

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:15 pm in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark and Kate Hotle. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, other City staff, City Attorney Ted Kutsunis, Jeff Dismar from Gere/Dismar Architects, Dean Roberts from McClaren, Wilson and Lawrie, Rob Winters with Gere/Dismar Architects and Tom Leonard with Gilbane. Alderman David Conroy arrived at 5:17 pm, Alderman Stephen L. Tollenaar arrived at 5:18 pm and Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 5:55 pm. Alderman Joy Murphy was absent.

POLICE FACILITY UPDATE

Jeff Dismar of Gere/Dismar Architects stated that his team is developing the plans and the approach for the new police station.

Dean Roberts from McClaren, Wilson and Lawrie stated that they have been working on the site plan and work plan refinements. Mr. Roberts indicated that structural engineering of the building frame and foundation has been underway. Mr. Roberts added that civil engineering, upgrading and stormwater management on the site has been in progress, and mechanical engineering for the building is underway. It was noted that the electrical design and exterior design is underway. Mr. Roberts indicated that they are at the point of having the schematic design presentation package ready to give to the construction manager so that the costing exercise can begin.

Mr. Roberts showed several diagrams of a one story and two story police facility. Mr. Roberts indicated that after a lot of comparison and evaluation, it was determined that from the Police Department's perspective in regards to operational benefits, the two story building was significantly better than a one story building. Mr. Roberts noted that the cost between both buildings was even. Mr. Roberts discussed the two story design scheme.

Mr. Roberts stated that a benefit on this site is the existing structure, which previously housed a masonry company. Mr. Roberts added that it will be an economical way to get some functions that otherwise would have been in the new building and it would have cost more. It was noted that public parking will be accessed off of 5th Avenue and there is also an access point off of 13th Street. Mr. Roberts indicated that staff parking is accessed off of the former 6th Avenue from the 12th Street and 13th Street side. Mr. Roberts explained that 6th Avenue has been taken out of service.

Mr. Roberts then discussed the organization and arrangement of the functional areas of the building. It was noted that the east/west block of the site is the main staff block of the building. Mr. Roberts noted that the north side is the public block. On the south side of that main block is the staff entry block. Mr. Roberts stated that the public lobby is a multipurpose community and public training room. Mr. Roberts pointed out that the second floor of the main building has three functions, which include; investigations, a communications center and offices for the Police Chief, Deputy Chief and the Internal Affairs Officer.

Mr. Roberts explained that in the existing building (support building), there will be a small crime lab, a property and evidence area, an area for seized vehicles and an emergency response team space for the vehicle to be stored. It was noted that the support building is a tall one story building. Council and Mr. Roberts further discussed the organization of the building and how each area is arranged according to functions.

Police Chief VenHuizen advised that staff has been engaged through every step of the process. Chief VenHuizen stated that from an operational standpoint, it has been determined that optimal efficiencies have been achieved with the building and design. Council and Chief VenHuizen discussed the layout and functionality of the design of the building as it related to future growth.

It was noted that another update on the new Police facility will be presented to Council at the Study Session on Monday, December 16, 2013.

LIQUOR LICENSE MORATORIUM

City Attorney Ted Kutsunis advised that he was inquired upon to research the issue of whether the City and/or the Liquor Commissioner has the authority to limit the issuance of any new liquor licenses in certain classifications of the licenses that are in the ordinances. Mr. Kutsunis stated that this has been done in the past. Mr. Kutsunis advised that the moratorium would be a recommendation from the Council to request that the Mayor/Liquor Commissioner not issue any new liquor licenses in whatever restrictive areas the Council wishes to address. City Attorney Kutsunis added that it would be his recommendation that if Council decides to pass a moratorium that any current license holder of any type of liquor license would be grandfathered in as long as that license holder held the license for that premises. Mr. Kutsunis discussed the legal aspects of the issuance of a moratorium. Mr. Kutsunis advised that if it is decided to move forward with a moratorium, the City would have to elaborate as to why a moratorium is being issued; what problem the City is trying to overcome by issuing this moratorium. Mr. Kutsunis added that it has to be in the best interest of the public at large. Mr. Kutsunis further discussed this issue as it related to how extensive the moratorium should be.

Council and City Attorney Kutsunis discussed several scenarios regarding the possibility of a moratorium downtown and the legal aspects as it related to various businesses with a liquor license where they have closed due to their license being suspended or revoked, and a liquor license establishment not operating anymore but in good standing. Council also discussed the process for new liquor licenses.

City Attorney Kutsunis and Council discussed the possible crafting of a moratorium and how extensive the moratorium would be, and what classes of licenses would be included as well as how to implement the moratorium. Council also discussed the idea of receiving feedback from The District and input from the community prior to moving forward on this issue.

Attorney Frank Coyle stated that in his opinion, a moratorium would cause nothing but trouble. Mr. Coyle discussed putting in retail businesses in the downtown as it related to the empty

storefronts and who the landlords could have as tenants as it related to the possibility of a moratorium on liquor licenses.

Council discussed downtown issues as it related to late night crowds and the public safety component. Council also discussed issues in regards to attracting other types of businesses in the downtown area during the day, and the issue of continuing to add more bars downtown to an already saturated market that creates more competition and doesn't help the existing establishments.

Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen stated that there is an increase in demand for Police services in the downtown between 1:00 am and 3:00 am on Friday and Saturday nights and the occasional Thursday nights. Chief VenHuizen further discussed this issue. Chief VenHuizen stated that the loitering ordinance has been an effective tool to address underage persons being present in the District. Chief VenHuizen further discussed the loitering ordinance.

Terry Tilka, owner of RIBCO discussed on premises and off premises sale of alcohol. Mr. Tilka stated that he is a property owner downtown. Mr. Tilka indicated that a lot of police officers that work downtown are being paid by the nightclub owner and not the tax payers. Mr. Tilka inquired as to if a moratorium is put on, will the license go with the address. Mr. Tilka added that if the license doesn't go with the address then he would have a hard time selling his business when he decides to retire.

Kyle Peters, owner of the Daiquiri Factory stated that he has been conducting business in the downtown since 2004. Mr. Peters advised that he has noticed that when there are a certain number of liquor licenses, the market can't hold all of it; some operators have nowhere to turn but to decrease their price on alcohol and compete on price. Mr. Peters stated that when prices go down, problems come up. Mr. Peters advised that the licenses should stay with the address.

Council discussed a possible moratorium as it related to looking for more diversified businesses in the downtown. Council further discussed this issue as it related to revitalizing the downtown. After more discussion, Mayor Pauley advised that all of these issues that were stated will have to be discussed again.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 14, 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 Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer and Kate Hotle. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman Joy Murphy was absent.

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of October 7, 2013.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 7, 2013 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that during the week of the Columbus Day holiday, refuse, yardwaste and recycling will be on the normal collection schedule. The Mayor added that the Drop-Off Center located at Millennium Waste, 13606 Knoxville Road, Milan will be open on Saturday from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Mayor Pauley advised that Rock Island officials and Rock Island County Democratic Party Chair Doug House will dedicate 37th Street, from 12th Avenue to 18th Avenue as "Lane Evans Drive" on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 3:30 pm.

Mayor Pauley indicated that on Sunday, October 20, 2013 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm stop down at the Quad City Botanical Center and visit the Pumpkin Extravaganza and participate in a pumpkin carving. Mayor Pauley stated that each family will receive one free pumpkin to carve and take home. The Mayor indicated that additional pumpkins will be available for purchase. General admission prices are Adults \$6.00, Seniors \$5.00, Youth (6-15 yrs) \$4.00, Children (2-5yrs) \$2.00, Children under 2 and Members of the Quad City Botanical Center free. Mayor Pauley commented that also during the month of October, pumpkins will be displayed in the outside gardens and will be for sale as well. Every Sunday afternoon from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, there will be special family events in the outside gardens and tent. These events are included with paid general admission.

Mayor Pauley advised that Fright Night in The District will be held on Thursday, October 24, 2013 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on the Great River Plaza at 2nd Avenue between 17th & 19th Streets. Mayor Pauley stated that Rock Island Parks and Recreation, Rock Island County Area Project, Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center and The District are proud sponsors of a

night full of spooky fun for children including trick-or-treating, entertainment, music and a costume contest. The Mayor added that Fright Night is free to the public. For more information, please call The District at (309) 788-6311 or visit www.ridistrict.com.

Agenda Item #7

United Way Presentation

Mr. Bruce Pieper, a loaned executive volunteer from United Way stated that this year, United Way is focusing on education, income and health. Mr. Pieper indicated that the education category includes Imagination Library, which has 22,000 kids in the community receiving free books and Achieve Quad Cities which helps to improve graduation rates. In the income area, Mr. Pieper stated that there is free income tax preparation for low to moderate income people. Mr. Pieper stated that in the area of health, there is a growing need for youth mental health services. Mr. Pieper noted that service providers and United Way are working with the schools to come up with the best way to help these kids. Mr. Pieper pointed out that United Way funds 90 programs in 48 different agencies. Mr. Pieper concluded by inquiring upon everyone for their support for the United Way Campaign. Mr. Pieper then presented the 2013 United Way video to Council.

Kim Reda of the Finance Department stated that this is the big week for fundraising for United Way. Ms. Reda stated that to kick-off the campaign, the month of October started with allowing employees to donate \$5.00 to wear their favorite football jersey. It was noted that all proceeds will go to United Way. Ms. Reda indicated that pumpkins are decorated out in the lobby and employees have been encouraged to enter the pumpkin contest. Ms. Reda stated that employees and residents are being asked to vote for their favorite pumpkin by donating money. It was noted that the pumpkins will be on display all month.

Ms. Reda advised that three rallies will be held on October 14th, 15th and 16th. Ms. Reda commented that they will be meeting with employees this week, giving them pledge cards and encouraging them to support United Way. It was noted that every employee that attends and turns in their pledge form at the rally will be entered into a special drawing for a day off. Ms. Reda advised that the City will host a cookout on Friday, October 18th from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. It was noted that the City is donating the food and all proceeds will go to United Way. Ms. Reda commented that a 50/50 raffle will be held throughout the month, and an additional raffle will be held for several days off in which the City has provided for the employees. It was noted that these fundraising efforts will be going on for the entire month of October. Ms. Reda thanked Council for the support.

Agenda Item #8

A Special Ordinance authorizing the acquisition of four tax auction properties in the City of Rock Island in the amount of \$3,210.00.

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

Agenda Item #9
CLAIMS

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

a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$235,000.00 to Crawford & Company for Worker's Compensation settlement for Timothy Woeckener.

b. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$22,445.00 to Azteca Systems, Inc. for the Cityworks System annual update and support maintenance.

c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #3 in the amount of \$147,270.30 to A.J. Excavating for services provided for the 3rd Avenue Reconstruction: 24th Street to 25th Street project.

d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$32,218.22 to Kelly Construction for services provided for the Mudjacking Program project.

Agenda Item #10

Claims for the week of October 4 through October 10 in the amount of \$1,812,088.57.

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

Agenda Item #11

Report from the Human Resources Department regarding request for proposals for vending services, recommending Vander Vending for a three year agreement at the rates quoted in the report.

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

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Police Department regarding a Towing contract with Quad City Towing, Inc., recommending a one year renewal expiring December 31, 2014 at the prices quoted in the existing contract.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Police Department regarding a General Usage Rental Vehicles contract with Wags Auto Center, recommending a one year renewal expiring December 31, 2014 at the prices quoted in the existing contract.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a contract renewal with Land Treatment Alternatives, Inc. for the land application of wastewater biosolids.

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the Citizen's Advisory Committee recommendations for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Gaming Fund allocations.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Foley seconded to defer Agenda Item #15 until Monday, October 21, 2013.

Discussion followed. Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder stated that the committee will meet tomorrow night and this will be brought back to Council next week.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Police Department regarding the hours for Halloween Trick or Treat, recommending Thursday, October 31, 2013 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the City of Rock Island.

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

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Martin Luther King Center regarding a request for a street closing at 9th Street between 6th and 7th Avenues on Thursday, October 31, 2013 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm for the Second Baptist Church and King Center's annual Children's Halloween Party.

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

Agenda Item #18

Other Business.

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

Alderman Foley commented that he attended the Alleman vs. Rocky Alumni game this past weekend and Alleman was victorious; the score was 8-0. Alderman Foley stated that there were approximately 1,500 to 2,000 people watching the game.

Alderman Conroy stated that Fright Night will be held on October 24th in downtown Rock Island. Alderman Conroy commented that a gentleman that he works with told him that Highland Springs by large measures is better than any other golf course; it is in excellent shape.

Alderman Clark thanked the Rock Island/Milan Booster Club for all that they do for the community.

Agenda Item #19

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle at 7:08 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 Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

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Recess

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 7:17 pm. A motion was made by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Foley to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, October 21, 2013. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:18 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk