

Rock Island City Council met in regular session at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding and Aldermen David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones and Joy Murphy. City Manager John Phillips was also present. Aldermen Terry M.A. Brooks I and Charles O. Austin III were absent.

Introductory Proceedings

Mayor Pauley called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Alderman Foley gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the Meeting of December 21, 2009.

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of December 21, 2009 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

State of the City Address by Mayor Dennis E. Pauley

Mayor Pauley gave his first State of the City Address; the contents of which follow:

State of the City Address - January, 2010

With mixed emotion, I have looked forward to this day for quite some time. On one hand, it's extremely exciting and humbling to be able to talk about all of the great things that are happening in Rock Island. On the other hand, I am following a Mayor that has been making this presentation for the past 20 years. I want to thank the members of the Rock Island Noon Kiwanis and the Rock Island Rotary Club for continuing the tradition of bringing both organizations together for the State of the City address. I hope this tradition continues for many years to come.

First: I would like to thank long time Mayor, Mark Schwiebert, for his hard work and dedication for serving 20 years as Mayor and eight years as a member of the City Council. I would also like to thank our very dedicated City Council. We have great balance with long time members Terry Brooks and Dave Conroy; then add the considerable skills of Joy Murphy, Chuck Austin and Steve Tollenaer and this year we added two new members to the Council, P.J. Foley and Jason Jones. We have a City staff, lead by City Manager John Phillips, that is second to none. Put together the skills and dedication of the City Staff and the Elected Officials and we have a team that works tirelessly for the citizens of Rock Island.

In fiscal year 2009 – 2010, the City faced a projected \$1 million shortfall in projected revenues. Mid-year budget adjustments were made, positions were left open and \$1

million was reduced from the City's budget. No layoffs and no reduction in services resulted.

For the budget for 2010 – 2011 beginning this April, the City was facing a \$2.4 million shortfall in early budget planning. The staff reduced it to \$1.2 million and the City Council has provided direction to the Staff that will allow the City to balance the budget for next year, while avoiding layoffs and still maintaining a high level of services.

All of these cuts though, are not without pain. All of the fat is long gone. We've been cutting and reducing as much as possible, trying not to effect basic City services.

Through these difficult times, we have fully funded pension obligations, maintained adequate reserves in City funds, avoided short-term borrowing and paid all obligations on time. This positions the City well for the year ahead. We conducted a bond sale in March of 2009 and the City's bond rating was reaffirmed as A1 credit by Moody's Investor Services (a better rating than the State of Illinois).

During these difficult times, some communities are halting their investments in infrastructure, in Rock Island; we passed an updated capital improvement plan that invests \$23 million for streets, \$2 million for water and \$48 million for waste water over the next five years. The \$23 million for streets primarily comes from revenues that we receive from Jumer's. We need to continue an aggressive program to repair and replace the streets in Rock Island. Over the past 50+ years, the water pipes have been deteriorating. As we replace streets, we replace the old water pipes. We need to insure we have adequate water pressure to provide proper water service to all Rock Island homes and businesses. The \$48 million for waste water is to meet a federal mandate that requires us to reduce the combined sewer overflows into our rivers.

Recently, we broke ground on an expansion of the Rock Island Fitness and Activity Center. The new addition will add gymnasium space, additional classrooms, a new hot tub facility and additional space to bring all of the recreational administrative staff into one facility. We have raised all but \$400,000 of the \$3.5 million needed for the Martin Luther King Center renovation and construction is scheduled to begin in 2010. This is a joint project with dollars coming from Federal, State and Local sources. If you have an opportunity, drive by the new Schwiebert Riverfront Park. This exciting new addition to the City will open sometime in the summer of 2010. These are investments for the future of our community and we are confident and excited about Rock Island's future.

Strategic planning is always important, with a new Mayor and two new Council members; we thought it was important to participate in a basic governance workshop. This time promoted team building and helped the Council understand how to operate successfully.

In September, the Council did a strategic plan that established the vision for Rock Island long term, five year goals and one year targets for action. The plan provides the core

agenda for the City Council puts the Council and the staff on the same page and provides clear direction on Council priorities for the staff.

Five year goals include:

- Quality Services, Financially Sound City
- Grow the Economy
- Great Neighborhoods
- More New Housing Opportunities
- More and Better Retail
- Improve Riverfronts and Downtown

Policy Agenda 2010:

Top Priority –

- Examine and Evaluate Alternative Revenue Sources
- Promote Casino Area Development
- Support the Safer Communities Task Force
- Encourage Campustown Development
- Establish Rock Island Housing Vision and Plan and Solidify Working Relationship

High Priority –

- Determine Direction for Operation of Sunset Marina
- Update and Fund the Capital Improvement Plan
- Promote Development of Andalusia Road Corridor
- Support Columbia Park Development
- Encourage Retail on the Blackhawk Road Corridor

One of the top goals for the City was to address the issue of real and perceived crime in Rock Island. A 20 member Safer Community Task Force was appointed and given the task of studying ways to make the City safer for citizens and visitors. So far, the task force has studied our approach to law enforcement in Rock Island, including several of the task force members riding a shift with police officers to see firsthand how issues are handled. Information was provided on neighborhood organizing and code enforcement. They have reviewed information on youth programs in the City. Currently, focus groups are being formed to get input from a variety of Rock Island citizens on what needs to be done to make the community safer. The task force will be making their recommendations in the first quarter of 2010. The good news is that total crime and violent crime have been down this year.

As a community, we need to continue to work with police to maintain this pattern of decreasing crime. In late December, Rock Island Police, Chief John Wright, announced his retirement. Chief Wright served for thirty years as a police officer with the past four as Chief of Rock Island. John is going to be an extremely difficult act to follow; he has set the bar very high. City Manager, John Phillips, is currently working to identify a replacement for Chief Wright.

Now, let's talk a little about Economic Development. We have had some excellent projects in the past year. Jumer's Casino and Hotel has been open in their new location for a year now and has consistently doubled their monthly earnings compared to what they were earning downtown. The Goldman family donated property in the downtown area that will lead to development of first floor retail and upper floor apartments. Coke Midwest relocated from a 74,000 foot facility to a 120,000 square foot facility in the City's southwest business park. MetroLink is moving forward in January with a detailed design of their \$30 million maintenance facility. The City completed demolition and cleanup work in the old mobile home park property at 9th Street and Blackhawk Road to prepare for future development. Cool Beanz Café at 30th Street and 14th Avenue and Ganson's Café at 38th Street and 31st Avenue are two of the successful new businesses this past year. The Quad City Kidney Center was an investment over \$1 million. This year, while the Plumbers and Pipefitters added a 15,000 square foot addition to their facility, Rock Island Lubricants announced a 15,000 foot expansion and 10 new jobs. Modern Woodmen Bank relocated to property at 100 – 17th Street in May. The McKesson Loft project was officially completed in September. Dyce's Sports Bar and Grill recently opened in the Hunter's building and Ragtime Grill and Supper Club opened in December.

There are several more great projects that could be mentioned. It's safe to say, economic development is alive and well in Rock Island.

Rock Island has been aggressive in seeking financial support from state and federal sources. In view of the national recession, more money has been available for those communities willing to work hard to obtain it. We have received grants under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of \$6,557,652, federal appropriations \$1,132,000, \$1,805,000 from the State Capital Bill and \$877,000 from the state through the Emergency Repair Program Fund for a total of \$10,371,653.

These funds will help us accomplish many important City projects that range from additional street repair to cleaning out Mill Creek and from improving the training of police officers to helping fund the construction of a new park east of the Martin Luther King Center.

Education in Rock Island had significant milestones this year. Several schools completed renovations and expansions as part of the building excellence plan including Denkman, Eugene Field, and Longfellow Elementary Schools. Work is underway at the rest of the elementary schools and construction is proceeding on the brand new school, the Rock Island Center for Math and Science on the former Villa de Chantel site.

Rock Island continues to focus on green initiatives. We modified business assistance programs to encourage energy efficient investments in buildings. The power plant expansion with two new generators will generate more than 50% of the power needed to run City facilities. We installed energy efficient windows at City Hall, banned leaf burning, conducted free Fall and Spring leaf pickup, adopted a Bikeway Plan for the City and we have applied for grants from the Department of Energy for efficiency

improvements at the Martin Luther King Center, Rock Island Fitness and Activity Center and the installation of a methane generator at the Mill Street Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The City has made several new efforts to support “home grown” retail, including the creation of the new District Retail Grant Program, support of Renaissance Rock Island’s Retail Incubator Program and the Buy Rock Island initiative.

We continue to work on the Downtown Safety and Security issue, much has been done, including research of the best practices around the country, liquor ordinance enforcement issues are being addressed, several other ideas from the District and the bar owners are being considered. Currently, the staffs of the District and the City are meeting to consider implementation of some of these ideas. Much work still needs to be done.

Rock Island continues to support many Quad City wide initiatives to help our entire region. We continue to partner on a Quad City Interoperability Initiative for Emergency communications. This system connects all Quad City communication centers to facilitate sharing data on a secure network. We continue to be a part of the Rock Island Arsenal Development Group to continue the effort to upgrade the facilities of the Island and to attract additional tenants to the island. We serve on the Board of the new Quad Cities First Initiative and work closely with the chambers to attract business to our region and to participate in business connection visits with Rock Island businesses. We continue to be active members of the Bi-State Regional Commission and the Quad City Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Rock Island is a community rich in diversity and steeped in history. We pride ourselves on preserving the past, while looking towards the future. Rock Island is a great place to live, work and play. I want to thank all of you for what you continue to do to make Rock Island the gem of the Quad Cities.

Thank you.

Mayor Dennis E. Pauley
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Agenda Item #7

Presentation of the 2009 Commercial Beautification and Holiday Lights Awards.

Beautification Commission member Bob Towler and Mayor Pauley presented the 2009 Commercial Beautification Awards. The Rotary Trophy winner was presented to Jumer’s Casino and Hotel located at 777 Jumer Drive. The Mayor’s Award was presented to Ganson’s Neighborhood Bakery and Café located at 3055 38th Street. The Beautification Commission Award was presented to the First Lutheran Church located at 1600 20th Street; and the City Council Award was presented to DuMarche located at 2010 3rd Avenue.

In addition, 17 businesses were awarded with Honorable Mention Certificates.

Beautification Commission member Bob Towler and Mayor Pauley then presented the 34th annual Holiday Lighting Awards to three (3) residential and three (3) commercial winners. The first place residential winner was Pernon and Joyce Tew of 1851 30th Street. The second place award winner was Albert Brasmer of 1812 12th Street; and the third place award winner was Joseph Diulio of 3200 31st Avenue. Commercial winners were Garden Ridge Funeral & Cremation Services located at 2106 7th Avenue, which won first place. The second place winner was Ganson's Neighborhood Bakery and Café located at 3055 38th Street; and the third place winner was Circa 21 Dinner Theater located at 1824 3rd Avenue.

Mr. Towler thanked Trisha Taylor, Website/Grant Coordinator for her efforts on the awards.

Agenda #8

Proclamation declaring January 18, 2010 as Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring January 18, 2010 as Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Martin Luther King Center Director Jerry Jones stepped forward and accepted the Proclamation. Mr. Jones stated that he wanted to invite everyone to the 27th annual celebration of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., which will be held on Monday, January 18, 2010 at the Martin Luther King Center at 630 9th Street. Mr. Jones noted that time will be spent recognizing the excellence that exists in the community and follows along the legacy of Dr. King.

Mr. Jones offered that the "I Have A Dream" award will be presented on that day, which recognizes a Rock Island citizen who has given exemplary service to Rock Island and the Quad City community. In addition, Mr. Jones stated that the Tia Rice award will be given to a young individual for similar reasons. Mr. Jones indicated that another event that will take place at the celebration includes a full two-year scholarship provided by Blackhawk College to a Rock Island High School Senior. In addition, Mr. Jones stated that the Reverend Joseph Williamson will be on hand to punctuate the theme of "What Are You Doing For Others."

Agenda Item #9

Public Hearing on a request from Jim and Wanda Mundy, doing business as Sniff N Snort Pet Resort for a Special Use Permit to operate a day care service for dogs out of their residence and (proposed) fenced-in back yard at 4324 9th Street.

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting at 7:15 p.m. and opened a Public Hearing on a request from Jim and Wanda Mundy, doing business as Sniff N Snort Pet Resort for a Special Use Permit to operate a day care service for dogs out of their residence and (proposed) fenced-in back yard at 4324 9th Street.

Jim and Wanda Mundy stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. and Mrs. Mundy.

Mr. Mundy stated that they plan on having a doggie day care for people that work in the daytime and need dog sitting services. Mr. Mundy offered that the specific hours of operation would be from 5:00 a.m. to midnight if applicable, but it is hoped to be from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Mundy stated that the reason for the time until midnight is to accommodate people that work 2nd shift.

Alderman Conroy inquired as to how many parking spaces would be available and how many dogs would be cared for at that location.

Mr. Mundy replied that there is approximately six (6) off street parking spaces. Mr. Mundy indicated that five (5) or six (6) dogs would be cared for to begin with, and when the business expands, there could be up to 15 dogs.

Alderman Conroy had concerns regarding the amount of dogs and the hours of operation for the dog sitting services.

Alderwoman Murphy inquired as to whether the Mundy's had any professional experience in caring for dogs and if they had discussed this proposed business with their neighbors.

Mrs. Mundy stated that she did not have any professional experience other than being a pet owner. Mrs. Mundy offered that she had not talked with all of the neighbors, but briefly spoke with their next door neighbors.

Council also discussed lot size in regards to the amount of space that will be provided for the animals and waste as it relates to the animals.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was anyone who wished to speak in favor of the Special Use Permit application. No one stepped forward.

Mayor Pauley then inquired as to whether there was anyone who wished to speak in opposition to the Special Use Permit application.

Ms. Julie Hartman of 4238 9th Street stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Ms. Hartman.

Ms. Hartman voiced concerns regarding the noise, traffic and smell that would come from the proposed doggie day care. Ms. Hartman also voiced concerns in regards to not receiving the letter for the Public Hearing at an earlier date. Ms. Hartman stated that she received the letter on Friday, January 8, 2010. Ms. Hartman was opposed to the Special Use Permit.

Mr. Perry Wolfe of 4411 9th Street stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. Wolfe.

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Mr. Wolfe stated that he opposed the Special Use Permit due to excessive noise. Mr. Wolfe had concerns about parking issues as it relates to children using the sidewalk to walk to and from school. It was noted that the sidewalk is in front of the Mundy's house.

Doug Mason of 4230 9th Street stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. Mason.

Mr. Mason voiced concerns regarding untrained or dangerous dogs endangering the safety of the children in the neighborhood.

Mr. Steve Boyle of 4404 9th Street stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. Boyle.

Mr. Boyle voiced concerns regarding noise that comes from the current pets Mr. and Mrs. Mundy have at their home. In addition, Mr. Boyle was concerned about property damage and the safety of the children in the neighborhood.

Ms. Cathy Mason of 4230 9th Street stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Ms. Mason.

Ms. Mason voiced concerns regarding the beautification of the neighborhood as it relates to the proposed doggie day care. Ms. Mason also provided Council with a picture of a fence that the Mundy's erected on the side of their house and a staircase that had been built up to a window where the animals can freely come and go.

Mr. Pat Torrence of 4321 9th Street stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. Torrence.

Mr. Torrence voiced concerns regarding noise and clutter as it relates to the exterior of the Mundy's house and the proposed doggie day care and dogs running loose as it relates to the safety of the children in the neighborhood.

Sandra and Larry Bopes of 4417 9th Street stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. and Mrs. Bopes.

Mr. and Mrs. Bopes voiced concerns regarding noise, smell, hours of operation and the safety of the children in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Mundy stepped forward and stated that after hearing everyone's concerns, she was glad that she was only requesting permission for a Special Use Permit.

With no other persons present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the Special Use Permit application, Mayor Pauley closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:45 p.m.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to deny the request as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #10

A Special Ordinance amending a Special Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit at 614 46th Street.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Jones 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 Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #11

Tax Abatement Resolutions

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to adopt the Resolutions. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

- a. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$787,318.75, such funds to be provided from Water revenues, Sunset Marina revenues, Special Assessment revenues and Park funds to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2001.
- b. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$110,850.00, such funds to be provided from Tax Increment Financing, Gaming revenues, Sewer revenues and Sunset Marina revenues to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2002.
- c. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$289,350.00, such funds to be provided from Public Benefit revenues, Wastewater and Sunset Marina funds to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2003.
- d. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$450,800.00, such funds to be provided from Public Benefit revenues, Debt Service revenues, Wastewater and TIF funds to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2004.
- e. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$216,600.00, such funds to be provided from Public Benefit revenues, Wastewater and Park funds to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2005.
- f. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$426,200.00, such funds to be provided from Public Benefit revenues and Wastewater funds to pay principle and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2007.

- g. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$638,060.00, such funds to be provided from Public Benefit revenues, Wastewater funds, Hydropower and Gaming funds to pay principle and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2008A and series 2008B.
- h. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$289,652.50, such funds to be provided from Downtown TIF revenues to pay principle and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2008D.
- i. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$52,885.00, such funds to be provided from Hydropower revenues to pay principle and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2008C.
- j. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$950,760.42, such funds to be provided from Public Benefit revenues, Park and Recreation revenues and Tax Increment Financing funds to pay principle and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2009A and series 2009B.
- k. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$132,214.50, such funds to be provided from Tax Increment Financing revenues to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2009C.

Agenda Item #12

CLAIMS

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to accept the following reports and authorize payment as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

- a. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$4,531.63 to Konecky, Koenig, Kutsunis and Weng for legal services rendered for December 2009.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$5,387.80 to Davenport Electric Contract Company for services provided for street light repairs. (386)
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$2,625.91 to R-Now Refuse and Recycling, Inc. for the emergency purchase of a refuse packer part. (388)
- d. Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding payment in the amount of \$42,307.50 to KJWW Engineering Consultants for reimbursement on one-half of the cost of the installation of fiber optic service.

Agenda Item #13

Claims for the weeks of December 18, 2009 through January 7, 2010 in the amount of \$1,869,731.78.

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

Agenda Item #14

Payroll for the weeks of December 14 through December 27 in the amount of \$1,213,814.68.

It was moved by Alderman Foley, seconded by Alderman Conroy to allow the payroll. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Police Department regarding a one (1) year renewal contract expiring March 31, 2011 with Wag's Auto Center for the rental of Police undercover vehicles at the prices quoted in the existing contract.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the one (1) year renewal contract as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Police Department regarding an agreement with Gere/Dismer Architects, LLC for Phase One architectural services related to remodeling work at the Police Station in an amount not to exceed \$38,500.00.

It was moved by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the contract as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Finance Department regarding video gaming terminals, recommending the establishment of an annual license fee in the amount of \$250.00 per video gaming terminal.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderwoman 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 Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Finance Department regarding an amendment to Chapter 15, Article I, Sec. 15-2 of the Retailers Occupation Tax Ordinance, recommending an increase in the local option sales tax by 0.50% (from 0.75% to 1.25%).

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer, seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the increase as recommended, refer to the City Attorney for an Ordinance and authorize the City Clerk to file a copy of the revised Ordinance with the Illinois Department of Revenue on or before April, 1, 2010. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Note: Agenda Items 19 through 23 were included in one motion. Please refer to the end of Agenda Item #23 for the motion.

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Finance Department regarding an amendment to Chapter 15, Article V, Sec 15-61 of the Motor Fuel Tax Ordinance, recommending an increase in the local gas tax by \$0.01 (from \$0.01 to \$0.02 per gallon of motor fuel).

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Finance Department regarding an amendment to Chapter 15, Article IV, Sec. 15-52 of the Hotel-Motel Tax Ordinance, recommending increasing the local hotel/motel tax rate to six percent (6%) of the rent charged for a room in a hotel or motel having 60 rooms or less available for rent and seven percent (7%) on the rent charged for a room in a hotel or motel having 61 or more rooms available for rent.

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Public Works Department regarding amendments to Chapter 9 of the Code of Ordinances regarding Motor Vehicle Parking System; fines and fees.

Agenda Item #22

Report from the City Clerk regarding application and permit fees for non-profit and for-profit sponsors for Plaza events, recommending an increase of \$10.00 (from \$10.00 to \$20.00) for non-profit application fees, an increase of \$10.00 (from \$25.00 to \$35.00) for non-profit permit fees, an increase of \$10.00 (from \$25.00 to \$35.00) for for-profit application fees and an increase of \$50.00 (from \$200.00 to \$250.00) for for-profit permit fees.

Agenda Item #23

Report from the City Clerk regarding a Special Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article I, Sec. 2-12 of the Code of Ordinances regarding the availability of City records under the State Freedom of Information Act.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve Agenda Items 19 through 23 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 Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #24

Items from the City Manager's Memorandum Packet.

City Manager Phillips stated that information is included in the memo packet regarding a status report on City Council Goals.

Mr. Phillips noted that the Police Chief recruitment is underway and included in the memo packet is a schedule regarding the process for recruitment.

Mr. Phillips added that two (2) reports from the Public Works Department are included in the memo packet, one of which includes a report on leaf collection in the past year, and the other report includes information regarding increased participation in the Water Service and Sewer Lateral Repair Programs.

City Manager Phillips stated that included in the memo packet is a petition from residents requesting that the City consider providing alley snow removal. Mr. Phillips indicated that the City has never provided alley snow removal and the report recommended against providing snow removal.

Alderman Foley stated that the residents should have an opportunity to be heard.

Mr. Phillips stated that they may come to the Council meeting and be heard.

City Manager Phillips made reference to a report in the memo packet regarding a follow up on the past budget discussions regarding changes to the Downtown Security Ordinance.

Mr. Phillips added that information is included in the memo packet regarding Green Initiatives, which include Greenhouse gas action strategies and Greenhouse gas emissions inventory. Mr. Phillips stated that a Study Session will be held at a later date to discuss this information.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Quad City Laminating and Trophy Company is located at 415 20th Street and has been in business since 1979. It was noted that Quad City Laminating and Trophy Company has the largest award selection in the Midwest. Alderwoman Murphy noted

that their specialty is corporate gifts and providing trophies for sporting events. In addition, they laminate a variety of items.

Alderman Foley complimented the Public Works Department for their excellent performance in keeping the City Streets in good shape in regards to snow removal.

City Manager Phillips stated that in the approved Agenda Items, specifically Agenda Items #19 through #23, Agenda Item #23 was referred to the City Attorney for an Ordinance. However, this is an Ordinance and it is recommended to consider, suspend the rules and pass the Ordinance.

City Attorney Kutsunis stated that it would take a unanimous five (5) votes due to the shortage of Council members at the meeting. City Attorney Kutsunis advised that a separate reading is needed for this Agenda Item.

Mayor Pauley read Agenda Item #23, which follows:

Agenda Item #23

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Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Foley 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 Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #25

Other Business

None

Agenda Item #26

No Executive Session.

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #27

Recess

A motion was made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Conroy to recess to Monday, January 18, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 8:00 p.m.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk