

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 20, 2014  
MINUTES**

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 P.J. Foley, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III and Ivory D. Clark. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Public Works Director Randy Tweet, Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen, other City Staff, City Attorney Ted Kutsunis, Denise Bulat, Executive Director of Bi-State Regional Commission, Bill Takakoshi from Hurt Norton, Jeff Dismer from Gere/Dismer Architects and Dean Roberts from McClaren, Wilson and Lawrie. Alderman David Conroy and Alderman Stephen L. Tollenaer were absent.

**HURT NORTON PRESENTATION**

Denise Bulat, Executive Director of the Bi-State Regional Commission advised that the City along with Moline, East Moline, Bettendorf, Davenport, Rock Island County and Scott County have funded a contract with Hurt Norton since the early 1990's to assist in legislative efforts in Washington, D.C. in regards to the Rock Island Arsenal. Ms. Bulat then introduced Mr. Bill Takakoshi from Hurt Norton.

Mr. Takakoshi discussed the background of Hurt Norton, their accomplishments and major issues regarding the Rock Island Arsenal. Mr. Takakoshi stated that in regards to defense and the Rock Island Arsenal, they have a FY2014 appropriation. Mr. Takakoshi added that Senator Durbin is Chair of the Senate Defense Appropriations Sub Committee. Mr. Takakoshi explained that in the Omnibus Appropriations Bill that Congress passed last week, Senator Durbin got three things in for the Rock Island Arsenal, which included; a 1% wage increase for blue collar workers; maintaining the workloads at the Arsenal at a certain level; and \$150 million for army arsenals to help pay their overhead.

Mr. Takakoshi stated that Hurt Norton has represented this area since 1998 and helped the community with over \$100 million in projects. Various project accomplishments Mr. Takakoshi discussed included; the Davenport Government Bridge, Building 299 roof, Fire station, child development center and ASPI, which is a program to make use of unutilized building space on the Arsenal. Mr. Takakoshi also discussed Hurt Norton's philosophy of lobbying and working in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Takakoshi advised that Senator Durbin has made it clear that the Rock Island Arsenal is one of his top priorities. Mr. Takakoshi discussed the DC climate as it related to the FY2014/2015 Budget Agreement, "Third Rail" military cuts and the February 2014 Debt Ceiling increase. Mr. Takakoshi advised that the debt is currently at \$17 trillion. Mr. Takakoshi added that the FY2014/2015 Budget Agreement really didn't do anything to stop that growth. Mr. Takakoshi indicated that the next big thing to happen next month or in early March is that Congress has to increase the debt ceiling. Otherwise, the Government cannot pay its bills. Mr. Takakoshi discussed a number of other things that Congress has to do this year, which included; immigration, the farm bill, unemployment, tax reform, water resources, and reauthorization of the transportation and highway bills.

Mr. Takakoshi commented that the defense budget in 2001 was at \$333 billion and this year it is at \$520 billion. Mr. Takakoshi further discussed the defense budget. Mr. Takakoshi discussed the issues that they will be working on this year, some of which included; the DoD budget cut impacts, JMTC factory performance - AMC review, the factory JMTC, which is the key to future BRAC and the \$150 million defense appropriations for the industrial mobilization capacity.

Council and Mr. Takakoshi further discussed these issues.

### **POLICE FACILITY UPDATE**

Public Works Director Randy Tweet advised that in October 2013, a preliminary design of the new Police facility was presented to Council; the design team will now present the final design.

Jeff Dismer of Gere/Dismer Architects stated that the overall project cost is approximately \$19,060,000 with a contingency of \$1,510,000. Mr. Dismer advised that alternatives for the design were studied in detail as the team looked at cost. Mr. Dismer added that the structural, civil, mechanical and electrical systems have been selected. Mr. Dismer indicated that this has been a very interactive process within the last three months between the design team, the architects, engineers and with the construction manager.

Dean Roberts from McClaren, Wilson and Lawrie stated that there were three parts of the planning process that were looked at, which included; the planning components, the architecture component; and stewardship (budget). Mr. Roberts discussed the project cost details, which included; the main Police building, Police garage, Police support building, site construction, soft costs and land acquisition.

Mr. Roberts referred to a rendering of the final design of the new Police facility. Mr. Roberts explained that the rendering shows the overall neighborhood from 11<sup>th</sup> Street to 14<sup>th</sup> Street and from 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Roberts added that the public entry will be off of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the staff entry will be at the access points that align with 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, or the former 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, which will be taken out of service.

Mr. Roberts then referred to the first floor plan. Mr. Roberts indicated that they wanted to provide everything that the Police Department needs to operate efficiently at a very good value. Mr. Roberts explained that adjacencies and configuration is really important in terms of giving an efficient operation for the Police Department and this final design captures that. Mr. Roberts offered that the second floor houses important operations for the Police Department including the communications center, Police administration and investigations. Mr. Roberts commented that the support building houses two important functions for the Police Department, which include the crime lab and property and evidence. Mr. Roberts noted that on the right side of the building is where the emergency response team houses their vehicles.

Mayor Pauley inquired upon Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen as to whether the Chief agreed with the way the design is or if the Chief would make any changes.

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Police Chief VenHuizen advised that when the process began for the police facility design, several requirements were sought out for both the building and site design. The Chief added that one of the things that was looked at was to separate the public area from the private area, which has been achieved in the design. Police Chief VenHuizen indicated that the building is positioned in such a way that the public entrance is very visible and it is separate from the staff operational area in the back, and it also provides some secure operational areas. Police Chief VenHuizen stated that he is very happy with the design; the efficiencies and adjacencies are there. The Chief added that it really captures what the Police Department needs to effectively operate.

Mr. Dismer discussed the layout of the building's exterior as it related to functionality, materials utilized and durability. Council and Mr. Dismer further discussed the exterior layout.

Police Chief VenHuizen and Council discussed work flow and efficiencies as it related to the support building that houses the crime lab and property and evidence. Council and Mr. Dismer discussed the green elements as it related to the project. Council and Chief VenHuizen discussed longevity and functionality of the facility as it related to future growth.

Mr. Dismer stated that they are in the middle of the design development phase, which is the further development of this design. Mr. Dismer added that this phase will be complete in March. It was noted that the issuance of construction documents will begin in March. Mr. Dismer commented that they are looking at receiving the first bids in May, and the target date for construction is in June with the completion of the facility by the end of 2015.

Council further discussed the presentation.

Note: Time did not allow for the discussion on signature waivers for liquor licenses.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm.

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

**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 13, 2014.**

A motion was made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 13, 2014 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

**Agenda Item #6**

**Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.**

Mayor Pauley advised that refuse and recycling collection will be on the normal collection schedule during the week of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The Drop-Off Center located at Millennium Waste, 13606 Knoxville Road, Milan will be open on Saturday from 7:00 am to noon.

Mayor Pauley stated that the QC Expo Center Rod & Custom Show takes place starting at the QC Expo Center on Friday, January 24, 2014 and continues through Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor added that hours are Friday from 1:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am - 10:00 pm and Sunday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. General admission is \$8.00. Children 6 and under are free. It was noted that Friday is Military Day – present your Military ID and receive free admission.

Mayor Pauley advised that on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Main Library's Community Room, 401 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Alan Carmen, Diane Oestreich and Barb Braun will discuss the genesis and development of the 25 year old Broadway Historic District. The program is free and open to the public. It was noted that for more information, contact Braun at [309-912-2657](tel:309-912-2657) or [braun4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:braun4@sbcglobal.net).

Mayor Pauley stated that Dr. Michael Reisner, director of Augustana's Upper Mississippi Studies Center, will present "What's in the Watershed", Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Cool Beanz Coffee House, 1325 30<sup>th</sup> Street, as part of a new series of casual gatherings called "Class Uncorked." Class Uncorked consists of short and informal talks by experts in different fields followed by free-form Q&A.

Agenda Item #7

**Proclamation declaring January 2014 as National Mentoring Month.**

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation. No one was at the meeting to accept the Proclamation.

Agenda Item #8

**A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Article III, Sections 16-85.1 and 16-85.2 of the Code of Ordinances regarding sewer rates.**

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Murphy to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance. 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.

Agenda Item #9

**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 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 \$90,000.00 to Kutsunis and Weng P.C. for Morgan Calhoun's General Liability Claim settlement.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #6 in the amount of \$126,160.92 to Valley Construction for services provided for the Rock Island Landing at Schwiebert Park.

Agenda Item #10

**Claims for the week of January 10 through January 16 in the amount of \$782,349.46.**

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

Agenda Item #11

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a Resolution approving the full release of the listed Executive Session Minutes.**

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the full release of the listed executive session minutes as recommended and adopt the resolution. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman

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

Agenda Item #12

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the donation of three City properties at 1730 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 914 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 922 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to The ARC of the Quad Cities.**

It was moved by Alderman Hotle to approve the donation of properties at 914 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 922 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to The Arc of the Quad Cities, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. Alderman Conroy seconded the motion.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Pauley clarified that 1730 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue was not included in the motion.

Alderman Hotle advised that was correct.

Alderman Austin advised that one thing that has been done for properties that the City has donated or sold to people that is less than market value is that they are asked to absorb the closing costs.

Alderman Austin then moved to make an amendment to the motion to include that The Arc would be responsible for the closing costs for this donation, Alderman Conroy seconded. The motion then carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Alderman Hotle stated that there has been a lot of questions and concerns from the residents in that neighborhood in regards to the property that was not included in the motion. Alderman Hotle stated that several Aldermen have discussed the possibility of another property within the City that may be a better option to donate to The Arc.

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder advised that a number of pieces of property were looked at throughout this process. Mr. Eder noted that there is a large concentration of property in the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward that is in the City's control, but not throughout the rest of the City in regards to large tracks of land. Mr. Eder advised that a few areas could be revisited.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was a particular reason as to why this property would be eliminated.

Alderman Hotle advised that all of the residents in that neighborhood were not in favor of having it. Alderman Hotle added that she would support what her ward wants to do.

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Ms. Audrey Brown of 724 19<sup>th</sup> Street stepped forward. Ms. Brown stated that she favored The Arc, but had concerns in regards to the density issue, taxes and the architectural component. Ms. Brown stated that she was concerned about the home fitting the architectural design.

Ms. Kyle Rick, Executive Director of The Arc of the Quad Cities stepped forward. Ms. Rick stated that they have been working with the architect to make sure that if there are any aesthetic needs, they will comply with the architectural requirements. Ms. Rick discussed the density issue. Ms. Rick offered that while the Transitions facility is there, the Arc's clientele is much different in that they are permanent residents; this is not transitional in any way. Ms. Rick added that it is the goal of individuals to live in a neighborhood like the Broadway Historical District. Ms. Rick advised that in terms of zoning requirements, Federal and State law, individuals with intellectual disabilities could never purchase a home individually and reside there alone without the support they need to be able to do that. Ms. Rick added that to require that these individuals not be able to move into that district because it is a small care home and not an institution is discriminatory. Ms. Rick stated that they should have the right to live in that neighborhood like everybody else. Ms. Rick added that they would be good neighbors.

Alderman Foley stated that his main concern was the density issue. Alderman Foley advised that there are two facilities in his ward on 12<sup>th</sup> Street and 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Alderman Foley stated that he was open to having another Arc facility in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward and encouraged City staff to look at a lot in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward.

Ms. Rick stated that she hoped Council would consider the award of that property in addition to the ones that were made in the motion, and if not, then consider to allow The Arc to purchase that property.

Alderman Conroy stated that he supported The Arc's goals. Alderman Conroy added that the different Aldermen know their neighborhoods better than he does. Alderman Conroy advised that he would support the Aldermen on this particular item.

Barb Braun of 1038 21<sup>st</sup> Street and President of the Broadway Historic District Association stepped forward. Ms. Braun commended and applauded The Arc for their efforts and services. Ms. Braun stated that Broadway is not against The Arc. Ms. Braun added that the proposed 3,000 square foot, one story structure does not fit into the historical architecture of Broadway. Ms. Braun was also concerned about the density issue. Ms. Braun further discussed these issues.

Mike McNeil of Gere/Dismer Architects stepped forward. Mr. McNeil stated that they are working with The Arc and from an architectural standpoint, it is their intention to keep with the aesthetics of the neighborhood; the building will be designed to blend in with the architecture of the neighborhood. Mr. McNeil added that the building would not look like an institutional building. Mr. McNeil further discussed this issue.

Mayor Pauley stated that he believed that this is extremely discriminatory. The Mayor added that he didn't think it should be eliminated, but the Aldermen have made a motion and there has been a second.

After discussion, the original amended motion reads as follows:

It was moved by Alderman Hotle to approve the donation of properties at 914 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 922 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to The Arc of the Quad Cities, and that The Arc would be responsible for the closing costs for this donation, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. Alderman Conroy seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #13

**Other Business.**

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

Alderman Clark congratulated two young men from Rock Island on winning the Five State Regional Tournament. Alderman Clark stated that they will be advancing to the Nationals on January 30<sup>th</sup> through February 1<sup>st</sup> in Independence, Missouri.

Alderman Hotle wished everyone a happy Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Alderman Hotle commented that she was pleased and honored to be able to attend the service today at the King Center; it was a joyous experience.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that Mary Lee's Café is located on the corner of 27<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Alderman Murphy commented that it is a family owned business and their menu consists of a collection of Midwest favorites. It was noted that everything is made from scratch. Alderman Murphy advised that they offer ribs, red beans & rice, club sandwiches, burgers and more. Alderman Murphy commented that breakfast is served anytime; they have lunch specials, homemade desserts and Soul Food Sundays. Alderman Murphy added that Mary Lee's Café is open 8:00 am to 10:00 pm, seven days a week. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

Agenda Item #14

**Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.**

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy at 7:13 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 Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

**Recess**

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 7:30 pm. A motion was made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Murphy to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, February 3, 2014. The

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motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:31 pm.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk