

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 Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy and Stephen L. Tollenaer. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson, Ben McCready, Assistant to the City Manager, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, other City staff and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 5:54 pm.

PRESENTATION ON DEER OPTIONS AND COST

Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson updated Council on options and costs for the deer population in the City.

Mr. Nelson reviewed the possible options for deer management from a previous session with Council, which included; sharpshooting by Police, sharpshooting by a private service, and a managed archery program.

Mr. Nelson explained that the cost estimate for Police sharpshooting is approximately \$30,000.00 based on several assumptions, which include; a two week program, eight hours per day and the purchasing of some hunting equipment. Mr. Nelson stated that it is driven by personnel costs and that does not include administrative time that may be involved.

Mr. Nelson stated that the cost for sharpshooting with a private contractor could vary from \$20,000.00 to \$60,000.00. Mr. Nelson stated that this cost is based on what some other communities have done. Mr. Nelson added that the estimate is \$200.00 to \$600.00 per deer and this is somewhat driven by the restrictions of hunting, the requirements of the city and mobilization. Mr. Nelson indicated that there may be additional fees associated with this, which could include; meat transportation and processing, staff overtime in terms of monitoring and administration costs.

Mr. Nelson stated that the third option is permitted archery hunting, which has the least cost involved and is about \$5,000.00. Mr. Nelson stated that this would be driven by staff time, which is estimated at about \$55.00 per hour. Mr. Nelson indicated that the cost and responsibility is primarily delegated to the hunters and the landowners that would prefer that the deer are harvested off of their property. Mr. Nelson added that there may be some potential for private sector activities in terms of an individual that owns a larger piece of property that may want to allow deer hunting. Mr. Nelson pointed out that Bettendorf and Davenport, IA as well as Mt. Vernon, IL allow permitted archery hunting. Mr. Nelson discussed other additional costs as it related to deer hunting in terms of administrative staff time, some of which include; deer task force meetings, GIS site approval and check-in and enforcement.

Mr. Nelson recommended the permitted archery program. Mr. Nelson indicated that it is low cost; it shifts liability/cost to hunters and property owners; it is consistent with neighboring communities; it has been proven effective in multiple cases; and it has a low impact on staff time and City resources.

Council discussed Mr. Nelson's presentation as it related to what department(s) would be involved, the length of time for the program, potential locations and acreage as it related to the three acre component for hunting deer. Council discussed other cities programs for permitted archery hunting. In addition, Council discussed the process as it related to a permitted archery program and the safety component as it related to hunters. After more discussion, it was a consensus among Council to move forward and that Mr. Nelson come back to Council with more details.

SCHWIEBERT RIVERFRONT PARK SIGNAGE OPTIONS

Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson advised that at the June Park Board meeting, it was voted four to zero in favor of the two-sided larger message center. Mr. Nelson explained that a two-sided sign with color would range between \$60,000.00 and \$80,000.00. Mr. Nelson added that the same sign in red or amber would cost between \$50,000.00 and \$70,000.00. Mr. Nelson commented that a single face entry sign in color would range between \$40,000.00 to \$50,000.00 and a single face entry sign in amber or red would cost between \$35,000.00 and \$40,000.00. Mr. Nelson advised that TIF funds would be utilized to cover the cost of the message center.

Council discussed this item as it related to marketing and whether or not a sign is needed. Council also discussed the location, type and size of the proposed sign and cost as it related to TIF dollars.

After more discussion, Council inquired upon Mr. Nelson to move forward and bring back details on the taller two-sided message center.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Clark to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**September 9, 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 Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, 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 Austin gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of August 26, 2013.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 26, 2013 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that the City has extended the deadline for citizen input in its comprehensive planning process. Rock Island residents have until September 30th to complete the online community survey to provide input on City services and infrastructure, quality of life, housing and community and economic development. Mayor Pauley indicated that the survey is available in English and Spanish on the City's website at www.rigov.org. It was noted that hard copies are also available at City Hall or any of the three Rock Island Public Library branches.

Mayor Pauley advised that the City of Rock Island is hosting two community vision workshops to provide residents an opportunity to express their ideas on how the community should grow over the next 20 years and what issues need to be addressed in the City's comprehensive plan. The Mayor added that the first workshop is scheduled for Monday, September 16th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center located at 630 9th Street. It was noted that Spanish, French, Swahili, Karen, and Burmese interpreters will be available. Mayor Pauley stated that a second workshop will take place on Tuesday, September 24th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in Farrell Hall at St. Pius Catholic Church located at the northeast corner of 24th Street and 31st Avenue. The Mayor added that the City encourages residents to attend one of these fun, interactive sessions. For more information visit the City's website at www.rigov.org.

Mayor Pauley stated to catch a little funk, soul, blues, country and pop with the free "Thursday Night Groove" concert series at Schwiebert Riverfront Park. Mayor Pauley advised that Thursday, September 12, 2013 will feature Jim the Mule on the stage from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Gates open at 7:00 pm and free dance lessons begin at 7:30 pm by QCSoda. Thanks to our concert sponsor Rock Island Happy Joes who will have pizza for sale. The Mayor commented that there will also be Bent River beer available for purchase. Hope to see you there!

Mayor Pauley advised that the grass just got greener at Saukie. Only \$20 gets you a cart and 18 holes of golf anytime after 10:00 am any day at Saukie Golf Course. A great deal on a course that is in great shape. Call (309) 732-2278 for a tee time.

Agenda Item #7

Presentation of the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program - Tier I Status.

Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen introduced John Kennedy, Executive Director of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police.

Mr. Kennedy congratulated Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen and his staff for achieving Tier 1 of the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. Mr. Kennedy advised that very few law enforcement agencies have achieved this in Illinois. Mr. Kennedy added that the accreditation is a time consuming and detailed process. Mr. Kennedy further discussed the process.

Chief VenHuizen thanked Mr. Kennedy and his staff for the support during the whole process. Chief VenHuizen stated that it is a time consuming and challenging process for the Police Department. Chief VenHuizen advised that it is a big accomplishment for the department; it speaks of the Police Department's commitment to excellence for the City.

Agenda Item #8

Presentation of the the Auditor's Financial Report.

Finance Director Cynthia Parchert introduced Sarah Bohnsack from Bohnsack and Frommelt. Ms. Bohnsack discussed the completed audit. Ms. Bohnsack advised that there were three separate audits, which included the Financial Statements, a Government Auditing Standards audit and an audit for Federal Fund Programs. Ms. Bohnsack stated that revenues for 2013 were \$72.6 million dollars. It was noted that the revenues for 2012 were \$75.8 million dollars. Ms. Bohnsack noted that there was about a \$3.1 million dollar decrease from the year before. Ms. Bohnsack commented that there was a \$790,000.00 decrease in property tax due to a combination of the decrease in rate and a decrease in assessed value for the City. Ms. Bohnsack advised that total expenses for 2013 were \$68.3 million dollars, which was about a 4.0% increase from 2012, which was at \$65.6 million dollars. Ms. Bohnsack further discussed revenue and expenses.

Ms. Bohnsack stated that the General Fund ending fund balance for 2013 was approximately \$11.4 million dollars; last year, it was \$10.9 million dollars. Ms. Bohnsack noted that the City currently has about 124 days of fund balance, which shows financial strength. Ms. Bohnsack advised that the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recommends a 90 day fund balance.

Ms. Bohnsack advised that the Government Auditing Standards audit looks at the City's internal control system. Ms. Bohnsack commented that some segregation of duties weaknesses within the cash receipts, payroll and cash disbursements were found. Ms. Bohnsack added that these are in the process or have been corrected. Ms. Bohnsack stated that as far as compliance with loss and regulations with State compliance, the City received a qualified opinion that there were no

findings. Ms. Bohnsack stated that throughout the process, they selected two grants, which included the CDBG programs and capitalization grants; these represented about \$8.9 million dollars of the total \$9.4 million dollars of Federal revenues. Ms. Bohnsack commented that there were some internal control findings over the CDBG program, but they are in the process of being corrected.

Ms. Bohnsack discussed pensions. Ms. Bohnsack advised that there are new standards coming out in regards to pensions. It was noted that the City has a couple of years until they need to be enacted. Ms. Bohnsack further discussed this new standard.

Council discussed the audit as it related to the process and the possibility of the actuary coming to the City to provide the information at a Study Session.

Agenda Item #9

Proclamation declaring September 19, 2013 as Drive 4 Pledges Day.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation.

At this time, Mayor Pauley stated that Item #37 will be the next item on the Agenda for Council consideration.

Agenda Item #37

Report from the City Clerk regarding an activity application for the St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on Saturday, March 15, 2014 beginning at 11:30 am, and a Resolution authorizing the use of a portion of 15th Street from 2nd Avenue to the Centennial Bridge.

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

Agenda Item #10

A Special Ordinance authorizing acquisition of property at 1101 46th Avenue from Kevin and Teresa Peschang in the amount of \$250,000.00.

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

Agenda Item #11

A Special Ordinance providing for the donation of a 20ft. by 30ft. piece of City owned property to Thomas and Irita DeCrane.

A motion was made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Austin to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those

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

Agenda Item #12

A Special Ordinance providing for the sale of City owned property at 512 23rd Street to Megan Quinn in the amount of \$1.00 plus estimated closing costs in the amount of \$800.00.

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

Agenda Item #13

A Special Ordinance providing for the sale of City owned property at 502 23rd Street to Thomas W. Hammar, CPA in the amount of \$1.00 plus estimated closing costs in the amount of \$800.00.

A motion was made by Alderman Tollenaer 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 Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #14

A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article I, Sec. 2-2 of the Code of Ordinances regarding the Municipal Year.

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

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin stated that the City's fiscal year always begins on April 1st through March 31st and staff is recommending that the City get on a calendar basis. Alderman Austin added that the City's next fiscal year will only be nine months long, which will start on April 1, 2014 and end on January 1, 2015.

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

Agenda Item #15

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$537.20 to Mark Johnson for General Liability claim.
- b. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$7,413.57 to Kutsunis and Weng P.C. for legal services rendered for the month of August 2013.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #23 in the amount of \$1,868,527.43 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Wet Weather Treatment System project.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$46,287.70 to RAMSCO for services provided for the Asbestos and Lead Paint Abatement at the Waste Water Treatment Plant project.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #3 in the amount of \$339,067.62 to Walter D. Laud for services provided for the 5th Street Reconstruction: 18th Avenue to 26th Avenue project.
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 and final in the amount of \$12,587.85 to Brandt Construction Company for services provided for the Retaining Wall Replacement, 5th Street Reconstruction: 18th Avenue to 26th Avenue project.

Agenda Item #16

Claims for the weeks of August 23 through August 29 in the amount of \$682,636.19 and August 30 through September 5 in the amount of \$444,491.89.

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

Agenda Item #17

Payroll for the weeks of August 19 through September 1 in the amount of \$1,282,989.41.

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

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Police Department regarding a one year contract with Rock Island/Milan School District 41 for the services of a Police Liaison Detective at Rock Island High School for the 2013/2014 school year.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Clark seconded to approve the contract as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin inquired as to who will be the liaison for the school this year. Police Chief VenHuizen advised that the liaison officer for the high school will be Detective Ben Meiresonne. Alderman Austin commented that it is amazing as to what they are able to accomplish.

Alderman Foley stated that it is a great benefit for the school district and the City.

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

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Police Department regarding a one year contract with Rock Island/Milan School District 41 for the services of a School Resource Officer for the 2013/2014 school year.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the contract 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, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a sales agreement with DG Partners LLC in the amount of \$100.00 as it relates to the relocation of Dollar General.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to approve the sales agreement as recommended, allow for minor attorney modifications, 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 Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a redevelopment agreement with LRC Developers as it relates to the Columbia Park area.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the redevelopment agreement and payment per agreement as recommended, allow for minor attorney modifications and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder to explain as to what the contract entails.

Mr. Eder advised that this is a contract with LRC Developers; they have to make some investment into that property and that impacts the whole property. Mr. Eder stated that currently, the TIF doesn't generate quite enough dollars to pay off the existing bonds so there is a special service area that kicks in and so that has to be satisfied first before anything in this agreement gets satisfied. Mr. Eder commented that this gives LRC Developers a tool to potentially earn some money for putting money into the development that will benefit the whole region and not just one particular project.

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

Agenda Item #22

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the first addendum to the Locks development agreement with Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation.

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

Agenda Item #23

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an amendment to the purchase agreement with Sandra Sisco.

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

Agenda Item #24

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a one-time additional payment in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Downtown TIF to JDH of Rock Island LLC for rehabbing of the property at 1808/1810 3rd Avenue.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the one-time payment of \$5,000.00 from the Downtown TIF as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #25

Report from the Public Works Department regarding request for proposals from construction management firms, recommending the selection of Gilbane Building and Valley Construction to provide construction management services for construction of the new Police Station.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to approve the selection of Gilbane Building and Valley Construction as recommended and authorize the Public Works Department to enter into negotiations for a service agreement. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #26

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from PRD Enterprises LLC for rezoning from an ORT (office/research park and technology) district to a B-4 (highway/intensive business) district at 4480 48th Avenue Court.

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

Agenda Item #27

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request for review of a preliminary plat of The Manor of Rock Island subdivision located at the Manor Homes residential development at 26th Avenue and 8th Street.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the preliminary plat as recommended with the requested variances as stated in the report.

Discussion followed. Alderman Murphy inquired about changing the named streets to numbered streets.

Alderman Conroy then motioned to include that, names of the streets are against City ordinance and that they need to be numbered, Alderman Foley seconded.

The whole motion reads as follows: Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the preliminary plat as recommended with the requested variances as stated in the report and to include that names of the streets are against City ordinance and that they need to be numbered. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #28

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Val Dom Corporation (Beaver Properties and owner Robert Buker) for a final site plan review in a PUD (planned unit development) district at approximately 3200 Blackhawk Road.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the request as recommended, subject to an adequate landscape plan be submitted and implemented for the development. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #29

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Friendship Manor for a final site plan review in a PUD (planned unit development) district at approximately 1301 22nd Avenue.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the request as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Foley stated that this overall development has been in the works for over two years. Alderman Foley added that it has been a great opportunity to work with Friendship Manor. Alderman Foley advised that it is a great development and there will be a groundbreaking next Tuesday at 2:00 pm. Alderman Foley further discussed this item.

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

Agenda Item #30

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request for an Activity permit from Rock Island High School for their Homecoming Parade to be held on Friday, September 13, 2013 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

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

Agenda Item #31

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Martinis on the Rock to hold outside entertainment for one time only on Thursday, September 19, 2013 from 8:00 pm to midnight.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to approve the outdoor entertainment 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 was concerned about the event taking place on a Thursday night. Alderman Conroy stated that he believed that Council needs to take these events under harder consideration in the future. Alderman Conroy explained that he could see Friday and Saturday nights being out late, but a lot of people work on Fridays. Aldermen Conroy was concerned about Thursday night events and the time component.

Alderman Conroy inquired upon Police Chief VenHuizen to provide reports on some of the events that happen during the week to see if there are complaints that Council is not hearing about.

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

Agenda Item #32

Report from the City Clerk regarding a Sound Amplification application from St. George Greek Orthodox Church for Friday, September 20 and Saturday, September 21, 2013 from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm for their annual Greek Festival to be held at 2930 31st Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #33, #34, #35 and #36

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Foley approve the requests as recommended for Agenda Item numbers 33, 34, 35 and 36. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #33

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request for a Street Closing at 9th Street between 6th and 7th Avenue; along with a Sound Amplification permit for the Rock Island County NAACP Community Celebration and Resource Fair to be held on Saturday, September 21, 2013 from noon to 4:00 pm at 630 9th Street.

Agenda Item #34

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Stephen Moller for a Street Closing at 22 ½ Avenue between 25th Street and 26th Street on Saturday, September 21, 2013 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm for a block party.

Agenda Item #35

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request for an Activity permit from Churches United of the Quad City Area to hold their annual Crop Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 6, 2013 from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

Agenda Item #36

Report from the City Clerk regarding a revised application from Terry Anderson for a Street Closing at 21st Street between 16th Avenue and 17th Avenue on Sunday, October 13, 2013 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm instead of the previously approved date of October 6, 2013 for the Highland Park Historic Neighborhood Association's block party.

Note: Agenda Item #37 was read at the beginning of the meeting after Agenda Item #9.

Agenda Item #38

Other Business.

Alderman Hotle stated that the Broadway Neighborhood Association is celebrating their 25th year of being a neighborhood association. Alderman Hotle added that the event will be held on Saturday, September 28th starting at noon until 5:00 pm, and it will be held between 7th and 9th Avenues on 22nd Street. Alderman Hotle commented that there will be a lot of activities and everyone is welcome.

Alderman Tollenaer thanked the Park Board, Bill Nelson and staff for the free music at Schwiebert Riverfront Park on Thursday nights.

Alderman Clark thanked everyone that participated in the softball games at Douglas Park this past weekend.

Alderman Foley stated that they are starting to shut down at 12th Street and 23rd Avenue all the way up to 14th Street and 23rd Avenue due to starting the reconstruction of that whole street in front of Rock Island High School. Alderman Foley further discussed the reconstruction.

Alderman Conroy discussed sidewalks as it related to sidewalks being in disrepair in all wards in the City. Alderman Conroy stated that he was looking at increasing the budget. Alderman Conroy discussed current regulations as it related to some people having the ability of repairing sidewalks instead of the City repairing them. Alderman Conroy stated that with the 50/50 Sidewalk Program, the City currently gets the bids, the City does the work or has it done and the property owner then pays half of the bill. Alderman Conroy believed that some people could get a better price than the City can sometimes. Alderman Conroy also discussed a payment plan as it related to the 50/50 program and community organization. Alderman Conroy further discussed ideas for repairing sidewalks.

Alderman Murphy discussed sidewalks as it related to Alderman Conroy's ideas for repairing sidewalks.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that the District Theater is owned by Tristan Tapscott and it is located at 1611 2nd Avenue. Alderman Murphy mentioned that they will have productions through September and anyone can get reservations by going to their website or calling Mr. Tapscott. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

Mr. Charles Knudsen of 307½ 20th Street stepped forward. Mr. Knudsen discussed vendors on the Plaza and stated that the problem is that they do not clean up their messes and they are filling the businesses' dumpsters. Mr. Knudsen stated that he went through the Plaza Ordinances and these vendors have numerous violations. Mr. Knudsen further discussed this issue.

Mr. Knudsen provided documents to the City Manager. Mayor Pauley stated that it would be checked out.

Mr. Kevin Nolan of 3400 20th Street Court stepped forward. Mr. Nolan stated that he is the Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee and in September of 2012 the Chair at that time, Kevin Hird made a request to move from a fixed \$50,000.00 fund to 1.5% of Gaming revenues. Mr. Nolan added that there were several verbal commitments, but a motion to make that public policy did not take place. Mr. Nolan added that as a result and moving to this year's CAC/CDBG awards time period, the applications for those grants came out to the public showing the increased amount moving from the \$50,000.00 to \$83,640.00. Mr. Nolan further stated that as a result of the increased amount that was publicized, the response from the community was significantly greater than what was in years past.

Mr. Nolan inquired upon Council to give appropriate consideration and see if they could retroactively refund the CAC/CDBG group from the \$50,000.00 amount to the appropriately funded amount of \$83,640.00. Mr. Nolan added that there is a much needed investment in these not for profit groups.

Council discussed this issue. Mayor Pauley advised that what happened was that the City was funding the 1.5% and the King Center allocation had to be increased due to the decrease in CDBG funds. Mayor Pauley stated that at that time, he had made a motion to start taking \$50,000.00 out of Gaming funds to supplement that fund. Mayor Pauley added that when it was 1.5%, it was 1.5% of CDBG funds not 1.5% of Gaming funds. Council further discussed this issue.

Agenda Item #39

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

A motion was made by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Foley at 7:40 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 Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaar; those voting No, none.

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Recess

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 7:55 pm. A motion was made by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Hotle to recess to 1:00 pm, Friday, September 13, 2013. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:56 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk