

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 Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy and Kate Hotle. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, City Clerk Aleisha Patchin, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Urban Planner Brandy Howe, other City staff and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 5:58 pm and Alderman Stephen L. Tollenaer was absent.

ACTIVITY /EVENTS POLICY DISCUSSION

City Clerk Aleisha Patchin advised that this past July, during a Council meeting, there was discussion concerning a 5K Color Run that was on the Agenda for Council approval. At that time, Council directed staff to come up with a better policy for activities/events rather than the current policy. Council also suggested that a possible fee be implemented to cover administrative costs concerning a notification process to residents and businesses in regards to routes. Ms. Patchin noted that currently, the City has approximately 14 event permits that are issued annually through the City Clerk's office, which include four parades - St. Patrick's Day, Labor Day, two high school homecoming parades, about eight runs, one walk and one bicycle ride.

Ms. Patchin discussed the current policy. Ms. Patchin advised that a permit is required for any walk, run, parade or other event that utilizes City or State owned streets. It was noted that an application with the name, address, date and time of the event is required from the sponsor along with a cover letter explaining the details of the event, a route map and insurance. Ms. Patchin stated that the filing period for the application is currently 30 days prior to the event. Ms. Patchin commented that at the time the application is submitted, the sponsor needs to contact the Police Department for route review and traffic control. Ms. Patchin advised that once the application has been submitted with the required documents, the street events group will receive a summary of the details of the event. At that time, the Police Department will review the event/route and will make any suggested changes if needed. Ms. Patchin pointed out that the current policy has no fee and no notification process. Ms. Patchin offered that after all reviews are completed, a report is created and submitted along with the other required documents for Council approval. If approved, a permit is issued for that event.

Next, Ms. Patchin explained the proposed options. For Option 1, Ms. Patchin stated that a permit is required for anyone using a City or State owned street and the application process is per the current policy. Ms. Patchin explained that there are three exceptions to Option 1, which include the length of time for filing the application, the notification process and fees. It was noted that for routine events, the application would be submitted 60 days prior to the event except in the case of new events in which the application would be submitted 90 days prior to the event. Ms. Patchin added that the City would be responsible for notifying all residents and businesses by mail within the jurisdiction of the route three weeks prior to the Council meeting and this notification would be for all routine and new events. Ms. Patchin commented that the CED Department would generate the addresses and the City Clerk's office would be responsible for sending out the letters. Ms. Patchin advised that a \$50.00 non-refundable application fee would also be required to help cover administrative costs. Ms. Patchin noted that the review and approvals would be per current policy.

Council discussed Option 1 as it related to the notification process and fees.

Ms. Patchin discussed Option 2. Ms. Patchin stated that in this option, it would follow current policy for a permit being required for anyone that utilizes a City or State owned street and the application process would be per current policy. Ms. Patchin discussed the exceptions. Ms. Patchin advised that Option 2 calls for all applications (routine or new events/routes) to be submitted 60 days prior to the event. Ms. Patchin commented that in this option, the sponsor would be responsible for notifying all residents and businesses along the route for that event three weeks prior to the Council meeting, and this notification would only be for new events. Ms. Patchin added that the CED Department would generate the addresses and the City Clerk's office would give the addresses to the sponsor; the sponsor would then notify (in writing) the residents and businesses along the route. Council and Ms. Patchin further discussed the notification process for Option 2. Ms. Patchin indicated that a non-refundable application fee of \$25.00 would be charged to cover the cost of paperwork and the review and approvals would be per current policy.

Ms. Patchin then discussed the differences in the options as it related to the length of timing for filing the application, the notification process and fees. Ms. Patchin recommended Option 2 to Council. Ms. Patchin advised that this would require an ordinance change for the 60 day filing period as well as the fee.

Council discussed the differences in the options as it related to the notification process and fees. Council also discussed fees as it related to the Police Department and traffic control.

Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen stated that the Labor Day Parade is a City event and it would be an overtime detail. The Chief added that all other events are charged an off-duty rate and the sponsor of the event is responsible for reimbursing the Police Department.

After more discussion on the proposed options, it was a consensus among Council to move forward with Option 2, but no fee would be implemented.

COMMUNITY GARDENS DISCUSSION

Urban Planner Brandy Howe advised that the City offers a Garden Lot Program where vacant lots are rented to individuals and community groups. Ms. Howe added that lots are rented for \$1.00 per year, per lot. Ms. Howe noted that currently, there are 40 garden lots rented out to 27 gardeners. Ms. Howe indicated that a lease agreement is required to rent these lots and it is a yearly lease. It was noted that the lease agreement states that the tenant has to maintain the premises, cannot place permanent structures on the site, cannot cause a dangerous or unsafe condition, and the City has the right to terminate the lease with 90 days written notice. Ms. Howe stated that current leases will end on December 31st.

Ms. Howe discussed the benefits of the current Garden Lot Program. Ms. Howe indicated that it reduces the City's maintenance costs in regards to mowing; puts vacant lots temporarily in use before developments; provides a source of healthy and locally grown produce; and creates opportunities for neighborhood and community interaction. Ms. Howe stated that staff has some

concerns with this program. Ms. Howe explained that there are no documented rules or procedures and the program is not advertised. Ms. Howe added that the \$1.00 fee for leasing a lot does not cover administration costs. Ms. Howe commented that the one year lease really limits the gardener's ability to plan and invest in the plots. Ms. Howe offered that in some instances, there is a lack of maintenance by some gardeners.

Mayor Pauley stated that there is another issue. At the end of the season, they do not clean up the garden and it looks terrible. Council discussed staffs' concerns regarding the Garden Lot Program.

Ms. Howe stated that staff has looked at other communities to see what they are doing for their garden lot programs. Ms. Howe indicated that one of the common elements in other communities' programs that seem to be successful is a statement of goals for the program. Ms. Howe added that other communities have adopted rules and procedures, an application process and rental agreements. Ms. Howe stated that most communities charge a rental fee of \$20.00 to \$75.00 annually and the terms of the leases range from one to three years. Ms. Howe also stated that other communities have what is called a public benefit requirement. Ms. Howe explained that if a person rents a lot and shows some type of public benefit then the rental fee could be waived. Some public benefits discussed included; providing educational workshops on gardening and donating food to food pantries or local institutions. Ms. Howe further discussed common elements of successful garden lot programs.

Ms. Howe stated that moving forward to 2015, staff is looking at improvements to the current City Garden Lot Program. Ms. Howe added that staff would develop a list of rules and procedures, and increase the current fee to \$50.00 to cover administration costs. Ms. Howe added that gardeners with a public benefit plan could have the fee waived. Ms. Howe stated that staff would like to implement these changes by January 2015 if possible. Ms. Howe concluded that staff is looking at this as a pilot year and it could be reviewed in the fall to see if there are any issues or changes that need to be made. Council, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder and Ms. Howe further discussed this item.

Council discussed Ms. Howe's presentation as it related to the amount of large garden lots in the City. Council discussed the Garden Lot Program as it related to the 90 days written notice to terminate the lease concerning the issue of whether a lot is needed for redevelopment. Council also discussed putting in a possible requirement of cleaning up the lots at the end of the season for the people that lease the lots. Mr. Eder stated that staff will bring back a policy in January for Council consideration.

Council further discussed the presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Murphy 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 Murphy, Alderman Austin,

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Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 6:02 pm. Alderman Tollenaer arrived at 6:03 pm.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:23 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Clark to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm.

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 Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer and Kate Hotle. 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 Foley gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of December 1, 2014.

A motion was made by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the Minutes of the meeting of December 1, 2014 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley advised that the City of Rock Island is holding an interactive Visioning Workshop where attendees will share what they think downtown Rock Island should look like in 10 years. The Mayor added that participants will communicate their unique vision for the future of Downtown Rock Island and propose projects and improvements to achieve that vision. The meeting will conclude with a discussion to identify community consensus on policies and key improvement projects. Mayor Pauley pointed out that this public event will be held on Tuesday, December 9th, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at The Establishment Theatre, located at 220 19th Street in downtown Rock Island. Mayor Pauley stated that for more information, please visit <http://www.hlplanning.com/portals/rockisland/>.

Mayor Pauley advised that Gallery Hop is the foremost winter-time event of the Rock Island Arts & Entertainment District. Local and regional artists will have their artwork on display, Friday, December 12, 2014 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The "Hop Stops" stretch all the way from 16th Street to 25th Street and from 1st Avenue to 5th Avenue! Mayor Pauley offered that these locations are not limited to art galleries; artists will exhibit in coffee shops, restaurants, retail shops, and entertainment venues. Jewelry, photography, woodwork, glass, paintings, drawings, book signings, sculpture, and live music will all be featured. The Mayor commented that this is a perfect event to take care of some holiday shopping, all while supporting local businesses and artists. For more information, please visit www.ridistrict.com.

Mayor Pauley stated that Augustana College's John Deere Planetarium at 820 38th Street, will present its annual holiday program from Saturday, December 13, 2014 to Friday, December 19th. The Mayor added that the planetarium show "Season of Light" will be offered weekdays at 7:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 pm. The show uses the planetarium sky projector,

astronomical images, music and narration. Admission is free and reservations are requested. Mayor Pauley stated that the program is not recommended for children ages 7 and under. For reservations, call (309) 794-7327 during weekday business hours.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Rock Island Beautification Commission is sponsoring the 29th Annual Holiday Lighting Contest. To nominate a residential or commercial light display, send the name and address of the display via email to [dziembowski.magda@rigov.org](mailto:dziemkowski.magda@rigov.org) or call (309) 732-2909 by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, December 17th. Mayor Pauley commented that judging will take place on the evening of December 22nd, when all displays should be illuminated by 5:30 pm. Winners of the 2012 & 2013 Holiday Lighting Contest are not eligible.

Mayor Pauley stated that Saukie Pro Shop is open for great shopping deals. Stop in for great stocking stuffers such as gift certificates, golf balls, shirts, hats and more. The Mayor added that Saukie's Pro Shop will be open through December 20th. Monday & Tuesday - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Wednesday - Friday - 11:00 am - 5:00 pm, Saturday - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Mayor Pauley noted that gift certificates can be sold over the phone with a credit card too! Call (309) 732-2277.

Agenda Item #7

Presentation by the Fire Department.

Fire Chief Jim Fobert stated that the City of Rock Island Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to formally recognize and honor two local businesses. Chief Fobert advised that over the past several years, Quad City Towing and Alter Metal Recycling have been valuable partners in the Fire Department's training and education efforts.

Chief Fobert indicated that Quad City Towing has provided numerous vehicles for the Lights and Sirens Program, as well as the Operation Prom events at the high schools. In addition, Quad City Towing has provided the personnel and equipment to not only deliver, but remove these vehicles at their own expense. Chief Fobert stated that the services they have provided ensure that these programs are successful.

Chief Fobert stated that Alter Metal Recycling has consistently honored the Fire Department's requests for assistance in conducting extrication training for the Fire Department's members at their facility. The Chief added that not only have they provided multiple vehicles for the department to use each session, they have also been gracious enough to set aside space for the department to utilize whenever asked. Fire Chief Fobert added that Alter Metal Recycling has provided personnel and equipment to set up the training site at their own expense. The Chief commented that the services they provide ensure that the Fire Department's training is successful, and that the Fire Department's members are better prepared for emergency incidents.

At this time, Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Yerkey joined Fire Chief Fobert to present the awards. Daniel and Angel Forgie accepted the award for Quad City Towing. Joe Seligman accepted the award for Alter Metal Recycling.

Agenda Item #8

Public Hearing regarding the Calendar Year 2015 Budget.

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting at 6:54 pm and opened a Public Hearing on the Calendar Year 2015 Budget.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was anyone that wished to speak in favor of the Calendar Year 2015 Budget. No one stepped forward.

Mayor Pauley then inquired as to whether there was anyone who wished to speak in opposition to the Calendar Year 2015 Budget. No one stepped forward.

With no person coming forward, Mayor Pauley closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 6:55 pm.

Agenda Item #9

Report from General Administration regarding a Special Ordinance amending a Special Ordinance for Chapter 16, Section 16-36(c) of the Code of Ordinances regarding establishing a fee of \$35.00 for water shutoff notices for nonpayment.

Note: Agenda Item #9 was tabled at the December 1, 2014 Council meeting.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to take item #9 from the table and place it back on the Agenda.

Note: A Motion remained on the floor - Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance.

Alderman Conroy stated that he is amending the motion to reduce the hook-up once the water has been turned off to \$35.00.

Mayor Pauley stated that originally, Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance. Mayor Pauley advised that there is a motion on the floor and inquired upon Alderman Tollenaer as to whether he accepted the change.

At this time, Alderman Conroy stated that he knows there is a motion on the floor, but he can have a motion to amend that motion. Following Alderman Conroy's comment, Alderman Clark seconded the motion.

Council discussed this issue. Alderman Hotle inquired upon Alderman Conroy to repeat the motion. Alderman Conroy stated that one of the reasons for doing this is because people wait until the door hanger is on and then they go and pay the bill, and then they do not have to pay the reconnection fee. Alderman Conroy added that these people know that they are going to be late with the payment. Alderman Conroy commented that the problem is that the City charges \$65.00 to turn the water back on. Alderman Conroy advised that the City doesn't want to punish the

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people that really can't afford it; the City wants to punish the people that just wait to pay their water bill at the last minute. Alderman Conroy noted that with the \$35.00 fee and the \$65.00 fee, it would be \$100.00 to have the water hooked up again. Council further discussed this issue as it related to the fee.

Alderman Conroy reiterated that a person would have to pay the \$35.00 for the door hanger, but when a person goes to get their water turned back on, they would no longer have to pay the original \$65.00 charge; they would only have to pay \$35.00 because they already paid the \$35.00 for the hanger. Council further discussed this issue.

Mayor Pauley stated that the original motion needs to be taken care of first. The Mayor added that Alderman Tollenaer made the motion and he would either have to agree with Alderman Conroy's motion, pull his motion or keep his motion. Council discussed this issue.

Mayor Pauley stated that the motion on the floor is to accept the \$35.00 door hanger and the \$65.00 payment to hook up the water again. Mayor Pauley then explained the section of the ordinance that relates to this item as well as Alderman Conroy's motion. City Attorney Morrison stated that there is a special ordinance in place and it would be in the same section of that special ordinance. City Attorney Morrison added that it would be a special ordinance to amend a special ordinance. City Attorney Morrison advised that the question is either to consider Alderman Tollenaer's motion first unless he would agree to the amendment.

Alderman Tollenaer stated that the City is just trying to cover the costs of the employees doing their job. Alderman Tollenaer advised that he would keep his motion so that it can be voted on. Council further discussed this issue.

After discussion, Mayor Pauley inquired to Alderman Murphy as to whether her second to the original motion on the floor stands or was she going to remove her second. Alderman Murphy stated that her second stands.

At this time, the City Clerk called the roll on the original motion that remained on the floor. The item and original motion follows: Report from General Administration regarding a Special Ordinance amending a Special Ordinance for Chapter 16, Section 16-36(c) of the Code of Ordinances regarding establishing a fee of \$35.00 for water shutoff notices for nonpayment. Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance. The motion did not carry, it failed by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Hotle.

Mayor Pauley stated that the motion was voted down. Mayor Pauley then advised that Alderman Conroy's motion was seconded by Alderman Clark.

At this time, Alderman Clark removed his second.

Alderman Conroy then stated that the motion is to have a \$35.00 cost for hanging a door hanger and reduce the cost of turning the water back on by \$35.00 and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. Alderman Murphy then seconded the motion.

Discussion followed. Alderman Murphy stated that it is important that the City attempts to change people's behavior and cover costs.

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

Agenda Item #10

An Ordinance providing for the levy, assessment and collection of taxes for the City of Rock Island for fiscal year April 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

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

Agenda Item #11

An Ordinance adopting the Budget for the Calendar Year beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015.

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

Agenda Item #12

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$18,598.66 to Brandt Construction Company for an emergency sanitary sewer repair at 3922 28th Street.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$22,974.65 to General Asphalt Construction Company for services provided for the 2014 Asphalt Street Milling and Patching Program project.

Agenda Item #13

Claims for the week of November 28 through December 4 in the amount of \$2,804,956.74.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding bids for the demolition of six residential properties, recommending the bid be awarded to Valley Construction Company in the amount of \$113,520.00.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Murphy to award the bid as recommended with three properties to be obligated with CY2014 funds and three properties with CY2015 funds and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Comments followed. Alderman Tollenaer thanked staff for their consistent efforts in tearing down blighted properties. Alderman Tollenaer stated that this makes a difference in a neighborhood.

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a bid and modification to the current demolition contract with H. Coopman Trucking and Excavating, recommending to add two residential properties at 1836 13th Street and 1327 6th Avenue in the amount of \$49,978.50.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Clark seconded to award the bid and approve the modification as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Comments followed. Alderman Foley stated that 1836 13th Street is what Alderman Tollenaer was discussing in regards to blighted properties. Alderman Foley added that this property is in the 3rd Ward; it is empty and it has been dealt with for five years. Alderman Foley stated that this property has had a lot of issues. Alderman Foley further discussed this item.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an agreement with Kane McKenna for consulting work related to the creation of the 1st Street TIF and supported development projects, and a Resolution expressing official intent regarding certain expenditures to be reimbursed from the special tax allocation fund for and/or from proceeds of an obligation issued, if any in connection with the proposed tax increment financing district commonly described as the 1st Street Redevelopment Project Area.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the agreement as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and adopt the resolution.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin inquired as to whether the school district was contacted in regards to the discussion from last week.

City Manager Thomas stated yes, he and CED Director Jeff Eder had a meeting with the school board. Mr. Thomas advised that the school board and superintendent understand that this area is a perfect example of a good use for the TIF. Mr. Thomas and Council further discussed this item.

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

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an Ordinance affirming the establishment of an Enterprise Zone within the County of Rock Island, Illinois and a Quad City Enterprise Zone Intergovernmental Agreement.

Mayor Pauley stated that item #17 is being pulled from the Agenda until next week. The Mayor added that a little bit more work needs to be done on this item.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Finance Department regarding an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014A to finance part of the construction of the new police facility and Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014B to finance redevelopment project costs for the 11th Street redevelopment project.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Murphy to pass the ordinance.

Finance Director Cynthia Parchert introduced Kevin McCanna who is the President of Speer Financial. Ms. Parchert stated that two sets of bonds were sold this morning.

Mr. McCanna advised that there was a bond sale today that was done electronically. Mr. McCanna added that the tax exempt bond issue was \$10 million and it was reduced a little bit. Mr. McCanna noted that there were six bidders and for this 20 year tax exempt paper, the best

bid was 3.05%, and the best bidder was KeyBanc Capital Markets. Mr. McCanna commented that it was a wonderful rate and a tight bid.

Mr. McCanna stated that on the taxable bond issue, the best bid for the 20 year taxable bonds came out at 3.78%. Mr. McCanna commented that there was less than a 1.0% difference between the tax exempt and the taxable bonds. Mr. McCanna commented that this is a \$16 million issue and there were five bidders. Mr. McCanna added that the best bid was from Raymond James and Associates.

Mr. McCanna advised that in the Moody's report, the City's very high rating of Aa2 was confirmed. Mr. McCanna commented that a lot of factors go into the rating. Mr. McCanna advised that the Aa2 rating reflects the City's relatively stable and diverse tax base in the Quad Cities metropolitan region, sound financial operations indicated by successive operating surpluses and an elevated debt burden. Mr. McCanna further discussed this item.

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

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the new CIRLF Micro Loan Program.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the new CIRLF Micro Loan Program as recommended.

Discussion Followed. Alderman Austin inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder to share information in regards to the differences between the documents and to let people know that the newly distributed documents are the ones to go by and not the documents that are for approval on the Agenda.

Mr. Eder advised that the CIRLF Advisory Committee works hard with their promoting small businesses and business growth in the City. Mr. Eder added that one of the tools that was lacking was a smaller loan amount; a micro-type program. Mr. Eder advised that staff missed a few things in the report that was on the Agenda. Mr. Eder advised that in the report, it stated that at least 51% of the jobs must be held by low-moderate income persons; it actually should say that the jobs must be made available or held by low-moderate income persons. Mr. Eder stated that another item that was missed in the report was that the applicant is required to submit a business plan. In addition, the applicant would be required to work with an agency like SCORE, or a small business development center or a similar agency to get help.

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

Agenda Item #20

Other Business.

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

Alderman Conroy advised that tomorrow night there is a hearing for the Electoral Board on one of the individuals that is running for the 2nd Ward. Alderman Conroy explained that because of the way the law is written, the most senior Alderman is one of the members that is supposed to serve on the board. Alderman Conroy advised that he is taking this time to recuse himself from serving on the board. Alderman Conroy added that he has been talking to some of the people that are running for 2nd Ward Alderman. Alderman Conroy stated that he wanted to make sure that there is no conflict of interest with him serving on this board. Alderman Conroy stated that he also wants to make sure that Mr. Smith gets his just day in court and that Mr. Smith feels comfortable with the turnout of the Electoral Board's results. Alderman Conroy noted that the hearing will begin at 6:00 pm tomorrow evening and he will not be part of that meeting.

Mayor Pauley advised that he has already talked to Alderman Austin and he is the second longest serving Alderman, so he will be taking Alderman Conroy's place on the Electoral Board at 6:00 pm tomorrow.

Alderman Austin stated that yesterday, he and his wife visited Hauberg Civic Center for the Winter in Bloom event. Alderman Austin added that the place was packed. Alderman Austin sent thanks to Jennifer Klinefelter (Parks Department) for doing a great job with this event, especially with the Frozen theme.

Alderman Murphy stated that the Quad Cities area is known for the Bald Eagles in the wintertime. Alderman Murphy added that if anyone wants to see the Eagles right now, go to Potter Lake; it is a great place to see Bald Eagles.

Alderman Austin reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Austin stated that Aunt Joy's (Alderman Murphy) wonderful business is producing custom design Christmas stockings. Alderman Austin advised that Aunt Joy has 200 stockings ready to go to a good home. Alderman Austin added that Aunt Joy's is located at 4502 7th Avenue and she is open from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Tuesday through Sunday until December 23rd. Alderman Austin commented that the stockings are gorgeous; check them out at www.auntjoy.com.

Agenda Item #21

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

An Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #22

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Hotle to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, December 15, 2014. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those

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voting Aye being; Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle, those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:23 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk