

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, Kate Hotle, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark and David Conroy. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Human Resources Director John Thorson, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder and other City staff. Alderman Joy Murphy arrived at 5:36 pm and City Attorney Dave Morrison arrived at 5:39 pm. Alderman Stephen L. Tollenaar was absent.

PRESENTATION ON BACKGROUND CHECK POLICY

Human Resources Director John Thorson advised that there are three policies that the City uses in performing background checks. Mr. Thorson added that Public Safety has their own background check policies, which are more comprehensive than the City's policy.

Mr. Thorson discussed the reasons for conducting background checks. Mr. Thorson advised that one reason is that the City really values honesty and integrity of all its employees. Mr. Thorson added that doing background checks is relatively inexpensive and takes the guesswork out of hiring. Mr. Thorson stated that they are particularly concerned from a legal perspective about individuals working with a more vulnerable population like children in Parks and at the Martin Luther King Center, and with people having fiduciary responsibilities, operating City vehicles and people that have network or database responsibilities. Mr. Thorson stated that if litigation occurs, background checks verify truthfulness, and helps to refute or verify the testimony that applicants provide. Mr. Thorson indicated that the cost to conduct a criminal background check through the State is \$10.00. It was noted that the Human Resources Department also uses InquireHire, which is a nationwide background check company and fees start at \$27.00. It was noted that InquireHire is typically used for out-of-state applicants or applicants that have moved frequently.

Mr. Thorson stated that the current policy applies to all regular, full-time and part-time candidates; they all have to go through a background check. It was noted that no one can start work until that process has been completed. Mr. Thorson advised that the HR Director approves the elimination of candidates on the basis of the information revealed and access to the background investigation is limited to the applicant, HR staff and the HR Director. It was noted that this background check policy excludes police and fire applicants. These applicants are under the preview of the Fire and Police Commission and the Police and Fire Chiefs.

Mr. Thorson indicated that all candidates are required to complete an online application because the City no longer accepts paper applications. Mr. Thorson stated that during the process of recruitment, candidates are told that selection is subject to the successful completion of a background check. Mr. Thorson commented that an inquiry is made into the applicant's conviction history during the application process. However, the hiring manager is not able to review the response or use it as a pre-screening tool. Mr. Thorson commented that the City only inquires into criminal investigations and does not perform a background check until the job offer has been made. Council discussed this item as it related to online applications and questions regarding prior convictions. It was noted that before a position is offered, the Human Resources Department may conduct various pre-employment checks, some of which include; criminal

background investigation, prior employment verification, education verification and motor vehicle record check. Mr. Thorson explained that some of the things they look for in doing background investigations that could disqualify a candidate include; inconsistencies in information by the candidate in the application or interview; omissions of significant information by the candidates; and unsatisfactory information uncovered by the background check such as a felony or misdemeanor conviction related to the position applied for, license suspension for a job requiring driving a City vehicle, disciplinary problems, or the inability to handle finances.

Next, Mr. Thorson discussed criminal convictions as it related to the hiring component. Mr. Thorson indicated that the City will not hire applicants who have been convicted of a job related crime within a certain period of time. Mr. Thorson added that factors taken into consideration include; the nature of the offense and its relationship to the position; the degree to which the applicant has been rehabilitated; and the length of time elapsed since the conviction.

Mr. Thorson then discussed various convictions as it related to how the State classifies crimes into levels depending on the severity of the crime. Mr. Thorson noted that some of the more serious aggravated misdemeanors may disqualify the candidate. Mr. Thorson advised that if a felony conviction showed up on the background check then that individual is not hired. Council discussed the range of misdemeanors and felonies as it related to the employment component. Council and Attorney Matt Pappas discussed removing the question concerning convictions from the employment application. Mr. Pappas discussed the law on Ban the Box, which aims at removing the check box from the hiring applications that asks if applicants have a criminal record.

Next, Mr. Thorson discussed the Public Safety background check policies for Fire and Police. Mr. Thorson indicated that the Fire and Police Commission is responsible for the selection of probationary police officers and firemen. Mr. Thorson noted that the background checks for Fire and Police are very extensive. Mr. Thorson stated that the police applicants' packets include; the application, a certification and agreement form, background release form, credit history release form, fingerprint card, and a schedule of testing events. Mr. Thorson stated that applicants still have to undergo a physical agility test, written exam and a background investigation. Mr. Thorson further discussed the process for police background checks.

Mr. Thorson advised that fire applicants complete an application packet, which includes; the application for employment, driver's license and records check, paramedic certification and a question regarding convictions for misdemeanors and felonies. Mr. Thorson added that fire applicants must further undergo a physical agility test, written exam, a background investigation, oral interview, medical exams and psychological exams.

Mr. Thorson discussed the Illinois Job Opportunities for Qualified Applicants Act. Mr. Thorson advised that this act was effective on January 1, 2015 and the law implies that an employer may not inquire into the criminal history of an applicant until it has been determined that the applicant is qualified for the position. Mr. Thorson stated that this relates to only "private" employers and not governmental employers.

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Mr. Thorson explained that this is basically the same thing as Ban the Box. Mr. Thorson added that the law prohibits a prescreening of the applicant until after a conditional offer of employment has been made. Mr. Thorson further discussed this item.

Mr. Thorson and Council discussed turnaround time as it related to background checks. Council also discussed whether to remove the question from the City's application that indicates whether that particular individual has had a prior conviction. It was noted that this would exclude Public Safety. Council and Attorney Matt Pappas further discussed this item.

After more discussion on this item, it was a consensus among Council to remove that question from the City's employment application.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 6, 2015
MINUTES**

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 Clark gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of March 23, 2015.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the Minutes of the meeting of March 23, 2015 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 stated that Tuesday, April 7, 2015 is the Consolidated General Election. Please remember to get out and vote. Voting is your right and responsibility. Mayor Pauley added that the polls will be open from 6:00 am until 7:00 pm. For more information about voting locations, contact the Rock Island County Clerk Election Department at (309) 558-3571 or go to www.rockislandcounty.org.

Mayor Pauley advised that Highland Springs and Saukie Golf Courses are both officially open. Dust your clubs off and come enjoy these great season specials. Saukie Golf Course season special is \$25 for an 18-hole round of golf and a cart every day after 10:00 am. Mayor Pauley stated that Saukie is conveniently located in the heart of Rock Island at the intersection of 31st Avenue and 38th Street. Call (309) 732-CART (2278) to set up a tee time. Get a Birdie Bundle of 18-holes with a cart for \$26 at Highland Springs Golf Course every Monday and Wednesday. Mayor Pauley noted that Highland Springs is located in southwest Rock Island at 9500 35th Street West. Call (309)732-PARS (7277) to set up a tee time.

Mayor Pauley advised that Rock Island Parks and Recreation is currently accepting picnic shelter reservations for the 2015 season. The Mayor added that reservations can be made over the phone or in person at the park office at the Rock Island Fitness & Activity Center, 4303 24th Street. Reserving a shelter is first come, first serve and payment is required at the time of reservation. Call the Rock Island Park Office at (309) 732-PARK for more information.

Mayor Pauley indicated that the Rock Island's Teen Science Café is at 6:00 pm on Thursday, April 9 at the Main Library, 401 19th Street, will include a choice of hands-on science project fun, from constructing and operating a LEGO Mindstorms rolling robot to making robots or

motorized plastic fans from recycled trash with kits supplied by the library. The event is free is open to teens ages 12 to 18.

Agenda Item #7

Public Hearing on a request from Steven and Cynthia Pressly for a Special Use Permit to add a crematorium operation to the former funeral home located at 2106 7th Avenue.

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting at 6:48 pm and opened a Public Hearing on a request from Steven and Cynthia Pressly for a Special Use Permit to add a crematorium operation to the former funeral home located at 2106 7th Avenue.

Steven Pressly stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. Pressly.

Mr. Pressly stated that today, the crematory is a low rise smoke stack; there is no smoke or odor. Mr. Pressly added that the neighbors have been very supportive of this project. Mr. Pressly stated that there were also letters of support for this project. Mr. Pressly offered that in addition to the fact that the crematory will be in the attached garage, we will make every effort to restore the building to the way it looked back in the 60's, 70's and early 80's. Mr. Pressly discussed the history of the current building at 2106 7th Avenue. Mr. Pressly stated that the neighbors will appreciate the impact it will have on the neighborhood.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was anyone that wished to speak in favor of the special use permit.

Alan Carmen of 741 22nd Street and on behalf of Brenda Carmen at 741 22nd Street stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. Carmen.

Mr. Carmen stated that as neighbors in the vicinity, they would like to see the old Knox-Larson Funeral Home renovated; the use is certainly one that is compatible with the neighborhood. Mr. Carmen added that it is a landmark in the neighborhood and community. Mr. Carmen advised that in view of his personal and professional experience with the Pressly's, they will make the right kind of investment in the property; it will be an attribute to the community and neighborhood. Mr. Carmen inquired upon Council to approve the request.

Dylan Parker of 817 22nd Street stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. Parker.

Mr. Parker stated that he agreed with what the other neighbors have said. Mr. Parker commented that he is a new resident in the neighborhood. Mr. Parker stated that he is happy to see other new caretakers of properties in the neighborhood and hoped that Council would approve the request.

Mayor Pauley then inquired as to whether there was anyone that wished to speak in opposition to the special use permit. No one stepped forward.

With no persons present to speak in opposition to the special use permit, Mayor Pauley closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 6:53 pm.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the request for the special use permit, subject to the stipulation that; the use shall meet all other applicable codes and ordinances and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Foley stated that the Pressly's have done a top notch job in revitalizing their property. Alderman Foley added that he has nothing but confidence in what the Pressly's will do with this facility as well. Alderman Foley stated that he supports this and thanked Mr. Pressly for all he does for Rock Island and in helping to stabilize the neighborhoods.

Alderman Hotle stated that she has heard nothing but positive feedback from the neighborhood and around her ward. Alderman Hotle stated that you couldn't ask for a better business owner to come in and redo that building. Alderman Hotle thanked Mr. Pressly for his efforts.

After discussion, 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

Public Hearing on a request from Barbara Radigan for a Special Use Permit to continue to operate a sewing/alteration business out of her residence at 3866 28th Avenue.

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting at 6:55 pm and opened a Public Hearing on a request from Barbara Radigan for a Special Use Permit to continue to operate a sewing/alteration business out of her residence at 3866 28th Avenue.

Barbara Radigan stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Ms. Radigan.

Alderman Murphy inquired upon Ms. Radigan to tell the Council about her business.

Ms. Radigan stated that she is a seamstress and works on wedding gowns, formal attire, prom and pageant attire and does other alterations. Ms. Radigan indicated that she likes to specifically focus on wedding attire.

Alderman Murphy inquired as to how many customers Ms. Radigan has on average per week. Ms. Radigan stated that she averaged out over the course of the year and it was about 2.6 customers. Ms. Radigan stated that she sees everyone by appointment only. Ms. Radigan commented that this is labor intensive work. Ms. Radigan added that when someone comes for a fitting, they may not come back for quite some time. It was noted that Ms. Radigan is the only employee.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was anyone that wished to speak in favor of the special use permit.

Grace Shirk of 4014 28th Avenue stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Ms. Shirk. Ms. Shirk stated that Ms. Radigan has been in the neighborhood a long time, and her business has never been an intrusion or problem. Ms. Shirk indicated that there are very few cars if ever there and

Ms. Radigan does some alterations away from her home. Ms. Shirk reiterated that there has never been a problem in the neighborhood and hoped that Council would approve the request.

Mayor Pauley then inquired as to whether there was anyone that wished to speak in opposition to the special use permit. No one stepped forward.

With no persons present to speak in opposition to the special use permit, Mayor Pauley closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 6:58 pm.

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve the request for the special use permit, subject to the stipulations that; one resident employee shall be allowed; hours of operation shall be by appointment from 10:30 am to 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday and Saturdays from 11:00 am to 3:30 pm; a minimum of three off-street parking spaces shall be maintained on the site; no signs shall be allowed; the use shall meet all other applicable codes and ordinances; 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, Alderman Clark and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #9

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

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$15,110.91 to Dave Morrison for legal services rendered for the month of March.
- b. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$541.36 to Dewayne Perkins for General Liability Claim.
- c. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$100,999.99 to Broadspire for Worker's Compensation Settlement for Randall Elliott.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,300.00 to Bob Westpfahl for the 2015 annual land set aside.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #15 in the amount of \$428,923.40 to Gilbane Building Company for construction services provided for the Rock Island Police Station project.

f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #39 in the amount of \$244,176.50 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Wet Weather Treatment System project.

g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$15,250.00 to Baecke-Spranger Appraisers for services provided for the Shadybrook Resurfacing Phase II project.

Agenda Item #10

Claims for the weeks of March 20 through March 26 in the amount of \$329,256.78 and March 27 through April 2 in the amount of \$419,417.03 and payroll for the weeks of March 16 through March 29 in the amount of \$1,309,005.68.

Alderman Clark moved and Alderman Foley 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 #11

Report from the Police Department regarding the purchase of five dispatch consoles along with the included upgrades from Evans Consoles in the amount of \$121,971.14.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the purchase 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 #12

Report from the Fire Department regarding bids for the replacement of the HVAC system at Fire Station 3, recommending the bid be awarded to TMI in the amount of \$10,156.00.

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the Rock Island Parkway Railroad Repair project, recommending the bid be awarded to Crafton Railroad Company, Inc. in the amount of \$11,453.00.

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2015 Sod Replacement and 50/50 Tree Program, recommending the bid be awarded to Greenspace Associates in the amount of \$123,130.00.

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2015 Sidewalk and Pavement Patching Program, recommending the bid be awarded to Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities, Inc. in the amount of \$836,125.00.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy to award the bids as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents for items 12, 13, 14 and 15, Alderman Murphy 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 #16

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a proposal from CDM Smith, Inc. for engineering design services for the replacement of the Water Treatment Plant Filter Building in the amount of \$1,749, 513.00.

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the proposal as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Austin stated that this item was presented to Council as a possibility quite a while ago, and the money is included in the budget. Alderman Austin commented that he has a hard time swallowing the fact that even though the City didn't have any water-utility rate increases this year, the requests may come forward for 6.0% for each of the next four years. Alderman Austin commented that the Council will have some tough decisions to make. In addition, Alderman Austin stated that there are some sewer rate increases of 3.0%, 3.0%, 3.0 % and 3.0% that may or may not happen.

Alderman Austin stated that the City spent \$75,000.00 last year for the filter media study and this year it was budgeted for the design. Alderman Austin indicated that the proposed construction is next year and that budget will have the associated funding recommendations. Alderman Austin further discussed this issue.

Alderman Austin advised that he has a hard time voting to approve this item for the design phase if the construction phase may not be something the City chooses to pursue. Alderman Austin discussed retrofitting the existing building as it related to a possible option. Alderman Austin further discussed this issue.

Mayor Pauley advised that there is an option to table this item pending another study session.

Council further discussed this item.

Public Works Director Randy Tweet stated that according to the consultant, it is possible to retrofit the current building, but it would be more expensive than building a new plant. Mr. Tweet explained that the hardest part is that the plant can't be shut down to retrofit it; the plant has to keep running. Mr. Tweet stated that the problem is that the filter beds just aren't deep enough; it is just cheaper to build a new plant. Mr. Tweet pointed out that the current filter building does not meet the 10 State Standards. Mr. Tweet pointed out that the City does meet water quality standards, but the reason for the new building is because the current building has reached the end of its service life.

Council further discussed this issue. Alderman Foley suggested deferring this item until there is another study session on it.

At this time, Alderman Foley moved to defer item #16 until April 20th, Alderman Hotle seconded.

Mayor Pauley stated that there would be a study session before April 20th.

The motion then 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 Public Works Department regarding the 2015 Mowing contract, recommending to extend the 2014 Mowing contract with Finer Finish Grounds Care in order to perform the required mowing through 2015.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the extension 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 Board of Local Improvements regarding a Special Ordinance amending a Special Ordinance abandoning the Special Assessment projects for improvements of 8th Avenue Resurfacing: 42nd Street to 46th Street and 9th Avenue Resurfacing: 44 ½ Street to 46th Street.

Alderman Murphy 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 #19

Report from the Fire Department regarding a Special Ordinance amending Chapter 6, Article IV, Section 6-63 of the Code of Ordinances regarding the establishment of a new ambulance ALS Intercept fee.

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

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a Special Ordinance ceding the City's 2015 private activity volume bonding cap to the Quad Cities Regional Economic Development Authority.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Austin 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 #21

Report from the Human Resources Department regarding a Resolution for a surety bond required by the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Blackhawk Commons Development.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Murphy to adopt the resolution. 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 #22

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the updated draft of the CDBG Policies and Procedures Manual.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to approve the updated draft of the CDBG Policies and Procedures Manual as recommended, and allow for minor modifications by the City Attorney and the Chicago HUD Office. 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 #23

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a request from Kinseth Hospitality Companies for the Holiday Inn to install an air conditioning unit and bollards within the alley right-of-way behind their property at 226 17th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the request as recommended, subject to providing proof of insurance and a recordable agreement. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #24

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Jeffrey and Joanne Wolever to change the 2-way stop into a 4-way stop at the intersection of 27th Street and 20th Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #25

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Larry Frederick of 1502 14 ½ Street to install a handicapped parking space on the side of his home on 15th Avenue.

Alderman Conroy stated that there needs to be more communication on this item. At this time, no motion was made. Item #25 died for lack of a motion.

Agenda Item #26

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Jose and Sarah Zepeda, owners of the QC Coffee and Pancake House to rescind their request for a handicapped parking space in front of their business on 3rd Avenue and designate the two spaces as a two-hour parking zone.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Alderman Foley commented that this is one of the hottest places in the Quad Cities for breakfast and lunch; it is great.

After comments, 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 #27

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Don Krueger, MetroLink Risk Manager to place their facility at 4501 4th Avenue under City ordinance (section 9-42) control.

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

Agenda Item #28

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Steve Coulston and Kristine Neumann to remove the handicapped parking space in front of their neighbor's house at 1816 35th Street.

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

Agenda Item #29

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Tracey Gowdy to remove the handicapped parking space in front of their neighbor's house at 1827 34th Street.

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

Agenda Item #30

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Rev. Allen J. Shuler Jr., Pastor of the Olivet Baptist Church to allow parking on 12th Street between 20th and 21st Avenues all day on Sundays, Wednesdays between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm and during special events.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Clark seconded to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed. Mr. Charles Shackelford of 2008 12th Street stepped forward. Mr. Shackelford stated that they got this put as residential parking because of two businesses, one being a church and the other being Friendship Manor across the street. Mr. Shackelford stated that this will make a precedence for Friendship Manor to get this taken back off of the road, which is exactly what we don't want. Mr. Shackelford commented that he doesn't want Friendship Manor and everybody else to be parking on that street again.

Mayor Pauley stated that they are only asking for Sundays, and Wednesdays from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether that is a problem.

Mr. Shackelford stated that it will be because then Friendship Manor will come back and ask for the same thing.

Alderman Foley advised that he is the Alderman for this ward and he has talked to Friendship Manor and he believes they understand. Alderman Foley stated that the reason he supported the neighbors was because parking was an issue there. Alderman Foley stated that in terms of Friendship Manor wanting to do the same thing, it will not happen. Alderman Foley stated that he will not allow it; this item is just for the church only. Alderman Foley advised that if Mr. Shackelford has any problems with Friendship Manor, then reach out to him. Alderman Foley stated that he didn't believe they will violate it. Alderman Foley further discussed this issue.

After discussion, 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 #31

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Kim Reda of the Finance Department to remove the 30 minute parking meter on the north side of 3rd Avenue across from City Hall and replace it with two-hour parking.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Murphy inquired as to how many 30 minute parking meters are there that people can access.

Public Works Director Randy Tweet stated that this is just the meter on the corner, and this will be made into two hour parking. Mr. Tweet added that there is one hour parking on one side of the street and on the other side of the street will be two hour parking.

After discussion, 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 #32

Report from the Martin Luther King Center regarding a street closing and sound amplification request for their 29th annual King Center Family Fun Day Celebration scheduled for Saturday, August 1, 2015, requesting that food vendor inspection fees and sound amplification fees be waived.

Alderman Clark moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the requests and waive the fees 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 #33

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Sally O'Donnell for a street closure from #10 Woodley Road at the intersection of Hawthorne Road and Woodley Road to the end of the lot at #25 Woodley Road on Sunday, June 7, 2015 from 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm for a block party.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the request 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 #34

Other Business.

Alderman Hotle encouraged everyone to go out and vote tomorrow, even if your ward is not up; there are school board candidates and also there is the school district referendum.

Alderman Foley encouraged everyone to support the 1.0% sales tax approval. Alderman Foley stated that we keep falling behind in our facilities in our school district, and this is a way to help fund those needed upgrades to our facilities. Alderman Foley further discussed this issue.

Alderman Tollenaer agreed with Alderman Hotle and Alderman Foley. Alderman Tollenaer stated that voting does matter.

Alderman Tollenaer stated that the Council has made it a priority to revitalize 11th Street. Alderman Tollenaer commented that he has heard a lot of negative things as to what the Council has done down there. Alderman Tollenaer stated that there is not one negative thing that the Council has done; everything has been very positive and for the future. Alderman Tollenaer commented that the things that have been done for 11th Street are for money; this has been done for a larger revenue stream coming in to pay for all of the things that make the City so good. Alderman Tollenaer commented that the 1.0% sales tax for schools is a fabulous idea. Alderman Tollenaer further discussed this item.

Alderman Murphy stated that for the last four years at the end of every Council meeting, she has promoted businesses in Rock Island and has asked people to always Shop Rock Island First. Alderman Murphy stated that for those that will be voting tomorrow and like Shop Rock Island, please look at the candidates who are business friendly and whose goals are to bring more businesses and retailers into Rock Island so that we can have more choices when we Shop Rock Island.

Mr. Darrell Day of 8217 9th Street West stepped forward. Mr. Day stated that he received an assessment the other day for that improvement. Mr. Day commented that some of the neighbors on the opposite streets paid \$800.00 or \$700.00. Mr. Day added that he got an assessment of \$4,100.00 on his property. Mr. Day stated that his lot is a little bit bigger but he didn't think that was proper. Mr. Day added that the streets definitely need to be worked on, but the assessment is a little bit high. Mr. Day indicated that he knows Council cut down the amount for some people on the 1st phase and he is hoping that Council will do the same for the 2nd phase. Mr. Day commented that a lot of the neighbors in regards to phase two are not very happy about this.

Alderman Conroy advised that all of their houses are about the same size. Alderman Conroy added that the way it was evaluated was by square foot on the lot, but there is a creek back there so it is not like its buildable property. Alderman Conroy stated that this needs to be looked at as far as the size. Alderman Conroy added that the highest bill on phase one was about \$1,400.00 or \$1,500.00 and that cost was cut in half. Alderman Conroy added that the way this is being done needs to be looked at and whether or not it is a fair evaluation just by taking lot size.

Alderman Conroy advised that the Parks Department (the City) redid the creek in the park area, which caused a lot of damage to Mr. Day's area. Alderman Conroy stated that he would like someone from the City to go out to Mr. Day's property and look at the creek. Alderman Conroy stated that what Parks did was mandated by what the City said they had to do because of the storm water runoff. Alderman Conroy further discussed this issue.

Alderman Murphy stated that Rock Island is the only city that assesses property owners when work is done on their street. Alderman Murphy stated that she supports eliminating special assessments like the other Quad City communities have. Alderman Murphy stated that it is really a double tax on the property owner. Alderman Murphy further discussed this issue.

Agenda Item #35

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

An Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #36

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, April 13, 2015. 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. The meeting was recessed at 7:30 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk