

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 Ivory D. Clark, 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, Finance Director Cynthia Parchert, City Attorney Dave Morrison, Pat Eikenberry, Missman, Inc. representing the Quad Cities Chamber, Jennifer Walker from the Quad Cities Chamber, Mara Sovey, President of the John Deere Foundation and Director of Global Citizenship and Heath Merlak, Sr. Actuary from Nyhart. Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 5:34 pm and Alderman David Conroy arrived at 6:05 pm.

REGIONAL VISION PRESENTATION

Mr. Pat Eikenberry and Ms. Mara Sovey along with Jennifer Walker presented to Council a presentation on Regional Vision. Ms. Sovey discussed the Quad Cities Chamber and the Regional Opportunities Council. Ms. Sovey stated that after the chambers merged into the Quad Cities Chamber, the business community came together and created a forum for the business community to have a regular dialogue about strategic issues impacting the community. Ms. Sovey added that now, there are over 100 CEO's of local businesses in the community that come together on a quarterly basis to discuss key issues that are impacting this region. Ms. Sovey explained that one of the things that came out of these work groups after a couple of years of work was the idea of creating a regional vision. Ms. Sovey added that it is a vision that can excite all of the communities and something that can be aligned with each community's individual plans.

Ms. Sovey pointed out that a regional vision is not a work plan. Ms. Sovey stated that they are just asking people to consider what the communities may look like in the next 20 or 30 years, and how each organization's plan aligns in helping to engage the community to that vision. Ms. Sovey added that this would not only be for businesses, but also for the not for profit sector, the government sector and the education sector.

Mr. Eikenberry stated that the vision statement says that the Quad Cities region is recognized globally for growing and attracting talent and businesses; is energized by a culturally rich community; inspires innovation; and embraces lifelong learning. Mr. Eikenberry advised that they haven't really defined what the Quad Cities region is yet. Mr. Eikenberry added that they are not sure how it will be defined, whether it will be geographically or by laborshed. Mr. Eikenberry stated that first, there needs to be alignment in the community where everyone is moving in the direction for a common vision. Mr. Eikenberry added that with alignment comes investment; there has to be an investment and that includes time, talent, energy and a financial commitment.

Mr. Eikenberry pointed out that the vision and alignment will move everyone towards a cultural shift. Mr. Eikenberry noted that they believe if everyone moves towards one common vision and believes in it then this will create a movement where it will have a great impact on the Quad Cities area. Mr. Eikenberry stated that a lot of young people in the Quad Cities are looking for cool things to do; they are looking for a place they can have entertainment, higher paying jobs

and raise their children. Mr. Eikenberry stated that something has to be done in the Quad Cities to create that. Mr. Eikenberry stated that the bottom line is getting a lot of talent staying in the Quad Cities, which will help businesses and industries, and it will help the area to grow. Mr. Eikenberry added that this has to be focused on growing primary industries, good jobs, good wages and good higher household incomes. Mr. Eikenberry reiterated that this is not a work plan, but they are just trying to create a vision where everyone can say that this will be good for the greater community. Mr. Eikenberry advised that if everyone can get involved then that will create a movement. Mr. Eikenberry pointed out that the regional vision is a rallying point; it is a movement through groups and individuals who can participate in shaping the future of the community.

Mr. Eikenberry stated that they are seeking change agents that are willing to lead and influence others to think, speak and behave in ways that would be transformative. Mr. Eikenberry added that they want the Quad Cities to be a regional attraction. Mr. Eikenberry indicated that they have three types of organizations that make up the community, which include businesses, non profits and the government and public sector. Mr. Eikenberry stated that they are asking Council to help build a plan and let them know how the City's plan fits into what they are trying to do, and let them know how to help the City grow its community along with the rest of the region. Mr. Eikenberry asked Council to endorse this and help create the movement, join the movement, align efforts and appoint a designee to be part of the overall planning team. Mr. Eikenberry concluded that this is not a plan; at this point, it is just a thought.

Council discussed the presentation as it related to various organizations coming together and sharing their strategic visions for their plans and discussing those issues that are of a common interest to everyone.

ACTUARIAL SERVICES PRESENTATION

Finance Director Cynthia Parchert introduced the new Actuary, Heath Merlak, Sr. Actuary from Nyhart. Mr. Merlak presented a summary report to Council of the actuarial valuation results for the April 1, 2014 Rock Island Firefighters and the Rock Island Police Pension funds. Mr. Merlak discussed the changes from last year. Mr. Merlak stated that some of the assumptions were changed that were being used last year to better align it with the Illinois Department of Insurance (DOI). Mr. Merlak stated that they changed to the DOI mortality, disability, termination and withdrawal assumptions. Mr. Merlak added that for the retirement age assumptions, Nyhart assumed that Firefighters and Police would be retiring at the age of 62. Mr. Merlak added that two assumptions that did not change for this year's valuation was the interest rate and salary increase. Mr. Merlak stated that they will continue to monitor and gather input on future expectations.

Mr. Merlak advised that the Firefighters Fund contribution is coming in at \$2,676,324.00, which is about a \$500,000.00 increase over last year. Mr. Merlak added that the Police Fund contribution is \$2,687,850.00, which is an increase of \$267,274.00 over the prior year. Mr. Merlak stated that assuming assets earn 7.5%, the cost projections indicate that the employer contribution next year will increase approximately 5.0% for the Firefighters Fund and 4.5 % for

the Police Fund. Mr. Merlak discussed participant information as it related to the Firefighters and Police plans.

Mr. Merlak advised that from an actuarial perspective, they are concerned about the market value, but the more important number that is used is the actuarial value, which is a smooth value of assets. Mr. Merlak added that essentially that number represents any asset, gain or loss that the plan experiences; the gain or loss is spread out over five years. Mr. Merlak noted that the thought behind that is to try to avoid spikes. Mr. Merlak explained that for the Firefighter plan, the market value and actuarial are about the same. Mr. Merlak added that on the Police plan, there is a little bit of difference with the market value, which is about \$1 million higher than the smooth value. Mr. Merlak further discussed this item. Mr. Merlak then discussed the reconciliation of unfunded accrued liability for the Firefighter plan and Police plan. Mr. Merlak explained that the unfunded accrued liability is accrued liability in the plan minus the actuarial value of assets or funding shortfall. Mr. Merlak also discussed the employer funding requirements for both plans. Mr. Merlak noted that the amortization payment is the payment to pay down the unfunded accrued liability. Mr. Merlak further discussed the employer funding requirements for both plans.

Mr. Merlak discussed expected cost projections. Mr. Merlak advised that for the Firefighters plan, it is expected to be about a 5.0% increase for 2015, which is approximately \$2.8 million dollars and in 2016 it goes to approximately \$3 million dollars. Mr. Merlak stated that although the Police plan carries different participants, the overall cost is very similar to the Firefighters cost projections.

Mr. Merlak then discussed the new required disclosures as it related to the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Mr. Merlak pointed out that the Government Accounting Standards Board has completely overhauled how public pension plans are being recorded. Mr. Merlak stated that the key change is that it will be a requirement to record that accrued liability number minus the market value. Mr. Merlak added that the unfunded accrued liability will have to be recorded on the balance sheet.

Council discussed Mr. Merlak's presentation.

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 Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**July 14, 2014
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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 Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Dave Morrison.

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 June 20, 2014, Minutes of the meeting of June 21, 2014 and Minutes of the meeting of June 23, 2014.

A motion was made by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the Minutes of the meeting of June 20, 2014, Minutes of the meeting of June 21, 2014 and Minutes of the meeting of June 23, 2014 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that City officials and City staff will gather at 6th Avenue and 13th Street, the site of the new Rock Island Police Station for a groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 4:00 pm. Those attending the event will also have the opportunity to view the unveiling of the final station design. The public is welcome to attend. Construction on the project is slated to begin July 16th.

Mayor Pauley advised that on Sunday, July 20th, Rock Island Police & Fire will be playing a softball game versus Davenport Police & Fire. The game will take place at 2:45 pm prior to the River Bandits Game (5:00 pm) at Modern Woodmen Field. Mayor Pauley stated that tickets are available in the Human Resources Department of the City Hall building for \$10.00 with \$4.00 of each ticket sold going to Ronald McDonald House. Mayor Pauley added that the ticket purchased will get you into the Police/Fire game as well as the River Bandits game. You can also purchase tennis balls during the game for a "ball toss" with all proceeds going to Ronald McDonald House. Please come and show your support for the Ronald McDonald House, City of Rock Island, and the Police and Fire employees playing in the game.

Mayor Pauley stated that Off the Rail Thursday's is each Thursday from 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm throughout the summer. Join Whitewater Junction at 17th Street & 18th Avenue for a day of relay races, contests, and other fun-filled activities. The Mayor added that the July 24th theme is celebrating Winter Holidays in July. Admission is \$7.00. Children 2 and under are free with paid adult.

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Mayor Pauley stated that on Tuesday, July 24th, you can sing the blues with the Ellis Kell 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.

Mayor Pauley stated that the City of Rock Island invites you to participate in the 30th Annual Old-fashioned Labor Day Parade scheduled for Monday, September 1, 2014. This year's theme is Celebrating 30 Years of Community Pride! The first Labor Day Parade was held in 1985 as part of Rock Island's yearlong 150th or Sesquicentennial Celebration. The Mayor added that over the past 29 years, the parade has grown to average 150 entries and has become a popular annual event that draws thousands of spectators! Build a float, enter your business vehicle, organization, school, church van or simply walk the parade route. Mayor Pauley advised that the application form is available at www.rigov.org under the City Clicks section or call Mary at (309) 732-2923 for more information. Applications are due by August 18, 2014.

Agenda Item #7

Public Hearing on a request from Attorney Dolores Tapia for a Special Use Permit to operate her law practice from her home at 801 44th Street.

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting at 6:49 pm and opened a Public Hearing on a request from Attorney Dolores Tapia for a Special Use Permit to operate her law practice from her home at 801 44th Street.

Attorney Dolores Tapia of 801 44th Street stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Attorney Tapia.

Attorney Tapia requested that the action on this item be deferred until she has time to consult with experienced legal counsel on this matter and get advised as to whether to proceed with this petition or withdraw it altogether.

Council discussed this issue as to whether to continue with the hearing.

Attorney Tapia stated that there were mistakes on the application and that she was not prepared to move forward at this time. Attorney Tapia added that she did not anticipate the responses that this petition has received.

Alderman Conroy advised that the public hearing can still be held and a decision did not have to be made tonight. Alderman Conroy advised that Attorney Tapia may want to hear what the other people have to say and it may give her some insight as to what people are thinking in the neighborhood and why they may not want it.

Alderman Murphy inquired as to why Attorney Tapia was not prepared for this hearing.

Attorney Tapia stated that she completed this application on her own and zoning is not her area of expertise. Attorney Tapia stated that she needs to have legal advice on this process.

Alderman Murphy advised Attorney Tapia that she could withdraw the application and could reapply. Alderman Murphy stated that she was concerned that it is an illegal operation in a residence and if it is delayed then it is being put off instead of making a decision.

Mayor Pauley stated that Attorney Tapia could withdraw her application and it would end at this point.

Alderman Murphy advised that the responses from the neighbors are related to what Attorney Tapia is requesting and what the neighbors feel is the impact on the neighborhood. Alderman Murphy added that everyone should get the right to be heard.

Attorney Tapia stated that she was very much affected by the one person that she spoke with.

Alderman Murphy stated that she had recommended to Attorney Tapia to go around to the neighbors and explain what she is planning to do and what type of business it is. After more discussion on this issue and the process, Attorney Tapia stated that the application is wrong; there are three employees and not four employees.

Alderman Murphy reiterated that the decision is up to Attorney Tapia as to whether she would like to withdraw or continue with the public hearing.

Alderman Conroy explained the public hearing procedure and then inquired as to whether Attorney Tapia could withdraw when she comes back up to talk during the public hearing.

City Attorney Dave Morrison stated that Attorney Tapia can withdraw, but not half way through the public hearing. City Attorney Morrison advised that if the request is denied, Attorney Tapia cannot reapply for one year and if it is withdrawn then she can apply at any time.

After more discussion, Attorney Tapia officially withdrew her application for a special use permit. Attorney Tapia stated that she could not risk being prevented from reapplying for an entire year.

Alderman Hotle encouraged Attorney Tapia to take Alderman Murphy's advice and talk to the neighbors that are here tonight.

At this time, Mayor Pauley closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:03 pm.

Agenda Item #8

A Special Ordinance Amending Chapter 9, Article II, Division 1, Sec. 9-44 of the Code of Ordinances regarding Parking Enforcement Attendants; Positions Created.

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to pass the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Austin; those voting No, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Murphy.

Agenda Item #9

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$7,078.00 to Kutsunis and Weng P.C. for legal services rendered for the month of June.
- b. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$513.00 to Jacob Meisenbach for General Liability claim.
- c. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,500.00 to Ervey and Jessica Rodriguez for General Liability claim.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #8 in the amount of \$18,137.25 to Valley Construction for services provided for the Rock Island Landing at Schwiebert Park.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$21,760.86 to Langman Construction, Inc. for an emergency water main repair at 4401 46th Avenue.
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$67,500.00 to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for annual fees for the NPDES permits.

Agenda Item #10

Claims for the weeks of June 20 through June 26 in the amount of \$903,201.94, June 27 through July 3 in the amount of \$918,693.53 and July 4 through July 10 in the amount of \$1,087,327.79 and payroll for the weeks of June 9 through June 22 in the amount of \$1,370,076.82 and June 23 through July 6 in the amount of \$1,387,466.07.

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

Agenda Item #11

Purchase Card Claims for the month of April in the amount of \$71,123.35 and for the month of May in the amount of \$70,666.58.

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

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of a Robotic Total Station and Data Collector equipment, recommending the bid be awarded to Precision Midwest in the amount of \$30,760.80.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for emergency railroad repairs for the southbound Rock Island Parkway railroad crossing, recommending the bid be awarded to Brandt Construction Company in the amount of \$74,500.00.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for soil improvement and a change order for the new police facility, recommending the bid be awarded to Helitech in the amount of \$426,920.00, and a change order to Centennial Contractors in the amount of \$17,130.00.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to award the bid as recommended, approve the change order and authorize Gilbane Building Company to execute the contract documents. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2014 Seal Coat Street Program, project 2111, recommending the bid be awarded to Brandt Construction in the amount of \$137,765.27.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer 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 Clark, Alderman

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Public Works Department and the Community and Economic Development Department regarding bids for the Ridgewood Sustainable Business Park, recommending that the City reject the bids and for staff to discontinue the project and return any unused portions of the EDA grant award.

Mayor Pauley advised that Item #16 has been pulled from the Agenda.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Board of Local Improvements regarding a Special Assessment Ordinance for improvements to 8th Avenue from 42nd Street to 46th Street.

Alderman Conroy moved to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinances for Item 17, Item 18, and Item 19 with Item 18 being 9th Avenue from 44 ½ Street to 46th Street and Item 19 being the Shadybrook addition in the Southwest, Alderman Tollenaer seconded.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Board of Local Improvements regarding a Special Assessment Ordinance for improvements to 9th Avenue from 44 ½ Street to 46th Street.

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Board of Local Improvements regarding a Special Assessment Ordinance for improvements to Shadybrook Phase 1: 7th Street West from 79th Avenue West to 84th Avenue West, 8th Street West from 79th Avenue West to 84th Avenue West and 82nd Avenue West from 8th Street West to 9th Street West.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy advised that all of these projects are basically to grind three inches off and to put blacktop down, then fix some curbing and sidewalks that may need to be fixed at the same time. Alderman Conroy pointed out that he was at the meeting the other night when these projects were discussed. Alderman Conroy added that the assessments that came back for Shadybrook were anywhere from \$1,400.00 to \$1,700.00 and in the past, it has been 10% of the project. Alderman Conroy stated that on this particular Shadybrook project, it was about 30% that the residents were paying.

Public Works Director Randy Tweet stated yes, but it is approximately 36%.

Alderman Conroy advised that when these have been looked at in the past, it has been a total reconstruction of a rebuild to where a street is torn completely out and new sewer and water are put in. Alderman Conroy added that this project is extremely prejudicial to the neighbors in that area as far as how much they have to pay and not getting a full rebuild. Alderman Conroy stated that he believes that a blacktop layer is not as valued to a neighborhood as a full cement street.

At this time, Alderman Conroy moved to approve these projects with the caveat that no resident will pay more than half of their assessed valuation, Alderman Murphy seconded.

Alderman Austin inquired as to whether this is being applied to all of these projects. Alderman Conroy stated that he is applying this to all three of the projects.

Public Works Director Randy Tweet discussed percentages as it related to special assessments. After more discussion, Alderman Murphy stated that it is time to stop assessments and build it into the budget.

Alderman Foley agreed with Alderman Conroy on the blacktop roads. Alderman Hotle supported Alderman Conroy and agreed with Alderman Murphy for a comprehensive overhaul of the plan in regards to special assessments. Alderman Austin stated that he was not totally against the system; it just needs to be tweaked.

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

The original amended motion reads as follows: It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinances for Item 17, Item 18 and Item 19 with the caveat that no resident will pay more than half of their assessed valuation. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a request from Snyder Construction to install a pedestrian access ramp within the City Right of Way at 321 24th Street.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to allow Snyder Construction to install the pedestrian ramp within the 24th Street right of way, subject to providing proof of insurance and a recordable agreement. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Mr. Daniel Raney for rezoning from a R-3 (one and two family residence) district to an O-1 (office) district at 2436 24th Street.

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

Agenda Item #22

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request for the installation of stop signs at the intersection of 12th Street and 13th Avenue.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was a motion for this item. No motion came forward. Mayor Pauley inquired again as to whether there was a motion. With no motion coming forward, Item 22 died for lack of a motion.

Agenda Item #23

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request for a Street Closing at 9th Street between 6th and 7th Avenue; along with a Sound Amplification permit for the IL/IA Center for Independent Living ADA Family Fun Fair to be held on Friday, July 25, 2014 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Martin Luther King Jr. Park at 601 9th Street.

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

Agenda Item #24

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Kim Thompson for a Street Closing at 14th Street between 9th Avenue and 10th Avenue, along with Sound Amplification for the Celebrate Longview-West End Community Block Party and Resource Fair to be held on Saturday, July 26, 2014 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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

Agenda Item #25

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from the Quarter -Til Tap to hold a 40th class reunion event outside in their parking lot on Friday, August 8, 2014 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at 4101 14th Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #26

Report from the City Clerk regarding a revised application from Pastor Janet Waychoff of the First Baptist Church for sound amplification on Friday, August 22, 2014 from 8:00 pm

to 11:00 pm instead of the previously approved date of Friday, August 15, 2014 for the free Summer Outdoor Family Theater event to be held at 3020 30th Street.

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

Agenda Item #27

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request for a Street Closing at 9th Street between 6th and 7th Avenue; along with a Sound Amplification permit for the Rock Island County NAACP Community Celebration and Resource Fair to be held on Saturday, September 20, 2014 from noon to 4:00 pm at the Martin Luther King Center at 630 9th Street.

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

Agenda Item #28

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Terry Anderson for a Street Closing at 21st Street between 16th Avenue and 17th Avenue on Sunday, September 28, 2014 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm for the Highland Park Historic Neighborhood Association's block party.

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

Agenda Item #29

Report from the City Clerk regarding an activity application for the St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on Saturday, March 14, 2015 beginning at 11:30 am, and a Resolution authorizing the use of a portion of 15th Street from 2nd Avenue to the Centennial Bridge.

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

Agenda Item #30

Walgreens 5K Color Run.

Alderman Foley moved (for discussion proposes) to rescind the motion passed at the meeting on Monday, June 23, 2014 regarding approval of the Walgreens 5k Color Run and adoption of the resolution for Saturday, September 13, 2014, Alderman Murphy seconded the motion.

Discussion followed. Alderman Tollenaer advised that there are some people (business owners) in the audience that wish to speak on this item.

Mr. Ron Harksen of 1918 65th Avenue West stepped forward. Mr. Harksen stated that he was at the meeting representing Rock Island Electric Motor Repair at 211 31st Avenue. Mr. Harksen presented and read a prepared statement to Council. Mr. Harksen pointed out that 31st Avenue is the only way in and out for their business and they have to be available to their industrial customers 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Mr. Harksen indicated that when the people came by about the race, they talked to the receptionist and did not talk to the owners to get their input. Mr. Harksen advised that by closing the street in front of the business for any amount of time will hinder the ability to access the building and to serve customers. Mr. Harksen inquired upon Council to reconsider closing the street.

Mr. Jim Davies of 2408 45th Street stepped forward. Mr. Davies stated that he runs Ted's Boatarama at 102 31st Avenue and he is at the meeting also representing Alter Metal Recycling and Johannes Bus Service. Mr. Davies stated that he was very disappointed that no one from the City contacted his business about the race. Mr. Davies stated that he would like to support the race, but it is hard to when the store is being forced to close. Mr. Davies added that there are 13 employees that work on Saturday and they will lose pay, and the customers won't be able to get off of 31st Avenue to get to the store. Mr. Davies stated that he was upset about the City taking this action and closing the road without giving Ted's Boatarama the ability to respond to what it does to the business. Mr. Davies further discussed this issue.

Alderman Tollenaer stated that he talked to two businesses on 31st Avenue; Old Dominion Freight Line and Johannes Bus Service. Alderman Tollenaer stated that Old Dominion Freight Line needs access to their building as well as Johannes Bus Service. Alderman Tollenaer stated that both of the owners of these businesses stated to the people that gave them the information that this was unacceptable. Alderman Tollenaer added that these two businesses are opposed to the event.

Alderman Murphy stated that this isn't the first time that the City has received complaints. Alderman Murphy added that the City needs to look at how businesses are notified. Alderman Murphy commented that in this situation where a street is being closed down and it is affecting someone's business, the City allows the person that is applying to notify the businesses. Alderman Murphy stated that the City needs a better system and if there needs to be an application fee to cover the cost of staff doing the work and mailing letters out then the City should do that. Alderman Murphy stated that she would be supporting the motion due to all of the people that stated it would have a negative impact on their business.

Alderman Austin stated that he had asked for Alderman Murphy's idea in the past and collecting a fee to cover that cost may be the right action to take.

Sarah Wright, Director of Development and Communication for The Arc of the Quad Cities stepped forward. Ms. Wright spoke in favor of the Color Me Happy 5K Run. Ms. Wright stated that this event will be very positive. Ms. Wright added that this is a force for economic development to highlight this new area in Rock Island that is being under development at this

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time. Ms. Wright noted that all proceeds will go to the Arc. Ms. Wright added that money is being raised through this event to build new group homes for individuals with disabilities to live in the cities of Rock Island and Moline. Ms. Wright stated that she regrets that the businesses will be affected for a couple of hours on a Saturday. Ms. Wright stated that she hoped everyone will support this event.

Mayor Pauley stated to Ms. Wright that he supports the event; it is not the event; the issue is the location and whether or not a number of businesses should be shut down for a period of time that have also been there for a long period of time.

Alderman Conroy stated that voting to shut down the street for that amount of time may not have been correct; everyone wants to make it right. Alderman Conroy suggested turning it into a three lane street for a day at the City's cost as far as for Police and barricades or possibly a one way for a day. Alderman Conroy commented that going forward, there needs to be a better process than what the City has because people were not notified correctly.

Alderman Conroy and Alderman Tollenaer further discussed suggestions for making this event work and to satisfy the businesses.

Carla Bowker of 3203 18th Avenue, Moline and representing Walgreens stepped forward. Ms. Bowker stated that the street wouldn't be closed down until 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the race. Ms. Bowker added that they would start on the lane closest to Ted's Boatarama and as soon as the last runner goes through, the lane would open back up and the south side would remain open until the runners come back.

Mayor Pauley inquired upon Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen as to what kind of additional staffing level would be needed to accomplish this.

Chief VenHuizen advised that it possibly would take no more than three additional people. Chief VenHuizen added that more barricades would be needed to close off more intersections. Chief VenHuizen thought this could be accomplished.

Alderman Conroy stated that this event is not until September 13th, Alderman Conroy suggested to keep it moving forward and have Police and Public Works come back with the business owners and the race promoters and come up with a final solution that can be agreed upon. Alderman Conroy added that the City wants it to be the least amount of inconvenience to the business owners.

Police Chief VenHuizen stated that this can probably work out as long as Walgreens in setting this race up understands that if it goes down to one lane, there may be some people that may have to move out of the way if there are some competitive runners in the race.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether Council could expect a final plan by July 28th. City Manager Thomas stated that he will get everyone together and come up with a plan by July 28th.

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Alderman Conroy directed staff to come back with a policy rather than the current policy the City has on how to make this work better in the future.

After more discussion, Mayor Pauley inquired upon Alderman Foley as to whether he was willing to withdraw his motion. Alderman Foley stated yes. Mayor Pauley inquired upon Alderman Murphy as to whether she was willing to withdraw her second. Alderman Murphy stated yes. Mayor Pauley stated that this item dies for lack of a motion.

Mayor Pauley stated that hopefully a plan will come back on July 28th that is workable. Mayor Pauley reiterated that Council will strongly take into consideration the thoughts of the business owners on that street.

Agenda Item #31

Other Business.

Mr. Jim Davies had signed up to address Council to speak on a topic, but spoke on Item #30 prior to the Other Business portion of the meeting.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island first and keep those tax dollars in Rock Island.

Agenda Item #32

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #33

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Foley to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, July 28, 2014. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:51 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk