

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 Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy, Kate Hotle and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson, Public Works Director Randy Tweet, other City staff and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 5:46 pm and Alderman Joy Murphy arrived at 5:37 pm. Alderman Stephen L. Tollenaer was absent.

EMERALD ASH BORER PRESENTATION

Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson updated Council on the Emerald Ash Borer. Mr. Nelson advised that the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a small destructive beetle in larval form and the adult is metallic green. Mr. Nelson advised that these insects are native to China and Eastern Asia. Mr. Nelson added that these insects were identified as starting in Michigan and they have spread east and west.

Mr. Nelson indicated that the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) seems to follow highway corridors and they attach to firewood, wood packaging and nursery products. Mr. Nelson pointed out that the EAB has been found at Hasselroth Park. Mr. Nelson commented that decisions need to be made as to whether an inventory should be conducted and what actions should be taken.

Mr. Nelson advised that an inventory of trees is being recommended by the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Nelson added that all trees inventoried would be on City property; it would be the responsibility of private property owners to identify the ash trees on their property. Mr. Nelson explained that the primary components in an inventory of trees are identifying the type, condition and location of the trees. Mr. Nelson pointed out that there are three potential options for a tree inventory. The first option is to conduct an external survey, which may include a few vendors doing inventories. Mr. Nelson added that if an outside vendor conducted a survey, it would cost about \$4.00 to \$7.00 a tree. Mr. Nelson commented that there are approximately 1,000 ash trees on City streets and in the parks. Mr. Nelson added that this survey would include all trees. Mr. Nelson commented that these vendors would collect the information and that information would be put in a GIS layer for inventory purposes.

Mr. Nelson indicated that a second option is to perform an internal survey, which could be accomplished by Public Works interns and possible assistance from Augustana students. Mr. Nelson explained that this could take most of the summer to complete. The third option Mr. Nelson discussed was reaction. Mr. Nelson stated that the problem with EAB is that they tend to attack the trees and the trees die in large numbers in a very short time. Mr. Nelson added that this could become a great risk for a city and it could have a major impact on a city's budget if all of the trees die in a two or three year period.

Mr. Nelson recommended using the college interns to inventory all street and park trees. Mr. Nelson commented that this work would be performed in the summer. It was noted that the City already has hand held computers to enter the information.

Mr. Nelson explained that if no action is taken, the trees could die within four or five years of infestation. Mr. Nelson added that all infested trees tend to die at the same time.

Mr. Nelson indicated that the options for tree removal or treatment are based on 1,000 trees. Mr. Nelson explained that the two primary options for treatment of the trees is an injection system that last two or three years or a ground application that lasts one year. Mr. Nelson stated that it costs \$7.00 to \$12.00 an inch diameter or an average of \$70.00 a tree every two years. Mr. Nelson added that injection could be done by a tree service or equipment can be purchased. It was noted that the treatment is done during the growing season, which is April through July. Mr. Nelson pointed out that the upfront costs would be for the purchase of equipment and chemicals. However, \$350,000.00 is the cost for employees and the treatment to maintain this over a 10 year period.

Mr. Nelson discussed the cost for broadcast. It was noted that this method is only 60% to 70% effective and it is normally homeowner applied. Mr. Nelson stated that it is not effective with trees already infected. Mr. Nelson added that the cost could be approximately \$700,000.00 over 10 years.

Mr. Nelson discussed removal costs for 1,000 ash trees. Mr. Nelson indicated that the cost for all 1,000 trees to be removed would be \$600,000.00 over a four to five year period. Mr. Nelson added that the City currently spends about \$100,000.00 a year on tree removal so a lot of this can be absorbed, but the budget would have to be stepped up a bit to cover all removals. Mr. Nelson further discussed this item.

Mr. Nelson explained that ash trees on personal property are the responsibility of the owner. It was noted that a homeowner could hire a tree service to inject the tree or homeowners can broadcast the treatment. Mr. Nelson offered that information needs to be made available on the web and it should really be pushed for people to contact the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Nelson further discussed this item. Mr. Nelson indicated that Davenport has already identified the ash trees and are removing them. It was noted that Scott County Forest Preserve is purchasing equipment to remove the trees and Moline and East Moline are reviewing options for treatment or removal of the trees.

Mr. Nelson recommended to complete the survey of trees so that costs can be more closely identified; identify poor trees and suggest that they be removed; consider the purchase of equipment to treat the trees or look at the cost of a vendor treating those trees and decide which is more cost effective; and treat desirable trees, which decreases the cost of removal and replanting.

Council discussed educating the public as it related to the Emerald Ash Borer. Council discussed public and private property as it related to the infestation of ash trees. Council also discussed Mr. Nelson's recommendations. It was determined that there was a consensus among Council to conduct a survey of the trees.

Mr. Nelson offered that a survey would be conducted to find out what the City has in terms of inventory and based on that, it would either be recommended to purchase equipment or hire a tree service to inject the trees. Mr. Nelson and Council further discussed this item.

ALLEY COST ANALYSIS

Public Works Director Randy Tweet advised that the City has seven sealcoat alleys and about four alleys are due for treatment. Mr. Tweet added that it costs approximately \$7,500.00 to sealcoat an alley. It was noted that the cost may vary depending on the work involved. Mr. Tweet stated that there are 16 asphalt alleys in the City. Mr. Tweet commented that they use the mill and fill program for streets and intersections and if decided, asphalt alleys could be included in that program. Mr. Tweet noted that it costs \$24.00 a square yard. It was noted that seven of those alleys are in need of repair. Mr. Tweet added that if all of the asphalt alleys are included in the program, it would cost approximately \$28,000.00 to \$30,000.00.

Mr. Tweet advised that there are 182 gravel alleys and it costs \$45,000.00 to \$50,000.00 per year to grade those alleys. Mr. Tweet stated that it would cost approximately \$7,500.00 to sealcoat a gravel alley and there could be additional costs involved to address drainage issues. It was noted that to sealcoat all of the gravel alleys would cost over \$1 million dollars. Mr. Tweet commented that currently, concrete alleys are pothole patched as requested and there are approximately 376 concrete alleys in the City. Mr. Tweet added that Public Works does not actually do concrete repair where the concrete is cut out and replaced; if that was done, it would cost about \$100.00 per square yard. Mr. Tweet pointed out that it would cost approximately \$135,000.00 to repair the 46 concrete alleys that have minor issues and \$450,000.00 to repair the 36 concrete alleys with moderate issues. Mr. Tweet and Council further discussed the cost as it related to the repair of concrete alleys and the safety component.

Mr. Tweet discussed snow removal costs as it related to alleys. Mr. Tweet commented that alleys are only plowed for Public Works refuse vehicles. Mr. Tweet noted that there are three alleys that the City plows due to it being the only access that a person has to their house. Mr. Tweet stated that if the City decided to salt all of the alleys, it would cost less than \$2,000.00 worth of salt. Mr. Tweet and Council further discussed snow removal in alleys as it related to cost.

Mr. Tweet discussed several recommendations for alleys. Mr. Tweet advised that the first recommendation would be to identify five to seven gravel alleys for a pilot sealcoat program. Mr. Tweet commented that there are funds available this fiscal year from MFT funds. Mr. Tweet recommended including the current sealcoat alleys in the sealcoat program. Mr. Tweet noted that no additional costs would be involved. Mr. Tweet stated that those alleys would be ranked with the streets. In addition, Mr. Tweet recommended including asphalt and concrete alleys in the asphalt patching and concrete patching programs as part of the regular maintenance program. Mr. Tweet also recommended responding to icing complaints in alleys. Mr. Tweet's last recommendation was to develop a pilot program to contract alley snow removal after major storms.

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Council discussed Mr. Tweet's recommendations. After much discussion on each recommendation, Council came to a consensus and agreed with Mr. Tweet's recommendations with the exception of the snow removal program for alleys. It was determined that snow removal would be at the discretion of the City Manager on an as needed basis.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Clark to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 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 Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. 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 Foley gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of November 18, 2013.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 18, 2013 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Rock Island Public Library has been selected as one of six locations in Illinois to host a 2014 Smithsonian traveling exhibit, *Hometown Teams*, and is seeking community volunteers to assist with the effort. The Mayor added that *Hometown Teams* is a brand new exhibit from the Smithsonian that reveals how sports shape our culture, exploring the enduring connection between towns and the teams that play there. As part of hosting the exhibit, the library will tell the stories of hometown teams from Rock Island and surrounding Illinois communities, both through local exhibits and free public programs. From the building of Douglas Park, which hosted Rock Island Islanders semi-pro baseball, the Rock Island Independents professional football team and numerous world fast-pitch tournaments, to the beginnings of the NBA at Moline's Wharton Field House, and the glories of high school sports in Rock Island and Moline, sports is part of the fabric of the Quad Cities area. Mayor Pauley advised that the Rock Island Library will host a public brainstorming meeting on the Hometown Teams project from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 3rd in the second floor Community Room of the Rock Island Main Library, 401 19th Street. The meeting is open to anyone with an interest in planning and implementing the project. For more information, or to get involved on a committee, please visit www.rockislandlibrary.org or call Project Coordinator Lisa Lockheart at (309) 732-7303. Mayor Pauley stated that the *Hometown Teams* exhibit will take place from September 13 to October 26, 2014 in Rock Island, IL at the Rock Island Main Library, 401 19th Street. The exhibit will be free and open to all audiences.

Mayor Pauley advised that the College Hill District Holiday Walk will be Thursday, December 5, 2013 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. There will be a visit from Santa, carolers, tree lighting, shopping, hot chocolate and more.

Mayor Pauley stated that Gallery Hop is the foremost winter-time event of the Rock Island Arts & Entertainment District. Local and regional artists will have their artwork on display in galleries, restaurants and hot spots throughout downtown Rock Island on Friday, December 6, 2013 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. For more information, please visit www.ridistrict.com.

Mayor Pauley commented that the Rock Island Beautification Commission is sponsoring the 28th Annual Holiday Lighting Contest. To nominate a residential or commercial light display, send the name and address of the display via email to james.jessica@rigov.org or call (309) 732-2909 by 5:00 pm on Thursday, December 10th. Mayor Pauley stated that judging will take place on the evening of December 16th, when all displays should be illuminated by 5:30 pm. Winners of the 2011 & 2012 Holiday Lighting Contest are not eligible.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center's 37th Annual Children's Christmas Party will be on Wednesday, December 18, 2013. The Mayor added that the program provides wrapped gifts, books and treats for Rock Island/Milan children, ages 3 to 12 years, whose families are in need of assistance during the holiday season. Interested parents need to register at the King Center by Thursday, December 12th. It was noted that registration is required. Volunteers interested in helping with gift wrapping for the King Center Children's Christmas Party can help on Saturday, December 14th from 9:00 am until the task is completed. For more information, please call (309) 732-2999.

Mayor Pauley advised that a call for nominations for the 2013 Mark W. Schwiebert Sustainability Leadership Award is now open. Nominations should focus on a business, organization, or individual that has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the area of sustainable initiatives. Mayor Pauley stated that the Mark W. Schwiebert Sustainability Leadership Award was established in April 2009 by the Advanced Technology and Sustainability Consortium (ATSC). It was created to honor former Mayor Mark Schwiebert for his 20 years of service to Rock Island and for his work in the area of sustainable initiatives. The first recipient of this award was Mark Schwiebert. Other past recipients were Augustana College, White Hydropower Co. and Rock Island Economic Growth (GROWTH). Mayor Pauley commented that the 2013 award will be presented at a January meeting of the City Council. A nomination form is available by calling 732-2923 or online at www.rigov.org under city clicks. It was noted that nominations can be mailed to City of Rock Island, CED Department, 1528 Third Avenue, Rock Island, IL, 61201, faxed to 309-732-2930, or sent via e-mail to: chappell.mary@rigov.org. The deadline for nominations is December 4, 2013.

Agenda Item #7

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 Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to pass the ordinance.

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

Ms. Parchert advised that there were two issuances; one for \$1 million dollars and one for \$10 million dollars. Ms. Parchert stated that Moody's Investors Service gave the City a rating of Aa2 again, which is consistent with what the City had in prior years. Ms. Parchert indicated that Moody's liked the fact that the City does not use Gaming for operations and that the City waits a year until it is actually used and the amount is known. Ms. Parchert stated that Moody's also liked the City's General Fund balance policy and the fact that the City has a nice fund balance.

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

Agenda Item #8

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 Hotle moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to pass the ordinance.

Alderman Foley advised that he would be abstaining from this vote as he has in previous votes.

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

Discussion followed. Finance Director Cynthia Parchert introduced Dan Forbes, Vice President of Speer Financial, Inc.

Ms. Parchert advised that there were two issuances; one was a direct placement of \$1 million dollars, Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2013B that was directly placed with Edward Jones, which is a local Rock Island business. Ms. Parchert added that the other issuance of \$10 million dollars, General Obligation Bonds Series 2013A was competitively bid.

Mr. Forbes referred to the Speer Financial recommendation letter that was distributed to Council and stated that the bids received today were very competitive. Mr. Forbes advised that there were four bidders that bid 21 times on the Series 2013A tax exempt \$10 million dollar issue. Mr. Forbes stated that the winning bid used the open auction system; they bid nine times to win this deal. Mr. Forbes pointed out that the City was able to save about \$91,000.00 by this open auction format. Mr. Forbes commented that Moody's has downgraded a lot of credits and they affirmed the Aa2 rating for the City; that is something that the City should be commended for. Mr. Forbes further discussed the bond sale.

Ms. Parchert advised that the City received an interest rate of 3.3171% on the \$1 million dollar Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2013B. Ms. Parchert added that the City received an interest rate of 3.7823% on the \$10 million dollar General Obligation Bonds, Series 2013A.

Council, Ms. Parchert and Mr. Forbes further discussed the bond sale.

Agenda Item #9

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

a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$5,751.27 to Kutsunis and Weng P.C. for legal services rendered for the month of November.

b. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$18,350.00 to ESRI, Inc. for the annual GIS software maintenance.

Agenda Item #10

Claims for the week of November 15 through November 21 in the amount of \$4,391,430.49.

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

Agenda Item #11

Payroll for the weeks of November 11 through November 24 in the amount of \$1,351,903.74.

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

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Fire Department regarding bids for the installation of diesel generators at Fire Stations 2, 3 and 4, recommending the bid be awarded to Rock River Electric in the amount of \$75,994.00.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy inquired as to whether this was surplus, or are they old generators being replaced by new ones.

Mayor Pauley stated that these are new generators and they are not being replaced.

Fire Chief James Fobert advised that this will complete the stations that didn't have the generators before.

Alderman Tollenaer inquired as to why diesel generators are being used instead of natural gas.

Chief Fobert stated that it is partly due to cost. Chief Fobert further discussed this item.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding bids for the exterior restoration of the Centennial Bridge Commission Office Building, recommending the bid be awarded to Evans-Mason, Inc. in the amount of \$16,335.00.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Finance Department regarding an intergovernmental agreement between the Illinois Office of the Comptroller and the City of Rock Island regarding access to the Comptroller's Local Debt Recovery Program.

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the agreement as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

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

Ms. Parchert advised that Council approved this agreement about a year ago. Ms. Parchert added that the State of Illinois has put in some new software and it has somewhat changed how they are doing business in this particular area. Ms. Parchert stated that the State of Illinois has asked participating cities to reaffirm these agreements. Ms. Parchert further discussed the process for municipalities using the debt recovery program for the collection of debt owed to them.

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget, recommending budget transfers decreasing one gaming fund supported project in

the Capital Improvements Fund in the amount of \$169,550.00, and increasing two gaming fund supported projects in the Capital Improvements Fund in the amount of \$169,550.00.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Human Resources Department regarding a modification to the residency ordinance for non-affiliated employees.

It was moved by Alderman Austin to approve the modifications as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was a second to the motion. No second came forward. Mayor Pauley inquired again as to whether there was a second. With no second coming forward, Agenda Item #16 died for a lack of a second.

Agenda Item #17

Report from General Administration regarding the cancellation of the City Council meeting on Monday, December 23, 2013.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the cancellation as recommended and authorize staff to take the necessary actions to notify the public and the media of the cancellation. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the College Hill Revitalization Plan.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the plan as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder to answer some questions that a business person had in regards to whether there is an obligation that may be put upon a business that does not choose to participate and how long the City would be underwriting the cost of the organization or when the organization might hope to be self supportive.

Mr. Eder advised that it is not required for any business to join any association. Mr. Eder stated that about 30 members have joined the College Hill Business Association. Mr. Eder commented that approximately 65 business owners or property owners are eligible to join. Mr. Eder advised

that no additional tax or any other financial burden will be put on the property owners or businesses.

Alderman Austin inquired as to whether Mr. Eder would see next year's budget containing a line item to support the College Hill District Association as there is this year.

Mr. Eder stated that no additional funds are being proposed in regards to separate line items to support specific projects over and above the original allocation of \$25,000.00 that was set aside.

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

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Program (APP) Grant, recommending submittal of the APP grant application and provide a letter of support if necessary for the projects as outlined in the report.

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

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Mr. and Mrs. Ronald George Trich, Jr. to remove a handicapped parking space at 2830 5 1/2 Avenue.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Items 21, 22, 23 and 24

It was moved by Alderman Conroy to approve the requests as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for ordinances for Agenda Items 21, 22, 23 and 24, Alderman Foley seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Chief Tom Phillis of the Office of Public Safety/Security at Augustana College to ban parking on both

sides of 9th Avenue 34th to 35th Street, 9 ½ Avenue 34th to 35th Street and 35th Street 9th to 9 ½ Avenue.

Agenda Item #22

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Trixie Griffin to install a handicapped parking space at 529 23rd Street.

Agenda Item #23

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Mary McBride of 2960 12th Street #1 to install a handicapped parking space in front of her building.

Agenda Item #24

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Benjamin Crabb to remove a handicapped parking space at 3325 7 ½ Avenue.

Agenda Item #25

Report from the Mayor regarding appointments to the Fire Pension Board and Beautification Commission and a reappointment to the Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District.

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

Ben McCready was appointed to the Fire Pension Board for a term expiring in April 2014. Mr. McCready will be replacing City Manager Thomas Thomas on this board and finishing his term.

David VanLandegen was appointed to the Beautification Commission for a four year term expiring in June 2017.

Berlinda Tyler-Jamison was reappointed to the Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District to a four year term expiring in November 2017.

Agenda Item #26

Other Business.

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

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that this past Saturday was Small Business Saturday. Alderman Murphy thanked everyone that stopped by small businesses on Saturday. Alderman Murphy advised that if people are looking for a Christmas gift for that person that has everything then stop buy Circa 21 and buy them a gift certificate. Alderman Murphy advised that Circa 21 has some great events coming up over the next couple of months. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

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Agenda Item #27

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #28

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Murphy to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, December 9, 2013. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:15 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk