

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 6:00 pm in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Jason W. Jones, 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, Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson, other City staff, Joe Taylor, President and CEO of the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau, Charlotte Morrison, Vice President of Marketing and Communications with the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderwoman Joy Murphy, Alderman P.J. Foley and Alderman Stephen L. Tollenaer were absent.

QUAD CITIES CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU UPDATE

Joe Taylor, President and CEO of the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau provided Council with an update on the bureau's recent activities. Mr. Taylor was accompanied by Charlotte Morrison, Vice President of Marketing and Communications and Bill Nelson, city of Rock Island representative to the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau's Board of Directors.

Mr. Taylor advised that tourism is big business in the Quad Cities. Mr. Taylor added that the United States Travel Association estimates that between Scott and Rock Island Counties, visitors spend approximately \$750 million dollars per year. Mr. Taylor stated that the bureau is a partnership of the hospitality industry, governments, businesses and city organizations that work together to market the Quad Cities as one destination for visitors. Mr. Taylor pointed out that he is proud that the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau is accredited by the Destination Marketing Association International. It was noted that originally, the bureau was accredited in 2008 and they have been accredited for another four years through 2016. Mr. Taylor indicated that the bureau sees hotel occupancy, average daily rate and revenue per available room continue to grow.

Mr. Taylor discussed several items that the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau have been working on in the past few months. Mr. Taylor indicated that the Midwest Travel Writers Association was in the community this past October for a conference. Mr. Taylor added that approximately 40 travel writers from around the Midwest toured Karpeles Manuscript Museum, Blackhawk State Historic Site, Quad City Arts, College Hill District Shops, Whitey's Ice Cream and Jumer's Casino & Hotel. It was noted that a reception was held at Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse.

Mr. Taylor indicated that the bureau is also working on several events, which include; One State Together for the Arts that will be held on June 23rd, June 24th and June 25th and the 2nd annual East West Riverfest that will be held on September 6th through September 22nd.

Mr. Taylor stated that the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau advocates for trails including the American Discovery Trail and Mississippi River Trail. Mr. Taylor added that the bureau partners with many organizations in Rock Island to work on increasing promotion and partnering together to create a better and more positive destination.

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Council discussed Mr. Taylor's presentation as it related to organizational communication, customer service, way finding (signage), marketing and bike trails.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Austin to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Jones, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 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, Charles O. Austin III, Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy and Stephen L. Tollenaer. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Foley were absent. Alderman Brooks excused himself from the meeting at 6:51 pm.

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of January 21, 2013.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 21, 2013 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Jones, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Mayor Pauley advised that items 19 and 20 would be moved up on the Agenda following Update Rock Island.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated to join us for the Zola Gallery Ribbon cutting Friday, February 8th at 4:00 pm at 1700 2nd Avenue, Suite 2. The Mayor added that Zola Gallery is the Quad Cities first and premier model for an EcoArts gallery, taking the lead in EcoArts growth and environmental practices. It was noted that Zola will offer high quality EcoArt pieces in a professional, industry-standard setting while promoting “Eco-literacy” and environmental themes. Mayor Pauley advised that The Shoppes on 2nd hours are 11:00 am to 6:00 pm Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday and closed Sunday and Monday.

Mayor Pauley stated that you can enjoy an elegant evening at the Quad City Botanical Center on Thursday, February 14th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Dance and take a romantic stroll through the tropical conservatory. Sample a variety of treats from one of the area’s top caterers and enjoy an exotic array of fudge for dessert. Mayor Pauley advised that a cash bar will be available. The Mayor added that each lady will receive a complimentary long stem rose. It was noted that it is \$75.00 per couple. RSVP to Katie at katie@qcgardens.com or call (309) 794-0991 x 28 by February 7th.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Quad City Home Show Expo has everything for the home, from plumbing to drapes, remodeling ideas to new construction, landscaping to interior decorating...it is all on display at the home show. Mayor Pauley stated that you will be dazzled by 60,000 square feet of exhibits to meet your every desire in home construction, design, decorating and

furnishings. The Mayor added that there is the latest in home theater, windows, doors, insulation, siding, hot tubs, fence, decks and more! Much, much more! Mayor Pauley commented that a portion of the proceeds go to local charities and non-profit groups. It was noted that the home show starts on Friday, February 8th from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Saturday, February 9th from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm and Sunday, February 10th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Admission is \$7.00 for adults, kids 16 and under free with paid adult.

Mayor Pauley indicated that free tax assistance is available for individuals and families that earn less than \$57,000 annually at the Rock Island Main Library at 401 19th Street on February 9th from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm and April 6th from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. The Mayor added that no appointments are necessary. For other locations or times, please call (563) 355-9900.

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a proposal from EnviroNET for a Limited Phase II Environmental Investigation of the former Plaza Gas Station (Walmart site) in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.

It was moved by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the proposal 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 Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an agreement for the purchase of property owned by Riverstone Group, Inc. in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to approve the purchase agreement as recommended, subject to minor modification being implemented by the parties legal counsel prior to execution and authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase and finance contract documents at his discretion. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Jones, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

At this time, Alderman Brooks excused himself from the meeting.

Agenda Item #7

Presentation by the Advanced Technology and Sustainability Consortium.

Mr. Kevin Koski, Chair of the ATSC stepped forward. Mr. Koski stated that members of Rock Island's Advanced Technology and Sustainability Consortium (ATSC) established the Mark W. Schwiebert Sustainability Leadership Award in April of 2009. Mr. Koski advised that it was created to honor former Mayor Schwiebert for his 20 years of service to Rock Island and for his work in the area of sustainable initiatives. It was noted that this special award would be given annually to a business, organization or individual that has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the area of green or sustainable initiatives. The first award was presented to Mark Schwiebert.

Mr. Koski stated that the 2012 award recipient is Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation (GROWTH). Mr. Koski provided highlights for the selection of Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation. Mr. Koski then presented Renaissance Rock Island President Brian Hollenback with the award.

Mr. Hollenback thanked the City and members of the selection committee for the award.

Agenda Item #8

Presentation of the Financial Management Report for December 2012.

Finance Director Cynthia Parchert stated that the benchmark for December is 75%. Ms. Parchert discussed projections for general fund tax revenues. It was noted that income tax is projected to come in over \$816,000.00. Ms. Parchert explained that the State was behind several months and they have now caught up to one of those months. Ms. Parchert pointed out that the replacement tax is showing a predicted shortfall of \$86,000.00. Ms. Parchert further discussed the replacement tax.

Ms. Parchert discussed general fund expenditures by department. Ms. Parchert commented that this is done on a cash basis and not on an accrual basis. Ms. Parchert added that there are still some expenses that need to be picked up at year end. Ms. Parchert pointed out that the Finance Department has implemented a monthly close process. Ms. Parchert indicated that part of that process is to set up receivables and accruals. Ms. Parchert pointed out that the Finance Department has not implemented accruals on accounts payable yet.

Ms. Parchert referred to the document and pointed out that in the area of the summary of revenue, expenditures and fund income, riverboat gaming revenue is coming in under budget. Ms. Parchert advised that it is projected to show a shortfall of approximately \$300,000.00. Ms. Parchert further discussed riverboat gaming revenue. Ms. Parchert advised that in the area of the TIF districts, the expenditures are coming in at 36%. Ms. Parchert further discussed this item.

Agenda Item #9

A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 5, Sec. 2-272 (b) of the Code of Ordinances regarding Duties and Powers of the Human Rights Commission.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Austin to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance.

Alderman Conroy advised that there is not enough Council members present to suspend the rules.

City Attorney Kutsunis advised that five Council members are needed to suspend the rules.

At this time, Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to consider the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Jones, Alderman Austin, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Alderman Brooks had excused himself from the meeting prior to the reading of this item.

Note: Agenda Item #9 will come back to Council for a second reading on Monday, February 11, 2013.

Agenda Item #10

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$658.75 to Roger Heaton for General Liability claim.
- b. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$5,873.24 to Kutsunis and Weng P.C. for legal services rendered for the month of January.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$15,549.46 to Valley Construction Company, Inc. for an emergency sewer repair at 2034 40th Street. (016)
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$28,714.89 to Langman Construction, Inc. for an emergency water main repair at 7th Avenue and 24th Street. (017)
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$11,351.56 to Valley Construction Company, Inc. for an emergency water main repair on Indian Hill Road. (018)
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 and final in the amount of \$40,605.68 to AJ Excavating, Inc. for services provided for the 3rd Avenue Extension, West of 46th Street project. (020)
- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #4 and final in the amount of \$40,403.98 to Brandt Construction for services provided for the 15th Avenue Resurfacing: 33rd to 38th Streets project. (021)
- h. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 and final in the amount of \$46,831.55 to Brandt Construction for services provided for the 2012 Seal Coating Program project. (022)

- i. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$21,985.80 to Bush Turf, Inc. for services provided for the 2012 Sod Replacement Program project. (023)
- j. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$4,027.40 to Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities for services provided for the 2012 50/50 Sidewalk and Curb Program project. (024)
- k. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 and final in the amount of \$200,729.18 to Langman Construction for services provided for the 42nd Street Reconstruction, 29th Avenue to Saukie Golf Course project. (025)
- l. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 and final in the amount of \$57,985.45 to Walter D. Laud, Inc. for services provided for the 37th Avenue Reconstruction, East of 44th Street project. (026)
- m. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$240,055.88 to Valley Construction for services provided for the Rock Island Parkway Improvements, Ridgewood Road Intersection project. (027)
- n. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #4 in the amount of \$118,569.43 to Brandt Construction for services provided for the 16th Avenue Resurfacing: 33rd to 38th Streets project. (028)

Agenda Item #11

Claims for the weeks of January 18 through January 24 in the amount of \$806,344.88 and January 25 through January 31 in the amount of \$381,725.49.

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

Agenda Item #12

Payroll for the weeks of January 7 through January 20 in the amount of \$1,231,686.57.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer 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, Alderman Austin, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of one complete raw water pump and motor including installation from Electric Pump in the amount of \$48,725.00.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the purchase as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being;

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Fire Department regarding bids for upgrading the six current warning sirens throughout the City, recommending the bid be awarded to Braniff Communications, Inc. in the amount of \$11,190.00.

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for Fire Station #2/SW Library Branch Roof Replacement, recommending the bid be awarded to Economy Roofing in the amount of \$65,925.00.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Public Works Department regarding an agreement for professional services with Shive-Hattery, Inc for phase 2 of the Neighborhood Water Improvement Program in the total estimated amount of \$12,300.00.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Jones seconded 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 Austin, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Public Works Department regarding an intergovernmental agreement for the 2013 Sewer Rehabilitation/Lining Program.

It was moved by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the agreement as recommended and authorize the City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the contract documents.

Alderman Austin stated that this is a wonderful example of the City saving money by cooperating with other communities to get a better price than could be done individually.

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

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the 2013 Joint and Crack Sealing Program maintenance contracts, recommending to extend the maintenance contracts with New Coat Sealing, LLC in order to perform the required maintenance.

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

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget, recommending decreasing the 13th Avenue Reconstruction, 1st to 2nd Street project budget in the amount of \$4,000.00 and increasing the Street Patch Expansion Program budget in the amount of \$4,000.00.

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

Agenda Item #22

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Study.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to adopt the study as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Jones, Alderman Austin, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #23

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Roxann Duarte to install a handicapped parking space across the street from 2708 8th Avenue.

It was moved by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the request to install a handicapped parking space on the property line between 2711 and 2715 8th Avenue and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Jones, Alderman Austin, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #24

Report from the Mayor regarding an appointment and reappointment to the Rock Island County Joint Animal Control Board and appointments to Neighborhood Partners.

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

Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen was appointed to the Rock Island County Joint Animal Control Board to complete a three year term left vacant with the retirement of Scott Harris in which the term expires on March 31, 2014.

Alderman Charles Austin was reappointed to the Rock Island County Joint Animal Control Board to a three year term expiring on March 31, 2016.

Richard Nickel and Michael Kelly were appointed to Neighborhood Partners to serve as City-At-Large members.

Agenda Item #25

Report from the City Clerk regarding an application and Resolution for the Quad Cities River Bandits to hold a 5K Run on Saturday, April 6, 2013 from 8:00 am to 9:00 am.

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

Agenda Item #26

Report from the City Clerk regarding an application from the Spring Forward Learning Center requesting to hold a 5K Run on Saturday, April 6, 2013 beginning at 8:00 am.

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

Agenda Item #27

Other Business

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

Council did not have any other business to discuss.

Agenda Item #28

No Executive Session.

An Executive Session was not held.

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Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Jones to recess to Monday, February 11, 2013 at 5:30 pm. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Jones, Alderman Austin, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:06 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk