

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 David Conroy, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III and Ivory D. Clark. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Ben Griffith, Brandy Howe, Urban Planner II, other City Staff, City Attorney Ted Kutsunis and Consultant Scott Harrington of Vandewalle and Associates. Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 5:51 pm.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PRESENTATION

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder advised that the consultant will discuss the strategic development plan portion of the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Scott Harrington of Vandewalle and Associates presented to Council the first full draft of the strategic development plan. Mr. Harrington stated that from an economic standpoint, understanding key assets of a community and aligning those assets with larger economic trends locally, regionally and nationally can have the potential for a community to build on other things and position the community to allow for some additional initiatives.

Mr. Harrington referred to the chart and discussed the current state of the City from an economic perspective. Mr. Harrington stated that they established two strategic goals, which included a Placemaking goal, which is about growing the tax base to build a healthy city and a Positioning goal, which is to use bold actions to improve the image of the community and reverse decline. Mr. Harrington explained that under the Placemaking goal, the Rock Island community was divided into four areas, which included the Mississippi River frontage; the Rock River area; the West End Employment District; and the Residential Core. Mr. Harrington further discussed these four areas.

Mr. Harrington pointed out the three vision initiatives for the positioning goal, which included; International: Becoming the international economic and cultural hub of the Quad Cities; Rivers: Embracing the rivers; and City: Celebrating the best of city living. Mr. Harrington explained that under the international concept, the City has a lot of globally minded organizations and the City has a great diverse mix of people in the community. Mr. Harrington added that Augustana College has an outstanding international program. Mr. Harrington discussed capitalizing on cultural assets to develop a competitive niche in the City. Various international strategic initiatives discussed included; establishing an ongoing global economic forum; establishing the Rock Island School District as the region's premier global education provider; and rebranding The District as a cultural and ethnic foods, arts and entertainment destination.

Mr. Harrington discussed the second position vision of embracing the rivers, which included the Mississippi River and Rock River. The river initiatives discussed included; activating the Mississippi riverfront and the Rock riverfront; and continue promotion and development of the barge terminal. Under position three of celebrating the best of city living, Mr. Harrington pointed out the strategic initiatives, which included; working with the Rock Island School District to improve image and programming; work with Augustana College to leverage its assets and ensure

its success and viability; identify downtown projects and build on them; continue to promote sustainable development; and continue to create a regional destination at Jumer's Crossing.

Council discussed Mr. Harrington's presentation of the economic development strategy.

Mr. Harrington discussed a series of maps relating to existing zoning and land use and current and future land use. Mr. Harrington also discussed transitional areas and goals. Mr. Harrington advised that 11th Street, 18th Avenue and 14th Avenue are primarily commercial and they continue to be evolving corridors. Mr. Harrington then discussed ways to make transitions that work for the commercial areas, but also improve the environment and protects the remaining residential components. The transitional area goals that Mr. Harrington discussed included; protecting adjoining residential neighborhoods by providing adequate buffering; ensuring high quality appearance and long term viability of the commercial areas; and protect the function of the commercial arterials and local streets.

Mr. Harrington commented that the next steps in the process will include incorporating Council's comments into the document followed by another Planning Commission meeting and a Planning Commission public hearing. Mr. Harrington indicated that the final step will be the adoption of the plan by the City Council.

At this time, various staff and others left Council Chambers and returned after the Executive Session concluded.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle 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 Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 6:23 pm.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:35 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Conroy to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 13, 2014
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 David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III and Ivory D. Clark. 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 Hotle gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of January 6, 2014.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 6, 2014 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

State of the City Address by Mayor Dennis E. Pauley.

Mayor Pauley gave the State of the City Address; the contents of which follow:

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS - 2014

I am very happy to be here today to present the State of the City Address. 2013 has been a year of change. In addition to our incumbents - Aldermen Dave Conroy, P.J. Foley, Steve Tollenaer, Joy Murphy and Chuck Austin, we welcomed Alderman Ivory Clark to represent the First Ward and Alderman Kate Hotle to represent the Fifth Ward. Both bring a different perspective to the council and both have jumped in to tackle the challenges and tough votes the City Council faces. We also have a very strong team of directors, lead by our City Manager, Thomas Thomas.

As I said, 2013 was a year of change. We will be approving a nine month only budget for 2014. It will begin on April 1, 2014 and take us up through December 31, 2014 and we will begin working on a calendar year cycle thereafter. After a long period of evaluation, it was determined that working on a calendar year basis would be best for the City of Rock Island because:

- A calendar year budget cycle coincides with the property tax setting process
- By adopting the budget earlier, projects are bid earlier and contractors bid more competitively at the beginning of the season
- It simplifies the data gathering process for yearend reports
- Fuel tax audits are based on the calendar year
- And annual W-2 forms and 10-99 forms will coincide with the cities financial year.

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Rock Island continues to be in very good financial condition. We have a balanced budget and maintain a 90 day reserve in case of an emergency. We have a very good bond rating of AA2, a relatively stable and diverse tax base, and very sound financial operations.

The Finance Department has implemented a process to complete a formalized month end close. All major balance sheet accounts are reconciled monthly and all minor accounts are reconciled quarterly. This type of system provides City staff with the confidence they can rely on accurate information being generated from the general ledger.

Our Information Technology Department has focused on three major areas in 2013 that augments public safety, promotes municipal efficiencies and improves communications in the city. Mobile Data Terminals were installed in several vehicles in the Fire Department, thereby improving access to mutual aid information, patient information, occupancy data of buildings they may have to go into in emergency situations and hazardous material data. Video surveillance cameras were installed in some residential areas to enhance security and support livable neighborhoods. New "Smartboard" technology has been installed in a variety of conference rooms; older, expensive printers and copiers were replaced, thereby reducing operating costs and increase availability; and the Police Department migrated from an old tracking system to a graphical user interface system; all of which enhance municipal efficiencies. Several changes have been made to increase communications also. New and improved equipment was installed in the City Council Chambers, enhancing not only our public access channel broadcasts, but the recorded meetings on the City's website as well. Fiber optic cable has been installed in several parts of the city to provide for enhanced management capabilities. The City continues to provide progressive and cost effective technology solutions to our residents and City staff.

2013 saw a lot of change with the Rock Island Library. Our new director, Angela Campbell, recommended a strategic planning process, which included a pair of community meetings to gather data on how the library could help meet the needs of the City. The new plan, which included a heavy focus on literary outreach, was approved by the Library Board in August. This outreach resulted in new partnerships with the Thurgood Marshall Learning Center, CASA Guanajuato, Blackhawk College, Midwest Learning Center, Lights on Learning and the Church of Peace. This past year saw a record breaking attendance at teen reading programs, including a new morning teen book discussion group at Rock Island High School, and a higher than average participation in the annual summer reading program. A community survey verified that library users continue to have a high regard for library services. The City's Capital Improvement Plan also includes needed repairs to the chimney at the Main Library in the Spring of 2014.

The Rock Island Parks Department was very proactive in 2013. The Martin Luther King Jr. Park was completed and has been very well received. Thanks to Madison Keyes, world ranked tennis player and Rock Island native, the United States Tennis Association provided a grant to completely rebuild the Hodge Park tennis courts. Ms. Keyes held a tennis clinic in conjunction with the ribbon cutting that was very well attended. Schwiebert Riverfront Park Boat Dock is almost complete, with the ramp and shore amenities to be added this Spring. The first phase of the Botanical Center Children's Garden is close to completion and the grand opening is planned for May. Saukie Golf Course recovered from a substantial storm during the summer that took

fifty trees and numerous large limbs. The combined staff of both golf courses and additional park staff were able to open nine holes for play one day after the storm and the full eighteen hole course was reopened after only three days. Our Park and Recreation Department provides exceptional park facilities for the entire community.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Center continues to provide exciting and educational programs for the community. The Center served over 22,000 residents through a variety of programs and services. The Center was host for 65 students daily for extended day educational programming and 150 students were provided with summer day programs. The King Center served the Rock Island / Milan School District with substance abuse and pregnancy prevention assistance for over 2,000 youth. They continue to host several collaborative community impacting events that foster family and neighborhood stability. The annual Thanksgiving dinner continues to be a great event, providing a holiday meal to those in need. The Martin Luther King Jr. Center acts as a hub for activity, providing opportunities for kids to participate in education programs during school breaks. They continue to provide community access to organizations needing a meeting space.

