

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 Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy and P.J. Foley. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Ben Griffith, Urban Planner Brandy Howe, Public Works Director Randy Tweet, Lisa Miller from Bi-State Regional Commission, other City staff and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman Stephen L. Tollenaer arrived at 6:11 pm.

### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DISCUSSION**

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder advised that Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Ben Griffith will explain the changes to the map that were discussed last week.

Mr. Griffith advised that as a follow-up to the public hearing last week, Council had requested a study session to go over some details of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Griffith added that staff assumes since no comments were really made in regards to the text in the draft Comprehensive Plan that Council is ok with that.

Mr. Griffith discussed the six changes that were made to the Future Land Use Map. Mr. Griffith advised that the first change was to move the overlay boundary line from the alley between 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets to the center line of 12<sup>th</sup> Street from 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue to 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The second change noted was connecting the two 11<sup>th</sup> Street nodes at 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue with the 11<sup>th</sup> Street corridor, which includes 11<sup>th</sup> Street to the west and 12<sup>th</sup> Street to the east. Mr. Griffith commented that the third change was moving the overlay boundary line south from the alley to 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 24<sup>th</sup> Street to 27<sup>th</sup> Street behind Whitey's and Hungry Hobo. Mr. Griffith further discussed this change.

The next change Mr. Griffith discussed was extending the 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue overlay boundary eastward from 39<sup>th</sup> Street to just past 46<sup>th</sup> Street at the Rock Island/Moline border. Mr. Griffith advised that the fifth change to the Future Land Use Map was on the Southwest map, which included changing the land use designation of the two parcels on the north side of Andalusia Road west of the Parkway from agricultural/rural to employment. Mr. Griffith stated that for the last change, planning staff had moved a single parcel southeast of the intersection of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 29½ Street in the 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 30<sup>th</sup> Street nodal area. Mr. Griffith explained that the consultant had included this small parcel as part of the initial overlay map, but had not looked at it as closely as staff had. Mr. Griffith added that there is a commercial use to the east, but on the west where the marker is, it is single family residential. Mr. Griffith indicated that staff thought the little kick-out didn't line up with the rest of it and moved it back.

Mr. Griffith discussed a question that was raised in regards to the consultants not attending the public hearing. Mr. Griffith explained that when the original scope of the contract was drafted, there was a certain number of public meetings that the consultants were contracted to attend. As the planning on the project continued, the meetings were shifted around. Mr. Griffith commented

that several other meetings were added. It was noted that the last meeting the consultant attended was at St. John's Lutheran Church on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Council discussed the Future Land Use Map as it related to 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 11<sup>th</sup> Street concerning why that section was not identified within the black line and as to whether the planned use/mixed use gives it the same status. Mr. Griffith indicated that he believed the planned use/mixed use would give it the same status. Mr. Griffith added that they were trying to look at the 11<sup>th</sup> Street corridor and look at the frontage and keep that in alignment. Council further discussed this area.

Mr. Griffith discussed the process for the Future Land Use Map. Council discussed infrastructure as it related to street conditions. Council and Mr. Griffith also discussed 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue as it related to stopping at 42½ Street and not continuing on to 44<sup>th</sup> Street. Council and Mr. Griffith discussed these areas as it related to it being strong and stable residential areas. Mr. Griffith also discussed the College Hill Plan as it related to this area. Council discussed expansion as it related to future growth in the next 10 or 20 years concerning the Future Land Use Map. Council and Mr. Griffith further discussed 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue as it related to stopping at 42½ Street and not continuing on to 44<sup>th</sup> Street. Council, Mr. Eder and Mr. Griffith discussed the Dingeldein property at 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Mr. Griffith recommended identifying and including the larger parcel in the overlay district.

After more discussion, City Manager Thomas stated that the Comprehensive Plan will be brought back for Council consideration on Monday, April 21, 2014.

## **DISCUSSION ON AERIAL MAPPING SERVICES**

Public Works Director Randy Tweet discussed GIS Aerial photography. Mr. Tweet presented comparisons of two aerials. Mr. Tweet noted that the first one is a Google map which has a lot of imagery and is pretty, but it is not necessarily 100% accurate. Mr. Tweet pointed out that this was probably taken between May and September in which the trees are full of leaves and a lot of things are blocked. Mr. Tweet referred to the Rock Island aerial and stated that it isn't as pretty as the Google map, but it gives more of a vertical view and it is a better view. Mr. Tweet added that this picture was taken in the spring before the trees are full of leaves. Mr. Tweet commented that everything is much easier to identify. Mr. Tweet further discussed the comparisons.

Mr. Tweet stated that Public Works is one of the main users of the aerial photography. Mr. Tweet advised that the photography is used in engineering, GIS, municipal services and administration. Mr. Tweet added that it is used for many projects including checking storm water runoff and measuring impervious areas. Mr. Tweet stated that the Community and Economic Development Department also uses aerial photography in planning, mapping, zoning, inspections and code enforcement. Mr. Tweet indicated that they are at the point of getting ready to push some data out to the citizens; this is a project that is being worked on, but is not ready yet. Mr. Tweet stated that when the GIS information was moved to the cloud a few months ago, that set the groundwork for it to become available to the citizens.

Mr. Tweet discussed the history of the Rock Island aerial photography. Mr. Tweet advised that the first aerials were flown in 1999 and 2000, which was not a joint project. Mr. Tweet

commented that the aerial was black and white and the cost for the project was approximately \$55,000.00. It was noted that it has a resolution of six inches and a one foot resolution in the southwest. Mr. Tweet advised that in 2005, the second aerial project was done and it was the first joint project. Mr. Tweet pointed out that these were color aerials and they were done in film. It was noted that these aerials had a six inch resolution and the coverage was significantly expanded in the southwest area. Mr. Tweet advised that the cost was \$45,000.00, which was less than the cost of the first aerials flown in 1999 and 2000 and there was more product in these 2005 aerials.

Mr. Tweet discussed the current project (spring 2014). Mr. Tweet commented that it is color and in digital format. Mr. Tweet added that this is a joint project coordinated by Bi-State Regional Commission.

Linda Miller from Bi-State and coordinator of this current project discussed the regional nature of the project. Ms. Miller advised that Bi-State began planning for this project in August of 2012. Ms. Miller stated that this joint project includes; Scott County, Clinton County, Muscatine County and Henry County. Ms. Miller indicated that Rock Island County is not flying, but there are several jurisdictions within Rock Island County flying this project. Ms. Miller advised that each jurisdiction will hold a separate contract with a chosen vendor. Ms. Miller commented that Bi-State's time is spent on coordinating meetings, finding out what the jurisdictions want for these projects and what areas they want to be flown. Ms. Miller added that a lot of mapping is done for this project.

Ms. Miller discussed cost savings. Ms. Miller indicated that all of the jurisdictions jointly went in on the cost of the consultant. Ms. Miller advised that the RFP was distributed in October of 2013 and the vendor was selected in mid-December. Ms. Miller added that the consultant also wrote the RFP and helped with the selection of the vendor who is Kucera International, Inc. Ms. Miller further discussed the background information on this project.

Mr. Tweet advised that the total cost of the project is approximately \$550,000.00 and the City's portion of the cost is almost \$102,000.00. Mr. Tweet commented that the City did pay a consultant approximately \$5,000.00 and that was separate from the current contract with Kucera. Mr. Tweet then discussed the products. Mr. Tweet advised that the City is getting a three inch resolution instead of a six inch resolution, which means that the flight is 2,400 feet instead of 4,800. It was noted that this will be digital terrain mapping to two foot contours. Mr. Tweet commented that the City is getting the digital elevation model, which is the base information where the training mapping comes from and that will be done down to one foot. Mr. Tweet advised that another very important product is the planimetrics, which is building footprints.

Council discussed cost as it related to each item. Mr. Tweet advised that the pictures will cost approximately \$10,000.00 and the cost for each of the other items is approximately \$30,000.00. Mr. Tweet referred to the pictures and presented a six inch resolution compared to a three inch resolution. Mr. Tweet noted that there is a big difference in quality. Mr. Tweet also showed an example of two foot contours. Council and Mr. Tweet discussed the contours. Mr. Tweet referred to the slide of the planimetrics and stated that this is new for the City and it is really an in-between of a blank parcel and a full aerial.

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Mr. Tweet discussed the changes that have happened in the City since the 2005 flyover and noted that with so many changes, it is time for another flyover. Council further discussed Mr. Tweet's presentation. It was a consensus among Council for support of this project. Council also recommended that it be available to citizens.

**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 Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 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 Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy, P.J. Foley and Stephen L. Tollenaer. 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 Clark gave the Invocation.

**Agenda Item #5**

**Minutes of the meeting of April 7, 2014.**

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 7, 2014 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

**Agenda Item #6**

**Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.**

Mayor Pauley stated that the Quad City Botanical Center will celebrate Easter with an Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Sunday, April 20, 2014. Mayor Pauley stated that doors open Easter Sunday at 12:00 pm. There will be two hunts for two age groups. The Mayor commented that at 12:30 pm, there is an egg hunt for children 2 - 5 years old; at 1:00 pm, an egg hunt will be held for children 6-10 years old. Children will be able to find plastic eggs containing candy, toys or seeds! Children will be able to plant the seeds in take home containers. Mayor Pauley stated that if your children are planning on participating, please make sure you arrive early for the Easter egg hunts, they are over in a flash. Planting and other fun family activities will go on until 2:00 pm. Mayor Pauley advised that the Botanical Center will close at 3:00 pm on Easter Sunday. The Easter Egg Hunt is included in the price of admission: Adults \$6.00, Seniors \$5.00, Youth (6-15 yrs.) \$4.00, Children (2-5 yrs.) \$2.00, Children under 2 and Members of the Quad City Botanical Center Free.

Mayor Pauley advised that Bi-State Regional Commission would like your input on the Greater Quad Cities Area's transportation system and economy. Your feedback will be used to help guide the Quad Cities 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan and the Bi-State Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Join the conversation and let your voice be heard at <http://bistateregion.mindmixer.com>. Mayor Pauley offered that this site will be available for public input through May 31, 2014. Mayor Pauley stated to please share this message with others to help us reach the broadest audience. Thank you for your time and participation.

Mayor Pauley advised that Highland Springs and Saukie Golf Courses are officially open as of Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>! Mayor Pauley stated that they have great spring golf specials to help you get back in the swing. Save big on Mondays and Wednesdays at Highland Springs with the

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"Birdie Bundle" Special. 18 holes with a cart for just \$25! Driving range is \$5 for a large bucket. Mayor Pauley stated to enjoy the Flat Rate Special at Saukie every day of the week after 10:00 am. \$23 for 18 holes with a cart!

Mayor Pauley advised that the Rock Island-Milan Schools are ready to round up the Kindergarteners to begin school for the 2014-2015 year! Now through April 30<sup>th</sup> at Rock Island Elementary Schools. Mayor Pauley commented to go to rockislandschools.org to find out dates and times for your elementary school. Children must be 5 on or before September 1, 2014. Mayor Pauley noted that if you are not sure what school boundary you are in, call (309) 793-5900. Children eligible for Kindergarten at the R.I. Center for Math & Science must be accepted for enrollment prior to Round Up. Call the school at (309) 793-5995.

Agenda Item #7

**Mayor Pauley will open a bid regarding the disposition of City property at 1730 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mayor Pauley will then refer the bid to staff for review.**

Mayor Pauley opened the bid regarding the disposition of City property at 1730 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mayor Pauley advised that this bid has to be opened in public; it is a sealed bid. Mayor Pauley then handed the bid to Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder for review.

Mr. Eder stated that the one bid is presented by the Arc of the Quad Cities; they are making a cash bid of \$12,500.00. Mr. Eder indicated that staff will take and review this bid that is above the 80% appraised value. Mr. Eder commented that it does meet that criteria and staff will make sure the rest of this is good and it will be brought back to Council for action next week.

Alderman Austin inquired upon City Attorney Ted Kutsunis to comment on the unique process that may also take place next week.

City Attorney Kutsunis advised that typically, it is usually the Aldermen that vote on an action like this and the Mayor only votes if there is a tie. However, when the City is disposing or selling a property, it takes a three-quarter vote of all the corporate authorities holding office so that would include the Mayor. Mr. Kutsunis added that the Mayor will also vote on this item next week.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to how many votes will be needed. City Attorney Kutsunis responded that six votes out of eight will be needed for this item next week.

Agenda Item #8

**Proclamation declaring the month of April as Parkinson's Awareness Month.**

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation. Nicole Melody, Assistant State Director for the Parkinson's Action Network accepted the Proclamation. Ms. Melody stated that her father was diagnosed in 2010 with Parkinson's disease. Ms. Melody advised that she researched and learned more about this disease and learned about PAN, which is the Parkinson's Action Network, which is a grassroots advocacy organization that works with legislators around the country. Ms. Melody stated that in 2011, she had the opportunity to go to Washington D.C. and speak to legislators

about the importance of funding to continue medical research on Parkinson's disease. Ms. Melody further discussed the many things that she has done to promote awareness of this disease.

Agenda Item #9

**CLAIMS**

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

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$5,715.33 to Ben Smith for General Liability claim with the necessary budget adjustment in FY13/14.
- b. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,366.42 to Lolita Payne for General Liability claim with the necessary budget adjustment in FY13/14.
- c. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$1,164.97 to Amber Peterson for General Liability claim with the necessary budget adjustment in FY13/14.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,300.00 to Bob Westpfahl for the 2014 annual land set aside.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #30 in the amount of \$127,327.48 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Wet Weather Treatment System project.

Agenda Item #10

**Claims for the week of April 4 through April 10 in the amount of \$509,766.93.**

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

Agenda Item #11

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2014 Mowing Contract, recommending the bid be awarded to Finer Finish Grounds Care in the amount of \$97,278.00.**

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

Agenda Item #12

**Report from the Finance Department regarding Request for Proposals for Other Post Employment Benefit Services, recommending Menard Consulting, Inc. for a three year contract with two one year extensions as outlined in the report.**

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

Agenda Item #13

**Report from the Finance Department regarding Request for Proposals for Actuarial Services, recommending Nyhart Company, Inc. for a three year contract with two one year extensions as outlined in the report.**

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the proposal as recommended, authorize staff to negotiate the contract 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 Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #14

**Report from the Public Works Department and the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a proposal from Missman, Inc. for engineering services for a traffic corridor study for 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue between the Centennial Bridge and Rock Island Arsenal Viaduct in the amount of \$69,800.00.**

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the proposal as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin advised that he voiced concerns last week on this item and he has not changed his mind. Alderman Austin advised that he will not be supporting this item at this time. Alderman Austin added that the City Manager has encouraged us to undertake a Downtown Study. Alderman Austin stated that he would like to see this item wrapped in as part of that study also.

Alderman Clark advised that he would not be supporting this item either. Alderman Clark felt that he could not support spending this much money when money is needed for streets and those kind of things.

Alderman Hotle stated that this project will only be coming out of TIF funds and TIF funds can only be allocated for specific projects. Alderman Hotle inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder to clarify this item.

Mr. Eder advised that this is TIF dollars and it has to be TIF eligible expenses and this is a TIF eligible expense.

Alderman Hotle further discussed this item. Alderman Hotle advised that this doesn't mean the trains will stop blowing their whistles tomorrow; this starts the process to move the City forward so that when the City does the Downtown Strategic Plan, the City will be ready if this is something that the City has the ability to change.

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

Agenda Item #15

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from John and Gloria Streiter to apply for a Special Use Permit to operate a two-chair beauty salon in a basement space of their existing office building located at 2100 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to allow for the application of the special use permit as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #16

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Juanita Summers to ban parking on the south side of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Street.**

Alderman Clark moved to put Item #16 back on the Agenda, Alderman Austin seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Note: Agenda Item #16 was tabled at the April 7, 2014 Council meeting.

Mayor Pauley stated that there is a motion on the floor; in which it was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

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

Agenda Item #17

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Kavanaugh's Hilltop Tavern to have live entertainment outside on their semi enclosed Leprechaun Landing (patio) on Friday and Saturday nights from 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm beginning April 1 to November 2, 2014.**

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the request as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations and subject to being closed down early if noise complaints are received.

Discussion followed. Alderman Murphy inquired upon Tim Kavanaugh of 2955 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue to step forward.

Alderman Murphy inquired upon Mr. Kavanaugh as to whether he had similar events last year. Mr. Kavanaugh stated that some of the events were similar but not as many as there are this year because of the new addition that was put on; there are more people requesting parties.

Alderman Murphy stated that she was concerned because the request is for April to November and it is part of the College Hill District. Alderman Murphy advised that there are other businesses that may want to have events like this.

Alderman Murphy and Mr. Kavanaugh discussed various dates for some of the specific events to be held. Alderman Murphy advised that she would like to see more coordination with some of the other businesses. Alderman Murphy stated that some of the other businesses may want to do the same thing and she really would not want that area to have too many competing outside events.

Council and Mr. Kavanaugh further discussed the specific events that he wanted approval on. After more discussion on those particular events, Alderman Conroy stated that all of the businesses could have an event the same night; they are all businesses trying to compete. Alderman Conroy advised that if they had a parking lot, it is not as big of a problem as if they didn't have a parking lot to handle the business they would be getting.

Mr. Kavanaugh stated that the businesses try to work together. Alderman Murphy was concerned about the impact on the neighborhood. Alderman Murphy stated that these are neighborhood businesses. Council further discussed this item as it related to the impact on the neighborhood and businesses.

Alderman Conroy advised that the motion has a caveat in there as far as noise complaints and that covers the neighborhood. Mr. Kavanaugh stated that this would not be every Friday and Saturday night, only when the opportunity arises.

Council further discussed this item.

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

Agenda Item #18

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a Plaza event application from The District to hold a two day interactive art festival (Dirty Art-Good Clean Fun) on Saturday, May 24 and Sunday, May 25, 2014 from noon to 6:00 pm, a request for the waiver of the event fees, and a request for the utilization of various sidewalks as stated in the report.**

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to approve the event, the waiver of fees and the utilization of sidewalks as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Murphy inquired upon Carl McClaskey, Events Coordinator for The District to explain what this event entails.

Mr. McClaskey stated that Dirty Art - Good Clean Fun is a chance to come down and get your hands dirty creating art and getting involved in the creative process of making art. Mr. McClaskey stated that there will be a kid's zone where they can create their own art and there will be a number of things going on with the galleries, businesses, restaurants and retail shops. Mr. McClaskey commented that one of the highlights of the event will be the 1<sup>st</sup> annual peep show in which art is created entirely with marshmallow peeps. Mr. McClaskey added that the event will be on ridistrict.com starting tomorrow for people to enter and register. Mr. McClaskey added that this is a family friendly event and it is free to the public.

Council and Mr. McClaskey further discussed this event.

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

Agenda Item #19

**Report from the City Clerk regarding requests from the College Hill District Organization to hold their Retro Rally event on Saturday May 31, 2014 (rain date of June 1<sup>st</sup>), requesting a street closure at 30<sup>th</sup> Street between 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm, utilization of water from a fire hydrant, hang decorations and banners from signs and street posts, requesting staff to place trash receptacles at the locations as stated on the map and utilization of College Hill District funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00.**

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the event, rain date and requests as recommended, subject to the College Hill District contacting the Police Department for traffic control, contacting the Fire Marshal for life safety inspection of the tent and removing the decorations, banners and signage by June 6, 2014.

Comments followed. Alderman Foley stated that Oh Nuts will be relocating into the Hilltop area. Alderman Foley added that the College Hill District is really developing a neighborhood feel with the small businesses there. Alderman Foley stated that it is awesome to see what the area is doing and the synergy going on between all of the businesses.

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

Agenda Item #20

**Report from the City Clerk regarding an application from Alleman High School requesting to hold a 5K and 1-Mile race event on Saturday, June 28, 2014 from 7:30 am to 9:30 am.**

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

Agenda Item #21

**Other Business.**

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that Cassini Tile and Marble is moving from their 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue location to 3212 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue next to Washington Jr. High School. Alderman Murphy stated that they are putting in new floors and doors and they just have to put their signage up. Alderman Murphy commented that they will have a ribbon cutting in May. Alderman Murphy encouraged anyone that is planning a home improvement project to make sure that they stop by Cassini Tile and Marble in their new location. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

Library Director Angela Campbell stepped forward. Ms. Campbell discussed National Library Week, which is April 13 through April 19, 2014. Ms. Campbell stated that this year's theme is Lives Change at Your Library. Ms. Campbell added that the Rock Island Public Library's new brand Begin Here complements this theme. Ms. Campbell stated that many people celebrate the City's three libraries every day of the year because of the positive impact the libraries have in the community. Ms. Campbell discussed the many free services that the library offers.

Ms. Campbell advised that in a national survey, 91% of Americans agree that public libraries are important to the community. Ms. Campbell offered that the Rock Island Public Library had a recent survey with the same results where 91.89% responded and agreed that they are moderately or extremely satisfied with the Rock Island Public Library.

Ms. Campbell stated that to show support for National Library Week, the Library is encouraging Council and area residents to sign the Declaration for the Right to Libraries. Ms. Campbell pointed out that the Declaration is an opportunity to make a public statement about the value of libraries to individuals and their communities. The Declaration for the Right to Libraries is the cornerstone document of ALA President Barbara Stripling's presidential initiative, Libraries Change Lives, intended to build sustained support for America's right to libraries of all types. Ms. Campbell commented that the Declaration will be displayed at the three Rock Island libraries through April 19<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Campbell added that this is an opportunity to make a positive statement about supporting public libraries.

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

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #23

**Recess**

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, April 21, 2014. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:18 pm.

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