

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, P.J. Foley and Stephen L. Tollenaer. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Finance Director Cynthia Parchert, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Public Works Director Randy Tweet and other City staff. City Attorney Dave Morrison arrived at 6:05 pm.

FOLLOW-UP PRESENTATION ON CIP

Finance Director Cynthia Parchert presented version two of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Ms. Parchert advised that a part of the CIP Budget is the allocation of the prior year's Gaming revenue as well as the General Fund carryovers. Ms. Parchert explained the three documents that were distributed to Council.

Next, Ms. Parchert discussed the 2015 Gaming and General Fund allocation revisions. Ms. Parchert advised that the prior Gaming/General Fund carryover allocations that were originally presented totaled \$8,252,441.00. Ms. Parchert added that this total included \$2,249,466.00 of General Fund Carryover and \$6,002,975.00 of Gaming. Ms. Parchert explained that since the original presentation, the 8th Avenue and 9th Avenue special assessment projects were canceled and now the City will be recycling those streets. Ms. Parchert pointed out that the Community Caring Conference contribution of \$18,000.00 has been eliminated due to learning that this organization will be ceasing to exist. Ms. Parchert offered that the Labor Day Parade funding was increased to the previous level of \$3,200.00. Ms. Parchert stated that another change included a \$75,000.00 reduction in the adjusted properly tax rebates due to a commercial incentive rebate that was in there and will no longer be needed.

Ms. Parchert advised that a significant amount of work has been completed on the City's operating budget and a transfer to the General Fund has been increased (\$1,009,000.00) so that a balanced General Fund will be presented. Ms. Parchert offered that previously, staff had included funds for a space study to learn the best way to utilize City Hall once the new Police Department has moved to their new facility. Ms. Parchert added that the funds for that study have been eliminated, which is a reduction of \$20,000.00. Ms. Parchert advised that the budget for Shadybrook Phase 2 has been reduced as a result of getting lower than expected bids on the Shadybrook Phase 1 street project; the reduction is \$175,000.00. Ms. Parchert explained that with that reduction, the 38th Street resurfacing from 7th to 18th Avenue was added.

Ms. Parchert indicated that the funding for CED unspecified special projects was eliminated (\$155,000.00), as well as the funding for Watchtower Plaza (\$164,200.00). Ms. Parchert noted that it was determined that the current year's CED funds will not all be expended and these funds will be carried over. Council and Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder discussed CED special projects as it related to funding.

Ms. Parchert pointed out that the Police Station fiberoptic connectivity and wireless networking was eliminated from being funded (\$50,000.00) with Gaming and General Fund dollars. Ms. Parchert added that this item will be funded with the Police Station bonds. Ms. Parchert advised that the total General Fund carryover and Gaming revenue is \$8,782,441.00.

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Next, Ms. Parchert discussed changes made to the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Ms. Parchert stated that the prior CIP budget started off with \$29,208,928.00. Ms. Parchert added that \$530,000.00 was added to that, which represents reprogrammed funds from the 8th Avenue and 9th Avenue projects. Ms. Parchert offered that an adjustment was made to the Long Term Control Plan in the Wastewater Fund, which is the underground combined sewer storage tank at 40th Street and 5th Avenue; it was an increase of \$2,090,000.00. Ms. Parchert added that this is due to having that project split over two years. Ms. Parchert noted that this project will actually occur in 2015. In addition, Ms. Parchert stated that there was a reduction in the Water Fund of \$200,000.00 for 20th Street resurfacing of 9th to 12th Avenue. Ms. Parchert advised that the total adjusted CIP budget is \$31,628,928.00.

Council discussed the adjustments as it related to the 2015 Gaming/General Fund allocations and projects in the Capital Improvement Plan. Various items discussed included the Labor Day Parade contribution, Community Caring Conference, support for District events and zoning and sign ordinance. Council also discussed the marketing program and involvement and support for Red, White and Boom. Public Works Director Randy Tweet and Council discussed various street assessment projects. Council further discussed Ms. Parchert's presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation. The motion carried on a roll call 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 6:27 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:33 pm. A motion made by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Hotle 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 6:34 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

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 Dave Morrison.

Introductory Proceedings

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

Note: Mayor Pauley gave the November 3, 2014 Update Rock Island prior to the approval of the Minutes.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley advised that starting Tuesday morning, November 4, 2014, repairs to the sewer crossing on 38th Street at the 28th Avenue intersection will require a road closure with detoured traffic around the work. Travel delays can be expected during the construction at or near this location. Pending favorable weather and commencement, the anticipated date of completion and resumption of normal traffic is later the same day. The Mayor stated to please follow all posted construction signs for detour directions, and watch for trucks entering and leaving the construction zone. The City of Rock Island is sorry for any inconvenience due to this sewer work and appreciates the patience and consideration of the traveling public.

Mayor Pauley stated that Tuesday, November 4th is the General Election. Let's remember that our right to vote was not a right that was easily earned. Let us do our part and get out there and vote! Mayor Pauley noted that the polls will be open from 6:00 am until 7:00 pm. If you need to find your polling place or have questions, call 309-786-VOTE or go to www.votercounty.org.

Mayor Pauley advised that Thursday, November 6, 2014 from 7:00 am to 10:30 am at the Central Fire House, the Rock Island City Employees will be participating in a Blood Drive to help the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center's blood supply. The City holds two blood drives a year to assist the blood center in collecting the area's much needed supply of blood.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Rock Island Public Library Foundation will offer guests a walk down the red carpet with the "Lights, Camera . . . Literacy," a Food for Thought celebration on Thursday, November 13, 2014 from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Rock Island Main Library, 401 19th Street. The library will be transformed into a star-studded night of dining, socializing and silent auction bidding. The Mayor commented that admission includes tastes of Rock Island served at multiple food stations, complimentary soft drinks, wine and beer, and musical entertainment. Guests who RSVP in advance receive preferred admission prices of \$35 per person. To RSVP, please call (309) 732-7326 or email riplfoundation@rigov.org no later than Monday, November 10th. Walk-in admission without an advance RSVP is \$40 per person. To accommodate the event, the Rock Island Main Library will close at noon to the public on November 13th. Mayor Pauley advised that the 10th annual fundraiser helps the Rock Island

Public Library Foundation fulfill library requests for special programs and projects that are outside the Rock Island Library's standard operating budget.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of October 20, 2014.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the Minutes of the meeting of October 20, 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 #7

Presentation of the Best Rain Garden Awards by the Beautification Commission.

Beautification Commission member Bob Towler stepped forward and joined Mayor Pauley at the podium to present the Best Rain Garden awards. It was noted that the purpose of the contest is to recognize residents who show pride in their homes and neighborhoods by keeping neat and well maintained rain gardens.

Mr. Towler then named the recipients of the Residential Beautification Award. The winners are as follows; Drew and Natalie Forest (overall winner), Sarah Siegal Trust, Kelly Noack, Mark and Pam Ernat and Michael and Donna Fiedler.

Agenda Item #8

Presentation of the Community Garden Awards by the Beautification Commission.

Beautification Commission member Bob Towler stepped forward and joined Mayor Pauley at the podium to present the Community Garden awards. It was noted that the purpose of the contest is to recognize organizations and citizens that show pride in their neighborhood by keeping remarkably neat and well maintained community gardens.

Mr. Towler then named the recipients of the Beautification Award. The winners are as follows; Positive Empowerment, Gloria Haymon, Preston/Constance Muhammad, Craig Norveisas, Josephine & Marshall Jackson, 6th Avenue Neighborhood Block Club, Broadway Church, Rev. Donald Johnson, Josh Schipp, Louise James, Alice Barber, Effie Hathaway, Diane Johnson, Robert Gomez, Martha Johansan, Barutwanayo Jacques, Boonchoo DeSchepper, Vasheel Shepherd and William Bernauer.

Agenda Item #9

Mayor Pauley will close the regular meeting and open a Public Hearing on the Citizen's Advisory Committee recommendations for the 2015 Gaming Grant allocations.

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting at 6:58 pm and opened a Public Hearing on the Citizen's Advisory Committee recommendations for the 2015 Gaming Grant allocations.

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder introduced Lori Roderick, Chairman of the Citizen's Advisory Committee. Mr. Eder stated that Ms. Roderick will give the presentation on the committee's recommendations for the allocation of the Gaming funds.

Ms. Roderick stated that the Citizen's Advisory Committee completed their review of the Gaming Grant funding requests for the 2015 calendar year. Ms. Roderick added that they enjoyed learning more about the programs and services that help the residents thrive and support their health and well-being. Ms. Roderick advised that the committee agreed that the budget presented will disburse monies in a way that benefits Rock Island citizens and Rock Island businesses with priority given to businesses within the city limits that provide services to the youth in the community.

Ms. Roderick indicated that the committee budgeted \$50,000.00 for this round of Gaming Grant allocations, which was the same amount that has been allocated since the inception of the program. Ms. Roderick added that each committee member reviewed 25 grant applications, heard presentations and had questions answered by all applicants. Ms. Roderick further explained the process involved leading to the allocations for the Gaming funds.

Ms. Roderick indicated that the committee received funding requests totaling \$125,863.60, with a shortfall of \$75,163.60. Ms. Roderick commented that they recommend awarding funds to 14 organizations. Ms. Roderick stated that the committee would have been comfortable funding several additional projects and programs if funding had been available.

Ms. Roderick noted that Gaming Grant funds enable the City and social service providers to offer assistance to those in the City with the greatest needs. Ms. Roderick concluded that the task of allocating these monies in a manner that affects the greatest good is certainly difficult, but fulfilling. Ms. Roderick commented that as a Rock Island citizen, she was thankful that the City has the funds and staffing and the will to deliver these programs to the community.

Council discussed the allocation process.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was anyone that wished to speak in favor of the recommendations from the Citizen's Advisory Committee. No one stepped forward.

Mayor Pauley then inquired as to whether there was anyone that wished to speak in opposition to the recommendations from the Citizen's Advisory Committee. No one stepped forward.

With no persons present to speak on the Citizen's Advisory Committee recommendations for the 2015 Gaming Grant allocations, Mayor Pauley closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:03 pm.

Mayor Pauley stated that final decisions on the Gaming Grant allocations will be made on Monday, November 10, 2014 at the regular Council meeting.

Agenda Item #10

A Special Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit at 918 45th Street.

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

Discussion followed. Alderman Murphy advised that some adjustments need to be made.

Mayor Pauley advised that an adjustment was made. Mayor Pauley added that operating hours were 6:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday, but it didn't say anything about the winter. Mayor Pauley advised that the addition to that stated that during snow removal season (winter only), it would be 24/7.

Chad Jones, owner of Quad City Lawn Care at 918 45th Street stepped forward. Mr. Jones stated that this would be during inclement weather where they would have to go out and do snow removal. Mr. Jones inquired as to whether Council would allow him to put gravel parking spots off of the gravel alley instead of concrete or asphalt due to the concrete being permanent.

Council discussed this issue as to whether or not it would have to go through zoning or get a variance.

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder advised that he couldn't quote the code, but believed that it requires all parking spaces to be on a hard surface. Council further discussed this issue.

Alderman Murphy advised that the reasoning for this discussion is that Mr. Jones had mentioned that he was looking for commercial space to move. Alderman Murphy added that the special use permit was passed if he had to have off street parking, but if he is moving, he doesn't want to make all of the space in the back. Council further discussed this issue.

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder advised that in certain situations whether it is to build gravel or concrete, there could be a time frame put on it. Council discussed this issue.

Alderman Murphy inquired to Mr. Jones as to whether six months would work for him to build the parking spaces. Mr. Jones stated that six months would be acceptable.

Alderman Murphy then stated that #7 would be added to the ordinance, which states that six months would be allowed to supply permanent parking.

Mr. Jones then inquired as to whether that allows him to have employees park on the street until the parking space is available.

Mayor Pauley stated that it would not be for six months, it has to be done quickly. Mayor Pauley advised that the City will determine with the City Attorney as to whether it has to be concrete. Mayor Pauley added that it would still have to have a gravel base, so for now, the gravel will have to be put in as soon as possible.

Mr. Jones inquired as to whether they would then be allowed to park on the gravel.

Mayor Pauley stated yes.

After discussion, the motion with the addition of #7 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

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

- a. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$18,100.00 to ESRI, Inc. for the ESRI ArcGIS software maintenance.
- b. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$21,500.00 to Cloud Sherpas, Inc. for the Google Apps annual update and support maintenance.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$61,739.43 to Miller Trucking and Excavating for an emergency water main repair on 18th Avenue and Route 92.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$10,082.15 to Valley Construction Company, Inc. for an emergency water main repair at 3610 78th Avenue West.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$225,669.80 to Langman Construction, Inc. for services provided for the 2014 Southwest Rock Island Street Patching project.
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 and final in the amount of \$240,240.34 to American Asphalt Surface Recycling, Inc. for the 2014 Hot In-Place Recycling Program project.

Agenda Item #12

Claims for the weeks of October 17 through October 23 in the amount of \$808,165.05 and October 24 through October 30 in the amount of \$664,134.27 and payroll for the weeks of October 13 through October 26 in the amount of \$1,386,305.95.

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 Hotle,

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

Agenda Item #13

Purchase Card Claims for the month of July in the amount of \$75,193.98, August in the amount of \$60,355.84 and September in the amount of \$68,067.55.

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the purchase card 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 #14

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for retaining wall repairs at 2120 and 2126 17th Street, recommending the bid be awarded to C&J Landscaping in the amount of \$11,465.00.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Murphy seconded 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 #15

Report from the Public Works Department and the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an agreement with Missman, Inc. for engineering services for wetlands mitigation for the proposed GTI project in Southwest Rock Island in the amount of \$36,632.50.

Prior to the motion, Mayor Pauley stated that GTI has agreed to pay this.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Public Works Department regarding an agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the resurfacing of IL5 (Blackhawk Road) from 13th Street to 24th Street, a Resolution appropriating \$4,715.00 for the City's share, a Resolution approving the plans and specifications and an Ordinance prohibiting parking along both sides of IL5 from 13th Street to 24th Street in the City of Rock Island.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the agreement as recommended, authorize the Mayor to execute the contract documents, adopt the resolutions and consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Tollenaer stated that while this work is taking place, he would like staff to look into having a right turn lane southbound on 17th Street. Alderman Tollenaer advised that traffic gets backed up quite a bit. Alderman Tollenaer added that if the west side of 17th Street could have a right turn lane southbound, it would clear up a lot of the backup of traffic there.

Public Works Director Randy Tweet stated that staff will look into it.

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 #17

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the donation of property at 514 14th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Conroy to accept the donation as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance. 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 Finance Department regarding uncollectible Loans.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the loan adjustment at American Bank & Trust as recommended to reflect the adjustment by Quad-Corp Collections. 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 Finance Department regarding the Municipal Compliance reports for Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2014 for the Police Pension Fund and Fire Pension Fund.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Hotle to accept the reports 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 #20

Report from the City Clerk regarding an application from Michael Agok to operate a Taxi Cab Service in the City of Rock Island.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the application 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 Hotle stated that we have had two Rock Island citizens win a national award from USA Network called the Characters Unite Award. Alderman Hotle added that it is all about bringing diverse groups of people together and bridging social injustices. Alderman Hotle stated that it is pretty impressive that in the few years that they have had this national award, two people from Rock Island have won. Alderman Hotle stated that this year's award winner is Jasmine Babers. Alderman Hotle commented that the award recipients receive a \$5,000.00 grant to continue their services. Alderman Hotle noted that Jasmine Babers is the youngest award recipient to date. Alderman Hotle further discussed this item.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that people that have boats will be looking for someone to haul their boats out of the water, winterize them and store them. Alderman Murphy advised that there is a great business in Rock Island that does that, which is Unley Marine on 18th Avenue and 1st Street. Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to shop Rock Island first.

Ms. Marsha Ready of 1829 4th Avenue, Apt. 102 stepped forward and Ms. Cecelia Wright of 1829 4th Avenue, Apt. 403 stepped forward.

Ms. Wright stated that the residents of Sala Flats at 1829 4th Avenue are petitioning the City to change the parking regulations in front of the building. Ms. Wright added that currently, the parking time is two hours and they are asking the City to change it to three hour parking from the northwest side of 19th Street to the alley. Ms. Wright stated that many residents work 2nd or 3rd shift and are not able to move their cars within the two hour time period. Ms. Wright added that some of the residents have received hundreds of dollars in parking tickets, tows and boots on cars.

Ms. Ready stated that there is a parking place across the street where they have to pay \$20.00 a month for parking that is shared with Project Now. Ms. Ready added that with all of the people in the building and Project Now, there is not enough parking spaces.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether they are asking to go from two hours to three hours.

Ms. Ready stated that they could go up to four hours.

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Mayor Pauley advised that it cannot be opened up completely because people will park there 24 hours, seven days a week. Mayor Pauley stated that this issue will have to be taken to the traffic committee and then they will have to review it and make a decision. Mayor Pauley stated that 5th Ward Alderman Kate Hotle could also work with the residents. Council further discussed this issue.

Agenda Item #22

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

The Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #23

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, November 10, 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 7:22 pm.

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