Our Rock Island Fire Department is highly recognized as a leader throughout the region, as well as at the State level for its ability and preparedness in handling natural disasters. The department continues to provide high quality services to the citizens of Rock Island. In 2013, the Fire Department purchased three new heart monitors capable of performing a 12 lead EKG. This level of service is in relation to the new Heart Center and Emergency Room being built at Trinity Rock Island. They also took delivery of a new 105' Arrow ladder truck. During the year, the department saw many upgrades, including the roof at Station #2, replacement of the crumbling concrete parking lot at Central Fire Station, new emergency generators at all of the stations and the installation of a new sound system at Central Fire Station that receives their emergency dispatch information from the 9-1-1 operator.

The Rock Island Police Department was evaluated by trained assessors from peer agencies across the State of Illinois, evaluating policy and procedures against established criteria. The criterion is verified by an independent authoritative body and the goal was to achieve Tier One Accreditation. To achieve this accreditation, the prospects must meet a high set of standards that represent a high level of quality and service. The accreditation program is broken down into two comprehensive tiers, Tier I consists of 71 standards and Tier II 180 standards. The Rock Island Police Department was vying for a Tier I accreditation level and at the completion of the evaluation, they were recommended to receive that accreditation level status. The department is currently striving towards their Tier II accreditation. What does achieving this accreditation mean to the citizens of Rock Island? By meeting the established standards, the Police Department demonstrates a commitment to professionalism. The more professional a police department, the more trust there is. The ultimate goal is to enhance service to our citizens.

As the Police Department continues to review their approach to policing within the Central Business District, they determined it was best to form a separate downtown police unit. The units charge was to respond to calls from a specified area. The unit is comprised of one sergeant and four officers, who work alternating shift schedules. The unit assumes responsibility for a smaller patrol area and focuses on late night entertainment. The goal is to maintain a safe environment in the downtown area.

A site was approved for a new police facility and demolition of existing structures on that site has been completed and construction of the 44,000 square foot facility is scheduled to begin in the Spring. The facility will be located between 12th and 13th Streets and 5th and 7th Avenues.

2013 was also a busy year for our Public Works Department. Routine programs were delayed due to the Mississippi River flooding, not once, but three times this past year. Although we have an excellent system of flood walls and levees, there is still a significant amount of work that needs to be done to keep the city dry. Removable flood walls are erected, storm water gates are closed and a series of pumps are installed to pump rainwater over the levee to the river. This sometimes takes 24 hours a day, for several days. In addition to the multiple floods, the City experienced a severe wind storm in June that damaged hundreds of trees and resulted in a three to four week cleanup effort. Over 2,400 man hours were diverted from normal operations to the flooding and windstorm operations.

Although slow in getting started, we have had a busy maintenance and construction season. On the maintenance side, the street and utilities departments performed their annual maintenance, including patching streets, grading alleys, replacing signs, and repairing catch basins and manholes. The largest project was the \$575,000 full depth concrete patching program.

We completed four major street reconstruction projects in 2013. A much needed 5th Street, from 18th to 25th Avenues was completed and a project on 37th Avenue from 30th Street to 32nd Street and 20th Avenue from 32nd Street to 34th Street were completed. The last project was 23rd Avenue, from 12th Street to 17th Street on the north side of Rock Island High School. This is a two year project that also includes the replacement of all underground utilities. The remaining section from 14th to 17th Streets is expected to be completed in 2014.

The expansion of the wastewater treatment plant continues to progress. The major structures are completed. We are awaiting delivery of six very large pumps to handle the additional influx of storm water. The plant is expected to be operational in the summer of 2014.

Now let's talk about economic development. Watchtower Plaza is well underway with the announced relocation of all 13 of the existing companies. At the intersection of 11th Street and Blackhawk Road, the former mobile home park site, they are in the process of constructing the Rock Island home of Blackhawk College, the new State Farm Insurance building and the corporate headquarters of Missman, Inc. Illinois / Iowa Center for Independent Living is building its new facility on 11th Street, between 5th and 6th Avenues. Now the next phase - the construction of WalMart - can begin.

We continue to move forward on the Jumer's Crossing Project. This is a 90 plus acre development of retail adjacent to I-280 and IL 92. The site is planned to house over 200,000 square feet of retail, 50,000 square feet of services, restaurants, and convenience retail. The plan also allows for generous storm water management and buffer / set back areas. A third party market study estimates the project can generate up to \$2.4 million in annual sales tax and \$450,000 in annual property tax.

FedEx is building a new 189,000 square foot package distribution center in a 29 acre site in Southwest Rock Island. Site work is underway, with building construction scheduled to start in this Spring. FedEx is investing \$22.5 million in the project. Employment for their new facility is expected to be 14 full time and 217 part time positions.

Milan Surplus is moving to the former Wakeen's property on 11th Street. They are expected to be operational sometime during the first quarter of 2014.

Trinity Medical Center is in the process of constructing a new \$61.3 million expansion.

Rock Island Economic Growth is constructing three new homes in the Old Chicago neighborhood. The original five homes have been sold; one of the three additional homes is already under contract.

Friendship Manor is constructing a \$2.25 million, 13 unit senior villa housing project adjacent to their current campus.

And how about our downtown:

The Locks is a 34 unit market rate housing project currently under construction, a \$6 million plus investment with occupancy expected to be completed in the Fall of 2014. Star Block will be an eight unit housing development over commercial space. Phase II, which includes the former Dell's in the District night club and the Chinese restaurant, will be residential units over commercial space. Riverview Lofts is a 44 unit market rate unit development of the former VanderGinst Building, costing over \$5 million to redevelop. The Holiday Inn has renovated all of their rooms, including their banquet and meeting rooms. As I said in the beginning, 2013 has been a year of change for Rock Island.

Let's look at some projects that were completed in 2013.

- Augustana College completed a \$40 million renovation of Old Main, Knowlton Stadium, and the Student Life Center
- Construction of the new fertilizer plant and offices on Mill Street at 7th Avenue.
- Blackhawk Road Subway Strip Mall
- Beaver Landing - duplexes, 4 plexes, 6 plexes and still building
- Family Dollar at 38th Street and 18th Avenue
- DeBord's Cafe and Catering
- QC Allmakes in the former BarJan building
- Unley Marine addition
- St. John Church addition
- Dickie's restaurant

And even more projects are currently under construction:

- MetroLink Maintenance Garage is 90% Complete
- Trinity Heart Center - Footings are in place and they are erecting steel

- MetroLink Transfer Station at 20th Street and 2nd Avenue is complete and should open mid February
- Center for Independent Living - The foundation is in place and they are erecting steel
- Waste Water Treatment Plant is 90% Complete
- Villas at Friendship Manor - 2 Foundations Complete
- FedEx Building - the site is graded, the foundation permit has been issued and work should begin soon
- Sheet Metal Workers is 20% Completed
- Grey Machine is 70% Completed
- Botanical Center Children's Garden is 80% Completed

And finally, some projects with significant demolition in progress:

- The new Police Department site demolition has been completed
- Manor Homes demolition is pending asbestos removal
- The Audubon School demolition has been completed and they are currently cleaning up the site

As you can clearly see, it has been quite a year in Rock Island. Our entire team of City staff and elected officials are working together; continuing to enhance the livability in Rock Island. We are making things happen and getting things done for all the citizens of Rock Island.

Thank you.
Dennis E. Pauley
Mayor
City of Rock Island

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring January 20, 2014 as Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation. Martin Luther King Center Director Dwight Ford stepped forward and accepted the Proclamation. Mr. Ford thanked the Mayor and Council for the Proclamation. Mr. Ford stated that this marks the 31st year of the memorial service and the 39th year of the Martin Luther King Center being an entity of public service. Mr. Ford advised that the theme for the memorial service is "Unarmed Truth and Unconditional Love." Mr. Ford stated that the commitment throughout the year will be focusing on awareness and campaigning against all forms of violence. Mr. Ford added that the keynote speaker will be Ameena Mathews. It was noted that the memorial service will be held on January 20th from 10:30 am to noon at the Martin Luther King Center.

Agenda Items 8, 9 and 10

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Foley to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinances for Agenda Items 8, 9 and 10. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman

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

Agenda Item #8

A Special Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space at 2355 39th Street.

Agenda Item #9

A Special Ordinance removing a handicapped parking space between the residences at 2900 5½ Avenue and 2846 5½ Avenue.

Agenda Item #10

A Special Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space at 1818 5th Street.

Agenda Item #11

A Resolution in support of HR 3022 legislation regarding the National Discovery Trail Act of 2013 that would add the category of Discovery Trails to the National Trails System and would recognize the existing American Discovery Trail as the first in this category.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to adopt the resolution.

Comments followed. Joe Taylor, President and CEO of the Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau stepped forward. Mr. Taylor stated that the American Discovery Trail goes through the Quad Cities and this will not impact the local trails other than to add a level of Federal awareness to the trails.

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

Agenda Item #12

Tax Abatement Resolutions

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

a. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$217,975.00, such funds to be provided from Public Benefit revenues, Wastewater and Park funds to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Refunding Bonds, series 2005.

b. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$427,200.00, such funds to be provided from Public Benefit revenues and Wastewater funds to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2007.

c. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$535,785.00, such funds to be

provided from Public Benefit revenues, TIF, Hydropower and Gaming funds to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2008A and General Obligation Bonds, series 2008B.

d. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$303,882.50, such funds to be provided from revenues of the Downtown TIF fund to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2008D.

e. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$50,971.67, such funds to be provided from revenues of the Hydropower fund to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Clean Renewable Energy Bonds, series 2008C.

f. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$865,475.00, such funds to be provided from Public Benefit revenues, Parks and Recreation and Tax Increment Financing funds to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2009A and General Obligation Bonds, series 2009B.

g. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$571,516.26, such funds to be provided from revenues of the Water fund and Wastewater fund to pay principal and interest on Taxable General Obligation Bonds, series 2010A BABs.

h. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$613,500.00, such funds to be provided from revenues of the Debt Services fund, Gaming and Water fund to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2010B.

i. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$229,450.00, such funds to be provided from the Debt Service fund and Sewer to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2011A.

j. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$510,787.52, such funds to be provided from revenues of the Debt Service fund, Gaming, Sunset Marina and Water funds to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2012A.

k. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$740,687.73, such funds to be provided from revenues of the Debt Service fund and Gaming to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2013A.

l. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$113,933.78, such funds to be provided from revenues of the Gaming fund to pay principal and interest on Taxable General Obligation Bonds, series 2013B.

Agenda Item #13
CLAIMS

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Hotle to accept the following reports and authorize payments as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and

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

a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$6,264.36 to Kutsunis and Weng P.C. for legal services rendered for the month of December.

b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$22,500.00 to Elliott Equipment for the rental of two refuse packers for the 2013 Fall Leaf Collection.

c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #4 in the amount of \$96,089.17 to Brandt Construction for services provided for the Quad City Botanical Center - Children's Garden project.

Agenda Item #14

Claims for the week of January 3 through January 9 in the amount of \$868,205.61.

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

Agenda Item #15

Payroll for the weeks of December 23 through January 5 in the amount of \$1,329,998.46.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Public Works Department regarding an agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for leases to two parcels of land at Hennepin Canal.

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

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Human Resources Department regarding a Resolution for the adoption of IMRF Form 6.74 that includes taxable expense allowances reported as IMRF earnings for currently retired employees receiving a pension from IMRF.

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

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the Jumer's Casino Rock Island TIF Surplus, recommending to declare a surplus of funds in TIF 4 in the amount of \$540,361.07 and authorize a budget adjustment to pay out these funds.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to declare the surplus of funds as recommended, authorize the budget adjustment and authorize the Finance Director to return these surplus funds to the Rock Island County treasurer for distribution. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Public Works Department regarding an increase in sewer utility rates, recommending a 3.0% sewer rate increase effective April 1, 2014 and a 3.0% sewer rate increase effective January 1, 2015.

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the sewer rate increases as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin advised that this item has been discussed thoroughly; it impacts everyone. Alderman Austin stated that the City has fiscal policies that dictate funds of this nature; enterprise funds must be self sustaining, and this is an action that needs to be taken. Alderman Austin further discussed this item.

Alderman Conroy stated that water rates will be frozen for the next two years.

Mayor Pauley advised that water rates will actually be frozen this year and for two more years.

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

Agenda Item #20

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Kavanaugh's Hilltop Tavern to hold an outdoor tented event for St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, March 15, 2014 from 1:00 pm to 11:30 pm at 1228 30th Street.

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Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to approve the event as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations and subject to being closed down early if noise complaints are received. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #21
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 Bike N Hike is located at 14th Avenue and 39th Street and Steve DePron is the owner. Alderman Murphy advised that Mr. DePron is very generous to people in the community that are having fundraisers to raise money for a variety of causes. Alderman Murphy stated that Mr. DePron is a big advocate for Bikes for Brains and he is always donating bike helmets for kids. Alderman Murphy encouraged anyone that needs their bike serviced to stop by Bike N Hike. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

Agenda Item #22
Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

The Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #23
Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, January 20, 2014. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:17 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk