

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 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, Deputy Police Chief Jason Foy, other City staff, City Attorney Ted Kutsunis and Consultant Craig Rapp from the Center for Governmental Studies at Northwestern Illinois University. Alderman P.J. Foley arrived 5:54 pm and Alderman Kate Hotle arrived at 5:40 pm.

PRESENTATION ON STRATEGIC PLANNING (Goal Setting)

Consultant Craig Rapp reviewed the process and the outcome of the previous Strategic Planning (Goal Setting) session with Council on September 13, and September 14, 2013. Mr. Rapp indicated that in November of 2012, Council adopted a three year Strategic Plan. Mr. Rapp added that this year, Council reviewed the accomplishments of 2012 and 2013; Council confirmed the strategic priorities and the key performance indicators and also discussed the challenges that were currently in front of the community.

Mr. Rapp stated that the five strategic priorities that Council adopted and reconfirmed included; Infrastructure, Financial Stability, Economic Development, Redevelopment and High Quality Service Delivery. Mr. Rapp commented that each of the strategic priorities had key performance indicators associated with them that Council adopted last year. Mr. Rapp added that Council reviewed, reconfirmed and updated some of the target dates. Mr. Rapp advised that Council identified three new strategic challenges this year, which included communication, attracting young people to Rock Island and broadening Rock Island's appeal. Mr. Rapp further discussed the strategic challenges.

Mr. Rapp discussed the strategic initiatives and action plan. In the area of Infrastructure, Mr. Rapp noted that it was reaffirmed to continue to adopt an annual CIP. Other various actions included; continuing to complete a street condition inventory and evaluate bonding to accelerate the street improvement program by October of 2014 and managing the Police facility project to completion in 2015. Mr. Rapp advised that two new items added were a policy review of the sidewalk program in 2014 and a policy review for the alley maintenance program in 2014.

Various actions under Financial Stability that Mr. Rapp discussed included; developing an incentive program for cost cutting ideas to be presented by September 2014; examining and implementing a five year strategic financial plan in 2015; and benchmark the use of current fees and structures with other comparable cities to be presented in 2014.

Mr. Rapp advised that the projects under Economic Development are for the next two years and include; studies on the Blackhawk Corridor, 11th Street, Southwest Corridor, Columbia Park/Illinois 92, College Hill District and a study on the general cost of doing business. Mr. Rapp indicated that these studies are part of a comprehensive commercial/retail strategy, which will be presented in July of 2014. Mr. Rapp commented that a variety of the studies within the strategy are currently either being undertaken or will be undertaken. Mr. Rapp advised that also identified was the need to create a neighborhood housing strategy, which will be undertaken and

presented by the end of next year and a comprehensive City-wide industrial strategy targeted for July of 2014.

Under the Redevelopment priority, Mr. Rapp discussed the action items, some of which included; creating a vision for downtown; and identifying an acquisition policy and plan for retail development by July of 2014. In the area of High Quality Services, various action items included; reviewing and revising current performance measures by July of 2014; analyze and implement improvements to customer feedback systems; and work on City communications to ensure clear, transparent and accurate facts on City projects and services.

Council discussed Mr. Rapp's presentation.

PRESENTATION ON DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson discussed the recommendations for a proposed deer management program in the City. Mr. Nelson advised that it is being recommended that the proposed program be a limited pilot program over the next two years. It was noted that this program would strictly be a bow hunting (archery) activity. Mr. Nelson stated that the landowner must approve hunting on their property and permits would be limited to only skilled hunters. Mr. Nelson added that two non-antlered deer would be required prior to harvesting a buck.

Mr. Nelson indicated that all permits would be issued by the Police Department and site approval would be verified through GIS software. Mr. Nelson commented that the private and quasi-public can stipulate higher requirements for hunting. Mr. Nelson explained that a cemetery may want to include additional regulations on the hunting that takes place on their property such as charging a fee. Mr. Nelson further discussed this item. Mr. Nelson pointed out that there would be a deer advisory committee to hear objections to hunting or to resolve any conflicts, and it would be required that harvested deer would have to be checked in with the Fire Department.

Mr. Nelson advised that the proposed deer management program would be a trial program for the first year and it would include a limited number of private landowner sites, golf course sites and cemetery sites. Mr. Nelson stated that site restrictions for hunting include; three contiguous acres; all shots must be downward shots; it has to be 100 yards from a school, park or church unless otherwise approved; and the type of hunting would be bow and arrow only. Mr. Nelson added that a cross bow may be permitted for identified ADA individuals.

Mr. Nelson discussed the geographical areas in the City where the proposed deer hunting would be allowed. Mr. Nelson indicated that if the proposed deer management program is approved, it would be a short season deer hunt. Mr. Nelson advised that it would begin in December because time is needed to make some ordinance changes. Mr. Nelson indicated that the fee for the City permit would be \$25.00 and a proficiency skill test would be required. Mr. Nelson added that there would be a review of the deer harvested at the end of the season to see how the program is working.

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**October 21, 2013
MINUTES**

Council discussed hunting as it related to landowners having control over their property and granting permission to hunters to hunt on that particular property. Council discussed insurance as it related to the liability component for hunters and the City. Council also discussed restrictions as it related to time and safety.

Council discussed site limits as it related to limiting the amount of hunters and stands depending on the size of site (acreage). Council discussed identified hunting areas as it related to signage and informing people that hunting is taking place.

Council discussed concerns as it related to deer being shot, roaming a fair amount of distance and not falling until they are outside of the permitted property. Deputy Police Chief Jason Foy advised that Illinois is not a right to retrieve State; a hunter must have permission to go onto someone else's property to retrieve that animal. Deputy Chief Foy stated that there are so many variables in regards to hunting for deer with bow and arrow concerning shot accuracy and distance of travel.

After more discussion, Mayor Pauley stated that a vote cannot be taken on this item because it is not on the Agenda. Council then discussed having a special meeting to vote on this item. After discussion, it was a consensus among Council to hold a special meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 5:15 pm to vote on the proposed deer management program.

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 Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 21, 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 Joy Murphy, 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.

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 14, 2013.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 14, 2013 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Murphy, 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 to join the not so scary Monster Mash Halloween Party, Sunday, October 27, 2013 at the Quad City Botanical Center. The Mayor advised that from 1:00pm to 4:00pm enjoy a costume contest, candy hunt, petting zoo and awards for the best scarecrows. General admission prices: 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 are free.

Mayor Pauley indicated that College Hill is a place where people gather to shop and talk and eat and just have fun. On Wednesday, October 30, 2013 join the folks in College Hill for their Hill-O-Ween. The Mayor stated that you'll find shopping from 1:00pm to 5:00pm followed by trick or treating, face painting, and other family events from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. For adults, there's Boos & Booze, starting at 7:00pm. Mayor Pauley stated that this is a wonderful family event. Get all the details at <http://www.collegehilldistrict.com/>.

Mayor Pauley advised that this year Halloween Trick or Treat hours in the City of Rock Island will be Thursday, October 31st from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Residents who wish to welcome trick-or-treaters should leave a door or porch light on. Children should be advised to only visit homes with outside lights on.

Mayor Pauley stated that Second Baptist Church and the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center's Trunk or Treat Halloween Party is scheduled for Thursday, October 31, 2013 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm at both facilities. The Mayor added that Trunk or Treat is an opportunity to provide a fun and more importantly a safe environment for the children in the Rock Island community during the Halloween season. It was noted that volunteers will be decorating their cars so the children can safely trick or treat from car to car in the Second Baptist Church parking

lot. Mayor Pauley stated that the celebration will include face painting, a haunted house and decorating cookies and cupcakes. Please call (309) 732-2999 with any questions.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring Saturday, November 2, 2013 as American Discovery Trail Day.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation. Joe Taylor from the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau accepted the Proclamation. Mr. Taylor thanked the Mayor and Council for the Proclamation. Mr. Taylor stated that the American Discovery Trail is a transcontinental trail. Mr. Taylor indicated that there is a board of directors advocating for the trail. Mr. Taylor added that the 25 member board will be here in the Quad Cities on Saturday, November 2nd and they will be meeting and exploring the trail. Mr. Taylor further discussed this item.

Agenda Item #8

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

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 and final in the amount of \$11,689.49 to Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities for services provided for the Brick Street Repair Program project.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 and final in the amount of \$44,655.64 to General Asphalt Construction Company for services provided for the 2013 Asphalt Street Milling and Patching Program project.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$25,848.95 to Brandt Construction Company for services provided for the 2013 Seal Coat Program project.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$133,444.02 to Brandt Construction Company for services provided for the 23rd Avenue Reconstruction: 12th Street to 17th Street project.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$15,462.40 to Chicagoland Trenchless Rehabilitation for services provided for the 2013 Sewer Cleaning and Televising Program project.
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #3 in the amount of \$154,143.00 to Valley Construction for services provided for the Landing at Schwiebert Park project.

g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$177,599.57 to Brandt Construction for services provided for the Q.C. Botanical Center Children's Garden project.

Agenda Item #9 and #10

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

Agenda Item #9

Claims for the week of October 11 through October 17 in the amount of \$1,122,113.82.

Agenda Item #10

Payroll for the weeks of September 30 through October 13 in the amount of \$1,316,250.01.

Agenda Item #11

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an ordinance approving a redevelopment agreement with the Development Association of Rock Island or Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation, subject to minor attorney modifications and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

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

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder to explain this item.

Mr. Eder advised that this project came up quickly; there was an opportunity to purchase these two properties next to the Star Block that Rock Island Economic Growth already owns. Mr. Eder indicated that it fits in with what the City is trying to do in regards to revitalizing the downtown. Mr. Eder stated that we are trying to promote retail space and ground floor activities. Mr. Eder advised that the upstairs is planning to be residential, which will be market rate.

Alderman Austin inquired as to who will own the building five years down the road.

Mr. Eder stated that it could be owned by Rock Island Economic Growth or DARI or it could be a partnership with a private developer to rebuild the properties. Mr. Eder concluded that in any case, it will remain on the tax rolls.

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

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an amending ordinance and an Enterprise Zone expansion application for adding approximately 15.6 acres of territory to the City's existing Enterprise Zone.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance and authorize the Mayor to execute the expansion application.

Discussion followed. Alderman Foley advised that this is a huge economic development tool for many different projects and especially in the 3rd Ward with the Friendship Manor Villas going into place. Alderman Foley thanked staff for their hard work.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an amending ordinance and an Enterprise Zone expansion application for adding approximately 177.77 acres of territory to the City's existing Enterprise Zone.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance and authorize the Mayor to execute the expansion application.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder to explain this item. Mr. Eder advised that this is being done for the benefit of the new development out in Southwest Rock Island. Mr. Eder added that this will be the FedEx facility. Mr. Eder further discussed this item.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Finance Department regarding a Resolution of the City of Rock Island, Illinois declaring its official intent to reimburse certain capital expenditures from the proceeds of future debt issues.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Foley to adopt the resolution.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin inquired upon Finance Director Cynthia Parchert to explain this item. Ms. Parchert stated that the City is getting ready to issue bonds in December. Ms. Parchert added that all expenses that the City has already incurred have to be reviewed because of tax exempt interest. Ms. Parchert explained that you can only pick up expenses within 60 days of issuing the bonds unless this resolution is passed. Ms. Parchert added that once the resolution is passed, it stops that window. Ms. Parchert pointed out that there was also concern as

to whether the City could pick up some of the expenses already incurred. Ms. Parchert stated that since then, the bond council has come back and stated that because of the way the City passed the budget, (the budget was passed with the intent of selling bonds to pay for those expenses) there shouldn't be a problem with the IRS. Ms. Parchert added that the City has had some expenditures and Council still may want to pass this resolution because in the event that we would come back and issue bonds for the new fire truck, the City would then be able to issue those bonds at some point in the future.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Murphy, 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.

Note: Agenda Item #15 was deferred from the October 14, 2013 Council meeting.

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Austin seconded to approve the allocations as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Hotle advised that there was some confusion on the application and so some individuals felt like the City was not necessarily going to be able to give out funds in the community. Alderman Hotle stated that the City is still giving out a lot of money that will benefit Rock Island, and the money is going to some great organizations. Alderman Hotle further discussed this item.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Katherine Lopez for a Sound Amplification Permit for Saturday, October 26, 2013 from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm for a Halloween party at 1313 43rd Street.

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

Agenda Item #17

Other Business.

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

Alderman Hotle stated that she along with a few Council members and the Mayor attended the Illinois Municipal League Conference this past week. Alderman Hotle stated that it was a very good experience being able to network with other elected officials and municipal staff from all over the State of Illinois.

Alderman Austin inquired upon Library Director Angela Campbell to comment on the event that is coming up in the next several weeks.

Ms. Campbell stated that the Library will have their Food for Thought fundraiser on Thursday, November 14th from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Ms. Campbell offered that tickets purchased between now and October 31st will be \$30.00 per person or \$55.00 per couple. It was noted that after October 31st, tickets will be \$35.00 per person. Ms. Campbell stated that there will be wine and beer available and food from different food stations. Ms. Campbell commented that there will also be opportunities to donate to the Library through a silent auction or cash donations that go to the Foundation. Ms. Campbell stated that the theme for the event is the Great Gatsby and there will be live Jazz music.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that if anyone is looking to have their furnace checked out and serviced for the season, there are four businesses in Rock Island; the businesses are A-1 Heating and Gutters, Crawford Company, Air Service Heating and Air Conditioning and the Klauer Company. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

Agenda Item #18

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy at 7:04 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 Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #19

Recess

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 7:58 pm. A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Austin to recess to 5:15 pm, Thursday, October 24, 2013. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:59 pm.