

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, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, P.J. Foley and Stephen L. Tollenaer. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Public Works Director Bob Hawes, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, other City staff, Connie Hayes, Executive Director of the Community Caring Conference, Ametra Carrol-Castaneda of the Community Caring Conference and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis.

COMMUNITY CARING CONFERENCE UPDATE

Executive Director Connie Hayes of the Community Caring Conference (CCC) updated Council on the organization's activities for 2012 and the activities they are currently working on for 2013. Ametra Carrol-Castaneda distributed packets to Council.

Ms. Hayes stated that in 2011, the Community Caring Conference (CCC) began to track what types of crimes were occurring and where they were occurring throughout the City. Ms. Hayes discussed crime statistics from January 2012 to November 2012 as it related to incidents of crime in organized neighborhoods, which included Broadway, Greenbush, Keystone, West End and West Rock Island.

Ms. Hayes stated that for 2013, the Community Caring Conference (CCC) is working on organizing other neighborhoods in Ward 2, Ward 3, Ward 4 and Ward 7. Ms. Hayes added that they have started to research boundaries and they are trying to identify the boundaries and how to organize those neighborhoods. Ms. Hayes advised that there were 615 incidents of crime in other Rock Island neighborhoods and that is why they are working on identifying boundaries. It was noted that the CCC is also working on organizing the neighborhoods in the areas near Audubon and Friendship Manor. Ms. Hayes indicated that the CCC caters to the entire City of Rock Island.

Council discussed crime statistics as it related to all neighborhoods in Rock Island and reaching out to neighborhoods that may not feel assistance is needed. Council discussed organizing neighborhoods as it related to neighborhood watches and block clubs. Council discussed neighborhoods in the Audubon and Friendship Manor areas as it related to neighborhood associations. In addition, Council discussed the downtown neighborhood.

Ms. Hayes discussed other Community Caring Conference (CCC) programs. Ms. Hayes indicated that the CCC offers Child ID, which is fingerprinting and photographing children; if these children become missing, parents will have a record for law enforcement. It was noted that 750 children were fingerprinted and photographed on January 13th at Bald Eagle Days. Ms. Hayes commented on their Friends for Victims Program, in which they help victims with paper work to be reimbursed for property damage through the IL. Attorney General's office. Ms. Hayes added that the CCC also assists victims in registering with the Automated Victim Notification System. Ms. Hayes added that the Friends for Victims Program is a vital service.

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Ms. Hayes advised that the Stand Against Cancer Program educates minority and low income women on breast and cervical cancers, and the CCC writes referrals to the Rock Island County Health Department so that women can receive health screenings. It was noted that the Grow Your Own Teacher Program is a county wide initiative training in Rock Island, Moline and East Moline, which allows Para-professionals to become Special Education teachers in Rock Island County. It was noted that the students started the program in 2006 and they will graduate in 2013 and 2014. At that time, the program will end in Rock Island County.

It was noted that other programs include; Project Thrive, which is a county wide initiative in partnership with the Rock Island County Task Force on Poverty to help reduce poverty through GED, computer and other job skill training; West Enders, which is a group of 18 to 25 year olds that meet at CCC every month. Ms. Hayes stated that this group strives to make positive images in the West End; and the CCC and House of Fire Ministries Food Pantry, which is a partnership to serve people in the 9th and 11th Street to the Blackhawk Road corridor.

Council further discussed Ms. Hayes' update as it related to collaborative efforts with the Martin Luther King Center, Parks and Recreation Department and Augustana College.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm.

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 Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, P.J. Foley and Stephen L. Tollenaer. 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 Jones gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of February 4, 2013.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 4, 2013 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Dennis E. Pauley and Fourth Ward Alderman Steve Tollenaer invite the public to attend a Coffee & Conversations event on Saturday, February 16, 2013 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at Hy-Vee at 2930 18th Avenue, Rock Island. Coffee and donuts will be provided. The Mayor stated that Coffee & Conversations is an opportunity for residents to talk to the mayor and aldermen and get any concerns or questions addressed. Mayor Pauley states, "Coffee and Conversations events help me learn what the citizens of Rock Island care about and what concerns they might have. I look forward to talking with our residents about our community."

Mayor Pauley advised that families, couples and friends are invited to gather Thursday, February 14th at 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Lodge at Black Hawk State Historic Site at 1900 46th Avenue/Blackhawk Road/IL Rte 5 for a Valentine moonlight and luminary lit walk along selected park trails. Mayor Pauley stated to dress for the weather and then gather in the Lodge before a roaring fire to enjoy square dancing to the music of Just 4 Fun. The Mayor added that fresh doughnuts, made on the spot and a cup of cocoa or cider will finish off the Valentine's Day celebration. For more information, call (309) 788-9536.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center is delighted to invite the community to a service in honor of African American Veterans, service men and women and their families. It was noted that the celebration is scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2013 at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center at 630 Ninth Street, beginning at 5:00 pm with a Community Reception and 6:00 pm viewing of the motion picture "Red Tails". Mayor Pauley commented that this year's theme is "The High Cost of Freedom" and is centered on the extraordinary commitment of African American World War II Veterans and their contribution to America's journey in Civil Rights. Mayor Pauley added that this event is free to the public and

various opportunities will be available for community members to purchase merchandise with proceeds going to further the King Center's mission of strengthening families and neighborhoods. It was noted that for more information concerning the event, volunteer opportunities or how to invest in sponsorship, please contact the King Center at (309) 732-2999.

At this time, Mayor Pauley inquired upon Dr. Dwight Ford, Director of the Martin Luther King Center to say a few words in regards to this upcoming event.

Dr. Ford reiterated the importance of this celebration particularly in honoring the service men of African American descent as well as celebrating their families. Dr. Ford stated that the reception will also showcase art by a local artist and there will be a lot of music. Dr. Ford advised that this is the first part of a four part series called Healing and Hope. Dr. Ford invited everyone to this celebration on February 21, 2013.

Agenda Item #7

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

Agenda Item #8

A Special Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space on the property line between 2711 and 2715 8th Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #9

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #17 in the amount of \$53,277.51 to General Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Public Works Department Street Garage project. (036)

- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #16 in the amount of \$1,558,444.45 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Wet Weather Treatment System project. (037)

Agenda Item #10

Claims for the week of February 1 through February 7 in the amount of \$999,474.72.

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

Agenda Item #11

Payroll for the weeks of January 21 through February 3 in the amount of \$1,256,572.77.

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

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding bids for the NESHAPS (asbestos) investigation of 10 vacant residential properties scheduled to be demolished, recommending the bid be awarded to Graves Environmental, Inc. at the rates stated in the report.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to award the bid as recommended and authorize the Chief Building Official to execute the contract documents.

Comments followed. Alderman Foley inquired upon City Manager Thomas to provide Council with the list of properties and where they are located for the scheduled demolition.

City Manager Thomas advised that the addresses will be provided to Council.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Finance Department regarding bids for Audit Services, recommending the bid be awarded to Bohnsack & Frommelt at the base proposed fees as stated in the report for fiscal years ending March 31, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

It was moved by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Foley to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy inquired as to whether the City typically has a five year contract for this type of item.

Finance Director Cynthia Parchert stated yes.

Alderman Foley stated that he was glad to see the City go back to a local company in the Quad City area.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a lease renewal for the Sunset Marina apartment.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the lease renewal as written 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, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

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 The Shoppes on 2nd is a building that Renaissance Rock Island redeveloped; it is a retail incubator and five shops are located in this building. Alderwoman Murphy advised that another ribbon cutting was held recently for Zola Gallery, which is called an Eco-Arts gallery. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Meg Hollister and Gloria Iaccarino own the gallery. Alderwoman Murphy added that the art is centered around nature and it is about using a lot of recycled products. It was noted that the word Zola is Italian and means piece of the earth. Alderwoman Murphy commented that different artists are featured every month. Alderwoman Murphy advised that Zola Gallery also offers children's workshops and artist development. It was noted that for more information, go to their website at www.zolagallery.wordpress.com. Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

Alderman Foley advised that on February 24th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Blackhawk Park West will be hosting their winter potluck at the Singing Bird Lodge at Blackhawk State Park. Alderman Foley added that they will have a historian from the Rock Island Arsenal Historical Museum speaking about the Confederate cemetery and the history of the Rock Island Arsenal.

Alderman Conroy commented that he saw a commercial on TV recently in regards to Trinity Hospital in Rock Island and noted that it is one of the best hospitals in the country.

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No Executive Session.

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #17

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderman Conroy to recess to Monday, February 18, 2013 at 5:30 pm. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 6:59 pm.

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