

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:00 p.m. in the Personnel Conference Room of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley, presiding, and Aldermen Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, P. J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager John Phillips, Public Works Director Bob Hawes, Personnel Director John Thorson and other City staff.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

City Manager Phillips reminded everyone of the upcoming news conference on Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. at the McKesson building regarding the \$18.5 million dollar Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant (NSP) that Rock Island, Moline and Sterling received. Mr. Phillips also reminded Council to return the Police Chief Survey and the City Manager's Performance Review to Executive Secretary Linda Rutten.

### **SUNSET MARINA REPORT**

Mr. Phillips stated that the City has recently faced some difficult decisions regarding Sunset Marina. Mr. Phillips noted that the City has an existing debt load to carry, which needs significant investment. Mr. Phillips indicated that the decision that was made this past fall regarding the rate increases of 3% did not address the fundamental challenges. Mr. Phillips offered that the marina is not a core City business. It was noted that less than 25% of the lease holders are Rock Island residents. Mr. Phillips advised that by owning and operating the facility, the City is accepting exposure and risk; there is a downside risk (flooding, low river, bad economy, windstorms etc.). Mr. Phillips indicated that in contrast to a private owner, the City has not been willing or able to take advantage of the upside potential of the business. It was noted that in a previous report, Mr. Phillips had recommended to look at privatization options for the marina including management service contract, lease or sale.

Mr. Phillips then inquired upon Public Works Director Bob Hawes to review the report that was included in the memo packet.

Mr. Hawes noted some of the historic highlights regarding Sunset Marina. Mr. Hawes referred to the report and referenced the expected expenditures and revenues for the marina for fiscal year 2011. Mr. Hawes advised that the current marina revenue is only adequate to support the routine day to day operations and existing debt service. It was noted that there is no longer enough revenue to provide a return on investment or undertake several upcoming and major capital and contract maintenance expenditures including the harbor entrance modification, 400 Dock and harbor dredging. Mr. Hawes explained that Congress has allocated \$500,000.00 to the US Army Corps of Engineers for the modification of the harbor entrance. They have assigned a project manager, but the City's share of the cost has not yet been determined. It was noted that the 400 Dock is in poor condition and needs to be rehabilitated or replaced. It was noted that the cost will be between \$700,000.00 and \$1,200,000.00. Mr. Hawes indicated that the harbor

entrance and a small portion of the fairways were dredged in 2008. However, the entire harbor needs to be dredged. Mr. Hawes added that there is no current cost estimate for a complete dredge, but the cost will exceed \$500,000.00.

Mr. Hawes stated that staff contacted nearby municipal marinas to develop a list of marina operation models. It was noted that there are four (4) options regarding the marina. Mr. Hawes explained that the first option would be to sell everything. It was noted that the City has never used this option. The second option entails leasing the real estate and selling the other assets. It was noted that under this option, the City would not be involved in the routine operations or decisions, but the City would still have some control of the marina appearance through the real estate lease. Mr. Hawes advised that the private marina company would hire its own staff, make its own expenditures, collect its own revenue and set its own rates. Mr. Hawes stated that this is a common approach that has been used by others. Mr. Hawes offered that the third option is a management contract in which a private management company would be hired to operate the marina. Mr. Hawes added that the private manager would work within a budget approved by the City. All marina revenues and expenditures would still be shown in the City budget and the City Council would determine the marina rates and charges. Mr. Hawes noted that with this option, there is no realistic opportunity for savings. The last option Mr. Hawes made reference to was City operation of the marina. It was noted that this has been the method of operation since 1980.

Mr. Hawes stated that staff is recommending to solicit RFQ's (request for qualifications) for a lease (option B-lease the real estate and sell the other assets). Mr. Hawes advised that staff has met with two (2) marina vendors that are interested in this approach. Mr. Hawes then explained the request for qualifications process. Mr. Hawes offered that once it has been narrowed down to two (2) finalists through interviews, a report will be brought to Council, and if there is a consensus among Council then the finalists will be asked to submit a formal preliminary proposal. The staff will then bring a recommendation back to Council on which of those finalists to select, and upon acceptance, detailed negotiations will begin possibly by April 1, 2010. Mr. Hawes added that the goal is to complete negotiations so that the facility transfer can be completed by late summer.

Council then discussed the four (4) options that were suggested. In addition, Council discussed the major capital improvements needed for the marina. After discussion, there was a consensus among Council to investigate option B, which is to lease the real estate and sell the other assets. City Manager Phillips stated that this report would be put on the Agenda for the next City Council meeting.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley,

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Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 5:25 p.m.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:10 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to adjourn the meeting carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p. m.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

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 Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. City Manager John Phillips was also present.

**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 January 11, 2010.**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of January 11, 2010 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

**Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.**

Mayor Pauley stated that earlier today, that 27<sup>th</sup> annual memorial for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was held at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center. The Mayor added that the theme for the event was ‘What Are You Doing For Others.’ It was noted that the annual event included a Youth Essay Award, Blackhawk College Scholarship Award and the annual Community Service Award. Mayor Pauley stated that people were challenged throughout the event to think about what they are doing for others.

Mayor Pauley indicated that Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation announced that the U.S. Housing and Urban Development awarded \$18,530,708.00 in funding from the Neighborhood Stabilization Program to assist the communities of Rock Island, Moline and Sterling, Illinois. Mayor Pauley indicated that the funds will be used to purchase and rehabilitate homes, redevelop vacant property for housing, demolition of homes and financing mechanisms for homebuyers. Mayor Pauley added that Brian Hollenback, President of Renaissance Rock Island led the team that secured the grant.

Mayor Pauley offered that Augustana College has commenced a year of celebration in honor of its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mayor Pauley added that some of the special observances and events surrounding the college’s sesquicentennial celebration this year will include a renovation of the historic Old Main and a new anniversary focused website, [www.augustans.edu/150](http://www.augustans.edu/150). It was noted that the website features the eight (8) presidents of Augustana, notable faculty, headlines beginning in 1902 from the student newspaper, a guest book and event calendar.

Mayor Pauley offered that this past week, he has been asked about sidewalk snow removal ordinances. Mayor Pauley indicated that Rock Island does not have a sidewalk snow removal ordinance. It was noted that ordinances have been discussed in the past, but not adopted. Mayor Pauley stated that there are numerous types of ordinances in which some include imposing fines if snow is not removed and others where the City removes the snow then bills the resident for the snow removal. Mayor Pauley stated if the Council chooses to adopt a snow removal ordinance that he was not opposed to this issue. It was noted that if an ordinance was adopted, Mayor Pauley had two (2) recommendations, which include; that the ordinance is simple and enforceable and that the ordinance be enforced.

Agenda Item #7

**Presentation by the Advanced Technology Sustainability Consortium.**

Mayor Pauley stated that the Advanced Technology Sustainability Consortium (ATSC) was initiated by former Mayor Mark W. Schwiebert in March of 2006. The Mayor indicated that the idea was to work with technology oriented businesses in Rock Island. In addition, the group was developed to provide networking opportunities for businesses that are developing or are significant users of technology; determine how the City can better support businesses that are technology oriented or have an interest in sustainability concepts, processes or products; and to explore technology based enterprise and to increase Rock Island's visibility and brand the City as being a tech friendly community. Mayor Pauley added that the ATSC currently meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. It was noted that meetings are typically held in the Personnel Conference Room, located in the lower level of City Hall.

Mr. Kevin Koski, President of the ATSC stepped forward. Mr. Koski recognized Mary Chappell, City staff member of the ATSC for all of her efforts. Mr. Koski offered that part of the ATSC function is not just to be an informational and networking group, but to be an action group. Mr. Koski noted that the group has been involved in the creation of the Sustainable Design Assessment Team, which is a volunteer group of architects, attorneys, engineers and urban planners. The team was formed to offer business owners free design advice on sustainable applications.

Mr. Koski stated that former Mayor Mark W. Schwiebert was the group's organizer, past chair, mentor and inspiration. (Mr. Schwiebert stepped forward) Mr. Koski stated that Mr. Schwiebert ended his 20 years of service as Mayor of the City of Rock Island in May of 2009. It was noted that among Mr. Schwiebert's many contributions was his focus on greener sustainable initiatives including the creation of the ATSC.

Mr. Koski offered that members of the ATSC created the Mark W. Schwiebert Sustainability Leadership Award to honor Mr. Schwiebert for his important contributions. It was noted that this special award will be given annually to a business, organization or individual that has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the area of green or sustainable initiatives. Mr. Koski then presented Mark. W. Schwiebert with the award. It was noted that the award is made out of sustainable materials. The award was created out

of a piece of steel beam (sustainable material) from the Armory demolition site. Mr. Schwiebert is the first recipient of this award.

Mr. Schwiebert thanked everyone for the award. Mr. Schwiebert stated that when the ATSC was created, the objective was to focus on this as a major type of groove for businesses. It was also a way to encourage businesses to network with each other. Mr. Schwiebert added that he was thankful to be involved and will continue to do so.

Mr. Koski noted that the award will be kept in the City Hall trophy case with the name of future winners added to the base. A smaller award will be presented to keep as a reminder of this acknowledgment.

Agenda Item #8

**Proclamation declaring the month of January, 2010 as National Mentoring Month.**

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring the month of January, 2010 as National Mentoring Month.

Ms. Rebecca Lynn (Big Brother /Big Sister Mentor) and Nakeyta Graham accepted the Proclamation. Ms. Lynn thanked the Mayor and Council for the Proclamation and stated that there are hundreds of children in the community on a waiting list; they are waiting to be matched up with a Big Brother/Big Sister. Ms. Lynn encouraged everyone to get involved.

Agenda Item #9

**A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 8: Licenses and Business Regulations of the Code of Ordinances regarding video gaming terminals and Plaza activity fees.**

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderman Austin to consider, suspend the rules and pass the Ordinance.

Discussion followed.

City Manager Phillips made reference to Agenda Items #9, #10 and #11. Mr. Phillips stated that the City has been affected by the national recession and it is a challenging time. Mr. Phillips indicated that the City has seen a decrease in revenues from Income Tax, and corporate Replacement Tax and major increases in pension obligations (Police and Fire) have gone up to \$750,000.00. Mr. Phillips explained that with the loss of revenues and the increase of these expenditures, it was found that when the budget was beginning to be prepared for next fiscal year (April 1, 2010), the City was looking at a \$2.4 million dollar shortfall.

Mr. Phillips added that staff has been working on narrowing the shortfall to prepare a balanced budget to the City Council. It was noted that the gap was narrowed down to a \$1.2 million dollar shortfall. Mr. Phillips offered various mechanisms that were implemented to narrow the shortfall; some of which included; delayed purchase of new

ambulances for one (1) year; eliminated three (3) positions in Public Works; delayed equipment and supply purchases in all departments; reduced computer purchases and consulting services; consolidated Park offices in one location; reduced City Clerk's Assistant's hours; reduced purchase of books at the Library; shifted legal expenses in Community and Economic Development to federal sources of funding; shifted eligible expenses in the Police Department to the Drug Forfeiture Fund and reduced fuel usage in the City. Mr. Phillips noted that with these measures, staff cut \$1.2 million dollars out of the General Fund Budget.

Mr. Phillips indicated that staff met in two (2) Study Sessions with the City Council to review a list of recommended cuts, tax and fee increases to close the remaining \$1.2 million dollar gap. It was noted that Council gave general direction to staff on how to balance the budget. Mr. Phillips added that Agenda Item #9, Agenda Item #10 and Agenda Item #11 on the Agenda are fee and tax increases that will help to close the gap for the April 1, 2010 budget.

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

Agenda Item #10

**A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 9: Motor Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of Ordinances regarding parking, fines and fees.**

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

Agenda Item #11

**A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 15: Taxation of the Code of Ordinances regarding Retailers' Occupation Tax, Hotel/Motel Tax and Motor Fuel Tax.**

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

Agenda Item #12

**CLAIMS**

It was moved by Alderman Jones, 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 Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$16,321.99 to USALCO for December, 2009 purchase of Liquid Aluminum Sulfate. (008)
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$12,080.00 to Davenport Electric Contract Company for services provided for street light repairs. (009)
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$9,426.54 to Zimmer & Francescon, Inc. for parts to repair a high service pump. (010)
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$4,400.00 to Ragan Mechanical, Inc. for repairs to the filter building boiler system. (011)

Agenda Item #13

**Payroll for the weeks of December 28, 2009 through January 10, 2010 in the amount of \$1,234,933.22.**

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

Agenda Item #14

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an agreement with Terracon, Inc. for environmental consulting services related to environmental assessment of the Quad City Industrial Center (QCIC) property.**

It was moved by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the agreement 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 Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request for the installation of a handicapped parking space at 1904 15½ Street.**

Alderman Foley moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to deny the request as recommended.

Discussion followed.

Ms. Barbara Mueller of 1904 15½ Street stepped forward. Ms. Mueller requested that Council deny the request for installation of a handicapped parking space at 1904 15½ Street. Ms. Mueller explained that her son teaches music lessons on a daily basis and students come to their residence for the lessons. Ms. Mueller added that they need to utilize that space in front of their residence at 1904 15½ Street for the students. It was noted that it would be more of an effort for the Mueller's neighbor who lives across the street to have a handicapped space in front of the Mueller's home. The neighbor would have to walk across the street to get to the handicapped space where her vehicle is parked.

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

Agenda Item #16

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request for removal of a handicapped parking space at 4529 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

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

Agenda Item #17

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request for City Ordinance (section 9-42) control of a parking lot located at 4515 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

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

Agenda Item #18

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a Plaza activity permit application for the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center requesting the use of Parking Lot F on Monday, February 1, 2010 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for a blood drive.**

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the request as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Jones thanked Kyle Peters of the Daiquiri Factory for being open for registration for the blood drive.

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

Agenda Item #19

**Items from the City Manager's Memorandum Packet.**

Mr. Phillips made reference to a report included in the memo packet regarding the Safer Community Task Force. Mr. Phillips stated that the group has met approximately four (4) times and they will meet again after the conclusion of the focus groups that are being planned later this month or early February.

Mr. Phillips inquired upon Finance Director Bill Scott to review the December 2009 Management Report.

Mr. Scott stated that the benchmark for December is 75%. The General Fund revenues are 76%, which are slightly ahead of the benchmark. The expenditures are at 72%. It was noted that all of the Property Tax has been received and recorded in the revenues. Mr. Scott added that it is anticipated that the rate of increase in the revenues will not be as great as the rate of increase in expenditures. It was noted that at year's end, the percentages will come closer together.

Mr. Scott indicated that in December, there was a slippage in the Income Tax; the projected shortfall increased by approximately \$100,000.00. It was noted that the Utility Tax is a lot less than the budget. The total shortfall in revenues is projected at \$630,000.00. Mr. Scott indicated that the July shortfall was \$527,000.00 and August was \$539,000.00. Mr. Scott stated that it increased in the month of September to \$579,000.00 and dipped in October to \$445,000.00. It was noted that in November, the shortfall was at \$562,000.00 and December showed a shortfall of \$630,000.00. Mr. Scott added that the average shortfall for the six (6) month period is \$550,000.00.

Mr. Phillips inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne to share news regarding the recent announcement regarding Norcross.

Mr. Champagne reviewed background information regarding Norcross (Honeywell). Mr. Champagne stated that it was announced that they may be closing. Mr. Champagne added that the City has enjoyed a good relationship with this company. It was noted that the Company is only talking about phasing out the boot manufacturing part. Mr. Champagne added that jobs will be lost. Mr. Champagne stated that the Mayor will be sending a letter to the CEO of the company asking for reconsideration of that decision. It was noted that Congressman Hare's office has been contacted and they will do what they can to save the jobs. In addition, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity has been contacted regarding state involvement.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Dyce's Sports Bar and Grill is located at the former Hunter's Club at 2107 4<sup>th</sup>

Avenue. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Dyce's offers Brazilian, Mexican and traditional American food. It was noted that Dyce's Sports Bar and Grill is open Monday through Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (kitchen), Fridays and Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. (kitchen). In addition, the bar is open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Agenda Item #20

**Other Business**

Ms. Darlene Meumann of 3219 12<sup>th</sup> Street stepped forward. Mr. Tim Fore (no address given) stepped forward and Mr. Errol Lindsay of 3207 12<sup>th</sup> Street stepped forward.

Mr. Fore stated that they were requesting support from Council concerning snow clearing for the alley between 32<sup>nd</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Fore stated that this alley supports eight (8) homes, is a dead end and is the only access for the residents living there.

Mr. Lindsay voiced concerns regarding emergency vehicles having access when there is bad weather.

Ms. Meumann stated that the alley is plowed when the City needs to get their garbage trucks through to pick up the garbage, but otherwise, the alley does not get plowed.

Public Works Director Bob Hawes explained that the City only cleans (plows) alleys when they need to get into the area with a refuse packer. Mr. Hawes stated that regrettably, there are many alleys in the City like the one that is being discussed. Mr. Hawes added that if the City takes on the service of plowing alleys, the City would need to hire more people and possibly hire a contractor and purchase more equipment. It was noted that large equipment cannot go through alleys without destroying them, only one-ton pickups can be used. Mr. Hawes concluded that the service of plowing alleys could be done, but it would be an expensive service.

Agenda Item #21

**Executive Session on Personnel.**

The Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #22

**Recess**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Austin to recess to Monday, February 1, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaar, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

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The meeting was recessed at 7:37 p.m.

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