

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 Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, Stephen L. Tollenaer and Kate Hotle. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Ben Griffith, other City staff, City Attorney Ted Kutsunis, Renaissance Rock Island President Brian Hollenback and RCC Consultants Chris Monzingo and Mike Weins. Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 5:48 pm, Alderman David Conroy arrived at 5:46 pm and Alderman Joy Murphy arrived at 5:33 pm.

COLLEGE HILL PLAN PRESENTATION

Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Ben Griffith discussed the College Hill District Revitalization Plan. Mr. Griffith advised that the plan has been a Council goal since 2006 and the actual plan started in 2010. Mr. Griffith discussed the planning process for the plan. Mr. Griffith commented that on April 2, 2013 a public hearing was held and the Planning Commission voted 7-1 to recommend approval of the draft plan.

Mr. Griffith showed a diagram of the College Hill District and commented that the district is along 30th and 38th Streets with 14th Avenue tying the streets together.

Mr. Griffith discussed some of the challenges and opportunities concerning the College Hill District. Mr. Griffith indicated that there is limited parking in the area; it is mostly residential. Mr. Griffith commented that the College Hill District Organization has had close ties and a lot of support from Augustana College. Mr. Griffith noted that every year, the College Hill District Organization puts together welcome packets for the students. Mr. Griffith discussed design cohesion as it related to visual preference surveys and ideas for a unified site design.

Mr. Griffith discussed some of the goals for the College Hill District, which included; projecting College Hill as a vibrant and growing district; promoting sustainable businesses; and supporting and enhancing the neighborhood community. Mr. Griffith offered that the district organization has made attempts to increase the amount of businesses involved in the organization. It was noted that there are approximately 30 businesses in the area that have joined the organization.

Mr. Griffith discussed strategies as it related to accomplishing the goals. Mr. Griffith indicated that marketing and branding is a strong component of the plan that helps to give the district organization character and visibility, and this component helps a lot of the smaller businesses to market themselves to the community. Mr. Griffith discussed special events as it related to strengthening the connection with the community and streetscape designs as it related to developing design guidelines. Mr. Griffith also discussed strategies to strengthen the businesses and to encourage multimodal transportation. Mr. Griffith advised that land use compatibility is always going to be an issue where there are residential uses immediately adjacent to commercial development. Mr. Griffith commented that in regards to community partnerships, Augustana College is probably one of the biggest promoters; they provide staff support in the form of website design and they also maintain the district's website.

Mr. Griffith indicated that the City Council has allocated \$25,000.00 for implementation of the plan and some of the funds have been utilized for some of the district organization's special activities. Mr. Griffith added that there is a lot of detailed information in the plan. Mr. Griffith indicated that the College Hill Revitalization Draft Plan is posted on the City's website. Mr. Griffith advised that the next step is for adoption of the plan. It was noted that the plan will be on the Agenda for Council consideration on Monday, December 2, 2013.

Council discussed membership in the College Hill District Organization as it related to new businesses joining and the benefits involved. Council discussed cost as it related to various components in the plan concerning infrastructure improvements. Council also discussed marketing as it related to banners for the organization's identification component.

Annette Zapolis, owner of Cool Beanz Coffeehouse and the College Hill District Organization's Chairman discussed completed goals and future projects that the organization has been working on to improve branding, marketing, visual design, membership of new businesses as well as economic sustainability for the businesses.

Council and Mr. Griffith further discussed components of the College Hill District Revitalization Plan.

HARD HAT AWARDS

Renaissance Rock Island President Brian Hollenback distributed ballots to the Mayor and Council for their selection for the most strategic new investment for the 25th Annual Hard Hats Celebration. Mr. Hollenback commented that the celebration will be held on December 5, 2013 at the Holiday Inn. The Mayor and Council members voted and returned the ballots to Mr. Hollenback for tabulation.

RCC CONSULTANT PRESENTATION

RCC Consultants Chris Monzingo and Mike Weins presented Council with an emergency communication and facilities consolidation study concerning Rock Island County. Mr. Monzingo stated that the communications study along with the PSAP/EOC optimization was funded by a grant and filed by Bi-State Regional Commission. Mr. Monzingo indicated that there were tasks that were listed in the contract that needed to be completed. It was noted that the first task was to participate in six public meetings, which they are currently doing. Mr. Monzingo stated that they have completed analyzing the impacts of the 2008 disasters and have identified the affected areas and groups, and the current emergency operations at the six PSAP centers has been completed. It was noted that they are currently working on developing an alternatives report and an emergency operation center (EOC) management option. Mr. Monzingo indicated that the development of an emergency communications plan document is in progress. Mr. Monzingo pointed out that future tasks will be to assist in the recommendation selection for local government participants and to develop a funding options report.

Mr. Weins stated that they have been looking at optimizing the number of PSAP's (911 centers) in the area. Mr. Weins discussed optimization benefits. Mr. Weins pointed out that the first and

foremost objective is increasing the level of service to the public. Mr. Weins added that there could be a potential reduction of overall staffing if the number of PSAP's is reduced. Mr. Weins commented that operating and maintenance costs could be reduced. Mr. Weins added that other benefits would include increased efficiency and a unified radio system. Mr. Weins stated that one of the main things they see as a benefit is increasing the flexibility to handle call surges in emergencies. Mr. Weins further discussed optimization benefits.

Mr. Weins discussed the project challenges as it related to governance and management of consolidated emergency communication centers. Mr. Weins stated that there would be costs in the short-term for funding the consolidation of activities, but savings are anticipated for the long-term. Other challenges Mr. Weins discussed included; acceptable renegotiation of unionized labor at all PSAP's; account performance of other jobs besides 911 calls; and maintaining personal and professional relationships with responders.

Mr. Weins then discussed the three consolidation options. Mr. Weins advised that the first option includes a brand new facility that has everyone operating at that one facility including the emergency operations center for Rock Island County. It was noted that this would be the most expensive option. Another option discussed was to consolidate the PSAP/EOC on the 3rd floor of the existing Milan facility. Mr. Weins offered that the last option would be to consolidate the Rock Island County Sherriff's office, RICOMM and Milan Dispatch into the new Rock Island Police Station that will be built. Mr. Weins then discussed the advantages and disadvantages for the three options.

Council discussed the components of the three consolidation options as it related to costs and recommendations. Council also discussed benefits as it related to citizens and the City of Rock Island.

Mayor Pauley stated that he didn't support consolidation because he didn't feel it was right for Rock Island. Mayor Pauley added that Rock Island provides excellent service now. Mayor Pauley pointed out that there has to be a rapport between police officers, firefighters and dispatchers and that is lost when consolidation takes place.

It was noted that a report is due back in December from RCC Consultants with a recommendation on staffing, some costs and the best solution that they see for consolidation.

Council further discussed the presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Clark 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, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**November 18, 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, Kate Hotle and Joy Murphy. 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 Conroy gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of November 11, 2013.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 11, 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, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that with Thanksgiving right around the corner, people will soon flock to the roads to visit and celebrate with family and friends. Mayor Pauley advised that the Rock Island Police Department reminds all travelers, whether they are heading across the country or just across town, to ensure a safe arrival and a happy holiday by buckling up - *Every Trip, Every Time*. "The risk of being involved in a serious or deadly car crash increases when the number of cars on the road increases, and the long Thanksgiving weekend is one of the busiest travel times of the year," said Chief VenHuizen. So we want to remind everyone that your seat belts can save your life – and those you are traveling with. Mayor Pauley indicated that according to the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), seat belts saved almost 12,000 lives nationwide in 2011. Mayor Pauley added that such a simple step can save a life, but too many lives are being lost because some have still not gotten the message. We want to remind everyone who will be on the roads to please buckle up – Every Trip, Every Time, so that you can give thanks this holiday season and enjoy the time with your loved ones.

Mayor Pauley advised that Theo's Java Club Café at 213 17th Street is celebrating 20 years in the coffee/café business from now to November 23rd. Mayor Pauley added that throughout this week, Theo's will offer lunch and drink discounts and door prizes. Mayor Pauley stated to stop in and celebrate with Theo's.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Augustana Veterans Support Group will host an event to honor Korean and Vietnam-Era veterans on Wednesday, November 20th at 7:30 pm in Augustana's College Center, 3750 7th Avenue. The event is free and open to the public. Mayor Pauley indicated that the event will feature retired United States Air Force Major General John Borling as the keynote speaker. During the Vietnam War, Borling was shot down by ground fire.

