

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 Stephen L. Tollenaer, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III and Ivory D. Clark. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Rock Island Library Director Angela Campbell, other City staff and Kyle Peters, owner of the Daiquiri Factory. Alderman David Conroy arrived at 5:47 pm. City Attorney Dave Morrison arrived at 5:34 pm. Aldermen P.J. Foley and Kate Hotle were absent.

ROCK ISLAND LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION

Library Director Angela Campbell highlighted the library's monthly achievements for 2014 as well as the annual overview of the library. Ms. Campbell advised that the library's strategic plan was officially implemented in January 2014 and the four main goals included; early childhood literacy, adult and teen literacy, creating comfortable physical and online spaces and stimulating the imagination. Ms. Campbell commented that in February, the library kicked off one of the tasks in the plan, which included classroom visits. Ms. Campbell added that over 200 children visited the library with their classrooms and various library staff visited every grade in every school in Rock Island. Ms. Campbell indicated that in March, they launched the "Little Free Library" program at the Quad City Botanical Center. Ms. Campbell added that they have five more planned for Calendar Year 2015.

Ms. Campbell advised that the library launched the "My First Library Card" campaign last April. It was noted that over 400 cards have been issued to young readers from age zero to five. Ms. Campbell indicated that they have started the second phase of this program and they have 300 newborn gift bags ready for residents in Rock Island, Milan and Blackhawk Township that go to Community Health Care. Ms. Campbell added that this is an effort to promote early literacy. Ms. Campbell further discussed this item. It was noted that in May of 2014, the Rock Island Library partnered with the Marshall Learning Center's Empowering Potential Program. Ms. Campbell advised that they housed a portion of the learning center's collection at the Rock Island Library during the summer and the library offered access to the computers for the accelerated reading quizzes. Ms. Campbell added that they signed up approximately 25 young adults for library cards.

Ms. Campbell stated that they kicked off their summer reading program, "Paws to Read" with a carnival in June. Ms. Campbell added that more than 200 children, teens and adults registered for the program, but about 400 people attended the event. Ms. Campbell stated that they are already planning this year's kickoff for May 30th and the theme is Super Heroes. Ms. Campbell indicated that in July, the library had a summer intern from the University of Iowa graphic design school and the intern created images of the library's new mascot, Max Reader Mouse. Ms. Campbell further discussed these items. Ms. Campbell noted that in August, approximately 100 children attended the summer "Hug-a-Book" early childhood literacy program, and in September, the Rock Island Library had the Smithsonian exhibit, Hometown Teams. Ms. Campbell offered that October is Teen Read Month for the American Library Association and all area libraries partner during October for the Team Read Challenge. Ms. Campbell further discussed this item.

Ms. Campbell indicated that all public computers were replaced in November 2014 and a new literacy station was installed in the children's room. Ms. Campbell added that library staff entered a wreath into the Festival of Trees decorating contest in December and won an honorable mention.

Ms. Campbell discussed the strategic plan as it related to the four main goals, which included Create Young Readers, early literacy; Learn to Read and Write, adult, teen and family literacy; Visit a Comfortable Place, physical and virtual spaces; and Stimulate the Imagination, reading and listening for pleasure. Ms. Campbell then discussed statistical comparisons. Ms. Campbell commented that everything went up with the exception of reference materials, which is down 2.0%. Ms. Campbell further discussed the statistical comparisons. Ms. Campbell also discussed the library value calculator as it related to the value of use for library materials and services. Ms. Campbell noted that the monthly value for the library is \$788,941.00 and the yearly value is \$9,467,292.00. Ms. Campbell noted that for every \$1.00 in tax money invested into library services, the public receives a \$4.00 return on investment.

Ms. Campbell advised that the State Library is projecting a 10% decrease in state funding for the next fiscal year. Ms. Campbell added that the library has used its reserves to balance the budget for the past four years. Ms. Campbell pointed out that everything keeps going up such as personnel and associated costs as well as building maintenance and service contracts. Ms. Campbell added that there is a shortfall and there will be some hard decisions for the library to make in regards to services. Ms. Campbell advised that the library will continue to review the budget and make cuts where necessary in order to balance the budget by Calendar Year 2016. In addition, the library will finish the building program of the long range plan and continue to meet objectives by utilizing the strategic plan. Ms. Campbell commented that the library will also work with the Foundation to find funding for major projects. Ms. Campbell further discussed this item. Council discussed Ms. Campbell's presentation.

REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH KYLE PETERS

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder advised that staff has been working with Kyle Peters of the Daiquiri Factory on a potential deck expansion of his facility in Downtown Rock Island. Mr. Eder advised that the current deck is located to the west side of his building and it was constructed in 2007. Mr. Eder added that Mr. Peters would like to make it bigger to hold more people on the deck as well as to have more functions. Mr. Eder stated that Mr. Peters is looking to pull his daiquiri machines out onto the deck for special events. Mr. Eder stated that Mr. Peters would also like to bring in a more full service food menu to the facility and expand his hours of operation. Mr. Eder advised that Mr. Peters has worked with staff in regards to the food component.

Mr. Eder commented that Mr. Peters' proposal is to cover the cost of the deck expansion and the modifications that are necessary for the parking lot. Mr. Eder added that four parking spaces would be lost out of this parking area. Mr. Eder pointed out that Mr. Peters is proposing to use this deck for multiple seasons and a cover would be placed over the top of it to allow for a longer usage time.

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Alderman Conroy inquired as to how big the current deck is. Mr. Eder stated that it is 20' by 20' and a section will be added that is 40' by 20'. Alderman Conroy further inquired as to whether Mr. Peters is currently paying any rent. Mr. Eder stated no.

Mr. Kyle Peters, owner of the Daiquiri Factory stated that he has a café permit. Mr. Peters explained that a lot of other establishments can have tables and chairs outside in front of their establishments, but there is not enough room in front of his building to do so, and that is why he pays to have the café permit to use the deck.

Alderman Austin inquired as to whether any of the businesses have been contacted and made aware of what is being proposed from the time when the CIRLF meeting was held in February until now, and have any of the businesses been allowed to address it. Mr. Eder stated that he has personally not contacted them but has talked to Terry Tilka of RIBCO. Mr. Eder then discussed the parking component as it related to losing four parking spaces. Alderman Austin reiterated that the other businesses and residents need to be aware of what is being proposed and they need to have a say in the modification of the parking lot in regards to the impact on the spaces available for their businesses. Alderman Austin advised that it is staff's responsibility to notify the people in the area that may be impacted by this modification to the parking lot and give these people an opportunity to address this issue.

Council further discussed this issue as it related to others using City property to build something on. Alderman Conroy stated that he would definitely like to hear from the other businesses on what they have to say about this issue. Council also discussed the design concerning the expansion of the deck and the square footage component.

Alderman Murphy had concerns in regards to expanding the hours of operation and how that would impact the neighbors or residents Downtown with people being on the deck at a late hour. Alderman Murphy advised that the City is right in the middle of the Downtown Plan and Council has not discussed the plan yet. Alderman Murphy stated that she was not comfortable with making a decision on this item yet.

Alderman Austin discussed this issue as it related to the CIRLF loan for this item and inquired upon Renaissance Rock Island President Brian Hollenback to clarify what was stated at that February CIRLF meeting.

Mr. Hollenback stated that the CIRLF loan was unanimous; it was to approve the loan, subject to notifying the property owners. Mr. Hollenback stated that he is very respectful that we need to be sensitive to the Downtown Plan. Mr. Hollenback added that Mr. Peters has been working on this for over a year. Mr. Hollenback commented that we should be considerate to other business owners and there needs to be a formalized process. Mr. Hollenback added that when it comes to Council for a vote, The District will be here to show support.

After more discussion, it was a consensus among Council that notification needs to be sent to the residents and businesses that may be impacted by this proposed project. Mr. Eder stated that he will get the notices out this week and figure out when the exact date will be for this item to come back for Council consideration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Clark 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 Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 6:11pm.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:35 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Murphy to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 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 David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III and Ivory D. Clark. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Alderman Kate Hotle was absent.

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 February 16, 2015.

A motion was made by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve the Minutes of the meeting of February 16, 2015 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley advised that the 21st annual Spring Antique Spectacular will be March 6-8, 2015 at the QCCA Expo Center, 2621 4th Avenue in Rock Island. The event will feature antique dealers with unique merchandise from around the world. Mayor Pauley stated that with the Antique Spectacular, there is always something to interest every collector. Shop, for a timeless treasure, that is new to you. Show hours are 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm Friday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Saturday, and 11:00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday. Admission is \$7.00 and good for admittance all three days. Parking is free. For information visit antiquespectacular.com or call Kimberly Schilling (712) 324-9964.

Mayor Pauley stated that registration for the 2015 Rock Island/Milan Little League Baseball season has been extended until March 7, 2015. Mayor Pauley added that registration forms are available at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center or you can register online at <http://www.eteanz.com/rockislandmilanlittleleague4/>.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Rock Island Library takes programming to you with APPy Hour, a gathering on the second Wednesday of each month for people who want to share and learn about computer applications, also known as apps, for tablets and smartphones. Mayor Pauley stated to bring your device and share your favorites or learn about others Wednesday, March 11 from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Cool Beanz Coffeehouse, 1325 30th Street, Rock Island. Refreshments available for purchase. For adults and teens.

Mayor Pauley stated that with such cold weather, spring can't come soon enough. But you can start to get yourself ready for those spring and summer months by taking some classes at the Rock Island Fitness & Activity Center. We still have Zumba, weight training and dance classes

available. Go to www.rigov.org/epark and click on Register for Programs to register for the classes above or check out other great activities available through the Park & Recreation Department.

Agenda Item #7

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$48,574.97 to Harris Computer Systems for GEMS software maintenance.
- b. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$39,618.04 to Harris Computer Systems for the annual software maintenance contract for Northstar.
- c. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$15,169.61 to the Rock Island County Sheriff's Office for the City's share of the OSSI Records Management System software annual maintenance.
- d. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$24,255.81 to Harris Computer Systems for the annual software maintenance contract for Harris/MSGovern.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$2,550.00 to Hoerr Construction for services provided for the 2014 Joint Sewer Lining Program project.

Agenda Item #8

Claims for the weeks of February 13 through February 19 in the amount of \$425,688.96 and February 20 through February 26 in the amount of \$551,422.52 and payroll for the weeks of February 2 through February 15 in the amount of \$1,323,597.41.

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

Agenda Item #9

Report from the Information Technology Department regarding the annual purchase of computer replacement equipment from the Hewlett-Packard Company in the amount of \$75,000.00.

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

Agenda Item #10

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an agreement with A. Hanna LLC for the purchase of 14 acres of City owned property at the northeast corner of Andalusia Road and IL-92 in the amount of \$111,000.00.

Mayor Pauley stated that Item #10 has been pulled from the Agenda for further negotiations.

Agenda Item #11

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an early possession agreement with GTI Rock Island Partners LLC.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the agreement as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents, subject to minor modifications by legal counsel for each party prior to execution. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Police Department regarding the 2015/2016 Deer Hunting Program, recommending to authorize deer harvesting in the City of Rock Island to coincide with the 2015/2016 State of Illinois Deer Hunting Season and implement the additional recommendations as stated in the report.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to approve the 2015/2016 Deer Hunting Season as recommended, authorize staff to implement the additional recommendations and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, Alderman Tollenaer.

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Calendar Year 2015 Budget, recommending increasing the General Fund in the amount of \$6,187.69, the Community Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$137,227.73, the Capital Improvements Fund in the amount of \$906,018.71 and the Engineering Fund in the amount of \$21,298.50 through a transfer from the Gaming Fund.

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Clark seconded to approve the budget adjustment as recommended.

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Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy stated that this is being taken from the Gaming Fund. Alderman Conroy then inquired as to whether it was allocated from something else or is it being moved around. Alderman Conroy added that \$900,000.00 is not a small amount.

Finance Director Cynthia Parchert advised that these are all for carryover projects.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Calendar Year 2015 Budget, recommending setting the TIF #9 - 1st Street Fund Budget for Calendar Year 2015 in the amount of \$550,000.00.

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Steven Pressly to apply for a Special Use Permit to add a crematorium operation to the former funeral home located at 2106 7th Avenue.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to allow for the special use permit as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #16

Report from the City Clerk regarding an Activity application from Activate Rock Island, requesting to hold a Rock the Ride bicycle event on Sunday, August 16, 2015 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and recommending that the notification requirement be waived.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the event and waive the notification requirement as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin inquired as to whether someone would like to share comments about the event.

Marcia Lintz stepped forward. Ms. Lintz stated that they have the ride planned and it is utilizing the bike path that is already in place. Ms. Lintz stated that they hope it will bring all of the Rock Island families out. Ms. Lintz noted that it is not a ride where there is a certain time that you have to start. Ms. Lintz stated that it starts at Schwiebert Park where activities are planned, and the

event will be from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Ms. Lintz stated that they appreciate Council considering to waive the notification requirement.

Alderman Foley stated that he liked the route where 7th Avenue will be utilized, which has bike lanes. Alderman Foley added that he was glad to see Activate Rock Island doing this event.

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

Agenda Item #17

Other Business.

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

Alderman Conroy advised that he was not going to be on Council after May and his last meeting is supposed to be May 4th. Alderman Conroy added that he didn't want to offend anyone that may win, but he will be out of town on that date.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy discussed baseball. Alderman Murphy stated that when you need baseball equipment, go to Sports Depot in the College Hill District on 13th Avenue and 30th Street. Alderman Murphy commented that the neat thing about buying baseball or softball bats is that Sports Depot allows people to try out the bats before they buy them. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to Shop Local and Shop Rock Island First.

Alderman Austin advised that on Thursday evening, there is an opportunity at the Hauberg Center to learn about John Hauberg through his own eyes as the Augustana College Special Collections Library presents a program of their work on the glass plate project, which has over 7000 photo images that John Hauberg personally took. Alderman Austin stated that the photos will be presented as well as what life was like for the Hauberg family. Alderman Austin commented that there will also be a tour of the entire house including the normally restricted third floor. Alderman Austin noted that this event has a \$10.00 registration fee; call the Park office at 732-7275 to get your name on the list.

Agenda Item #18

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

The Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #19

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, March 9, 2015. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Murphy,

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Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 6:59 pm.

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