

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:15 pm at Augustana College on 35th Street. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, P. J. Foley and Stephen L. Tollenaer. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Finance Director Cynthia Parchert, Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen, Ben McCready, Assistant to the City Manager, Augustana College President Steven Bahls, Executive Assistant Kai Swanson, Kent Barnds, Vice President of Enrollment, Communication & Planning and David English, Chief Financial Officer & VP of Finance & Administration. Alderman David Conroy was absent.

JOINT MEETING WITH AUGUSTANA COLLEGE

Augustana College President Steven Bahls welcomed Council. Mr. Bahls stated that Augustana adopted a strategic plan eight years ago to strengthen the college. Mr. Bahls added that over 50% of the students now study abroad and more than 60% of the students have internships in the community. Mr. Bahls indicated that this year, approximately 25% of Augustana College students are multicultural or international students. Mr. Bahls offered that the goal of increasing student enrollment was accomplished, which went from 2,300 students to 2,500 students. Mr. Bahls advised that Augustana College is embarking on a new strategic planning process and it is hoped that the plan will be done by September of 2014. Mr. Bahls advised that he expects that the strategic plan will be focusing on how to retain Augustana College as a liberal arts college and how Augustana can have better outcomes for the students on a more integrated experience.

Mr. Bahls discussed the size and financial health of Augustana College. Mr. Bahls advised that Augustana College is at 2,500 students and Augustana does not anticipate increasing enrollment anytime soon. Mr. Bahls further discussed enrollment. Mr. Bahls explained that some years ago, a decision was made by the college to try and avoid buying too many properties in the neighborhood. Mr. Bahls stated that the expansion of Augustana College will be limited.

Mr. Bahls discussed capital projects. Mr. Bahls indicated that the new Lacrosse field has allowed Augustana College to attract students that otherwise could never have been attracted to the college. Mr. Bahls added that the new football stadium will be a wonderful asset to Augustana. Mr. Bahls commented that the Center for Student Life is transforming the internal community with a real hub of activity. Mr. Bahls advised that Augustana will be focusing a little more on increasing its endowment and a bit less on building a lot of new buildings. Mr. Bahls commented that the college's endowment is currently at 125 million dollars. Mr. Bahls added that the fundraising effort for the next few years will be focused on doubling the endowment.

Mr. Bahls pointed out that there are certain facilities at Augustana that need attention. Mr. Bahls added that it is anticipated that Bergendoff Hall will be renovated. Mr. Bahls added that associated with that renovation, there is likely to be a modest expansion of the footprint of that building, which may include an expanded art gallery as well as a theater program. Mr. Bahls explained that they are also looking towards renovating some of the older residence halls to bring them up to modern standards. Mr. Bahls stated that Augustana owns a number of single family

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homes in the neighborhood and at some point, the future of those homes will have to be determined. Mr. Bahls further discussed this item.

Council and Mr. Bahls discussed public safety as it related to the campus and neighborhood. President Bahls stated that Augustana appreciates the participation of the City in making Augustana a strong place, and the efforts of the Rock Island Police Department and Fire Department for public safety.

Council and Mr. Bahls discussed tuition as it related to the annual cost for students to attend Augustana and the financial aid component. In addition, Council and Mr. Bahls discussed student and faculty housing as it related to maintenance issues. Renovation was also discussed in relation to Augustana building improvements. Kai Swanson and Council discussed partnerships as it related to housing, public safety and activities.

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 Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 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 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 September 13, 2013, Minutes of the meeting of September 14, 2013 and Minutes of the meeting of September 16, 2013.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 13, 2013, Minutes of the meeting of September 14, 2013 and Minutes of the meeting of September 16, 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 Fall Community Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2013 at Longview Park from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Mayor added that over 6,000 square feet of sales will be taking place. Admission to the event will be free, but call (309) 732-7275 to purchase vendor space.

Mayor Pauley advised that Broadway Historic District's 25th Anniversary Celebration will be Saturday, September 28th from noon to 5:00 pm on 22nd Street from 7th Avenue to 9th Avenue. Mayor Pauley added that Rose 'n Thorns, Lynne Hart Jazz Quartet, Pam and Will Trotter Folk Duo, and The Treble with Men Barbershop Quartet will perform. There also will be an arts & crafts fair, food, antique cars and tractors, guided tours of 22nd Street, a chance to tell oral histories, children's activities, and a partial Great Unveiling. Mayor Pauley commented that Great Unveilings are a signature event for the historic district where siding is removed from a home to reveal the original clapboard. It was noted that admission is free, and all are welcome. Mayor Pauley stated that in conjunction with the event, Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation (GROWTH) will have open houses at two of its homes for sale through GROWTH's Homebuyer Program: 847 22nd St. and 544 23rd St. It was noted that for more information on Broadway's 25th Anniversary Celebration, visit www.broadwaydistrict.org or call (309) 912-2657.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Rock Island Public Library has partnered with the University of Illinois Extension on an opinion study aimed at gathering public input on library services, usage patterns and perceptions. Mayor Pauley indicated that library users have until October 5, 2013 to

complete an online survey that will provide the library with input on why they do or do not use libraries, the services they find most beneficial, and their feelings about the role of the library in their community. The Mayor added that individual survey responses are anonymous and confidential, with results collated by University of Illinois Extension staff. It was noted that the online survey is available on the Library website at www.rockislandlibrary.org or a printed copy of the survey may also be picked up and completed at the Rock Island Main, 30/31 or Southwest Branch Libraries.

Agenda Item #7

Presentation of the 2013 Labor Day Parade Awards.

Grace Shirk, a member of the Labor Day Parade Advisory Board and Mayor Pauley stepped to the podium for the Presentation of the 2013 Labor Day Parade Awards.

Ms. Shirk stated that this year's parade had over 150 entries. It was noted that "Celebrating You" was the parade theme. Ms. Shirk commented on the highlights of the parade. Ms. Shirk thanked everyone involved with the parade for making it safe and successful and a special thank you went out to Mary Chappell, Art Milton and the citizens of Rock Island.

Ms. Shirk along with Mayor Pauley presented the 2013 Labor Day Parade Awards to the winning recipients.

The following are the winners of the 2013 Labor Day Parade Awards:

The Citizen's Choice Award winners were selected by various citizens watching the parade. The winners included; The Wheelman of Iowa, RI Futbol Club, Red Hats of the Quad Cities, Rock Island Horticulture Club, Harris Pizza and Eugene Field Elementary School.

The Council's Choice Award winners included; Two Rivers United Methodist Church, Lovely Wedding Rentals, Ed Case's Strike Force Martial Arts, Edison Junior High School, Quad City Cuttaz, Longfellow Liberal Arts Elementary School and QC Elite Robotics Team #648.

The New Windsor Drill Team was the recipient of the Parade Committee's Choice Award. Zanie Janie Entertainment received the Marshal's Choice Award for the best theme-related entry, and the '50's Friends was the recipient of the Mayor's Cup Winner. All winners had their pictures taken with the Mayor.

Mayor Pauley congratulated all of the winners and everyone involved with the parade.

Mayor Pauley commented that anyone that wishes to speak on Agenda Item #18 needs to sign up on the sign-in sheets.

Agenda Item #8

Proclamation declaring September 25, 2013 as Broadway Historic District Day.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation. Barb Braun thanked the Mayor for the Proclamation. Ms. Braun encouraged everyone to come out Saturday for the Broadway Historic District Neighborhood Association's 25th Anniversary Celebration.

Alderman Hotle commented that Broadway is in her ward and they are a fantastic neighborhood and one of the strongest neighborhoods in the City.

Agenda Item #9

A Resolution ceremoniously naming 37th Street in Rock Island from 12th to 18th Avenue "Lane Evans Drive."

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Hotle to adopt the resolution.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin stated that unlike renaming a street that would require people to change their addresses, this does not; signs will be put in place.

Mayor Pauley advised that this is strictly ceremonial; it renames 37th Street; the signage below it will state Lane Evans Drive.

Alderman Austin inquired as to why the block from 11th to 12th Avenue adjacent to Swanson Commons was not part of this. Mayor Pauley stated that 12th to 18th Avenue was just chosen.

Alderman Conroy commented that Lane Evans did great things for the City by bringing projects to the local area. Alderman Conroy gave thanks to Lane Evans for all of the hard work he has done throughout the years of being an elected official in Washington.

Mayor Pauley advised that the plan is to have an event to honor Lane Evans when the sign goes up. Mayor Pauley added that he hoped Lane Evans can attend the event.

Alderman Foley stated that Lane Evans was a great promoter and worker for the veterans, and he served on the Veteran Affairs Committee. Alderman Foley stated that when he was in Washington last week, a few of the congressional members were excited to see that the City that Lane Evans grew up in and resided in was doing this in his honor.

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 #10

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 Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$12,048.28 to RAMSCO for services provided for the asbestos and lead paint abatement project at the waste water treatment plant.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$95,805.00 to Valley Construction for services provided for the Rock Island Landing at Schwiebert Park project.

Agenda Item #11

Claims for the week of September 13 through September 19 in the amount of \$1,865,697.29.

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

Agenda Item #12

Payroll for the weeks of September 2 through September 15 in the amount of \$1,275,504.66.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Hotle 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 #13

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase and installation of one complete open-style variable frequency drive and associated parts from Graybar in the amount of \$19,821.80.

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Austin seconded to approve the purchase and installation 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 #14

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for alley paving: 6th Avenue to 7th Avenue, between 9th Street and 11th Street, recommending the bid be awarded to Langman Construction in the amount of \$104,636.80.

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an intergovernmental agreement with the City of East Moline, Illinois for lead grant services.

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the agreement as recommended, allow for minor City Attorney modifications 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 #16

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding payment to IL/IA Center for Independent Living in the amount of \$83,335.00 for additional costs associated with the new location.

Alderman Clark moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to approve the payment as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary 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 #17

Report from the City Clerk regarding requests from the businesses in the College Hill District to decorate street posts and trees, place signage in the City's right-of-way, place 10 trash receptacles at the area businesses, requesting two (2) Police Officers for traffic control, and the utilization of College Hill District funds in an amount not to exceed \$900.00 for their Hill-O-Ween Festival to be held on Wednesday, October 30, 2013.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the requests for decorations, signage and utilization of funds as recommended, and authorize staff to place trash receptacles at the area businesses as stated in the report, subject to the businesses contacting the Police Department for traffic control, providing the proper insurances, removing the decorative bows by November 4th and signage at the conclusion of the event. 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 Board of Local Improvements regarding a Special Assessment Ordinance providing for the improvement of Jumer's Crossing: Rock Island Parkway to 56th Avenue West.

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to proceed with the project and pass the ordinance.

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Discussion followed. Alderman Foley stated that he would be abstaining from Agenda Item #18 and Agenda Item #19. At this time, Alderman Foley excused himself from the table.

Mayor Pauley stated that each person that signed up to speak on this item will have three minutes.

Jay Pienta of 2116 24th Street, Rock Island stepped forward. Mr. Pienta stated that he is the President of the Rock Island Conservation Club and read and submitted a letter from the members opposing the Jumer's Crossing project.

Sue Pienta of 2116 24th Street, Rock Island stepped forward. Ms. Pienta stated that she will always be opposed to this project due to the environmental concerns for the residents, businesses and wildlife on Big Island. Ms. Pienta further discussed this issue.

James Webb of 1607 65th Avenue West, Rock Island stepped forward. Mr. Webb stated that last week Alderman Murphy made a comment that the people she talked to in Milan were overwhelmingly in favor of the project. Mr. Webb stated that he did a walking tour of the business area of Milan and could not find one person that agreed with that statement. Mr. Webb also discussed the legality of the special assessment as well as concerns for his property.

Charles Layer of 1420 Big Island Parkway, Milan stepped forward. Mr. Layer read and submitted a letter and the attachments for the record from the Big Island River Conservancy District regarding the City of Rock Island commercial development and condemnation of the Big Island levee. Mr. Layer also submitted and read a letter from David Human, partner of the law firm of Husch Blackwell to the Big Island River Conservancy District in regards to the City of Rock Island commercial development and condemnation of the Big Island levee.

Tom Kost of 2104 Big Island Parkway, Milan stepped forward. Mr. Kost continued reading the letter from David Human to the Big Island River Conservancy District.

Christina Kost of 2104 Big Island Parkway, Milan stepped forward. Ms. Kost continued reading the letter from David Human to the Big Island River Conservancy District.

Barbara Wlaskolich of 2528 58th Avenue West, Milan stepped forward. Ms. Wlaskolich continued reading the letter from David Human to the Big Island River Conservancy District and then submitted the letter to Council.

Jim Flannery of 929 East 32nd Avenue, Milan signed up to speak but declined.

Debbie Layer of 1420 Big Island Parkway, Milan stepped forward. Ms. Layer discussed flooding as it relates to the project and the use of taxpayer dollars.

Richard Nesseler of 2909 53rd Avenue West, Milan stepped forward. Mr. Nesseler discussed flooding as it relates to the project and the City tampering with the floodwall. Mr. Nesseler further discussed this issue.

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Mike Thoms of 4205 14th Street, Rock Island stepped forward. Mr. Thoms spoke in favor of the Jumer's Crossing project. Mr. Thoms stated that if everyone really worked hard together, they could overcome these issues. Mr. Thoms stated that the common goal is to help all of the cities grow. Mr. Thoms also discussed the economy as it related to revenue sources.

Randy Wlaskolich of 2528 58th Avenue West, Milan stepped forward. Mr. Wlaskolich signed up to speak but declined.

Charles VanDeSampel Jr. of 1617 65th Avenue West stepped forward. Mr. VanDeSampel discussed flooding and spoke in opposition to the Jumer's Crossing project.

Adam Kerres of 1711 65th Avenue West signed up to speak but declined.

Tom McCune, Business Manager of the Plumbers and Pipefitters located at 4600 46th Avenue, Rock Island stepped forward. Mr. McCune stated that on behalf of the 1500 members, they support the Jumer's Crossing project. Mr. McCune added that job creation of the local building trade's crafts and maintenance of those buildings will benefit the City.

Alderman Hotle stated that she had noted comments heard from some individuals in which one comment made stated that there was not adequate information for the Conservancy or the Village of Milan to form an opinion about this project. Alderman Hotle added that it seems that everyone speaking on this project has already formed a strong opinion of what will happen. Alderman Hotle advised that she understands the concerns of the residents and the City does care about the citizens. Alderman Hotle stated that another comment she heard was that it is highly unlikely that the City can prove that this project would not be detrimental to the community. Alderman Hotle added that there is proof that it could do a lot of benefit for the community. Alderman Hotle discussed comments made concerning the flooding component. Alderman Hotle advised that the City cannot move forward if there is no change. Alderman Hotle further discussed this item.

Alderman Murphy advised that she stood by her comments that she made last week. Alderman Murphy indicated that she has talked to people that live all over the Quad Cities and they have said that they are looking forward to this project. Alderman Murphy added that a lot of people that live in Rock Island and Milan are supporting this project. Alderman Murphy further discussed this item.

Alderman Conroy stated that the Resolution that comes after this item is related to one of the objections as to whether or not Riverstone would be allowed to do mining. Alderman Conroy stated that the City will not let that happen. Alderman Conroy indicated that the City could offer another Resolution stating that the City will meet all Corps specifications to keep the same certifications that currently exist for that levee. Alderman Conroy 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 and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none. Alderman Foley abstained.

Agenda Item #19

A Resolution prohibiting commercial mining operations within the City of Rock Island known as Jumer's Crossing.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Clark to 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 and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none. Alderman Foley abstained.

Agenda Item #20

Other Business.

Alderman Hotle encouraged everyone to come out to the Broadway celebration on Saturday.

Alderman Murphy congratulated the Fire Chief and Fire Department on their new ladder truck.

Alderman Murphy deferred to Alderman Austin for Shop Rock Island. Alderman Austin stated that WVIK-Augustana College public radio turns to the public twice a year for public support. Alderman Austin added that their fall fund drive is going on now; they are soliciting support from the community. Alderman Austin discussed ways to pledge support. Alderman Austin advised that WVIK - 90.3 FM is the only remaining local radio station that does live news and live local news coverage. Alderman Austin encouraged everyone to pledge support.

Vince Thomas of 1000 21st Street, Rock Island stepped forward. Mr. Thomas discussed Manor Homes as it related to demolition and construction. Mr. Thomas also discussed the displacement of citizens from their homes and the lack of housing opportunities as it related to income, market rate housing and the need for more affordable housing.

Tika Bista of 4600 46th Avenue, Rock Island stepped forward. Mr. Bista voiced concerns in regards to the demolition of Manor Homes and the need for more housing.

Agenda Item #21

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy at 8:11 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 Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #22

Recess

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 8:28 pm. A motion was made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Foley to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, October 7, 2013. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle,

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Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 8:29 pm.

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