

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, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Terry M.A. Brooks I and David Conroy. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Public Works Director Bob Hawes, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Chief Building Official Tom Ayers, Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen, other City Staff and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis.

### **DISTRICT LOITERING ORDINANCE**

Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen stated that several weeks ago, the Police Department presented Council with a draft of the ordinance to address late night security concerns in The District in the Great River Plaza area. Chief VenHuizen commented that concerns have been brought to the attention of the Police Department about people loitering in The District, being involved in disturbances or creating an atmosphere that The District may be an unsafe place to visit. Police Chief VenHuizen advised that some of the downtown business owners are concerned that many of the people that are loitering are not of legal age to enter the taverns.

Police Chief VenHuizen referred to a map of actual custodial arrests or State charged arrests in the defined Great River Plaza and stated that the majority of the concentration of arrests centers around the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue corridor. In addition, Chief VenHuizen indicated that ordinance arrests were researched and the majority of clusters are also on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue corridor between 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Streets.

Chief VenHuizen indicated that there was some discussion by Council concerning expanding the area of the enforcement zone. It was noted that the original proposed zone defined as the Great River Plaza and the expansion of the enforcement zone went from 16<sup>th</sup> Street to 20<sup>th</sup> Street and 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Chief VenHuizen commented that this basically broadened the area of enforcement. Chief VenHuizen reiterated that the cluster of problems is occurring on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue between 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Streets.

Council discussed this issue as it related to police resources and expansion of the enforcement zone. Council also had concerns in regards to language in the proposed Loitering Ordinance for those businesses that cater to the folks under 21 years of age. Chief VenHuizen advised that in no way would the police want to discourage persons from visiting establishments such as restaurants that would cater to the folks under 21 years of age. Chief VenHuizen pointed out that this would be a common sense approach taken by the Police Department.

Council discussed the proposed Loitering Ordinance as it related to the ability of people under 21 years of age getting on the Loop (bus). City Attorney Kutsunis advised that the first exception in the proposed ordinance deals with people that are going to, attending or leaving from an activity. City Attorney Kutsunis added that people getting on the bus to leave the area would be considered as leaving and that should not be a person who would be susceptible for citation under this ordinance.

Chief VenHuizen advised that a meeting was held with representatives of the Downtown Bar Owners Association and it was well received.

Renaissance Rock Island President Brian Hollenback stated that this is just one of the steps that can be taken to improve the overall experience in the hospitality zone. Mr. Hollenback added that it is really about how to continue to have an inviting atmosphere for those that are attending and supporting the establishments.

Executive Director Catherine Rodgers-Ingles discussed the meeting that was held with the downtown business owners as it related to the Loitering Ordinance. Ms. Rodgers-Ingles indicated that the meeting was very well received. Ms. Rodgers-Ingles stated that the people present at the meeting were all liquor license holders. However, the two businesses that cater to the under 21 age group were not represented at that meeting.

Council discussed the time component as it related to the proposed Loitering Ordinance and enforcement. Chief VenHuizen stated that a reasonable time would be from 12:00 am to 3:00 am.

Mike King, owner of Hickey Brothers stated that his establishment caters to the under 21 age group and they do need a place to go. Mr. King discussed the safety issue. Mr. King also discussed the proposed Loitering Ordinance as it related to perception and how the ordinance would be worded. Mr. King did not want it to be perceived as the under 21 age group not being welcome downtown.

City Attorney Kutsunis stated that two more exceptions to the ordinance may be added, which include smoking and waiting for a designated driver.

Council further discussed the proposed Loitering Ordinance.

## **RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLER SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS**

Chief Building Official Tom Ayers stated that approximately 13 months ago, Council considered the adoption of the 2009 Building Codes; there was a provision that incorporated mandatory residential sprinklers. At that time, Council deferred the implementation until January 1, 2013. Mr. Ayers offered that sprinklers shouldn't be the only choice. It was noted that at the national level, it has not been proposed to eliminate that requirement.

Mr. Ayers discussed test data as it related to modern homes with engineered materials as compared to older traditional homes concerning fuel loads and flash points.

Mr. Ayers presented a short video in regards to the time it takes for a fire to start in a traditional home and a modern home. Mr. Ayers noted that it takes a person an average of four minutes to notice that they have a fire in the house. Mr. Ayers added that the materials that houses are made of today, burn much faster than the materials houses were made of years ago. Mr. Ayers indicated that the video showed that the material in houses today is very different in what it does

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in a fire and how quickly the fire progresses. Mr. Ayers commented that the problem lies in the materials; sprinklers should not be the only solution.

Mr. Ayers referred to the document that was distributed to Council and discussed several types of tests regarding engineered joist floor assemblies (supports) with protection methods as it related to the time of failure during a fire and collapse times compared to fire department responses. In addition, Mr. Ayers discussed unprotected engineered lumber as it related to fires.

Mr. Ayers then discussed some code language that has been adopted for inclusion in the 2012 edition of the International Residential Code that related to other options besides sprinklers. Mr. Ayers further discussed options in the 2012 code and others that are developing.

Council discussed this issue as it related to the January 1, 2013 requirement for implementation of residential sprinklers. Mr. Ayers commented that the State has not mandated residential sprinklers yet. Council further discussed this issue.

Council also discussed this item that is on the Agenda for consideration as it related to extending the implementation date of the residential sprinkler requirement, and as to whether or not there should be a certain or uncertain date for extending the implementation of the sprinkler requirement.

**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 6:35 pm.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

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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 Conroy gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

**Minutes of the meeting of December 3, 2012.**

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 3, 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 advised that City Manager Thomas Thomas announced on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> that Jeff VenHuizen will be the new Chief of Police for the City of Rock Island. The Mayor added that Mr. VenHuizen was previously Deputy Chief of Police for the City of Rock Island and has served in the City's Police Department since 1993. Mayor Pauley advised that the swearing in ceremony was held today, Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in City Council Chambers. Please join us in welcoming Jeff as he continues to serve the City of Rock Island in his new role as Chief of Police.

Mayor Pauley stated that following a nationwide search, the Rock Island Public Library Board of Trustees has named Angela Campbell as the new Director of the Rock Island Library. Mayor Pauley indicated that Ms. Campbell, the current director of the Glenwood Public Library in Glenwood, Iowa assumes her duties in Rock Island on Monday, January 21, 2013. It was noted that Ms. Campbell is an Eldridge, Iowa native, and Ms. Campbell graduated from Dominican University in 1997 with a Master of Library and Information Science degree. Mayor Pauley stated that Ms. Campbell and her husband Daniel currently reside in Tabor, Iowa.

Mayor Pauley stated that on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Quad City Botanical Center, enjoy a reading of Twas the Night Before Christmas presented throughout the gardens, crafts including letters to Santa and ornament making, refreshments, chestnut roasting, caroling, and more Christmas fun! Mayor Pauley indicated that this event is included in your paid admission to the gardens; adults \$6.00, seniors \$5.00, youth (6-15 yrs) \$4.00, children (2-5yrs) \$2.00, children under 2 and members of the Quad City Botanical Center free.

Mayor Pauley advised that Moody's Investors Service has assigned a Aa2 rating to the City of Rock Island's \$3.98 million General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012A. Concurrently, Moody's has affirmed the Aa2 rating on the City's \$38.9 million of outstanding general obligation debt, including the current offering. Mayor Pauley indicated that the Moody's report states that "Assignment and affirmation of the Aa2 rating reflects the city's relatively stable tax base in the Quad Cities metropolitan region and diverse tax base, sound financial operations with healthy reserves despite revenue pressures, and above average yet manageable debt burden." Mayor Pauley advised that City Manager Thomas Thomas commented that "This positive bond rating reflects our commitment to do what is needed to maintain the City's financial strength." It was noted that the Moody's report states that the City's strengths are; a strong General Fund balance with additional liquidity in other City funds and resilient property tax base benefits from institutional presence.

Agenda Item #7

**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 Alderman Foley to pass the ordinance.

Discussion followed. Finance Director Cynthia Parchert stated that the bonds sold today at a very favorable rate. Ms. Parchert then introduced Dan Forbes from Speer Financial to highlight the details of the bond sale. Mr. Forbes advised that the Aa2 is a wonderful rating. Mr. Forbes advised that the bond issue today had two components, which included a small money piece and a new money piece. Mr. Forbes further discussed the components of the bond sale. Mr. Forbes indicated that there were five bids, which were taken over the internet. Mr. Forbes added that the winning bid was Raymond James and Associates. Mr. Forbes advised that the interest rate is 2.23%, which is an extremely good rate. Mr. Forbes further discussed the bond sale.

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 #8

**A Resolution approving an agreement with the City Manager and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract documents.**

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Foley seconded to 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 #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, Alderwoman 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 \$12,255.07 to Pappas, O'Connor and Fildes, P.C. for legal services rendered for the month of October.
- b. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$347.88 to Becky Cramer for General Liability Claim.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$97,283.84 to Valley Construction for services provided for the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Reconstruction, 25<sup>th</sup> to 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue project. (279)
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$138,439.45 to Valley Construction for services provided for the 2012 Asphalt Street Milling and Patching Program project. (280)
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$18,523.33 to A.J. Excavating for services provided for the 20<sup>th</sup> Street Bike Path, 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue project. (281)
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$35,896.60 to Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities for services provided for the 2012 50/50 Sidewalk and Curb Program project. (282)
- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$23,451.10 to Bush Turf, Inc. for services provided for the 2012 Sod Replacement Program project. (283)
- h. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #14 in the amount of \$2,307,592.18 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Wet Weather Treatment System project. (284)

Agenda Item #10

**Claims for the week of November 30 through December 6 in the amount of \$611,499.57.**

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 Foley, Alderman

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

Agenda Item #11

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of water treatment chemicals, recommending the bid for each of the water treatment chemicals listed in the report in the total amount of \$555,648.50.**

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to award the bids as recommended and authorize purchase in 2013. 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 #12

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding a Resolution designating 5<sup>th</sup> Street between 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue a Class II Truck Route.**

Alderman Austin moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to adopt the resolution, authorize the City Clerk to provide signed and sealed copies to the City Engineer and authorize the City Engineer to file the resolution with the Illinois Department of Transportation. 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 riverfront development in Schwiebert Park, recommending to hire Gere/Dismer Architects to prepare the preliminary plans and a draft Section 408 Permit application for submittal to the Corps.**

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to authorize the hiring of Gere/Dismer Architects as recommended.

Alderman Austin advised that he shared a couple of concerns with the City Manager last week in regards to this item. Alderman Austin stated that this is a step that may be required to make something happen. Alderman Austin stated that he would like to take this step when Council sees that there is a specific proposed use.

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 Brooks and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, Alderman Austin.

Agenda Item #14

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding storm water system improvements related to Foxwood/Fox Trail, recommending to finalize individual agreements with the property owners based upon the general terms outlined in the report.**

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Austin seconded to authorize staff to finalize the individual agreements as recommended and return the final agreements for Council approval. 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 #15

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding deferment of mandatory residential sprinkler requirements in the 2009 International Residential Code.**

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Conroy to extend the implementation date of the residential sprinkler system requirement from January 1, 2013 until such a time that there is either adoption of state wide requirements or local adoption of a modified 2012 Residential Code. 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 #16

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to remove a handicapped parking space at 1414 43<sup>rd</sup> Street.**

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

Agenda Item #17

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a neighborhood petition for installing stop signs at the intersection of 26<sup>th</sup> Street and 22 1/2 Avenue.**

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the request and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Comments followed. Alderman Tollenaer stated that several gentlemen may want to speak on this item. It was noted that the gentleman did not speak.

After comments, 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.

Note: the motion on the printed Agenda was to deny the request.

Agenda Item #18

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to install a handicapped parking space at 724 30<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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

Agenda Item #19

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to install stop signs on 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue at the intersections between 38<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> Streets.**

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to deny the request as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin stated that he visited the biggest neighbor on the block, which is Denkmann Elementary School; they have the biggest impact. Alderman Austin advised that this item did not come to Council as a result of a neighborhood petition; it was brought to Council's attention by an individual. Alderman Austin advised that the school feels that this is not in their best interest. Alderman Austin 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 #20

**Report from the City Clerk regarding an activity application for the St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on Saturday, March 16, 2013 beginning at 11:30 am, and a Resolution authorizing the use of a portion of 15<sup>th</sup> Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to the Centennial Bridge.**

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Jones seconded to approve the event 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 #21

**Other Business**

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

Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that there are great places to buy gift cards from locally owned businesses this holiday season for people to go and get something to eat. Various local businesses included; Le Figaro's, The Black

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Ram, City Limits, Blue Cat, O'Melia's, Ganson's, Pizza and Subs, Hungry Hobo, Whitey's and Jumer's. Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local this holiday season.

Agenda Item #22

**No Executive Session.**

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #23

**Recess**

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recess to Monday, December 17, 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 7:04 pm.

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