Seriously injured, he was captured and spent nearly seven years as a POW in Hanoi. Mayor Pauley added that while in prison, Borling wrote and memorized poetry to keep his mind sharp and spirits up. He shared his poetry with his fellow captives through the forbidden POW tap code. Mayor Pauley stated that *Taps on the Walls: Poems from the Hanoi* contains all of the poems Borling wrote during his confinement, poems of pain and despair but also humor, encouragement and hope. Borling attended Augustana. He is a native Chicagoan and Air Force Academy graduate. A fighter pilot, his many decorations include the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts. It was noted that for more information, call (309) 794-7721.

Mayor Pauley advised that Rock Island will be accepting permits for the deer management program until November 25, 2013. This pilot program is intended to gauge the effectiveness of managing the urban deer herd through archery hunting. Mayor Pauley stated that all approved hunters will need to complete a proficiency test before being granted a permit. The proficiency test may be completed at the following locations: B and B Shooting Supplies, 2152 State Street in Bettendorf and EZ Livin, 231 1st Ave. W. in Milan, IL. To get a copy of the application, rules and the deer density map, go to www.rigov.org. Mayor Pauley reminded everyone that this is a little bit in advance because a final vote still needs to be made tonight before deer hunting would be official.

Mayor Pauley stated to get in the holiday spirit at this year's Winter in Bloom. Enjoy treats, holiday music, children's crafts and visiting with Santa Claus at Hauberg Civic Center's annual open house on Sunday, December 1, 2013 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Free admission. It was noted that for more information, please call (309) 732-2132.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring the month of December as Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation. Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen thanked the Mayor for the Proclamation. Chief VenHuizen stated that the Rock Island Police Department will continue to aggressively enforce DUI laws in an effort to the make the streets safe.

Agenda Item #8

A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article 1, Sec. 10-9 of the Code of Ordinances regarding the hunting of deer with a bow and arrow in the city of Rock Island.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to pass the ordinance.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Ken Jacoby of 1407 35th Avenue stepped forward. Mr. Jacoby discussed a letter to the editor that was recently in the newspaper regarding deer hunting in cemeteries. Mr. Jacoby pointed out that in the letter, it stated that desecrating the final resting place of many people or someone's family member is disrespectful. Mr. Jacoby further discussed deer hunting in cemeteries.

Mr. Jacoby also discussed the amended ordinance as it related to the paragraph that no person shall knowingly direct an arrow across the boundary of or off the designated site. Mr. Jacoby stated that this ordinance has been written in such a way that any hunter could shoot an arrow anywhere and as long as they don't know if it went off of the designated site, there is no penalty. Mr. Jacoby further discussed this issue as well as the issue of deer/vehicle accidents.

City Attorney Kutsunis advised that the knowingly language was patterned after the Mt. Vernon, IL. ordinance, which was followed as a template for preparing this ordinance. City Attorney Kutsunis offered that it addresses the issue as to if the deer is not on the sites that are permitted for hunting then permission is going to have to be received from the neighbors or whoever owns the property where the deer is brought down. Mr. Kutsunis further discussed this issue.

Council discussed this issue as it related to a deer being shot and falling down out of the permitted area or on someone's property that doesn't want hunting. Council discussed legal responsibility of the City as it related to public and private property. Council also discussed deer/vehicle accidents and the overpopulation of deer.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle.

Agenda Item #9

A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 14, Article II, Sec. 14-20, Paragraph (3) of the Code Ordinances regarding the prohibition against discharging of a firearm shall not apply to the hunting of deer with a bow and arrow.

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

Agenda Item #10

A Special Ordinance amending a Special Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit at 2300 18th Avenue.

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

Discussion followed. Alderman Foley stated that the Compassionate Care Veterinary Clinic is in the north east part of his ward. Alderman Foley added that Dr. Julie Hahn has done a great job of working with the neighbors and running a great veterinary clinic. Alderman Foley further discussed the property and clinic.

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, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #11

A Special Ordinance vacating a segment of a north/south alley right-of-way south of 5th Avenue between 12th and 13th Streets.

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

Agenda Item #12

A Special Ordinance amending a zoning district and zoning map for the addresses as indicated in the ordinance for a consolidated development site between 5th and 7th Avenues and 12th and 13th Streets.

Alderman Clark moved and Alderman Foley seconded 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, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #13

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2013A for financing the new police station project and street improvements.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Murphy to consider the ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin inquired upon Finance Director Cynthia Parchert to explain this item.

Ms. Parchert advised that the City is trying to take advantage of the tax deferred limit of \$10 million dollars. Ms. Parchert added that by selling some bonds this year and then wait until next year to sell some bonds, the City will be able to use the tax exempt cap both years to fund these projects.

Alderman Austin inquired as to what would happen if the bonds are sold and the City decides not to do the project.

Ms. Parchert advised that the City has already incurred some expenses towards this project. However, if the project were not to go any further, the City would probably invest the proceeds to pay back the bonds that are outstanding.

Alderman Conroy clarified that the City is doing this to take care of the financial part of it in regards to getting the exemption.

Ms. Parchert stated yes.

Council further discussed this issue.

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, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

The Mayor stated that a second reading will be held on Monday, December 2, 2013 for final consideration.

Agenda Item #14

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2013B for financing property for future development at the intersection of IL 92 and I-280.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to consider the ordinance.

Alderman Foley advised that he would be abstaining from this item as he has in the past few votes in regards to this issue.

Discussion followed. Sue Pienta of 2116 24th Street stepped forward. Ms. Pienta stated that back in March 2013, it was decided to purchase this land and it was her understanding that this has already been paid for. Ms. Pienta added that she did not understand why the City has to come up with financing for it. Ms. Pienta further discussed this issue.

Finance Director Cynthia Parchert advised that this is one project that the City can sell bonds for; the interest rates are very low right now and it makes sense to cash flow this through the issuance of bonds. Ms. Parchert further discussed this issue. It was noted that the land has been purchased.

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

The Mayor advised that a second reading will be held on Monday, December 2, 2013 for final consideration.

Agenda Item #15

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #5 in the amount of \$31,751.69 to Greenspace Associates for services provided for the 2013 Sod Replacement Program.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #4 in the amount of \$390,664.80 to Valley Construction for services provided for the Landing at Schwiebert Park.
- c. Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding payment in the amount of \$13,800.00 to H. Coopman Trucking for services provided for the emergency demolition of 4429 8th Avenue.

Agenda Item #16

Claims for the week of November 8 through November 14 in the amount of \$399,356.22.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to allow the claims.

Alderman Foley stated that he would be abstaining again to the payment for legal services rendered for Jumer's Crossing.

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

Agenda Item #17

Payroll for the weeks of October 28 through November 10 in the amount of \$1,294,486.20.

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

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of a blended anti-ice product, recommending the bid be awarded to Ossian, Inc. in the amount of \$12,000.00.

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

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2013 Tree Trimming, Removal and Stump Grinding contract, recommending the bid be awarded to Turkle's Tree Service in the amount of \$27,730.00.

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

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a standard agreement with MidAmerican Energy Company for interconnection of distributed generation facilities as it relates to the wastewater treatment facility.

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

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a proposal from EnviroNet, Inc. for professional environmental services for the future site of the Rock Island Police Department in the amount of \$17,200.00.

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

Agenda Item #22

Report from the Finance Department regarding a public hearing on the December property tax.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Foley seconded to confirm that a public hearing on the December property tax will not be needed because the levy increase will not exceed five percent. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #23

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Joseph and Kathy Gusse to apply for a Special Use Permit to operate an architect's office out of their new residence at 4510 42nd Avenue.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Murphy to allow for the application of the special use permit 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, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #24

Report from the City Clerk regarding an application and Resolution for the Center for Active Seniors (CASI) to hold their 5K Road Race on Saturday, March 15, 2014.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to not approve the event.

Discussion followed.

Gwen Tombergs of 3525 Raleigh Avenue in Bettendorf, IA and Board President for CASI stepped forward. Ms. Tombergs stated that CASI's largest fundraiser is the St. Patrick's Day race. Ms. Tombergs advised that they are trying to have this bi-state race approved. It was noted that three years ago, the Rock Island City Council did not approve the race. Ms. Tombergs commented that when CASI wanted to try and have this race again, they started contacting Joe Dooley of the St. Patrick Society by email. Ms. Tombergs advised that Mr. Dooley stated by email that it was a general consensus that both events (St. Patrick's Day Parade and CASI 5k Road Race) could coexist. Ms. Tombergs further discussed this issue as it related to getting approvals from the Rock Island Police Department. Ms. Tombergs also commented that the Centennial Bridge would remain open during the entire race and they would only use one lane of the bridge. Ms. Tombergs stated that they would not be interfering with the parade. Ms. Tombergs indicated that the race would be done one hour before the parade starts and they have received permission from the Rock Island Parks and Recreation Department to use the bike path as part of the race to go over to the Arsenal.

Alderman Conroy inquired as to where the race will start. Ms. Tombergs stated that it will begin in downtown Davenport and the estimated time that the bridge will be used is approximately 45 minutes. Ms. Tombergs and Council further discussed the race route as it related to the time component.

Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen advised that Lt. Landi has worked with representatives from CASI in a way to minimize any disruptions that there would be to traffic on the bridge. Police Chief VenHuizen pointed out that Lt. Landi has not authorized the bridge to be shut down, but has offered suggestions to try and minimize the disruptions. Police Chief VenHuizen further discussed this issue as it related to police officer assignments and the amount of officers needed for both events. Chief VenHuizen and Council also discussed fees as it related to police officers and traffic control for both events.

Ms. Tombergs stated that she would have board support to pay for all of the officers for both events on that day.

Frank Coyle of 100 17th Street and one of the founders of the St. Patrick Society stepped forward. Mr. Coyle stated that the St. Patrick's Day Parade is the largest event on a single day in downtown Rock Island. Mr. Coyle discussed the process for the parade as it related to the line-up

of the parade, floats and bridge traffic concerning the time component. Mr. Coyle suggested that CASI start their race at an earlier time.

Mr. Coyle stated that the main issue is the bottleneck that will be created on the bridge and the people that move to and from both sides of the river.

Ms. Julie Walton of 400 West 4th Street in Davenport, IA and Parade Chair for the St. Patrick Society stepped forward. Ms. Walton stated that her concern was safety in regards to float traffic on the bridge with the runners and people trying to get to Rock Island. Ms. Walton stated that she informed CASI by letter last week that their race will interfere with the parade.

Alderman Conroy and Police Chief VenHuizen discussed time, lane usage, traffic and safety as it related to having both events at the same time.

Joe Dooley of 2603 College Avenue, Davenport, IA and President of the St. Patrick Society stepped forward. Mr. Dooley stated that he made it perfectly clear to Ms. Tombergs in the email that she referred to that he alone does not make that decision; the board decides. Mr. Dooley added that in the end, it was a consensus among the board that the race will not work.

Michelle Solis Russell of 1312 Middle Road, Bettendorf, IA stepped forward. Ms. Russell stated that she is at the meeting with a vested interest and Russell Construction is the title sponsor of the CASI race. Ms. Russell added that she is also at the meeting as a vested interest party of the greater Quad City area. Ms. Russell commented that they are committed to community give back and heavily vested in all charities in the community. Ms. Russell stated that her interest in making this a bi-state race is to grow added focus regionally, bring more people, positive attention and revenues into this area. Ms. Russell further discussed this issue.

Pat Shouse of Eldridge, IA and a representative from Unity Point Health-Trinity stepped forward. Ms. Shouse stated that they are very excited about the race coming to Rock Island, which will expose the community to more things. Ms. Shouse added that she is a lifetime member of the St. Patrick Society and commented that two non-profits coming together is a win-win for the community.

Bill Brownson of 4510 Sheridan Street, Davenport, IA stepped forward. Mr. Brownson stated that he is on the Board of Directors for CASI. Mr. Brownson discussed the safety of the bridge as it related to traffic and the runners on the bridge. Mr. Brownson stated that the explanation that it takes 45 minutes for the last walker to cross that bridge is greatly exaggerated; at the beginning, the amount of runners is large, but after that, it is almost single file and would be very safe crossing the bridge with traffic coming the other way.

Jean Jones of 18129 220th Street, Davenport, IA stepped forward. Ms. Jones stated that she is a member of the St. Patrick Society and a member of CASI. Ms. Jones added that she wants these two endeavors to come together and be successful; both of these events will bring so much to the community.

Jackie Staron of 18129 220th Street, Davenport, IA stepped forward. Ms. Staron stated that she is a past board member of the St. Patrick Society and involved with CASI. Ms. Staron stated that due diligence has been done by CASI in preparing and organizing for this race to be successful and safe.

Alderman Austin stated that he applauded CASI for wanting to enhance their event; this event will take place regardless of this action. Alderman Austin stated that he will let his motion stand.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether the second stands.

Alderman Conroy stated that he is more inclusive of the idea to bring it all together and work together to make something like this happen. However, the St. Patrick Society has had 27 years in the City of Rock Island and they think it is going to cause a problem. Alderman Conroy advised that it is a hard decision and he hoped that the St. Patrick Society would work with CASI to make an event that everyone could be a part of. Alderman Conroy added that he would be inclined to support the organization that has had 27 years of putting on a parade in the City of Rock Island.

Alderman Hotle advised that it seems like CASI will do whatever is needed to make this work with the St. Patrick Society. Alderman Hotle stated that she would like to see this happen too; but at the same time, she does not want to infringe on the ability of the St. Patrick Society to do what they have done for the last 27 years. Alderman Hotle further discussed this issue.

After more discussion on this issue, it was moved by Alderman Clark to defer Agenda Item #24 for 30 days. Alderman Foley seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Mayor Pauley stated that this item is deferred for 30 days; it will be back again for discussion. Mayor Pauley advised that it is hoped that the two organizations can work it out.

Agenda Item #25

Report from the City Clerk regarding an application from the Spring Forward Learning Center requesting to hold a 5K Run on Saturday, April 5, 2014 beginning at 9:00 am.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the event 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, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #26

Report from the City Clerk regarding requests from the businesses in the College Hill District for utilization of funds from the College Hill District fund in an amount not to exceed \$825.00, permission to decorate street posts, place signage in the City's right-of-way and luminaria along the streets and to place three trash receptacles at the west end of the

district for their annual Holiday Walk to be held on December 5, 2013 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the requests for utilization of funds, decorations, signage and luminaria as recommended and authorize staff to place trash receptacles at the west end of the district, subject to the businesses removing luminaria by 8:30 pm December 5th, removing signage by December 9th and removing the decorative bows by January 3, 2014. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #27

Other Business.

Sue Pienta had signed up to address Council but spoke earlier during the meeting on Agenda Item #14.

Alderman Foley advised that this week, Theo's Java Club is celebrating their 20th Anniversary. Alderman Foley added that their kick-off festivities started on November 15th in which they had an Elvis Presley tribute artist from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Alderman Foley stated that from November 18th to November 23rd, they will be offering lunch and drink discounts and door prizes. Alderman Foley indicated that live music is coming back to Theo's beginning with an open stage on Thursday nights from 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm with local and regional musical acts on Fridays and Saturdays.

Alderman Foley stated that last week, he was out of town for work and one of the things that was voted on was a new business that is coming to his ward, which is Milan Surplus. Alderman Foley stated that he is excited to welcome this new business to Rock Island. Alderman Foley further discussed this item.

Alderman Clark stated that he was thankful for the Martin Luther King Center ACTIVE Club. Alderman Clark advised that this club is organized to give seniors 55 years and older opportunity and needed time to continue learning, serving and sharing. Alderman Clark added that there are over 120 members in the ACTIVE Club and they promote independent living, skills, and resource awareness. Alderman Clark further discussed the ACTIVE Club.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that the QC Coffee and Pancake House is the former Guss's Koffee Break. Alderman Murphy advised that this past Saturday, she had a great breakfast there and commented that they have reasonable prices. Alderman Murphy stated that the QC Coffee and Pancake House is located downtown Rock Island across the Street from Circa 21 and next door to the Establishment Theatre and Comedy Sportz. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone that if they want coffee, breakfast or lunch to stop by the QC Coffee and Pancake House. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

Agenda Item #28

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy at 8:07 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, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #29

Recess

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 8:30 pm. A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, December 2, 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, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 8:31 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk