

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:30 pm in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Aldermen Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy and P.J. Foley. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Mary Chappell, Development Programs Manager, Finance Director Cynthia Parchert, Ben McCready, Assistant to the City Manager, other City staff, City Attorney Ted Kutsunis, Les Kinseth, President of Kinseth Hospitality Companies and Bruce Kinseth, Vice President of Kinseth Hospitality Companies. Mayor Dennis E. Pauley arrived at 6:29 pm.

PRESENTATION ON HOLIDAY INN RENOVATIONS

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder introduced Bruce and Les Kinseth of Kinseth Hospitality Companies. Mr. Eder stated that they are here to update Council on the renovations that are taking place at the Holiday Inn downtown. Mr. Eder noted that there is an item on the Agenda this evening regarding this topic. Mr. Eder added that there is a good partnership developing between the City and Kinseth Hospitality Companies.

Mr. Bruce Kinseth stated that Kinseth Hospitality is a family owned and operated company, which is in the business of owning, operating, developing, building, renovating and operating hotels and restaurants throughout the Midwest. Mr. Kinseth commented that they purchased the Holiday Inn in 1997. Mr. Kinseth added that they rent approximately 1000 to 1200 rooms to outside groups coming to the City each and every month. Mr. Kinseth stated that their goals include planning, renovating and continuing to renovate the Holiday Inn to keep it competitive with hotels in the Quad City area.

Mr. Kinseth advised that the renovation of all guest rooms in the hotel was completed in April of this year. Mr. Kinseth stated that they are going to renovate all of the conference and meeting spaces on the 2nd floor of the hotel starting in October. It was noted that the next plan is for the lobby, commercial spaces and exterior infrastructure. Mr. Kinseth added that they are entertaining some ideas to convert the Bennigan's restaurant to a new restaurant brand. Mr. Kinseth offered that there are infrastructure improvements needed for the roof, replacement of windows and an exterior upgrade.

Mr. Kinseth presented pictures of Phase 1, which included the completed renovation of the guest rooms. Mr. Kinseth and Council discussed the décor of the rooms. Mr. Kinseth commented that the total cost for this phase was approximately \$800,000.00. It was noted that they are currently renovating the fitness center and the pool area. Mr. Kinseth discussed Phase 2, which is the meeting rooms/conference area. It was noted that the approximate cost for this phase is \$600,000.00. Mr. Kinseth discussed capital and revenue as it related to the renovation.

Mr. Kinseth indicated that they would like to renovate the lobby and public spaces. It was noted that Phase 3 includes the inside front desk renovation, the lobby renovation and the addition of a suite shop and open business center. Mr. Kinseth stated that the estimated cost for this phase is roughly \$300,000.00. Mr. Kinseth further discussed Phase 3 of the project.

Mr. Kinseth advised that Phase 4 is more long term and it is in the planning stage. It was noted that this phase includes renovating the exterior and infrastructure in which some of the components will include; enclosing the stair tower, renovating the 9th floor, which houses the mechanical equipment, replace skylights to pool and fitness area, a new color scheme and a variety of other enhancements. Mr. Kinseth commented that the approximate cost is \$1,400,000.00. Mr. Kinseth discussed exploring options to convert the current restaurant to another restaurant brand.

Council discussed Mr. Kinseth's presentation.

DISCUSSION ON BUDGET CALENDAR YEAR

Finance Director Cynthia Parchert discussed changing the fiscal year end (March 31st) to a calendar year end (December 31st). Ms. Parchert presented to Council the advantages and disadvantages of the City changing to a calendar year end.

Ms. Parchert advised that the City of Moline changed to a December 31st year end in 2002 and East Moline has just changed their fiscal year to a December 31st year end. Ms. Parchert then discussed the advantages to changing to a calendar year end. Ms. Parchert advised that it would coincide with the property tax levy setting process. Ms. Parchert noted that projects could be bid earlier if the budget is adopted at an earlier time. Ms. Parchert added that this could render a savings because contractors bid more competitively earlier in the season. Ms. Parchert advised that some statistical reports published by various City departments are currently on a calendar year. Ms. Parchert added that by changing to a calendar year, this will simplify the process.

Ms. Parchert stated that Motor Fuel Tax audits conducted by the State are based on a calendar year as well as annual W-2 and 1099 tax forms. Ms. Parchert added that health insurance deductibles are also based on a calendar year, and if the City changes its fiscal year to a calendar year, it would be less confusing for employees. Ms. Parchert explained that by changing to a calendar year end, most construction projects would be completed and paid in full by December; this would eliminate the need for reviewing projects to determine Construction in Process or Retainage Payable. Ms. Parchert advised that there is a one-time benefit with the property tax levy in which a full year of levy will support a shortened nine month budget year.

Next, Ms. Parchert discussed the disadvantages of converting to a calendar year end. Ms. Parchert explained that by changing to a calendar year end could make the tax levy more confusing because the tax levy recommendation and final operating budget would be reviewed at the same time. Another disadvantage Ms. Parchert commented on was that the City's union contracts are based on a fiscal year beginning April 1st to March 31st. Ms. Parchert stated that another disadvantage is that the City would have to pay for one nine month audit. Ms. Parchert stated that a calendar year end is a common year end, particularly in the for-profit corporate entities. Ms. Parchert added that as a result, the City's audit fees would most likely increase due to the increased demand. Ms. Parchert explained that for the first year, it will be difficult to conduct an analysis comparing revenues and expenditures from one year to the next due to the shortened fiscal year.

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Ms. Parchert indicated that if the fiscal year end is changed to a calendar year end, there will be some challenges for the current processes that are tied to the City's fiscal year end and these processes would have to be changed to a new calendar year end. These process changes include; setting health insurance premiums; setting inter-fund self-insurance premiums; addressing employee leave time usages for vacation, personal, bonus and comp.; payment of tuition reimbursement, which is included in some union contracts; and insurance open enrollment. Ms. Parchert further stated that since block grant dollars are not finalized until later in the year, the City would be operating for approximately nine months using estimated amounts. Ms. Parchert also noted that software costs would be incurred to make necessary revisions to the City's current software packages.

Council discussed Ms. Parchert's presentation as it related to cost, time, savings and the benefits to citizens. It was noted that a report will be on the August 26th Agenda for Council consideration.

**MISCELLANEOUS
(Beijing, China Delegation)**

City Manager Thomas advised that in the last couple of months, administrators from Beijing, China have been touring different cities and talking to managers and directors on how they run their local governments.

Ben McCready, Assistant to the City Manager stated that this delegation from Beijing, China includes government officials that represent a wide array of government organizations that provide services to residents of Beijing on a daily basis. Mr. McCready added that they are here for two days to observe and learn about the role of local government in Rock Island. Mr. McCready commented that they are spending two months in the United States to study public administration and public policy.

At this time, a representative and interpreter for the delegation introduced each official. The leader of the Beijing Delegation said a few words. The leader then presented an official gift (Beijing Garden Expo Commemorative Medallion Set) from the City of Beijing to the City of Rock Island. Mayor Pauley accepted the gift.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Murphy to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
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**August 12, 2013
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 Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy and P.J. Foley. 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 Murphy gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of July 22, 2013.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 22, 2013 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that the City of Rock Island is preparing a City-wide comprehensive plan - long-range plan that serves as the City's official guide for future community growth, development and policy direction over a 20-year timeframe. Once adopted, the plan will function as a blueprint for City staff and local decision makers to help them achieve long-term community objectives. Mayor Pauley advised that the City is seeking citizen input in the planning process. Receiving community feedback is extremely valuable to have during the early stages of a planning process. We encourage residents to take advantage of this opportunity to share their thoughts and opinions about the present and future state of our City. It was noted that residents are encouraged to complete an online community survey at www.rigov.org/CommunitySurvey. The survey will be available through the end of August. Mayor Pauley stated that if anyone is interested in completing the survey, but does not have access to a computer, please visit any of the three Rock Island Public Library branches or the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center to access a computer. It was noted that more information on upcoming opportunities where community members can give input into the planning process will be listed on the City's website and Facebook page.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Landing at Schwiebert Park is a 23 slip transient marina to be constructed under a \$1.5 million Boater Infrastructure Grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service plus local downtown TIF funding. The Mayor added that the Boater Infrastructure Grant (BIG-P) program is a federally administrated program, initiated by the boating community and funded through boater user fees with grants from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. Mayor Pauley indicated that the transient marina is designed to provide boating destinations and infrastructure for boats 26 feet or longer, and to spur economic activity in the downtown Rock Island area. It was noted that the marina is located at the downstream outlet of

Sylvan Slough, in an area close to Schwiebert Park. The marina is designed to have minimal impact on mussels. Mayor Pauley stated that construction of the marina is expected to be completed in the fall of 2013, with an opening for boater use in the spring of 2014.

Mayor Pauley advised that it's that time of year when Quad City residents take the opportunity to nominate people who have made outstanding contributions in their community through an act or deed. The Community Caring Conference is accepting nominations for their annual Community Hero Awards, which will be presented at a banquet on Thursday, October 10th at the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 25, 4600 46th Avenue in Rock Island. Mayor Pauley stated that you can nominate someone who you believe is a Community Hero by visiting the CCC web page at www.ricaring.org and clicking on the July Newsletter link. The nomination form is on the second page of that newsletter.

Mayor Pauley stated that the City of Rock Island invites you to participate in the 29th Annual Old-fashioned Labor Day Parade scheduled for Monday, September 2, 2013. Build a float, enter your business vehicle, organization, school, church van or simply walk the parade route. All clowns, hula-dancers, neighborhood groups, families, schools, church and civic groups are welcome to join the fun! Mayor Pauley commented that this year's parade theme is "Celebrating You!" What in your life in Rock Island do you wish to celebrate in the Parade? You have endless choices. Go to www.rigov.org under City Clicks to find an entry form. It was noted that entry forms are due by August 19, 2013. Questions, call Mary Chappell at (309) 732-2923.

Agenda Item #7

Announcement of the 2013 Citizen of the Year Winners.

Alderman Chuck Austin, Co-Chairman of the Citizen of the Year Committee announced the honorees for the 2013 Citizen of the Year. Alderman Austin stated that he and Alderman Murphy had the pleasure of being on the Citizen of the Year Committee this year. Alderman Austin noted that there are eight (8) categories for Citizen of the Year. The first seven (7) categories recognize citizens who live in Rock Island and include Business, Professional, Education, Organization, Individual, City Employee and Youth. The final category, Honorary Citizen, recognizes an individual that does not live in Rock Island.

The winners of the eight (8) categories are as follows: Business - Unley Marine LLC; Professional - Daniel Moore; Education - Nancy Wolber; Organization - Church of Peace; Individual - Moses Robinson; City Employee - Bill Nelson; Youth - Abbey Johnson; and Virginia Jarrett won for Honorary Citizen.

Alderman Austin advised that the overall 2013 Citizen of the Year will be named on Monday, August 26, 2013 at the Council meeting. Alderman Austin noted that prior to the Council meeting, a reception will be held at 6:15 pm for the winning recipients. Alderman Austin added that all of the winners will ride in the Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 2, 2013. It was noted that the overall Citizen of the Year will be the Grand Marshal of the parade.

Agenda Item #8

Presentation of the Martin Luther King Center Lockhart Scholarship Award.

Rev. Dwight Ford, Director of the Martin Luther King Center stepped forward. Rev. Ford stated that the ML Lockhart fund was initiated in the name of ML Lockhart who was the first director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center. Rev. Ford advised that each year, the scholarship is awarded to a Rock Island High School Senior with a grade point average of at least 2.5 and who has gained acceptance into a college or university of their choice. Rev. Ford stated that the recipient of the scholarship award this year will attend Western Illinois University in Macomb, IL and plans to major in Nursing. Rev. Ford presented the 2013 ML Lockhart Scholarship award to Miss Dominique Butler.

Miss Butler stated that it is a blessing and honor and thanked Rev. Ford, the King Center and Council for this opportunity.

Agenda Item #9

Presentation of Tell on Your Neighbor Awards by the Beautification Commission.

Beautification Commission member Bob Towler stepped forward and Mayor Pauley joined Mr. Towler at the podium to present the Tell on Your Neighbor Awards. Mr. Towler stated that this is the 39th annual Tell on Your Neighbor contest. It was noted that the purpose of the contest is to recognize residents who show pride in their homes and neighborhoods by keeping neat and well maintained yards.

Mr. Towler then named the recipients of the Residential Beautification Award. The winners are as follows; Marcia Stradley; LouAnn Roach; Mike & Kim Brozovich; Pat & Mark Johnson; Connie Moran; Kenneth Watts; Dean Thomer; Sojourn Shelton; Roger & Dorothy Forrest; Nicolasa & Sanchez I Casco; John & Diane Breckle; Louise Tyler; Brian & Jessica Reimer; Terri & Kari Hanson; Jeffery Holland; James Sterling; Nancy Patton; Vern Race; Dennis Harker; Benjie & Denise Wolter; Paul & Molly Foley; Mary Langdon; Joseph Conicella; Sharon Cramer; Doreen Sartor; Dean & Lois Wallarab; Jennifer Geis; Kenneth Crawford; Jeanne Cupp; Michael & Lois Woods; Mary Nelson; Ronald & Christine Hudson; Mark & Deb Lang; Richard & Juanita Iverson; Don & Kathy Yadon; Randall Wright; James Mundy; Tracy Goldsberry; James Nelson; Efrain Oviedo; Michael Kargl; and Mike & Jackie Hannah. After the awards, pictures were taken with Mayor Pauley.

Agenda Item #10

A Special Ordinance authorizing acquisition of property from the Loyal Order of Moose, Rock Island Lodge #190 in the amount of \$100,000.00.

A motion was made by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Foley to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #11

A Special Ordinance establishing Type A residential permit parking only area on 15th Street between 15th and 16th Avenues.

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

Agenda Item #12

A Special Ordinance establishing a no parking zone on the west side of 35th Street between 12th and 14th Avenues.

A motion was made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Foley to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #13

A Special Ordinance establishing control of parking on private property at 2103 5th Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #14

CLAIMS

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Clark 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 Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$8,312.51 to Kutsunis and Weng P.C. for legal services rendered for the month of July 2013.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #22 in the amount of \$1,242,190.05 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Wet Weather Treatment System project.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$17,910.00 to Valley Construction for services provided for the Rock Island Landing at Schwiebert Park project.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$38,722.50 to A.J. Excavating for services provided for the 3rd Avenue

Reconstruction: 24th to 25th Street project.

e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$203,776.90 to Walter D. Laud for services provided for the Rock Island Parkway Improvements project.

f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$219,868.95 to Walter D. Laud for services provided for the 5th Street Reconstruction: 18th Avenue to 26th Avenue project.

g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$51,195.12 to Davenport Electric Contract Company for services provided for the Fiber Optic Phase 6 project.

Agenda Item #15

Claims for the weeks of July 19 through July 25 in the amount of \$4,480,935.21, July 26 through August 1 in the amount of \$655,139.52 and August 2 through August 8 in the amount of \$553,646.70.

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

Agenda Item #16

Payroll for the weeks of July 8 through July 21 in the amount of \$1,338,292.31 and July 22 through August 4 in the amount of \$1,296,309.68.

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

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Fire Department regarding the purchase of personal protective equipment from Municipal Emergency Services, Inc in the amount of \$19,150.38.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the purchase as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Information Technology Department regarding the purchase and maintenance of five Toshiba copier/printers from Office Machine Consultants in the amount of \$34,163.00.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the purchase as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the maintenance agreement. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of a 2013 Pierce Arrow 105 ft Aerial truck from Global Emergency Products, Inc. in the amount of \$835,000.00, recommending that the 1994 Spartan Aerial truck be declared as surplus and traded-in and a budget adjustment increasing the Fleet Services fund in the amount of \$835,000.00.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the purchase as recommended, authorize trade-in, approve the budget increase and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Murphy inquired upon Fire Chief James Fobert to explain the difference between the price of a demo and the price of a new truck.

Chief Fobert stated that this is a stock unit. Chief Fobert discussed the process as it related to the replacement of the current truck. Chief Fobert commented that a committee was formed, which included firefighters and they researched this project. Fire Chief Fobert further discussed the process as it related to the vendor selection, cost and type of truck to be purchased.

Fire Chief Fobert reiterated that this is a stock unit and not a demo. The Chief further stated that the price of the vehicle is \$835,000.00. Chief Fobert commented that this truck will enhance Fire services.

Alderman Austin inquired as to where the funding is coming from. Fire Chief Fobert stated that the funding is coming from Fleet Services.

Public Works Director Randy Tweet stated that it came from cash reserves. Mr. Tweet added that originally it was forecast to be bid this fiscal year, but to not be purchased until next fiscal year. Council and Mr. Tweet further discussed this item.

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

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of 150,000 paper yard waste bags for the 2013 Free Leaf Pickup Program, recommending the bid be awarded to Pabco Industries, LLC in the amount of \$49,350.00.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman 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 Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of fleet software, recommending the bid be awarded to Asset Works, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$153,580.00.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to award the bid, approve the purchase 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 Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #22

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding bids for Phase II Environmental Site Assessment for the proposed police station development between 12th and 13th Streets and 5th and 7th Avenues, recommending the bid be awarded to EnviroNet, Inc. in the total amount of \$16,555.00.

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Hotle 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 Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, Alderman Tollenaer.

Agenda Item #23

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a development agreement with Kinseth Hospitality Companies for assistance with the Holiday Inn roof project in the amount of \$150,000.00.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Foley 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 Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #24

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an agreement with Storino, Ramello & Durkin to perform legal work related to development matters, development agreements and TIF matters.

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve entering into an agreement with Storino, Ramello & Durkin 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 Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #25

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a contract increase for additional services provided by Stanley Consultants, Inc for the Schwiebert Park Transient Dock project in the amount of \$9,633.42.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to approve the additional services as recommended and authorize payment. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #26

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a contract increase for additional services provided by Missman, Inc. for the 9th Street and 11th Street Corridor Study in the amount of \$8,175.00.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the additional services as recommended and authorize payment. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #27

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities for the donation of City owned property at 920 6th Street to build a new home.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Clark seconded to approve the donation request as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #28

Report from the Finance Department regarding a Special Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article V, Division 1, Sec. 2-155 of the Code of Ordinances regarding returned checks.

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

Agenda Item #29

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant, recommending submittal of the TAP grant application and provide a letter of support for the projects as outlined in the report.

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve submittal of the grant application as recommended and authorize the letter of support.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin inquired as to who signs the letters of support. Mayor Pauley stated he generally signs the letters of support.

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

Agenda Item #30

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from the City for a rezoning from a R-3 (one and two family residence) district to a B-4 (highway/intensive business) district at 3917, 3923, 4003 and 4009 9th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the rezoning 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 Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #31

Report from the Mayor regarding an appointment to the Citizen's Advisory Committee.

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the appointment as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Becca Skafidas was appointed to the Citizen's Advisory Committee.

Agenda Item #32

Report from the City Clerk regarding a Resolution approving the full release of the listed Executive Session Minutes.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the full release of the listed executive session minutes as recommended and adopt the resolution. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #33

Report from the Martin Luther King Center regarding a street closing and sound amplification request for their 27th annual King Center Family Fun Day Celebration scheduled for Friday, August 30, 2013 through Sunday, September 1, 2013, requesting that food vendor and sound amplification fees be waived.

Alderman Clark moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to approve the requests and waive the fees as recommended.

Alderman Austin inquired as to whether the dedication of the park would be part of the celebration.

Martin Luther King Center Director Rev. Dwight Ford stated yes. Mayor Pauley stated that the dedication would be held on that Saturday at 11:00 am.

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

Agenda Item #34

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Second Baptist Church for a Street Closing at the corner of 10th Street between 5th Avenue and 7th Avenue and the corner of 6th Avenue and 11th Street, along with a Sound Amplification permit for their Family Picnic to be held on Saturday, August 17, 2013 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the requests as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #35

Report from the City Clerk regarding an Activity permit application for the 29th annual Labor Day Parade to be held on Monday, September 2, 2013 from 9:30 am to noon.

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

Agenda Item #36

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Kavanaugh's Hilltop Tavern to hold their first annual ½ Way to St. Pat's Day event outside on Saturday, September 28, 2013 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at 1228 30th Street.

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It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the event as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations and subject to being closed down early if noise complaints are received.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy discussed the motions for events as it related to always putting in the language – if noise complaints are received. Alderman Conroy stated that he believed in the future that Council may want to look at making it a decibel level. Alderman Conroy further discussed this item.

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

Agenda Item #37

Report from the City Clerk regarding an Activity permit application from the Cornbelt Running Club to hold their 25th annual 5K and 10K Run on Sunday, September 15, 2013 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am.

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

Agenda Item #38

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Bill Anderson for a Street Closing at 23rd Street between 20 ½ Avenue and 2025 23rd Street for a block party, along with a sound amplification permit for Saturday, September 21, 2013 from 4:30 pm to midnight.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the requests as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Foley stated that this particular block party is in the northeast part of his ward. Alderman Foley added that it is a great opportunity for neighbors to come out and enjoy each other's company. Alderman Foley encouraged people to have block parties and invite the Council.

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

Agenda Item #39

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from the Broadway Historic District Association for a Street Closing at 22nd Street between 7th Avenue and 9th Avenue, along with a Sound Amplification permit for their 25th Anniversary Celebration to be held on Saturday, September 28, 2013 from noon to 5:00 pm.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Clark seconded to approve the requests as recommended.

Comments followed. Alderman Hotle congratulated the Broadway Historic District Association on their 25th Anniversary this September.

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

Agenda Item #40

Report from the City Clerk regarding three Sound Amplification permits for Augustana College to hold concerts outside on campus grounds on Saturday, August 24 and Tuesday, October 8, 2013 from 5:00 pm to midnight and Saturday, October 19, 2013 from noon to midnight.

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the sound amplification permits as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #41

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Terry Anderson for a Street Closing at 21st Street between 16th Avenue and 17th Avenue on Sunday, October 6, 2013 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm for the Highland Park Historic Neighborhood Association's block party.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the request as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #42

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from the Platinum Hospitality Group, LLC (Gendler's - Black Ram) to have live music outside on the patio on Friday and Saturday nights from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm and on Thursdays and Sundays from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm beginning August 22 through October 12, 2013.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the request as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations and subject to being closed down early if noise complaints are received.

Discussion followed. Mayor Pauley stated that on this particular item, there have been noise complaints on Thursday nights.

Alderman Conroy stated that on Thursday nights being done by 10:00 pm is reasonable. Alderman Conroy advised that he thinks Council needs to look at a decibel level to go along with

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it so that just not anyone can call and say they don't like the noise. Alderman Conroy stated that he wants to make sure that things are not shut down just because of one person. Alderman Conroy further discussed this issue.

Alderman Austin advised that he was there today. Alderman Austin stated that he stood at the fence using 75 ft. as the ordinance states for sound being thrown. Alderman Austin further discussed this issue. Alderman Austin stated that he agreed with Alderman Conroy's idea for a decibel level.

Alderman Austin inquired upon Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen as to whether the Police Department has something that they can use to measure the decibel level, and is it easier to enforce a complaint or a decibel level.

Police Chief VenHuizen advised that the Police Department does not have a decibel meter. Chief VenHuizen stated that a little bit of common sense has to go into play of what is reasonable regarding sound amplification. Chief VenHuizen added that often times, it is a judgment call that the officer has to make based on the complaint in regards to sound amplification. Police Chief VenHuizen further discussed this issue.

Council discussed this issue as it related to other events in the City concerning sound amplification.

Mayor Pauley stated that there have been complaints on Thursday nights regarding this item, and there probably will be more complaints this time. The Mayor added that the way the ordinance is written now, if there are complaints, the City has to act on them.

Mr. Dave Requet Jr. of 19250 Buysse Road, Coal Valley, IL stepped forward.

Alderman Austin inquired as to how critical the hours are from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm on Thursday and Sunday nights.

Mr. Requet responded that Thursday is until 10:00 pm and Sunday is more for during the day. Mr. Requet added that they close down at 10:00 pm on Sunday through Thursday and they close in between 10:30 pm and midnight on Friday and Saturday.

Alderman Austin inquired that if they were to close at 8:00 pm on Thursday's would this hinder the opportunity to serve patrons.

Mr. Requet stated that at 8:00 pm, people are still coming in to eat and to enjoy the festivities. Mr. Requet added that college students start their weekend on Thursday nights.

Council discussed this issue as it related to complaints concerning sound amplification.

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

Agenda Item #43
Other Business.

Alderman Conroy commented that Floatzilla is coming up this weekend.

Alderman Foley commented that Steve's Old Time Tap will be hosting the Irish Fest on Saturday from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Alderman Foley added that all proceeds go to support the Irish Society as well as the parade that is held every St. Patrick's Day.

Mayor Pauley commented that the Jewish Feast-ival will be held on Sunday at 11:00 am. The Mayor added that it is an opportunity to tour the Jewish Center and enjoy some good food.

Alderman Austin stated that on Thursday, September 5th at 6:30 pm, he will be hosting a Ward (community) meeting at 6:30 pm at the First Church of the Nazarene at 38th Street and 29th Avenue. Alderman Austin advised that this is an opportunity for anyone in the City to come and talk, listen or share. Alderman Austin added that City Manager Thomas Thomas, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen and Mayor Pauley will be present to listen to citizens' concerns and answer questions.

Alderman Clark stated that a citizen in the community was lost recently. Alderman Clark stated that Sheila Wrenn was a very hardworking person for the community.

Alderman Foley stated that Carter LeBeau was also lost recently. Alderman Foley added that Mr. LeBeau was a great Quad Citian and an advocate for cycling.

Alderman Murphy discussed the ML Lockhart Scholarship award that Dominique Butler received earlier in the meeting. Alderman Murphy stated that it is nice to see such fine students coming out of Rock Island High School.

Alderman Murphy stated that earlier during the meeting, Council voted to assist a roof project for Kinseth Hospitality Companies. Alderman Murphy stated that they own the Holiday Inn. Alderman Murphy added that they have done a very nice job of renovating the hotel rooms.

Alderman Hotle commented on the Delegation from Beijing, China that came to Rock Island to learn about local government.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that Herman's Inc. is family owned and operated and is located on Blackhawk Road. Alderman Murphy advised that they offer screen printing and embroidery, and they have a variety of clothing and accessories including t-shirts, sportswear, hats and outdoor gear. Alderman Murphy added that they have a design department. Alderman Murphy stated that anyone can go online and shop or shop in the store. Alderman Murphy noted that Herman's Inc. is really focused on customer service. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

Ms. Caryl Altemus of 1821 9th Street stepped forward. Ms. Altemus discussed the west side of Rock Island as it related to the trash issue. Ms. Altemus stated that the trash condition has

improved since last time she came to Council. Ms. Altemus stated that she picks up trash every day. Ms. Altemus thanked the City for the increased police presence on the west side. Ms. Altemus further discussed the trash issue.

Mr. Jason Hayes of 1330 15th Street stepped forward. Mr. Hayes stated that things are not improving in his neighborhood in regards to the trash and vandalism issues near the park and playground. Mr. Hayes stated that he should not have to call the Police every day. Mr. Hayes discussed complaints as it related to police response.

Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen discussed Mr. Hayes' complaints in regards to the police not doing anything about the issues in the neighborhood. Chief VenHuizen advised that the Police Department is trying to work with Mr. Hayes to resolve some of the neighborhood issues. The Chief added that the Police Department has dedicated time, resources and efforts towards these complaints. Chief VenHuizen further discussed this issue.

Council discussed this issue as it related to complaints and the efforts being made to resolve the neighborhood problems in this area in reference to police patrolling the area and the installation of cameras.

Ms. Carla Hoffman of 1434 15th Avenue stepped forward. Ms. Hoffman discussed the neighborhood as it related to bad language, garbage and other incidents taking place outside in the neighborhood.

Council further discussed the complaints and trash issues.

Agenda Item #44

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle at 8:15 pm to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #45

Recess

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 8:32 pm. A motion was made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Foley to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, August 26, 2013. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 8:33 pm.