

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 6:00 pm in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Kate Hotle, Joshua Schipp, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark and Virgil J. Mayberry. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Aldermen P.J. Foley and Stephen L. Tollenaer were absent.

NEW ZONING ORDINANCE AND PRESERVATION PLAN DISCUSSION

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder updated Council on a couple of projects that staff has been working on for some time. Mr. Eder advised that the first project is the Heritage Resources Plan, which is a historic preservation document. Mr. Eder stated that the City received a \$21,000.00 grant from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency to prepare a comprehensive, City-wide preservation plan. Mr. Eder stated that the plan aims to identify strategies to address promoting preservation as a tool for revitalizing neighborhoods and commercial uses; enhancing tourism and cultural activities; and engaging the community in historic preservation efforts. Mr. Eder stated that the plan also intends to identify organizational capacity beyond the City to implement preservation activities; to establish clear, predictable and objective review processes for land-marking buildings and certificates of appropriateness; and to strengthen the City's historic preservation program.

Mr. Eder advised that they have received eight proposals from companies and staff is in the process of narrowing it down to two or three companies, and then the finalists will be brought in for interviews. Mr. Eder advised that staff wants to focus on a plan where there will be historic preservation tools available to explain where to get grant funds and tax credits, how to apply for them and how to use them. Mr. Eder stated that the plan is aiming to help the City have action items so that staff can be more proactive especially with the funding and for other reasons such as why historic preservation is a good thing. Mr. Eder stated that this item will come back to Council within the next month for hiring a contractor to do the plan. Mr. Eder and Council further discussed this item.

The second project that Mr. Eder updated Council on was the zoning ordinance. Mr. Eder stated that the zoning ordinance had a major overhaul about 25 years ago and since then, there have been a lot of legal changes to it. Mr. Eder commented that the zoning ordinance also includes the sign ordinance.

Mr. Eder advised that the City issued an RFP to solicit proposals for the zoning ordinance. Mr. Eder stated that the big thing about the zoning ordinance is that it is the implementation tool of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Eder stated that the regulations are specific for zoning, landscaping, parking, signage and site plans. Mr. Eder added that as part of this project, the zoning map will also be updated.

Mr. Eder advised that this project will implement the recently adopted Comprehensive Plan and Downtown Revitalization Plan; and the project will also modernize the zoning code to address contemporary planning ideas and zoning practices as well as to ensure compliance with any new statutory requirements. Mr. Eder stated that proposals were due last Friday and staff received six

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proposals. Mr. Eder added that the proposals will be reviewed and staff will select two or three firms to interview and then it will be brought to Council for consideration.

Council discussed this item as it related to cost concerning the consultant.

Council discussed evaluating the Zoning Appeals Board as it related to ordinance changes. Mayor Pauley stated that several months ago, Council had asked for a report and recommendation on this item, but Council has yet to receive it. Mr. Eder advised that he would get a report to Council soon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Austin 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 Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Mayberry; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 6:13 pm.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:34 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Mayberry to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Mayberry; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 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 Kate Hotle, Joshua Schipp, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, Virgil J. Mayberry, P.J. Foley and Stephen L. Tollenaer. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Dave Morrison.

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of May 18, 2015.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the Minutes of the meeting of May 18, 2015 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that on Tuesday, June 2nd, River City 6 will kick off the 59th Annual Starlight Revue Music Under the Stars Concert Series held at Lincoln Park. At 6:00 pm enjoy dinner from the Hy-Vee grill and an ice cream social. Enjoy the concert from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Concert rain date is Wednesday of the same week. Call (309) 732-RAIN.

Do you know someone that deserves to be recognized for what they do for the community? If so, there is still time to nominate them for the 2015 Citizen of the Year Awards, sponsored by the Mayor and City Council. Mayor Pauley stated that there are seven categories for Rock Island Citizens – Business, Professional, Education, Individual, City Employee, Organization and Youth. There is a special category for someone that does not live in Rock Island but has contributed to the good of the community. We invite you to submit a nomination for someone that deserves the recognition of this award. Go to www.rigov.org under City Clicks to get a nomination form. Mayor Pauley noted that the deadline for receiving nominations is June 8, 2015. If you have questions, please call City Clerk, Aleisha Patchin at (309) 732-2010.

Mayor Pauley stated that acclaimed international rock artist, Lissie Maurus, will return Saturday, June 6th to team up with the Rock Island Parks and Recreation Department for a fourth hometown concert at Schwiebert Riverfront Park benefiting the ALS division of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois. Mayor Pauley commented that this year's event will include Yoga, a children's dance performance, local and national bands, food, and a beer garden by Bent River Brewing Company. Proceeds benefit the ALS Division of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Iowa and Western Illinois. There will also be flower crowns for sale and face painting. Mayor Pauley stated that the gates open at 2:30 pm, with admission of \$10 for adults (cash only) and free for children 12 and under with paid adult. For more

information, please call (309) 732-7275.

Mayor Pauley advised that the annual Quad Cities Senior Olympics will be held June 1st through June 7th. Most of the athletic events will take place at Augustana College's Erickson Field in Rock Island Friday night, June 6th and all day on Saturday, June 7th. The entire schedule is listed online at www.qcseniorolympics.org. Mayor Pauley added that gold, silver and bronze medals are given in every event and for multiple age levels. To register, volunteer, or for more information, contact the Quad Cities Senior Olympics office at (309) 786-1677 or visit the website. On-site registration is allowed for some events.

Mayor Pauley stated that summer means it's time to catch a free show by the Backwater Gamblers Water Ski Show Team. The team consists of approximately 150 members ranging in age from one to 67. Skiing members perform acts such as jumping, barefooting, pyramids, swivel, strap doubles, and others. Watch them on their home surf at 44th Street and the Rock River. Shows are Wednesdays and Sundays at 6:30 pm. For more information, go to www.backwatergamblers.com.

Agenda Item #7

Public Hearing on a request from Clayton Peterson for an amendment to an approved special use permit to continue to allow quilting classes to be conducted out of the same downstairs dwelling unit of his duplex by the non-resident employee of the approved alteration business at 1202 21st Street.

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting and opened a public hearing at 6:49 pm on a request from Clayton Peterson for an amendment to an approved special use permit to continue to allow quilting classes to be conducted out of the same downstairs dwelling unit of his duplex by the non-resident employee of the approved alteration business at 1202 21st Street.

Mr. Clayton Peterson of 1202 21st Street stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson stated that they are not actually quilting classes; they are sit and sews. Mr. Peterson offered that the non-resident employee does not advertise to do these things; it is people that need help with certain projects. Mr. Peterson indicated that a person may bring a project to the house on a Monday or Wednesday at the appropriate time and they will complete those projects.

Alderman Austin inquired upon Mr. Peterson to address the parking issue. Mr. Peterson stated that he lives on a corner lot and has about five parking spaces beside his house and three spaces in front of his house. Mr. Peterson stated that when the non-resident employee has her alterations shop going and people come for alterations, they may occasionally park in front of a neighbor's house. Mr. Peterson commented that the neighbors are objecting to that. Alderman Austin and Mr. Peterson further discussed this issue.

Alderman Hotle inquired as to how many people come to the classes. Mr. Peterson stated that there are six people that come to classes on Monday and normally two or three people come on Monday night; on Wednesday, there are four to five people and on Wednesday night, two people

come in one vehicle. Mr. Peterson added that on Monday nights, two of the people come in one car.

After more discussion, Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was anyone that wished to speak in favor of the amendment to the approved special use permit to continue to allow quilting classes to be conducted out of the same downstairs dwelling unit of Mr. Peterson's duplex by the non-resident employee of the approved alteration business at 1202 21st Street. No one stepped forward.

Mayor Pauley then inquired as to whether there was anyone who wished to speak in opposition to the amendment to the approved special use permit to continue to allow quilting classes to be conducted out of the same downstairs dwelling unit of Mr. Peterson's duplex by the non-resident employee of the approved alteration business at 1202 21st Street.

Mr. Tim Kerr of 1210 21st Street stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. Kerr.

Mr. Kerr voiced concerns in regards to the parking problem in the past with the original special use permit, and had concerns that if the amendment to the special use permit was approved, it would create more parking issues. Mr. Kerr stated that at night when the neighbors come home from work, they may have their families over and they cannot park.

Mr. Kerr indicated that the neighbors originally signed a petition to allow an alterations business in the downstairs apartment, and now there is a full time tenant, which is the renter's son and she also babysits. Mr. Kerr inquired as to whether this is a rental for a tenant, a babysitting business or an alterations business.

Mr. Kerr stated that parking is an issue and the neighbors would like for it to be a residential public street.

Mr. Darren Ferko of 1207 21st Street stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. Ferko. Mr. Ferko stated that he has lived in the neighborhood for 10 years and loved the quietness of the neighborhood when he first moved in. Mr. Ferko submitted a petition from the neighbors opposing the amendment to the special use permit. Mr. Ferko stated that if the amendment is approved, it will result in reduced parking for the residents, increased noise, traffic and deterioration of the neighborhood.

Alderman Schipp and Mr. Ferko discussed the petition as it related to the signatures of the neighbors opposing the special use permit.

Mr. Peterson stated that he was not aware until this evening that there were all of these problems in regards to parking.

Mr. Kerr inquired as to whether the business is licensed to have three different operations going on at the same time. Mr. Kerr further discussed this issue.

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Alderman Hotle stated that special use permits are for residents that can potentially operate some type of low intensity business in a residential area without rezoning the property to a commercial use. Alderman Hotle further discussed this item.

Council discussed the business as it related to the tenant (son) and the non-resident employee.

Alderman Schipp stated that the petition and the signatures that were gathered in proximity to the property are important for consideration for the specific question of amending the previous special use permit. Alderman Schipp and Mr. Kerr discussed parking as it related to the amount of spaces allowed for the business.

Ms. Adelle Forest of 413 23rd Avenue, Moline stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Ms. Forest.

Alderman Tollenaer inquired to Ms. Forest (non-resident employee) as to how many times she has been asked to have her clients move their cars. Ms. Forest indicated that she has never had someone park in front of the driveways, but they have parked in front of her space. Alderman Tollenaer and Ms. Forest further discussed this issue.

Alderman Schipp advised that there is clearly a parking issue on this street, but the business also seems to be successful. Alderman Schipp added that this is clearly a residential neighborhood and suggested to Ms. Forest to consider finding a new location.

Alderman Hotle stated that this is in her ward and it is the first time she has heard of any of this from the neighborhood. Alderman Hotle stated that she doesn't want to see everyone walking away without the situation being worked out. Alderman Hotle stated that there is clearly an issue with parking in the neighborhood.

Alderman Hotle and Alderman Tollenaer suggested various ideas to help resolve the situation. After more Council discussion on the parking issue, Mr. Kerr stated that the neighbors do not want to discuss the amendment to the special use permit anymore; there is no fix.

After more discussion and with no other persons present to speak in opposition to the amendment to the special use permit, Mayor Pauley closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:22 pm.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Schipp to not approve the amendment to the approved special use permit as recommended nor subject to the stipulations as stated in the report and to not refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

More discussion followed in regards to what would not be approved. Mayor Pauley explained that if this motion is approved, it would mean that there is no addition to the special use permit.

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

Agenda Item #8
CLAIMS

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to accept the following reports and authorize payments as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$17,640.00 to DrinkerBiddle & Reath for legal services provided for the Long Term Control Plan.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #4 in the amount of \$453,441.29 to Brandt Construction for services provided for the 6th Avenue Relief Sewer project.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #40 in the amount of \$77,862.86 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Wet Weather Treatment System project.

Agenda Item #9

Claims for the weeks of May 15 through May 21 in the amount of \$823,159.71 and May 22 through May 28 in the amount of \$405,221.38 and payroll for the weeks of May 11 through May 24 in the amount of \$1,429,319.51.

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

Agenda Item #10

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the purchase of property at 918-920 6th Avenue from Hubert Clinton in the amount of \$60,000.00 plus closing costs.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the purchase as recommended based on the terms as stated in the report, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #11

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of six permanent and temporary right-of-way parcels for the 11th Street and Blackhawk Road Intersection Improvements project in the total amount of \$46,502.00.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Austin seconded to approve the purchase as recommended based on the terms as stated in the report and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Schipp stated that for this particular expenditure, he would not be voting for it. Alderman Schipp advised that he was one of the residents in the City that had spoken out against the project as it was carried out for the 11th Street development. Alderman Schipp added that there is no signed commitment and funds were borrowed. Alderman Schipp stated that now it is June 2015, years after the public was told explicitly in newspaper articles that Walmart was coming and now to this day, there is no timeline. Alderman Schipp reiterated that he would not be voting for this item.

Alderman Foley stated that he was making it clear that he would be voting for this item. Alderman Foley stated that this also deals with the development down off of the 9th Street and 11th Street corridor.

Alderman Hotle stated that this is also very important to the development that Alderman Foley mentioned with Missman, Blackhawk College, the Chris Elsberg Insurance Agency and two or three more additional office spaces. Alderman Hotle added that this is a very important project for the City and important for the future of that corridor.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, Alderman Schipp.

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a revised resolution accepting funding from the Illinois Housing Development Authority for the Blight Reduction Program.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Hotle to adopt the revised resolution as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Hotle advised that this is definitely a win for Rock Island. Alderman Hotle added that this is an issue that she cares about in her ward concerning homes that are causing blight in the neighborhood. Alderman Hotle stated that the City is getting over and above its normal budget to be able to cleanup neighborhoods and make it look better.

Alderman Foley agreed with Alderman Hotle. Alderman Foley stated that this is huge for certain properties in his ward and other wards as well. Alderman Foley added that one vacant home can cause a lot of issues in a whole neighborhood.

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Agenda Item #13

Report from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding a Highway Resolution for the closure of 1st Avenue between 17th Street and 20th Street on Saturday, July 4, 2015 from noon to 11:00 pm, along with a rain date of Sunday, July 5, 2015 and a flood date of Friday, September 25, 2015 for a Fireworks display and concert at Schwiebert Riverfront Park.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to adopt the resolution as recommended.

Comments followed. Alderman Hotle stated that she is excited to actually have fireworks on July 4th this year.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request for an Activity permit from Rock Island High School for their Homecoming Parade to be held on Friday, September 18, 2015 from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Mark Mueller, owner of Moe's Burgers & Brews to place tables and chairs outside of the establishment on the sidewalk at 1524 4th Avenue and a request to serve alcohol outside during regular business hours.

Alderman Clark moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the requests as recommended, subject to not blocking the public sidewalk and complying with all liquor license regulations.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin inquired as to whether they would have some type of delineation of the area. Mayor Pauley stated yes, there would have to be some type of fencing around it.

Alderman Hotle stated that the business owner has a long history of catering and cooking, and it is a great addition to that spot. Alderman Hotle added that she would like to see Rock Island support this business and keep it thriving.

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Agenda Item #16

Other Business.

Alderman Hotle encouraged everyone to get their 2015 Citizen of the Year nominations in. Alderman Hotle stated that this is really a great opportunity to be able to thank someone and honor them for what they are doing. It was noted that nominations are due by Monday, June 8th.

Alderman Clark stated that on June 10th at 6:00 pm at the Martin Luther King Center, he will be having a ward update meeting. Alderman Clark stated that everyone is invited.

Alderman Schipp stated that one issue that came up over the Memorial Day weekend was a pole in his ward not having a flag on it. Alderman Schipp added that there is also a flagpole on top of City Hall that doesn't have a flag. Alderman Schipp encouraged Council and City leadership to make it a priority to assess where there are vacant flagpoles in the City leading up to the 4th of July and to make sure that wherever there is a flagpole that there is a flag on it.

Alderman Austin read a statement in regards to the discussion leading up to the vote for the Downtown Revitalization Plan at the last meeting that included a comment from one of the Aldermen. Alderman Austin advised that the comment was that any Alderman not supporting the plan is not supporting the future for a prosperous Rock Island. Alderman Austin stated that he completed an online survey, attended one of the community workshops and read the draft copy and shared his thoughts and concerns with the appropriate City staff. Alderman Austin stated that when it was time to vote on the plan, he pointed out that there were many interesting ideas that were worthy of his support, but at the same time, he did not feel he could approve a document and plan that he did not believe was in the best interest of the City. Alderman Austin also stated that he has served on this Council for 11 years representing the 7th Ward. Alderman Austin added that voters expect him to use his best judgment in making difficult decisions and casting difficult votes. Alderman Austin advised that to think he would not be doing what he feels leads to the most prosperous Rock Island imaginable is ridiculous. Alderman Austin stated that it is his responsibility to advocate for his ward and vote on what is in the best interest of the City. Alderman Austin concluded by stating that for the reasons previously shared in discussions on the plan; it is exactly what I did, which was to vote for what is in the best interest of the City.

Alderman Mayberry advised that he was also called about the flag situation concerning the one at Webber Park and was told about the one at City Hall. Alderman Mayberry stated that he was told that the City will be taking care of this situation by the time July 4th comes around.

Caryl Altemus of 1821 9th Street stepped forward. Ms. Altemus discussed her observations in regards to the entire west side of Rock Island. Ms. Altemus stated that the west side is not as clean as it once was. Ms. Altemus also discussed the social ills including blighted properties and empty buildings on the west side of the City. Ms. Altemus discussed Douglas Park as it related to

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the park being a City gem and stated that the park needs a massive upgrade; it needs to be modernized. Ms. Altemus further discussed the west side area of the City.

Agenda Item #17

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

An Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #18

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Clark to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, June 8, 2015. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:44 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk