to Maguire Iron for services provided for the 14th Street and 42nd Avenue Water Tower Replacement project. (268)
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$113,960.10 to Langman Construction, Inc. for services provided for the 2012 Catch Basin and Manhole Program projects. (269)
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$137,910.02 to Hoerr Construction for services provided for the 2012 Joint Sewer Lining Program project. (270)
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 and final in the amount of \$14,652.70 to Encap, Inc. for services provided for the 817 32nd Street Slope Stabilization project. (271)

Agenda Item #10

Claims for the weeks of November 16 through November 29 in the amount of \$3,940,250.17.

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

Agenda Item #11

Payroll for the weeks of November 12 through November 25 in the amount of \$1,260,713.72.

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

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of 300 refuse carts from Toter, Inc. in the amount of \$15,981.00.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding a strikeout labor agreement between the City and the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #57 for the period of March 21, 2011 through March 27, 2016.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a purchase agreement with Price Properties, LLC for the sale of approximately 20 acre tract in the amount of \$4,500,000.00.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the agreement as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents at his discretion and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance upon execution of the contract. 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 Community and Economic Development Department regarding an agreement with Storino, Ramello and Durkin to perform legal work related to TIF supported development projects.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget, recommending a budget transfer decreasing the budget for demolition of

substandard structures in the amount of \$12,000.00 and increasing the budget for the Steel Warehouse Expansion project in the amount of \$12,000.00.

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

Alderman Foley inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder to explain this adjustment.

Mr. Eder advised that the City is working with Steel Warehouse on this project; they are putting a significant investment in the community. Mr. Eder advised that they recently purchased a second (120,000 square foot) building. Mr. Eder indicated that the agreement is allowing engineering work to be done to bring a second access into their main facility. Mr. Eder added that the engineering work needs to be done in order to apply for the State and Federal grants to get this built. Mr. Eder further discussed this item.

After discussion, 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

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Wendy Frieden to apply for a Special Use Permit to continue to operate a property management office out of her residence at 3320 14th Street Court.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to allow for the application of the special use permit 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.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Mayor regarding appointments to the Human Rights Commission and the Rock Island Housing Authority.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Austin seconded to approve the appointments 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.

Morton WaByaombe, Anne Dickey, Arthur Winstein and Mike Bell were appointed to the Human Rights Commission for three year terms expiring on June 30, 2015.

Lauren Loftin was appointed to the Rock Island Housing Authority to fill a vacant position on this board and will complete that five year term expiring on October 10, 2016.

Agenda Item #19

Other Business

Alderman Austin stated that the Rock Island ambulances have a new and improved look. Alderman Austin stated that he is pleased to know that the community has the finest ambulances for the EMT's to do their work.

Alderman Foley advised that during the week of Thanksgiving, there was an hour long documentary on Frontline called Poor Kids; it focused on three different families in the Quad Cities. Alderman Foley added that it will be on again this week on WQPT. Alderman Foley encouraged everyone to watch this documentary. Alderman Foley stated that it brings to light issues dealing with parents, children and families.

City Manager Thomas stated that it is also on the website.

Mayor Pauley congratulated the Alleman Pioneers on their victory. Mayor Pauley stated that second place in the State is fantastic. It was noted that the sign has been ordered and it will recognize the team for that great effort.

Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that The Shoppes on 2nd have their first tenant, QC Collective, and there will be a ribbon cutting on Friday. Alderwoman Murphy offered that this is a locally owned business, and they are going to sell artwork and products made by about 50 artists in the local area. Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local this holiday season.

Mayor Pauley commented that the documentary that was discussed earlier will be shown on WQPT at 10:00 pm Wednesday.

Caryl Altemus of 1821 9th Street stepped forward. Ms. Altemus stated that she wanted the City to be aware of the trash problem on an unoccupied property on the west side of the City at 1029 15th Avenue. Ms. Altemus advised that she walks the neighborhood and picks up trash and she is troubled by this particular property. Ms. Altemus wanted to know what the City policies were for a private citizen to pick up trash on private property.

Public Works Director Bob Hawes advised that the best way to do a lot cleanup is to organize it with Keep Rock Island Beautiful. Mr. Hawes added that Keep Rock Island Beautiful does this year round and they will organize the cleanup and volunteers.

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder stated that the City does have codes against trash. Mr. Eder advised Ms. Altemus to call the building department in the City; they will take the information and action will be taken.

Alderman Foley advised that the e-mail Ms. Altemus sent to him has already been sent to City Manager Thomas, Chief Building Official Tom Ayers and Alderman Brooks.

Council further discussed this issue. City Attorney Ted Kutsunis advised Ms. Altemus to let the City handle this issue first and do not go on the property without permission from the owner.

Alderman Murphy commented on a letter from the editor in the newspaper in regards to sprinkler systems in (single family) houses. Alderman Murphy requested more information on this item. Alderman Murphy indicated that this issue has been discussed before. However, the information that Council received was not the same as some of the information in the letter. Alderman Murphy advised that she would like updated information on what the actual cost is.

Mayor Pauley inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder as to whether he was aware of the sprinkler issue.

Mr. Eder stated yes. Mr. Eder stated that staff is preparing a memo that will be submitted to Council either next week or the following week.

Mayor Pauley advised Mr. Eder to check with other cities on what their current policies are. Mayor Pauley stated that the memo will be needed for Council next week.

Council discussed this issue.

Alderman Murphy stated that she wanted to make sure that the information that was given to Council at the time it was voted on was accurate and if it wasn't accurate, she would like the information revised.

Council further discussed this issue, Council came to a consensus that a study session would possibly be needed before January because this issue needs to be voted on prior to January 1, 2013.

Agenda Item #20

Executive Session on Personnel and Property Acquisition.

The Executive Session on Personnel was held prior to the regular meeting. The Executive Session on Property Acquisition was not needed.

Agenda Item #21

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderman Foley to recess to Monday, December 10, 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, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:08 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk