

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:30 pm in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III and Ivory D. Clark. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Finance Director Cynthia Parchert, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, other City staff and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Alderman Kate Hotle arrived at 5:33 pm and Alderman David Conroy arrived at 5:44 pm.

### **PRESENTATION OF THE CIP**

Finance Director Cynthia Parchert presented to Council the draft Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Budget for Calendar Year 2015.

Finance Director Cynthia Parchert explained the layout of the two reports that were distributed to Council concerning Gaming and General Fund carryover projects and the complete list of the draft Five Year CIP projects. Ms. Parchert stated that the Gaming and General Fund carryover report shows what was funded in the current year, what is requested, and what is being recommended for Calendar Year 2015. Ms. Parchert advised that the draft Five Year CIP consists of the list of anticipated projects in the next five years. Ms. Parchert added that these projects are funded by gaming, grants, bonds and user fees.

Ms. Parchert pointed out that the total CIP budget for Calendar Year 2015 is \$29,208,928.00. It was noted that this figure is down from the current (nine month) 2014 budget by almost \$8.5 million dollars, which is primarily the result of the Long Term Control Plan nearing completion. Ms. Parchert added that approximately \$14,768,000.00 is budgeted to be spent on infrastructure and \$7.6 million dollars is attributed to the new Police facility and related expenses.

Ms. Parchert discussed funding sources for the CIP. Ms. Parchert advised that 41% or \$11,355,000.00 represents bonds in which these funds will be utilized for the Police Station, 22<sup>nd</sup> ½ Avenue reconstruction, 26<sup>th</sup> Street reconstruction and design services for the water treatment plant filter building replacement. Ms. Parchert further discussed funding sources and various CIP focus areas, which included contributions, debt service and equipment maintenance.

The next item Ms. Parchert discussed was utilities. Ms. Parchert advised that \$2,315,000.00 is budgeted for water improvements, most of which is for the water treatment plant filter building design services. It was noted that \$4,666,000.00 is budgeted for wastewater and \$219,500.00 is budgeted for stormwater. Ms. Parchert then discussed street projects. Ms. Parchert noted various street projects that are budgeted, which included; 22½ Avenue east of 29<sup>th</sup> Street reconstruction, 26<sup>th</sup> Street north of 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue reconstruction and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue resurfacing from 17<sup>th</sup> Street to the Moline border. It was noted that the 9<sup>th</sup> Street resurfacing project, which was budgeted for the current nine month period is being carried over into CY2015. Ms. Parchert commented that also in the CY2015 budget is engineering for two new reconstruction projects, which include 25<sup>th</sup> Street from 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 45<sup>th</sup> Street from 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Ms. Parchert further discussed various street projects as well as street maintenance. Council discussed several previously discussed street projects.

Ms. Parchert also discussed other CIP projects, some of which included; economic development expenses for facade improvements, property tax rebates, demolition, new Parks and Recreation software, restoration work at the Main Library and various projects and improvements at Shadybrook and Longview and Douglas Parks.

Ms. Parchert further discussed the projects in the two reports concerning Gaming and General Fund carryover projects and the complete list of the draft Five Year CIP projects.

Council discussed various projects in the Gaming and General Fund Carryover report as it related to the requested amounts and recommended amounts. Council also discussed a number of projects in the complete list of the Five Year Draft Capital Improvement Plan.

It was noted that another Study Session will be held at a future date in regards to the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan.

### **DISCUSSION ON ENTERPRISE ZONE**

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder advised that the current Enterprise Zone expires in July of 2015 and the State has applications out for the new zones, which are due by December 31, 2014. Mr. Eder discussed a couple of options for consideration. Mr. Eder advised that the City could apply for our own zone, which we currently have or the City could apply with other municipalities and Rock Island County for a regional zone. Mr. Eder added that currently, there is the Quad City Zone that expires in 2018. Mr. Eder noted that they are going to reapply. Council and Mr. Eder discussed the municipalities that make up the Quad City Enterprise Zone.

Mr. Eder stated that if a municipality applies on its own, they are only allowed to have 12 square miles in that district. Mr. Eder added that if you apply as a consortium, 15 square miles is allowed in the district. Mr. Eder noted that the City has 4.8 square miles, which is one of the advantages of having your own zone. Mr. Eder pointed out that currently, there are only two zones in the Quad Cities, which include the City of Rock Island and the Quad City Zone.

Mr. Eder reviewed the process for the Enterprise Zone. Mr. Eder advised that currently, there are 97 Enterprise Zones in the State. Mr. Eder added that they are going to issue approximately 47 new zones in the first round of applications. It was noted that the IDCEO will collect the applications and score them and then the applications will be submitted to the new five member committee that will select all of the new zones. Mr. Eder stated that the new zones will become effective on January 1, 2016. Mr. Eder further discussed this item as it related to the selection of the committee.

Council discussed the options of the City applying on their own as well as applying as a group for the Enterprise Zone. Mr. Eder advised that if the City applies on its own, he will expand the zone due to development opportunities in the Southwest area that could potentially use the zone. Council and Mr. Eder discussed modifying the current Enterprise Zone.

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After more discussion, it was noted that the Quad City Zone is at 9.5 square miles and Mr. Eder had proposed 4.8 square miles if the City decides to join. Council and Mr. Eder further discussed the option of joining the consortium. Mr. Eder reiterated that if the City joins the consortium, the total has to be less than 15 square miles. Mr. Eder stated that right now as it is proposed with all of the communities involved, it is slightly less than 15 square miles. Mr. Eder added that one of the conditions that they would put on Rock Island, Moline and East Moline, which are the large users of it would be that if the City wants to add a new parcel, it would be a requirement to take out a parcel of the same acreage. Council and Mr. Eder discussed this item. Mr. Eder commented that the Quad City Zone wants to stay together as a group because it benefits the whole county.

Mr. Eder advised that if the City goes in with a joint application, everyone in the group would have to agree on the makeup of the land, the legal description of what land is going forward and everyone would have to agree on the incentives. Council further discussed this item as it related to incentives.

Mr. Eder offered several options. Mr. Eder stated that if Rock Island applies, Bi-State has offered to write the application at no cost. Mr. Eder added that J. Craig Coil gave a proposal to help write the application on Rock Island's behalf at a cost of \$35,000.00. Mr. Eder stated that the last option is to apply with the Quad City Zone members with the help of Bi-State to write the application.

Council discussed the options. After discussion, it was a consensus among Council to apply with the Quad City Zone members and suggested to Mr. Eder to see if J. Craig Coil could help to write the application.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Council briefly discussed time and date options for the upcoming budget sessions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

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Rock Island City Council met in regular session at 6:45 pm in Council Chambers of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark and David Conroy. 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 Austin gave the Invocation.

**Agenda Item #5**

**Minutes of the meeting of September 15, 2014.**

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the Minutes of the meeting of September 15, 2014 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

**Agenda Item #6**

**Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.**

Mayor Pauley advised that the free "Thursday Night Groove" concert series continues at Schwiebert Riverfront Park this Thursday, September 25, 2014. Ellis Kell Band will take the stage at 7:00 pm. Gates open at 6:00 pm. Mayor Pauley noted that our concert sponsor Rock Island Happy Joes will have pizza for sale and Bent River beer will be available for purchase.

Mayor Pauley advised that the City of Rock Island Public Works Department is scheduled to begin the Fall Fire Hydrant Flushing Program on Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Crews will be flushing hydrants approximately four weeks. The Mayor added that the purpose of this program is to help maintain water quality standards and the fire protection system. Citizens may experience brief periods of discolored water or low pressure which is normal during flushing operations. Questions, please call (309) 732-2200.

Mayor Pauley commented that the Fall Community Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2014 at Longview Park from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Over 6,000 square feet of shopping for toys, trinkets, furniture, home décor, books, clothes and much more. Admission to the event will be free, but call (309) 732-7275 to purchase vendor space.

Mayor Pauley stated to join former Rock Island College & Pro players: Ray Jackson, Mike Teague and friends as they teach the core fundamentals in batting, throwing, catching and infield/outfield at a Baseball Skills Clinic on Saturday, October 4, 2014. The clinic is available for Little League ages 8 to 12 at Douglas Park in Rock Island from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm. Lunch will be provided for all. For more information and sign up forms email mlkmail@rigov.org or call (309) 732-2999.

Mayor Pauley advised that the City of Rock Island is providing free leaf collection for its residential refuse customers from Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Free bags will be available at City Hall and other locations beginning Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor added that residents do not have to be participants in the Yard Waste Subscription Service to use this leaf collection service and they do not have to place a yard waste sticker on the bags of leaves. Go to [www.rigov.org](http://www.rigov.org) for more information.

Agenda Item #7

**A Special Ordinance authorizing the acquisition of twenty tax auction properties in the City of Rock Island in the amount of \$18,222.60.**

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

Agenda Item #8

**A Special Ordinance providing for the sale of City owned property along 51<sup>st</sup> Street West, commonly known as USF-Holland Business Park.**

It was moved by Alderman Conroy to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinances for Item #8 and Item #9, Alderman Tollenaer seconded.

Alderman Hotle advised that she was going to vote no on one of these items, but since they were put together, she would be voting no on both items. Alderman Hotle stated that she would like for these two items to be separated.

At this time, Alderman Tollenaer withdrew his second and Alderman Conroy withdrew his motion.

Alderman Conroy then moved to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance for Item #8, Alderman Foley seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #9

**A Special Ordinance providing for the sale of City owned property in the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 17 North, Range 2, West of the Fourth Principal Meridian.**

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

Agenda Item #10  
**CLAIMS**

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

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$11,441.00 to Seneca Companies for the emergency cleaning of a fine screen bar rack.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #35 in the amount of \$1,082,557.09 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Wet Weather Treatment System project.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 and final in the amount of \$31,200.17 to Kelly Construction for services provided for the Mudjacking Program project.

Agenda Item #11

**Claims for the week of September 12 through September 18 in the amount of \$931,470.60 and payroll for the weeks of September 1 through September 14 in the amount of \$1,313,584.80.**

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

Agenda Item #12

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding a proposal from Symbiont for engineering services during the construction of the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Relief Sewer project in the amount of \$619,820.00.**

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

Agenda Item #13

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation to vacate a 25 foot by 10 foot north segment of an east/west alley adjacent to 20<sup>th</sup> Street between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenues.**

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

Agenda Item #14

**Report from the Mayor regarding an appointment to the Project Now Board.**

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

Ms. Debbie Lee was appointed to the Project Now Board.

Agenda Item #15

**Report from the Mayor regarding a reappointment to the Fire Pension Board.**

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

Ms. Cindy Parchert was reappointed to the Fire Pension Board with a term expiring in April 2017.

Agenda Item #16

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request for an Activity permit from Alleman High School for their Homecoming Parade to be held on Friday, October 3, 2014 from 10:15 am to 11:15 am.**

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

Agenda Item #17

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request for an Activity permit from Churches United of the Quad City Area to hold their annual Crop Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 5, 2014 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.**

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

Agenda Item #18

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from the Rock Island Moose Lodge to hold an outdoor event on Saturday, October 11, 2014 from 3:00 pm to 11:00 pm at 4410 9<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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

Agenda Item #19

**Other Business.**

Alderman Austin reminded everyone of his annual Community Meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the First Church of the Nazarene at 2921 38<sup>th</sup> Street. Alderman Austin advised that the meeting is open to all Rock Island residents and it is an opportunity to ask questions, get answers and voice concerns.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy discussed the history of Leo's Shoe Repair in Downtown Rock Island. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to stop by Leo's Shoe Repair when they are getting their winter boots, shoes and other items ready for the winter season. Alderman Murphy noted that Leo's Shoe Repair is located at 315 20<sup>th</sup> Street and they are open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm. Alderman Murphy added that they close at noon on Wednesdays. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to Shop local.

Gary Beck of 2353 26<sup>th</sup> Street addressed Council. Mr. Beck voiced concerns in regards to the damage done on 26<sup>th</sup> Street by the City's snow plow. Mr. Beck stated that he was also concerned about not receiving responses from the City in regards to this street and nothing being done about the damage to the street. In addition, Mr. Beck discussed the alleyway between 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Street being in disrepair. Mr. Beck commented that there is not enough communication between the City Council and the people. Mr. Beck further discussed these concerns.

Agenda Item #20

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

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #21

**Recess**

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Austin to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, October 6, 2014. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy,

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Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:04 pm.

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