

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 Pro Tem David Conroy presiding, and Aldermen Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Martin Luther King Center Director Dwight Ford, other City staff and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Mayor Dennis E. Pauley and Alderman Ivory D. Clark were absent. Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 5:58 pm.

PLAZA STAGE UPDATE

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder presented four options to Council in regards to the Downtown Plaza stage. Mr. Eder stated that direction is needed from Council before moving forward with the next step of finalizing a design and construction. Mr. Eder advised that there are four options, which include; building a new stage at the existing location; building a new stage at the east end of the Plaza; repair and refurbish the existing stage; or remove the existing stage and re-open 2nd Avenue.

Mr. Eder discussed the first option of building a new stage at the same location. Mr. Eder advised that this would be a larger (square footage) stage and more conventional stage than the current stage. Mr. Eder discussed square footage as it related to a new stage. Mr. Eder stated that there is also the issue of a water main and three services that lie beneath the existing stage. Mr. Eder commented that it would cost approximately \$50,000.00 to move it. Mr. Eder noted that this would be in addition to the estimated cost of \$542,000.00 for a new stage. Mr. Eder added that one planter would have to be removed. Mr. Eder commented that the current stage location serves a smaller crowd.

Mr. Eder discussed the second option of building a new stage at the east end of the Plaza. Mr. Eder advised that the audience would be facing the east so the sun will be at the audience's back. Mr. Eder added that this is a better viewing experience for the audience than where the stage is currently located. Mr. Eder stated that this allows for a significant larger audience on the Plaza. Mr. Eder indicated that the issue of the water main and the three services would still have to be dealt with, and all of the planters and the existing stage would need to be removed.

The next option Mr. Eder discussed was to repair and refurbish the existing stage. Mr. Eder stated that the water main and services are beneath the stage; they could be removed or leave as is. Mr. Eder advised that there is some poor design amenities from a performance standpoint because the stage was not originally designed as a performance stage. Mr. Eder commented that from this view, the audience faces west into the sun and there is some inadequate infrastructure where generators have to be provided for larger shows. Mr. Eder indicated that this option is approximately \$100,000.00 without the relocation of the water services.

The last option Mr. Eder presented included removing the stage and reopening 2nd Avenue. Mr. Eder commented that this would significantly change The District. However, The District is already going through a lot of change. Mr. Eder advised that stage revenue is about \$3,000.00 per year in reference to event fees.

Council and Mr. Eder discussed revenue as it related to the rental of the Plaza stage. Council discussed the fourth option of removing the stage and reopening 2nd Avenue as it related to the entertainment component. Council also discussed cost as it related to a possible portable stage. Council and Mr. Eder discussed the Downtown plan as it related to the stage, stakeholder feedback, the entertainment component and cost as it related to TIF.

Kyle Peters, owner of the Daiquiri Factory discussed rental of a portable stage as it related to cost and stage dimensions as it related to various events. Mr. Peters and Council discussed the option of building a new stage at the east end of the Plaza.

Council discussed sharing costs as it related to stage rentals. Council also discussed revenue as it related to sales tax and event fees. Council then discussed the four options. It was a consensus among Council that more information and feedback would be needed from business owners and residents that live in the Downtown prior to making a decision for one of the four options.

MARTIN LUTHER KING CENTER UPDATE

Martin Luther King Center Director Dwight Ford presented an update to Council on the King Center's programs. Mr. Ford advised that the King Center is designated as a hub by United Way, the Rock Island School District and many of the other institutions that help to fund the King Center. Mr. Ford stated that the King Center is community based, it is inter-generational, has a diverse population in service delivery and adaptable in service programming.

Mr. Ford discussed the programming that the King Center offers, which includes; Youth Drug Prevention, Youth Pregnancy Prevention, Extended Day Programming, Athletic and Recreational, the ACTIVE Club, Workforce Development and Earned Income Tax Credit. Mr. Ford advised that the King Center is scheduled to serve 24,802 citizens this year. Mr. Ford indicated that in regards to the Substance Abuse Prevention Program, they have two full-time employees and they are in all nine elementary schools serving 4th to 6th graders, both junior high schools serving 8th graders and the high school serving 9th graders.

Mr. Ford offered that in regards to the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program, they have one full-time employee and serve four of the nine elementary school's 5th and 6th graders, both junior high school's 7th & 8th graders and the high school's 9th and 10th graders. Mr. Ford mentioned that the King Center has 65 students enrolled in their Extended Day Program with students also on a waiting list. Council and Mr. Ford further discussed this program. Mr. Ford also discussed the King Center's summer day camp, which serves 150 students from 6 to 14 years old.

Mr. Ford discussed the Athletic and Recreation programs that the King Center offers. These programs include; the Metropolitan Youth Program, Rock Island Boxing Club, Striders Track Club and the Rock Island 340's Basketball Team. Mr. Ford noted that they have 60 students enrolled in the Metropolitan Youth Program (ages 6 to 20), 15 students enrolled in the Rock Island Boxing Club (ages 8 to 16), 60 students enrolled in the Strider's Track Club (ages 6 to 18) and 12 students enrolled in the Rock Island 340's Basketball Team (7th grade males). Mr. Ford further discussed these athletic programs.

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Mr. Ford stated that the ACTIVE Club has 132 members, which are 55 or older. Mr. Ford added that they have monthly business meetings, free Monday matinees and a dance and exercise class. Mr. Ford advised that the King Center will incorporate bowling and a knitting club into the schedule. Mr. Ford discussed the MLK Café, which is senior led, volunteer coordinated and partnership based. Mr. Ford commented that it is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am 10:30 am.

Mr. Ford discussed the Martin Luther King Center's Vision for Impact. Mr. Ford advised that they want a sustainable impact and want to find different tributaries to support the long run of the King Center as well as leverage opportunity and to always focus on education and advocacy. Mr. Ford indicated that the King Center is unique in that it has the capacity to provide programming for the entire family. Mr. Ford discussed the Earned Income Tax Credit, which has a volunteer staff and is partnership based. Mr. Ford commented that this past year \$777, 896.00 was returned to this community. Mr. Ford also discussed the summer employment program.

Mr. Ford advised that the King Center has a vision for a Martin Luther King Jr. Theatre and Arts Program. Mr. Ford stated that there is not a theatre at the King Center and they would like to get more involved with the Arts. Mr. Ford noted that they have a partner this year with this new initiative. Mr. Ford stated that they also have been partnering with the Rock Island Library providing lectures. Mr. Ford commented that this year, he would like to do a lecture series on Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement. Mr. Ford further discussed this item. Mr. Ford stated that there is not a standing exhibit of Dr. King at the King Center. Mr. Ford added that he would love to have some type of standing exhibit. Mr. Ford further discussed this idea. Mr. Ford advised that the King Center has already started hosting classes in the broadcasting and journalism studio. Mr. Ford advised that he would like to launch a youth radio and television type program studio that would allow youth to do everything from behind the scenes to in front of the scenes.

Mr. Ford indicated that they will have their annual board and staff retreat in August and they are still working through the strategic plan and prioritizing the agenda. Mr. Ford added that they will continue to have an action plan each year for moving forward. Council discussed Mr. Ford's presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Murphy to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 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 Pro Tem David Conroy presiding, and Aldermen Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III and P.J. Foley. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Mayor Dennis E. Pauley and Alderman Ivory D. Clark were absent.

Introductory Proceedings

Mayor Pro Tem Conroy called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Alderman Austin gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of March 10, 2014.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 10, 2014 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pro Tem Conroy.

Mayor Pro Tem Conroy advised that the 2014 Flower & Garden Show is coming to the Quad City Expo Center March 21 through March 23, 2014. Hours are Friday 10:00 am - 8:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am - 8:00 pm and Sunday from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Mayor Pro Tem Conroy stated that nationally known gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers will be the featured guest speaker. Adult tickets are \$7.00, Kids 6-16 are \$1.00 and kids under 6 are free. Friday is Senior Day from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm - just \$5.00 tickets at the door.

Mayor Pro Tem Conroy stated that Augustana will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with its 13th annual musical celebration of the event at Wallenberg Hall, Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 8:00 pm. Mayor Pro Tem Conroy added that the concert is free and open to the public. The program typically includes Celtic selections, folk songs, dancing and the use of traditional Irish instruments such as flute and harp. Contact Sam Schlouch at (309) 794-7833 with any questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Conroy advised that Rock Island Parks and Recreation will accept picnic shelter reservations for the 2014 season beginning Tuesday, April 1st. Reservations can be made over the phone or in person at the park office at the Rock Island Fitness & Activity Center, 4303 24th Street. Mayor Pro Tem Conroy stated that reserving a shelter is first come, first serve and payment is required at the time of reservation. Call the Rock Island Park Office at (309) 732-PARK for more information.

Mayor Pro Tem Conroy stated that free tax preparation is available at no cost to qualifying individuals and families making \$57,000 or less from IRS-certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and AARP Tax Aide volunteers from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at the Rock Island Main Library Community Room, 401 19th Street. Please contact

United Way of the Quad Cities to make an appointment and find out what papers you need to bring with you before you arrive. Mayor Pro Tem Conroy stated to contact United Way by dialing 2-1-1 or (563) 355-4310 - please do not call the Library for appointments. Appointments recommended; walk-ins may experience long wait times.

Agenda Item #7

Public Hearing regarding the nine month Calendar Year 2014 Budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Conroy closed the regular meeting at 6:48 pm and opened a Public Hearing on the nine month Calendar Year 2014 Budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Conroy inquired as to whether anyone from the audience would like to make any comments on the nine month Calendar Year 2014 Budget. No one stepped forward.

With no person coming forward, Mayor Pro Tem Conroy closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 6:49 pm.

Agenda Item #8

An amended Ordinance providing for the levy, assessment and collection of taxes for the City of Rock Island for fiscal year April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014.

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

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin advised that at the end of last week's meeting, he shared thoughts about maintaining the levy at its current dollar figure and letting the tax rate fluctuate upward to maintain that levy. Alderman Austin stated that he had interesting conversations with the Aldermen and citizens, but he did not see the support for moving forward. Alderman Austin advised that he would be happy to support the budget as presented.

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

Agenda Item #9

An Ordinance adopting the Budget for the Calendar Year beginning April 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014.

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

Agenda Item #10

A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article 1, Sec. 10-9 (d) (ii) and (d) (iii) of the Code of Ordinances regarding fees and sites for deer hunting.

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

Discussion followed. Mr. Ed Mickelsen of 47 Wildwood Drive stepped forward. Mr. Mickelsen thanked the Council for starting this effort to try and reduce the risk of the overpopulated deer population. Mr. Mickelsen discussed his concerns regarding Lyme disease. Mr. Mickelsen stated that deer pose a great risk in regards to auto accidents. Mr. Mickelsen hoped that Council would continue this program.

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

Agenda Item #11

A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 3, Sec. 3-9 of the Code of Ordinances regarding Downtown security fees.

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

Agenda Item #12

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$44,585.87 to Harris Computer Systems for software maintenance.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #3 and final in the amount of \$4,857.33 to Davenport Electric Contract Company for services provided for the Fiber Optic Phase 6 project.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #6 and final in the amount of \$60,185.80 to Valley Construction for services provided for the 11th Street Sidewalk Reconstruction project.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #5 in the amount of \$79,895.98 to Brandt Construction for services provided for the Quad City Botanical Center - Children's Garden project.

e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 and final in the amount of \$11,032.22 to A.J. Excavating for services provided for the 2013 50/50 Sidewalk and Curb Program project.

f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$18,283.49 to Brandt Construction Company for services provided for an emergency sanitary sewer repair on 44th Avenue and 14th Street.

Agenda Item #13

Claims for the week of March 7 through March 13 in the amount of \$1,334,551.41.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of two fuel tank monitoring systems, recommending the bid be awarded to Stenstrom Petroleum Services in the amount of \$25,760.00.

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Hotle to award the bid as recommended, authorize purchase and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance declaring the current 1981 INCON systems as surplus. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the Police Department and City Hall repairs, recommending the bid be awarded to Otto Baum Company, Inc. in the amount of \$81,718.00.

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

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin inquired upon Public Works Director Randy Tweet as to what is being repaired; is it tuck pointing and masonry.

Mr. Tweet advised it is; this project was started a couple of years ago in regards to City Hall and the Police Department repairs and it was done around the west side and the front of the building and some of the east side. Mr. Tweet stated that now, it is continuing around the rest of the building. Mr. Tweet indicated that the Police Department has some water infiltration in the stairwell on the east side and in a couple of the offices; this is what the repairs are meant to correct.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Fire Department regarding an Ordinance amending Chapter 6, Article IV, Sec. 6-63 of the Code of Ordinances regarding ambulance fee increases.

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

Agenda Items #17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25

Alderman Tollenaer stated that he would like to make a motion of combining report items 17 through 25 to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance. Alderman Foley seconded.

Discussion followed. Mayor Pro Tem Conroy advised that basically, this is setting up TIF areas for the Downtown and 11th Street; this is part of the procedure that has to be gone through to do that. Mayor Pro Tem Conroy added that these items have been discussed for months. Council further discussed these items.

Mayor Pro Tem Conroy advised that there needs to be two votes; the first one will be to vote on consolidating these items.

At this time, Alderman Tollenaer moved to consolidate items 17 through 25, Alderman Hotle seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Mayor Pro Tem Conroy advised that now there will be the main motion to approve these items.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer to consider, suspend the rules and pass items 17 through 25, Alderman Foley seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an Ordinance of the City of Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois, approving a tax increment redevelopment plan and redevelopment project for the Watchtower redevelopment project area.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an Ordinance of the City of Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois, designating the Watchtower redevelopment project area of said city a redevelopment project area pursuant to the tax increment allocation redevelopment act.

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an Ordinance of the City of Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois, adopting tax increment allocation financing for the Watchtower redevelopment project area.

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an Ordinance of the City of Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois, approving a fourth amendment to the redevelopment plan and project for the Downtown redevelopment project area.

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an Ordinance of the City of Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois, designating the amended Downtown redevelopment project area of said city a redevelopment project area pursuant to the tax increment allocation redevelopment act.

Agenda Item #22

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an Ordinance of the City of Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois, confirming and continuing tax increment allocation financing for the amended Downtown redevelopment project area.

Agenda Item #23

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an Ordinance of the City of Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois, approving a tax increment redevelopment plan and redevelopment project for the Locks redevelopment project area.

Agenda Item #24

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an Ordinance of the City of Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois, designating the Locks redevelopment project area of said city a redevelopment project area pursuant to the tax increment allocation redevelopment act.

Agenda Item #25

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an Ordinance of the City of Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois, adopting tax increment allocation financing for the Locks redevelopment project area.

Agenda Item #26

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a Resolution for the sale of City owned real estate at 1730 8th Avenue and allowing for the publication of the Resolution to move forward.

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

Agenda Item #27

Report from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding amendments to Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances regarding Park and Playground Rules as it relates to Schwiebert Riverfront Park.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to approve the amendments as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Alderman Austin inquired upon Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson to explain this item as it applies to docking facilities.

Mr. Nelson advised that these are rules that will change the new dock at Schwiebert Riverfront Park. Mr. Nelson stated that permission is being asked for the dock to be closed for various special events and this has to do primarily with safety issues. Mr. Nelson explained that one of the concerns is the 3rd of July and the ability to control how many people may be on the dock during that time. Mr. Nelson advised that another issue would be sunbathing or loitering. Mr. Nelson added that this issue has to do with the dock being fairly narrow; the current is strong enough to where you don't want a situation come up where people will be trying to step over each other, trip and fall in the water and then there is a safety issue.

Council and Mr. Nelson further discussed this item.

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

Agenda Item #28

Report from the Police Department regarding amendments to Chapter 9 and Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances regarding unlawful use of electronic communication devices, possession of cannabis 2.5 to 10 grams and required use of seatbelts.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the amendments as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Tollenaer stated that it is a great program and hopes that it can be expanded to include other violations throughout the City.

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Alderman Austin advised that the administration of penalties will be different.

Mayor Pro Tem Conroy stated that it will not have to go to the State's Attorney; the City will take care of it. Mayor Pro Tem Conroy added that the revenue will be kept in the City of Rock Island and it will be handled more quickly and efficiently.

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

Agenda Item #29

Report from the City Clerk regarding an application and Resolution for the Cornbelt Running Club to hold their Quad Cities Distance Classic Half Marathon and 5K Road Race on Sunday, May 11, 2014.

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

Agenda Item #30

Report from the City Clerk regarding an application from Washington Jr. High School requesting to hold a 5K Road Race on Saturday, September 6, 2014 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am.

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

Agenda Item #31

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from the Daiquiri Factory for an additional weekend event for the dates of Friday, June 20th and Saturday, June 21st for Rock The District.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Austin seconded to approve the event as recommended, subject to complying with all Plaza and liquor license regulations. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #32

Other Business.

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

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Alderman Austin stated that tomorrow is Election Day. Alderman Austin added that the County Clerk has predicted a 22% turnout. Alderman Austin stated that some people choose not to vote in a primary election thinking that they have to go in and declare a ballot for either Republican or Democrat. Alderman Austin advised that there are a couple of questions on the ballot for sales tax and for those that live in the Rockridge District - school construction. Alderman Austin indicated that there is a nonpartisan ballot available with only those items on it. Alderman Austin added that a person can vote on those items alone by asking for a nonpartisan ballot.

Alderman Tollenaer stated that everyone should celebrate not raising the property tax rate or the levy. Alderman Tollenaer added that he has been here five years and this is the first time he has seen this happen. Alderman Tollenaer advised that he will be supporting a 1% sales tax. Alderman Tollenaer added that it is to support the schools and their facilities.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that there are many places in Rock Island to hold casual or elegant events. Alderman Murphy read a list of places, which included; the Abbey Station on 30th Street and 5th Avenue; On The Rock and Pizza and Subs on Blackhawk Road; Huckleberry's Pizza, the Holiday Inn and the Stern Center in Downtown Rock Island; the Moose Club on 9th Street; Plumbers & Pipefitters on Blackhawk Road; the Elks Club in Downtown Rock Island; the Black Ram on 30th Street in the College Hill District; Hauberg Civic Center; the park lodge in Blackhawk State Park; Jake O's Restaurant on Blackhawk Road; and the Martin Luther King Center. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

Agenda Item #33

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #34

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Austin to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, March 24, 2014. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:07 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk