

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 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. Alderman Terry M.A. Brooks I arrived at 5:10 p.m. and Alderman David Conroy arrived at 5:30 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

City Manager Phillips stated that the thought has been to consider doing something different in regards to the budget schedules for the review sessions. It was noted that the budget review sessions are scheduled for Saturday, February 27th and Saturday, March 6th. It was suggested to eliminate the March 6th session and incorporate that session into several Study Sessions. Mr. Phillips stated that Public Works could be incorporated into the February 27th session, which would then conclude at 12:30 p.m. and Parks and Fire could be included in the March 1st Study Session. Mr. Phillips added that Administrative Services and general discussion on the budget would be included in the March 8th Study Session. Mr. Phillips indicated that the Public Hearing on the budget is scheduled for Monday, March 15th and final adoption of the budget is scheduled for Monday, March 22nd. Council agreed to the change. Mr. Phillips offered that Council will receive a revised schedule next week.

Mr. Phillips mentioned that only nine (9) names have been submitted for the meeting with St. Ambrose tomorrow regarding focus groups. Mr. Phillips inquired to Council that a few more names are needed.

RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATES

Mr. Phillips inquired upon Public Works Director Bob Hawes to review the report regarding Renewable Energy Certificates.

Mr. Hawes referred to the report and explained that the sale of renewable energy certificates can be sold through brokers or large government auctions. Mr. Hawes noted that last year, the City attempted to sell renewable energy certificates (green tags) through an auction, but the City did not bid low enough. Mr. Hawes indicated that staff would like to sell these certificates locally. It is noted that renewable energy certificates represent environmental attributes of renewable power production. Mr. Hawes indicated that the certificates would be sold through the City where the certificates are earned through the operation of the Hydroelectric Power Plant. The target market would be the City's recycling customers.

Mr. Hawes advised that the sale of the certificates would provide a revenue stream to help support the operation of the Hydroelectric Power Plant that the City recently

purchased. The renewable energy certificates would be issued in the City's name and then they would be put into a clearinghouse that the City belongs to. When someone would like to purchase a certificate, each certificate would be given a distinctive number and that renewable energy certificate would be retired in that person's or businesses' name and would go into the City's retirement account; it cannot be taken out of the account. Mr. Hawes stated that the whole system is set up specifically to prevent those retired certificates from being resold. Mr. Hawes added that an owner of a renewable energy certificate is entitled to claim that they have purchased renewable energy.

Mr. Hawes explained that the program would include two (2) options for local individuals and organizations that would like to purchase renewable energy certificates. The first option would be through a subscription program in which customers could purchase the renewable energy certificates through monthly or quarterly contributions on their normal City utility bill. In effect, the certificates would be transferred to them once a year. It was noted that this is a voluntary subscription program. Mr. Hawes acknowledged that the subscription program would have to be monitored through an internal accounting system to make sure that the City is not over subscribing as to the maximum amount of certificates that could be sold.

The second option includes immediate sales in which customers that are not interested in the subscription program could purchase these certificates directly and then receive the certificates of purchase almost immediately.

Mr. Hawes stated that the advantages of selling green tags locally include the possibility of the certificates being worth a little more and it would be a positive benefit to residents and businesses that are interested in being green and having green power.

Mr. Hawes stated that if there is a consensus among Council, marketing efforts would begin.

Council discussed this issue and agreed for staff to proceed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Jones to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel and Litigation. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 5:20 p.m.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:29 p.m.

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 1, 2010
MINUTES**

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Austin 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 6:30 p. m.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
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**February 1, 2010
MINUTES**

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 Jones gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the Meeting of January 18, 2010.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of January 18, 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 last Friday in Chicago, Park Board member Ann Austin received the Illinois Association of Park Districts Commissioner of the Year award. Mayor Pauley offered that next Monday night a formal presentation will be held at the Council meeting to honor Ms. Austin.

Mayor Pauley thanked Representative Pat Verschoore for working to secure a \$400,000.00 grant for the Douglas Park redevelopment project. Mayor Pauley indicated that the grant comes from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. It was noted that the park will include three (3) new sports fields, expanded parking lot, new playground equipment, security fencing, lighting, bleachers and a walking path. Mayor Pauley acknowledged that the history of Douglas Park goes back to the 1860's. Mayor Pauley thanked Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson and his staff for putting together the request.

Mayor Pauley indicated that free income tax filing assistance will be available at the Martin Luther King Community Center, made possible through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and AARP programs. It was noted that the service is available to tax payers with annual household incomes of up to \$48,000.00. The service began January 25th, 2009 at the Martin Luther King Center. The Mayor stated that the service is available from January 25th to February 11th, Monday through Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and from February 13th to April 13th, Monday and Tuesday from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Pauley indicated that the City of Rock Island is recruiting for the position of Police Chief. It was noted that City Manager John Phillips is conducting a national search to fill the position, and he is seeking advice from the community regarding the most important characteristics that the City should consider for the next Chief. The Mayor stated that Mr. Phillips is asking the citizens of Rock Island to complete an online survey to provide their opinions. The survey is available at www.rigov.org.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring the month of February as Black History Month.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring the month of February as Black History Month.

Ms. Annabell Luth and Ms. Doris Davis accepted the Proclamation.

Ms. Luth thanked the Mayor and Council for the Proclamation. Ms. Luth stated that she appreciated the Proclamation because it reinstates the value of the Black community, and it shows that Blacks made a difference in the past.

Ms. Davis thanked the Mayor and Council for the Proclamation and also for recognizing that they are trying to make a difference.

Ms. Luth stated that a fundraising project for Black History Month will be held on February 27th at Thurgood Marshall School from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Ms. Luth explained that at that time, Thurgood Marshall School will be recognized for allowing children at risk to gain further education to be more qualified citizens. Ms. Luth invited the Mayor and Council to attend this event.

Agenda Item #8

A Special Ordinance regulating parking at 4515 6th Avenue.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Conroy 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 #9

A Special Ordinance amending a Special Ordinance by eliminating a handicapped parking space at 4529 14th Avenue.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Conroy 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 #10

CLAIMS

It was moved by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderman Jones 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 Administrative Services Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$4,890.00 to the City of Davenport for implementation of the Department of Justice, office of Community Oriented Policing Services- Interoperable Communications Technology Program Grant. (020)
- b. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$8,982.64 to DLT Solutions, Inc. for the AutoDesk annual subscription maintenance. (021)
- c. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$5,137.00 to Konecky, Koenig, Kutsunis and Weng for legal services rendered for January 2010.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,858.95 to Langman Construction for services provided for the 2009 Water Service Repair Program project at 3721 11th Street. (023)
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #3 in the amount of \$2,180.00 to Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities, Inc. for services provided for the 2009 50/50 Sidewalk and Curb Program project. (024)
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #8 in the amount of \$327,966.47 to Williams/Valley Construction Management for services provided for the Schwiebert Riverfront Park Bid Release 2 project. (025)
- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 and final in the amount of \$46,103.69 to General Asphalt for services provided for the 2009 Asphalt Street Milling and Patching Program project. (026)
- h. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$627,289.04 to the Treasurer of the State of Illinois for the City's share of the 85th Avenue Reconstruction project. (027)

Agenda Item #11

Claims for the weeks of January 8 through January 28 in the amount of \$721,811.97.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to allow the claims. 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

Payroll for the weeks of January 11 through January 24 in the amount of \$1,196,577.57.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Foley 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 #13

Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding the purchase of an Automated Vehicle Locator System from CompassCom Software in the amount of \$56,788.00.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the purchase as recommended and authorize payment. 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 Administrative Services Department regarding the purchase of Symantec Enterprise Antivirus software security renewals from CDW-G in the amount of \$4,505.00.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the purchase as recommended and authorize payment. 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 Fire Department regarding the purchase of four (4) Kocheck piston intake valves from Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. in the amount of \$3,220.00.

It was moved by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the purchase 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.

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of a hydraulic pump from R-Now Refuse and Recycling, Inc. in the amount of \$2,620.60.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Jones seconded to approve the purchase 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.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of one (1) re-manufactured differential assembly from Sadler Power Train, Inc. in the amount of \$2,600.00.

It was moved by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the purchase 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.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for 30th Street resurfacing of 31st Avenue to Blackhawk Road, recommending the bid be awarded to Langman Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,159,408.65.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Pauley inquired upon City Manager Phillips to comment on Agenda Item #18 and #20.

City Manager Phillips stated that the City has been progressively pursuing funding through the Federal Stimulus Program, Federal Appropriations, State Capital Bill and any other source that can be found to accomplish the priorities of the City of Rock Island.

Mr. Phillips indicated that the 30th Street project will be receiving \$877,027.00 in the Federal American Recovery Reinvestment Act or the Stimulus Program that was passed in February of 2009. Mr. Phillips added that Agenda Item #20 will allow for the resurfacing of Turkey Hollow Road. It was noted that the City received another \$877,000.00 for that project. Mr. Phillips added that the City's share is \$325,000.00.

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

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a lease agreement for the Sunset Marina apartment.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the lease agreement as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed.

Doris Quigley of 10 31st Avenue and lessee of the Sunset Marina apartment stepped forward.

Ms. Quigley stated that she was provided with an advanced copy of the contract. Ms. Quigley had concerns regarding the language in the contract concerning that advanced written permission is required each time a pet is going to stay on the premises for more than 24 hours. Ms. Quigley indicated that she did not understand the logic regarding the requirement of advanced written permission in order to have a friend visit with a pet. It was noted that Ms. Quigley's son has a rabbit and she understands the requirement of a pet deposit. Ms. Quigley stated that there has never been a pet deposit required on the apartment that she could find in any of the written contracts that are on file.

City Manager Phillips suggested that if the tenant does not find the agreement acceptable, the item could be deferred for one (1) week. Mr. Phillips inquired upon Ms. Quigley to confer with staff regarding this issue.

After discussion, it was moved by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Conroy to defer action on Agenda Item #19 for one (1) week. 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 will come back to Council for action on Monday, February 8, 2010.

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a Local Agency/State agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for improvements to Turkey Hollow Road from Andalusia Road to the City limits.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Foley seconded 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 #21

Report from the Public Works Department regarding an Adopt-A-Highway agreement with the Young Environmentalist Club of Rock Island to adopt 16th Avenue from 20th to 24th Street and 24th Street from 13th to 18th Avenue.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer, seconded by Alderman Foley 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 #22

Report from the Public Works Department regarding refuse service charges, recommending the establishment of a \$2.00 per month per household charge for residential refuse service provided by the Public Works Department.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Brooks seconded to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an Ordinance.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Eudell Watts III of 9101 33rd Street West stepped forward. Mr. Watts had concerns as to whether the establishment of the fee is to make up for the deficit in the budget or is the fee for one (1) year or ongoing, and what happens to people that do not or cannot pay the fee.

Mayor Pauley stated that the \$2.00 fee is in regards to the 2009 deficit of \$1 million dollars in which the City did not receive the amount of income tax and replacement tax from the State as projected. The Mayor added that there were lots of budget cuts as well as not filling positions. Mayor Pauley offered that in this upcoming fiscal year, which begins on April 1, 2010, the City was facing a \$2.4 million dollar shortfall for the same reasons and a very large pension obligation. It was noted that staff narrowed the gap to \$1.2 million dollars. The Mayor stated that staff also brought options to Council to further reduce the shortfall. It was noted that Council reviewed the options and decided against the option of raising the property tax. Mayor Pauley indicated that Council wanted to look at small fees that would include all citizens as opposed to large fees that would include only a few citizens.

Mr. Phillips stated that it would depend on other revenues and future costs as to whether the refuse user fees would increase.

Mr. Phillips inquired upon Public Works Director Bob Hawes to answer Mr. Watt's question regarding what happens if people do not or cannot pay the \$2.00 per month user fee.

Mr. Hawes stated that the draft Ordinance, which will come back to Council next week states that the City will provide refuse collection for four (4) units or less at \$2.00 per month. It was noted that for five (5) units or above, there will be an option; the property owner can choose to use the City service or hire a private service. Mr. Hawes added that if the bill is not paid, the service will continue to be provided.

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 #23

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a Resolution authorizing a representative to sign loan documents for submittal to the IEPA for required upgrades to the Saukie and Franciscan Store/Treat Basins as part of the Combined Sewer Long Term Control Plan.

It was moved by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to adopt the Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute loan documents as recommended and authorize staff to submit the Resolution and loan application to the IEPA. 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 #24

Report from the Public Works Department regarding Sunset Marina, recommending exploring in detail, the option of selling the facility assets and leasing the real estate.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Brooks seconded to approve the option as recommended and authorize staff to solicit statements of interest and qualifications from potential private marina enterprises.

Alderman Conroy had concerns regarding whether or not this would be a benefit to the City. Alderman Conroy stated that his future vote when this item is finalized would depend on whether or not this was a complete win situation for the City in regards to giving up the marina.

Alderman Brooks stated that some people that dock at the marina may not understand the expense that the City goes to in order for the marina to stay operational.

Mr. Joe Wakeen of Wakeen's Family Boating Center stepped forward. Mr. Wakeen stated that his business is located on 11th Street and had concerns that if Sunset Marina goes out of the hands of the City, and into the hands of some other entity, that his company may not be allowed to work at the marina and would lose a lot of business.

Mayor Pauley stated that there are lots of things that need to be taken into consideration regarding this issue.

Alderman Conroy inquired upon Mr. Wakeen to make a list of his concerns and let Council know what those concerns entail.

After more discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, Alderman Tollenaer.

Agenda Item #25

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 One Year Action Plan.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 One Year Action Plan as recommended, and authorize the City Manager to submit the plan and any comments that are received through February 8, 2010 to HUD for their review and approval. 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 #26

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Mr. Salvador Zepeda to apply for a Special Use Permit to continue to operate a retail gift shop business out of his residence at 4423 6th Avenue.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Brooks seconded to allow for the application of the Special Use Permit 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.

Agenda Item #27

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to change the stop signs at 2nd Street - 5th Avenue to yield signs.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer, seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an Ordinance.

Discussion followed with Alderman Brooks inquiring as to why change the stop signs to yield signs.

Alderman Tollenaer stated that he requested the change. Alderman Tollenaer indicated that the auto parts warehouse has 17 independent drivers. When they head east onto the

avenue to turn right onto the street, they are concerned that with all of the deliveries back and forth that they will roll through the stop signs and receive a ticket at that location.

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 #28

Report from the City Clerk regarding a Plaza activity permit application for Steve's Old Time Tap to host a viewing area for the Grand Parade and a St. Patrick's Day post parade party on Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Brooks seconded to approve the event for Steve's Old Time Tap as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor and Plaza regulations.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Conroy had concerns regarding having the street closed before the parade begins then opening the street when the parade begins and closing the street once again when the parade passes that area. Alderman Conroy indicated that this would allow for people to be in the street.

Alderman Conroy inquired upon Jeff Rusk, owner of Steve's Old Time Tap to clarify this issue.

Mr. Rusk stated that the whole object is to bring people to the street. Mr. Rusk added that he will tape off the middle of the street, which leaves plenty of room. The idea of closing the street pertains to not allowing vehicles into that area. Mr. Rusk noted that Police Officers will be at the event.

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 #29

Items from the City Manager's Memorandum Packet.

Mr. Phillips made reference to the requirement by State law to designate someone as a designee for the Open Meetings Act. It was noted that this has also been done for the new Freedom of Information Act. Mr. Phillips stated that Assistant City Attorney Ted Kutsunis is the designated person for the Open Meetings Act and City Clerk Aleisha Patchin is the designated official for the Freedom of Information Act.

City Manager Phillips noted the news release that was received regarding Augustana College's Historic Old Main renovation that is underway.

Alderman Brooks stated several facts regarding Black history as it relates to Black History Month and the many victories and sacrifices that have happened in the past years. Alderman Brooks stated that he hoped everyone would keep in mind the many sacrifices as they participate in the voting process tomorrow.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Hyman's Furniture store is located at 1713 3rd Avenue in Downtown Rock Island and it has been in business since 1920. Alderwoman Murphy noted that the store is owned by the Stanley Goldman family. In addition, Hyman's offers a fine line of furniture; they also offer a large selection of Lazy Boy recliners. Alderwoman Murphy indicated that Hyman's is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Pauley urged everyone to vote tomorrow.

Agenda Item #30

Other Business

Mr. Luke and Ms. Marcia Carlson of 1616 26th Street stepped forward to discuss the Special Use Permit for 1624 26th Street. Mr. Carlson stated that they had received a letter stating that the issue was for this evening.

Mr. Phillips stated that this item is scheduled for next week, February 8, 2010. It was noted that action on this item was deferred. Mr. Phillips stated that staff may have sent notices out for February 1st, but that was incorrect. Mr. Phillips apologized to the Carlson's.

Agenda Item #31

Executive Session on Personnel and Litigation.

The Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #32

Recess

A motion was made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Jones to recess to Monday, February 8, 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 Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:30 p.m.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk