

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 6:00 pm in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle and Joy Murphy. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, other City staff, Renaissance Rock Island President Brian Hollenback and Executive Director Catherine Rodgers-Ingles. Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 6:31 pm. City Attorney Ted Kutsunis was absent.

RENAISSANCE ROCK ISLAND UPDATE

Renaissance Rock Island President Brian Hollenback discussed the three affiliated not-for-profits under Renaissance Rock Island. Mr. Hollenback advised that GROWTH has leveraged over \$160 million dollars in Rock Island and has impacted over 1000 single family units of housing. Mr. Hollenback added that DARI has provided over \$1.6 million dollars in loans to support local business development and The District manages the downtown Plaza and has provided over \$1 million dollars in economic impact through its events. Mr. Hollenback discussed GROWTH's organizational structure as it related to non-profit, for profit and limited liability corporations.

Mr. Hollenback advised that DARI focuses on commercial and industrial development and provides strategic assistance to businesses opening or growing throughout Rock Island. Mr. Hollenback added that in 2013, DARI provided assistance to about 20 businesses. Mr. Hollenback stated that The District focuses on creating and managing the downtown as an innovative experience. Mr. Hollenback added that in 2013, there were over 27 outdoor events in The District.

Next, Mr. Hollenback discussed Renaissance Rock Island as the umbrella organization and its organizational structure as it related to the governance component. Mr. Hollenback stated that new staff has been hired, which includes; a strategic planner, a main street coordinator, a construction director and a business development advisor. Mr. Hollenback stated that two of those positions, the main street coordinator and the business development advisor will have a direct impact within the downtown.

Mr. Hollenback discussed Renaissance Rock Island's overall operations budget for 2013/2014. Mr. Hollenback commented that project income is at 22%, which clearly demonstrates that each time they come to Council for requests, it is project specific. Mr. Hollenback advised that GROWTH has impacted about 1000 units of housing throughout Rock Island since 1998. Mr. Hollenback stated that GROWTH's multi-family and single family housing development activities include; The Locks, Star Block, New Old Chicago and the Villas at College Hill. Mr. Hollenback further discussed each development in detail.

Mr. Hollenback discussed the impact on housing activity based on a model by the National Association of Homebuilders. Mr. Hollenback advised that for every \$100,000.00 spent in remodeling, it generates approximately \$30,000.00 in revenue. Mr. Hollenback further discussed this item.

Next, Mr. Hollenback discussed the impact of NSP 1 and NSP 2 on Rock Island. Mr. Hollenback indicated that 37 homes have been sold, 40 have been completed and there are three homes with letters of intent. Mr. Hollenback stated that in regards to investment, 30 single family homes have been renovated; there has been nine new housing starts; and 70 multi-family rental units have been created. Mr. Hollenback advised that in regards to the direct impact for the City, over \$6,000.00 was paid in unpaid water bills and over \$95,000.00 in building permit fees. Mr. Hollenback added that through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, \$127,000.00 accelerated the payment of those delinquent property taxes because it came into the coffers right away. Mr. Hollenback stated that in regards to leveraging resources for Rock Island, \$4.6 million dollars in private funding was obtained solely from local lending institutions to benefit Rock Island projects, and \$5 million dollars in additional resources was secured from various foundations to support the activities. Mr. Hollenback further discussed the impact of NSP dollars.

Mr. Hollenback discussed homebuyer education. Mr. Hollenback commented that they have assisted 11 homebuyers to date with five scheduled to close in July. Mr. Hollenback added that they have received 57 applications and 160 people have attended the homebuyer education classes. Mr. Hollenback further discussed this item. Mr. Hollenback discussed the Live Work component. Mr. Hollenback commented that the average assistance to employees is \$5,300.00; it's a city wide program and you don't have to be a first time homebuyer. Mr. Hollenback added that over \$1.5 million dollars has been provided in direct employee assistance. Mr. Hollenback further discussed the Live Work Program.

Mr. Hollenback discussed new resources for Rock Island as it related to the Home Renovation Program. Mr. Hollenback stated that the Housing Trust Fund is new this year specifically to Rock Island. Mr. Hollenback commented that \$774,000.00 came back to the community for down payments and closing costs. Mr. Hollenback also discussed the Emergency Housing Trust Fund.

Mr. Hollenback discussed DARI's development activities as it related to land bank strategic properties, business development, community support and business incubation and support. Mr. Hollenback further discussed this item. Mr. Hollenback also discussed downtown business activity.

Executive Director Catherine Rodgers-Ingles discussed the Downtown Arts and Entertainment District activities as it related to Plaza management, event and downtown management, member recruitment, relations and retention and downtown marketing. Ms. Rodgers-Ingles stated that as of January 2014, The District has over 40 member businesses and has either invested or committed \$138,000.00 in various events and activities in the downtown. Ms. Rodgers-Ingles added that about \$100,000.00 of that amount is reinvested locally. Ms. Rodgers-Ingles noted that only two events charge an admission fee and the other events are funded by the revenue of those two events. Ms. Rodgers-Ingles advised that an additional \$16,000.00 has been committed in marketing funds, which include; television, radio, print and web design. Ms. Rodgers-Ingles pointed out that The District is a liaison between promoters and downtown businesses. Ms. Rodgers-Ingles stated that The District also makes sure that they are aware of all ordinances and requirements in doing an event prior to applying to the City Clerk and finally the Council. Ms.

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Rodgers-Ingles explained that The District coordinates and maintains a master calendar of events. Ms. Rodgers-Ingles further discussed this item.

Ms. Rodgers-Ingles advised that members join The District for a variety of reasons, some may join to support The District or others may want to take advantage of the marketing that is available to them. Ms. Rodgers-Ingles further discussed the marketing component as it related to The District e-mail campaign and social media. Next, Ms. Rodgers-Ingles discussed the three signature events Downtown, which include; Gumbo Ya Ya, Ya Maka My Weekend and the Rock Island Grand Prix. Ms. Rodgers-Ingles noted that The District continues to do the Third Thursday event in which the next one is scheduled for June 19th at Bent River. Ms. Rodgers-Ingles also briefly discussed the Two Gallery Hops and Fright Night in The District. Ms. Rodgers-Ingles indicated that their new event Dirty Art was successful as well as the First Annual Peep Show. Ms. Rodgers-Ingles stated that The District works with private business owners and promoters to help them with different resources and cross marketing. Ms. Rodgers-Ingles further discussed this item.

Council and Mr. Hollenback discussed market driven housing. Council further discussed Mr. Hollenback's presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

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

Introductory Proceedings

Mayor Pauley called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Alderman Foley gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of June 9, 2014.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 9, 2014 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that fearless reality television contestant Serengeti Steve brings just a portion of his collection of more than 200 species of reptiles and arachnids to the Rock Island Main Library from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Thursday, June 19th. The Mayor added that Serengeti Steve has been known to hold a live scorpion in his mouth, set lizards on kids' heads, let audience members hold a snake, see a huge spider up close and hug an alligator. Steve shows, tells and thrills audiences of all ages. It's a performance that will have you on the edge of your seat.

Mayor Pauley advised that Sunset Marina is having an Open House on Saturday, June 21st from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to celebrate boating. The Sunset Marina Open House activities include: dock tours, bilge sale, boating displays and demonstrations and food. Mayor Pauley stated that our community needs outdoor, safe, family-friendly ways to spend their leisure time. The Sunset Marina Open House shows boating to be just such an activity and reminds existing customers and our community that Sunset Marina is a local, environmentally-friendly gateway to on-the-water fun. Come visit Sunset Marina at 31st Avenue and the Mississippi River, where neighbors become friends and friends become family.

Mayor Pauley indicated that on Tuesday, June 24th, enjoy the sounds of the Five Bridges Jazz Band at the Starlight Revue Music Under the Stars Concert Series held at Lincoln Park. Start the evening with dinner at 6:00 pm from the Hy-Vee grill then learn a new dance move at the free dance lessons. At 7:00 pm the music begins. Concert rain date is Wednesday of the same week. Call (309) 732-RAIN.

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Mayor Pauley advised that the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center promotes a “Leave No Man Behind” campaign as they prepare for their Prostate Cancer Awareness and Testing Summit. The Mayor added that the Summit will take place on Saturday, June 28th, 9:00 – 11:00 am at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center. It is free and open to the public. Mayor Pauley noted that pre-registration is required. To register call (309) 732-2999 or email mlkmail@rigov.org. All registered participants will receive a free breakfast from 9:00 am – 9:30 am. Mayor Pauley stated that the program begins at 9:30 am and includes the free prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test for men 40+ years old, face-to-face interaction with survivors and a special guest speaker, Dr. Beth Shelly.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring Saturday, June 21, 2014 as Rock Island County NAACP Day.

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

Agenda Item #8

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$779.02 to State Farm for General Liability claim.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #32 in the amount of \$234,892.53 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Wet Weather Treatment System project.

Agenda Item #9

Claims for the week of June 6 through June 12 in the amount of \$638,876.33 and payroll for the weeks of May 26 through June 8 in the amount of \$1,373,918.73.

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

Agenda Item #10

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a proposal from Shive Hattery for architectural services for replacing the roofs over the Sunset Marina office and garage buildings in the amount of \$19,800.00.

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

Agenda Item #11

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the 2014 Sewer Cleaning and Televising Program, recommending to extend the 2012 maintenance contract with C.T.R. Systems, Inc. in order to perform this year's required maintenance.

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

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Police Department regarding an agreement with Appriss, Inc. for the Appriss Virtual Records Solution E-crash reporting software system.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the City Attorney regarding a Special Ordinance amending Chapter 3, Sec. 3-11 (k) of the Code of Ordinances regarding employment of a felon as a bartender.

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

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin inquired as to what the reasoning is for this item.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Illinois law requires that if a person is a felon of any type, then that person cannot manage a bar for 15 years. The Mayor added that the City ordinance states that if a person is a felon, then that person cannot manage a bar for 15 years and that person cannot tend bar for 15 years. Mayor Pauley indicated that in the past year, there have been two people that have asked for a waiver. The Mayor added that one person had shoplifted a little over \$300.00 when they were a kid and that is a felony. Mayor Pauley advised that if this item is approved, a person that wanted a waiver would have to write a letter to the Liquor Commissioner/Mayor. Mayor Pauley added that the letter would then go to the Police Department for review and if there hasn't been any issues in the last several years, it would then go to the Liquor Commission; the Liquor Commission would then decide whether or not to grant the waiver and allow the person to start tending bar.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the CY2014 Budget, recommending a budget transfer decreasing the 23rd Avenue, 12th to 17th Street Reconstruction project in the Capital Improvements Fund in the amount of \$21,931.00 and increasing the 20th Avenue 32nd to 34th Street Reconstruction project in the Capital Improvements Fund in the amount of \$21,931.00.

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the CY2014 Budget, recommending increasing the MLK Activity Fund budget in the amount of \$28,663.33.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a proposed change to the Motor Vehicle Parking System Ordinance.

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

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy stated that he voted against this item originally when Council made the motion to have Per Mar give out parking tickets. Alderman Conroy advised that he would be voting against this item tonight. Alderman Conroy added that he was the one that brought it to attention that the City needed an ordinance. Alderman Conroy didn't think it was legal without an ordinance.

Mayor Pauley advised that this ordinance will allow an outside contractor to give out parking tickets. Mayor Pauley stated that at the last Council meeting, Per Mar was hired to start giving out parking tickets because the current City employee was transferring to another department and the manager of that department was retiring.

Council further discussed this item.

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

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the 2015/2016 (April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016) Community Development Block Grant Allocation Policies.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to approve the 2015/2016 Community Development Block Grant Allocation Policies as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a proposal from Quad City Arts for the Sculpture in The District Program.

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the proposal as recommended and authorize support of the program in the amount of \$7,000.00. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Dolores Tapia to apply for a Special Use Permit to continue to operate her attorney's office out of her residence located at 801 44th Street.

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

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Mayor regarding an appointment to the Rock Island Beautification Commission.

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

Sheila Solomon was appointed to the Rock Island Beautification Commission for a four year term expiring in June 2018.

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Mayor regarding designation of the Mayor Pro Tem.

Alderman Conroy nominated Alderman Murphy to be Mayor Pro Tem for 2014-2015, which nomination was seconded by Alderman Foley. Nominations were then closed. Alderman Murphy was elected as Mayor Pro Tem. The nomination carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none. Alderman Murphy abstained.

Agenda Item #22

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Molly Rohwer for a Street Closing at 17th Avenue between 25th Street and 24 ½ Street on Saturday, June 28, 2014 from 3:00 pm to 11:00 pm for a neighborhood block party.

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

Agenda Item #23

Report from the City Clerk regarding two Plaza activity applications from RIBCO requesting five additional days as part of their annual outdoor Summer Concert Series to be held on Friday, September 12, Saturday, September 13, Saturday, September 20, Friday, October 3 and Saturday, October 4, 2014.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the applications 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 Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #24

Other Business.

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

Alderman Conroy announced that he would not be running in the next election for Second Ward Alderman. Alderman Conroy advised that he has had four full terms. Alderman Conroy stated that he wants to give people that haven't thought about running in an election the chance to get out there and think about running to be an alderman in the Second Ward. Alderman Conroy stated that this is a great opportunity for someone to serve their community.

Mayor Pauley stated that starting at noon on Friday, Council will begin their strategic planning session. The Mayor added that the session will be held on Friday from noon to 5:00 pm and on Saturday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Mayor Pauley advised that Council will review every item that involves the City, and Council will be making plans for next year. Mayor Pauley stated that

as Council sets the priorities for the year, the priorities will then go to staff and it will be up to staff to implement those priorities. Mayor Pauley and Council further discussed this item.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that Oh Nuts has recently moved from their location in Rock Valley Plaza to the College Hill District. Alderman Murphy added that they don't have a sign yet, but they are right below the Lundgren Chiropractic sign on the corner of 13th Avenue and 30th Street. Alderman Murphy offered that Oh Nuts is a neat little gift shop, candy shop, coffee shop and tea shop. Alderman Murphy added that they have coffees, teas, spices, specialty foods and bulk candy. Alderman Murphy stated that they make trays for events and gift baskets. Alderman Murphy commented that Oh Nuts has a lot of unique gifts. Alderman Murphy added that they have homemade cookies, frozen yogurt and smoothies. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to Shop Rock Island.

Agenda Item #25

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #26

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to recess to 1:00 pm, Friday, June 20, 2014. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:04 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk