

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, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager John Phillips, Finance Director Bill Scott, Budget Coordinator Don Reichert, Administrative Services Director John Thorson, Assistant Information Technology Director Tim Bain, Risk Manager Patrick Doherty, Assistant Public Works Director Tim Ridder and other City staff. Alderman P. J. Foley arrived at 5:10 p.m. and Alderman Jason W. Jones arrived at 5:12 p.m.

## **FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011 BUDGET REVIEW**

### **Administrative Services Department**

Administrative Services Department Director John Thorson, Risk Manager Patrick Doherty and Assistant Information Technology Director Tim Bain presented the Administrative Services Department's 2010-2011 Budget to Council.

Mr. Thorson stated that 11 employees are in this department and there are no proposed changes in Staffing for Fiscal Year 2011. Mr. Thorson offered that five (5) areas make up the Administrative Service Department, which include; Administration, Personnel services, IT services, GIS services and Insurance.

Mr. Thorson discussed various major goals for the Administrative Services Department for this next fiscal year. Mr. Thorson indicated that contract negotiations with six (6) bargaining units are underway. It was noted that the big issue is healthcare cost containment strategies. Mr. Thorson offered that a new contract through the outside provider Heartland Healthcare Coalition was able to be negotiated for a \$100,000.00 discount with Walgreens for the current year, which will financially help the plan. It was noted that the actuary has set the new premium rates, which will be effective April 1, 2010. Mr. Thorson added that there will be no increase for employer/employee premium rates next year. It was also noted that premium rates for Delta Dental will not be increased. Mr. Thorson stated that this looks very positive. Mr. Thorson pointed out that the Healthcare Fund has a fund surplus of \$1.071 million dollars. It was noted that this is at 25% to 50% of the operating costs. Mr. Thorson added that in this fiscal year, which ends on March 31, 2010, it is expected that there will be a \$218,000.00 surplus between revenues and expenses.

Mr. Thorson indicated that Risk Management cost containment strategies are very important this year. It was noted that it has been a rough year with Worker's Compensation claims; there has been several large liability claims. Mr. Thorson stated that the department is looking towards maintaining the premium rates and coverage for all commercial insurance for the upcoming year.

Mr. Thorson pointed out that the Information Technology area has a lot of major projects underway, some of which include; GEMS software for the Financial Management Systems, Human Resource Management, Attendance Enterprise (time tracking), North Star (utility billing), upgrade to the Govern system, Voice over IP implementation (phone system), Video Surveillance for public safety vehicles and AVL locator systems for Public Works.

It was noted that the IT Department and Personnel Department were combined last fiscal year and there are no overall changes in staffing levels in the Administrative Services Department budget. Mr. Thorson indicated that the overall Budget is set at \$8,281,419.00. It was noted that there is a 12% decrease in General Fund expenses. Supplies are down 40% due to a reduction in computer hardware and software costs and paper. Mr. Thorson commented that Services are up 2%. Mr. Thorson pointed out that the biggest increase is in healthcare due to the higher projected premium costs in Medicare supplement participants and health claims. It was noted that Capital is down 16% due to project costs.

Mr. Thorson discussed various projects that are underway in the Administrative Services area, which include; union negotiations, cable franchise renewal, temporary employee services contract and previously mentioned IT projects. Mr. Thorson stated that that year round training will continue in the Personnel Services area.

Tim Bain, Assistant IT Director distributed a handout and explained that the first chart relates to the amount of time that IT spends on the amount of requests received from different departments through the help desk on an annual basis. It was noted that IT receives approximately 5,000 requests per year. Mr. Bain noted that the second chart is based on what is going on with the number of requests based on the time of year. It was noted that spring is the busiest time for the IT Department. Mr. Bain indicated that the last document is a project list and time line for all projects that IT is working on.

Mr. Thorson discussed upcoming issues. It was noted that the Administrative Services Department will be conducting a RFP for medical and third party administration services next fiscal year. Mr. Thorson commented that this is the 4<sup>th</sup> year with BlueCross BlueShield.

Council discussed third party administrators and premiums as it relates to insurance.

Risk Manager Patrick Doherty discussed the Onsite Nursing Program. It was noted that the program is cost neutral to the health and worker's compensation plan. Mr. Doherty pointed out that the onsite nurse has been utilized a lot by City employees. Mr. Doherty noted that the nurse has been encouraged to document every person she sees. Mr. Doherty then discussed health care planning and services as it related to the onsite nurse.

Mr. Thorson discussed the City's drug plan at it relates to BlueCross BlueShield no longer being able to underwrite the City's prescription coverage into the reinsurance

policy. It was noted that this will basically force the City to use BlueCross BlueShield's drug plan or seek a new reinsurance provider.

Mr. Thorson and Council discussed Risk Management as it relates to worker's compensation, unemployment and general liability. Council discussed IT projects as it relates to costs, implementation and vendor support. In addition, Council discussed the cable franchise agreement as it relates to the audit.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION**

Finance Director Bill Scott discussed questions and comments from Council that had come up during the earlier budget presentations for various departments. Discussion included; types of support for businesses as it relates to Community Economic Development; CDBG loan drop in fund balance expenditures as it relates to housing loans and how the City targets housing programs. In addition, the upgrading of financial software as it relates to periodic updates by the Finance Department was discussed, and budget cuts as it relates to the Fire Department's budget regarding infrastructure, training and education.

Mr. Scott stated that a Public Hearing will be held on the 2010/2011 Budget on March 15, 2010, followed by an Ordinance for consideration. Mr. Scott added that adoption of the 2010/2011 Budget is scheduled for March 22, 2010.

### **GREENHOUSE GAS ACTION STRATEGIES**

Tim Ridder, Assistant to the Public Works Director explained the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory study. Mr. Ridder stated that Greenhouse Gas Inventory is where the City looks at reducing Greenhouse Gas emissions levels to 7% below the 1990 levels. It was noted that in 2007, the City signed up with ICLEI. Mr. Ridder commented that ICLEI is Local Governments for Sustainability in which they provide technical assistance as well as software packages that assist in the Greenhouse Gas Inventory. Mr. Ridder pointed out that it was found that the per capita contribution of Greenhouse Gases is 16.3 tons of Greenhouses Gases emitted per person in Rock Island. However, as a community, these gases emissions have increased 4.5% since 1990. It was noted that the average in the United States is approximately 8% to 9%.

Mr. Ridder indicated that City operations account for approximately 29.3% of total Greenhouse Gas emissions for the community. It was noted that since 1990, there has been a 20% reduction in Greenhouse Gas levels in regards to the City. Mr. Ridder stated that the purchasing of the Hybrid fleet, changing traffic signal lights to LED and maintaining energy efficiency in the City has contributed to the reduction. It was noted that the community as a whole has seen an increase of 13% above, with the goal being 7% below.

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Mr. Ridder discussed the breakdown of Greenhouses Gases in the community. It was noted that 42.6% of all Greenhouse Gases come from electricity with 27.3% coming from natural gas, 28.1% coming from transportation and 1.9% coming from waste services.

Mr. Ridder discussed action strategies that the Green Team will focus on to lessen the impact of Greenhouse Gas emissions. The action strategies include; Energy Efficiency, Energy Sources, Alternative Transportation Options and Education. Mr. Ridder stated that the goal is for the Green Team to pick one of the strategies each year and focus on how to implement that strategy.

Council further discussed the strategies as it relates to the reduction in Greenhouse Gas emissions.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to recess to Executive Session on matters of Litigation. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 5:50 p.m.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 5:59 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion made by Alderman Austin 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 6:00 p. m.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND  
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**March 8, 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. Alderwoman Murphy gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 27, 2010 and Minutes of the Meeting of March 1, 2010.**

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 27, 2010 and Minutes of the Meeting of March 1, 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 discussed Census 2010. Mayor Pauley stated that Census 2010 will count every person residing in Rock Island on April 1, 2010. It was noted that this short form, which is only 10 questions, should take approximately 10 minutes to fill out. The Mayor added that the completion of the Census 2010 questionnaire is vital to Rock Island because the Federal Government distributes funding based on the census data. Mayor Pauley explained that based on 40,000 residents that is \$2,900.00 per person per year coming to the City and school district with \$1,500.00 going to the City and \$1,400.00 to the school district each year. It was noted that for each person not counted, \$29,000.00 is lost over a 10 year period. Mayor Pauley urged everyone to fill out their census form when it arrives.

Mayor Pauley indicated that this evening, Council will review a request from Robert Buker from Valdom Corporation for Beaver Landing, which includes 90 condominium units grouped together in 21 two-story townhouse structures at 3200 Blackhawk Road. Mayor Pauley offered that the two-story dwellings will have a full basement, rear attached two-car garages and approximately 1,420 square feet of living area. It was noted that a private park will be located at the southeast corner of the development site. Mayor Pauley stated that the development will be done in phases. The first phase will include 16 condominiums in four (4) two-story townhouse structures.

It was noted that this evening, the City will accept the donation of property, which is Saukie Golf Course from the Richard A. Welch Charitable Remainder Unitrust. Mayor

Pauley stated that the City would like to thank the family of Richard and Mary Jean Welch for their generous donation.

Mayor Pauley offered that the St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 13, 2010 in Downtown Rock Island. It was noted that this is the 25<sup>th</sup> year for the parade, which will begin at 11:30 a.m. The Parade will start at 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and proceed through Downtown Rock Island and cross the Mississippi River to Downtown Davenport. The Mayor added that this is the only St. Patrick's Day Parade that crosses two states.

The Mayor stated that today, the Rock Island Parks and Recreation Park Office is moving from 1320 24<sup>th</sup> Street to 4303 24<sup>th</sup> Street, which is inside the entrance of the Rock Island Fitness and Activity Center. It was noted that registrations for all Rock Island Parks and Recreation activities will be taken at the new location as well as shelter permits. Mayor Pauley indicated that the office hours will be Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It was noted that the office can be reached at (309) 732-PARK (7275).

Agenda Item #7

**A Special Ordinance providing for the donation of property (Saukie Golf Course) at 3101 38<sup>th</sup> Street.**

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderman Foley 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 #8

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

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Tollenaer 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 #9

**A Special Ordinance regarding the abandonment of a utility easement at the northwest corner of 42<sup>nd</sup> Street West and 81<sup>st</sup> Avenue West on lots 15 and 16 of the Rock Island Industrial Park.**

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderman Foley 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

**A Special Ordinance removing residential parking on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street between 18<sup>th</sup> and 20½ Avenue.**

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

Agenda Item #11

**A Special Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space at 1603 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Austin 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

**A Special Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space at 4529 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Conroy 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 #13

**CLAIMS**

It was moved by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderman Tollenaer 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 in the amount of \$846.91 to AT&T for General Liability Claims.
- b. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$4,000.00 to Midland Paper for the purchase of copier paper.

- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,600.00 to the Department of Natural Resources for the annual lease for land and water rights as part of the Hydro Plant purchase. (056)

Agenda Item #14

**Claims for the week of February 26 through March 4 in the amount of \$1,368,946.97.**

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderwoman Murphy 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 #15

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding bids for the Neighborhood Partners Newsletter, recommending the bid be awarded to Stecker's Minuteman Press for a one-year contract to print 2,300 copies of four (4) newsletters in an amount not to exceed \$6,412.00.**

It was moved by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Foley to award the bid 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 #16

**Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding a Special Ordinance providing for a third 90 day extension of the current cable franchise agreement.**

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Tollenaer 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 #17

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding proposed changes to the Ordinance regulating development in special flood hazard areas.**

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the amendments as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for final review of 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 #18

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request for revision to a Preliminary and Final Site Plan for Planned Unit Development (PUD) for Valdom Corporation at 3200 Blackhawk Road.**

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the Preliminary Site Plan and revised Planned Unit Development for the entire parcel and Final Plan for 16 units as detailed in the report, as recommended.

Discussion followed.

Ms. Jean Van Tine of 4630 34<sup>th</sup> Street stepped forward. Ms. Van Tine stated that her mother lives behind the property and voiced concerns regarding the issue of stormwater drainage from the site. Ms. Van Tine stated that the detention pond will not take care of the problem. Ms. Van Tine also had concerns regarding that proposed buyers of the development would trespass on neighboring properties to gain access to the local tavern and river. In addition, Ms. Van Tine voiced concerns regarding the fencing issue.

Alderman Austin stated that if a fence is needed and it is not included as part of the project, it does not stop an individual or property owner from putting up a fence of their own to limit access to their property.

City Manager Phillips stated that the development (property) has to comply with stormwater regulations. This would have to be reviewed by the Public Works Department as the plan is submitted for the development in regards to obtaining a permit.

Council discussed the issue of trespassing as it relates to 34<sup>th</sup> Street.

Ms. Angie Depape of Moline, Illinois (no exact address given) stated that her brother and sister live in this area and voiced concerns regarding the density of the development as it relates to space, and voiced concerns as to whether the developer has consideration for the neighbors.

Mr. Dennis Woodward of 3120 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue stepped forward. Mr. Woodward stated that he lives across the street from the detention pond and was concerned that the pipe that drains from the detention pond to the river is not holding the capacity of the drainage off of Blackhawk Road. Mr. Woodward submitted pictures showing how the yard floods.

Council discussed the detention pond as it relates to holding new runoff from the proposed development.

Public Works Director Bob Hawes stated that the development will have to comply with the Ordinance.

Mr. Virgil Mayberry of 559 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue stepped forward along with Ms. Regina Tsosie of 1424 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue in Moline, Illinois.

Mr. Mayberry stated that Ms. Tsosie is the President of the Coalition of Native Americans of the Quad Cities.

Ms. Tsosie stated that the land especially along the Rock River has a rich history with the Native American people; they lived along the river for thousands of years. Ms. Tsosie's main concern was that if human remains were found at the site, that they be treated with respect, honor and dignity. Ms. Tsosie submitted two (2) documents, which included the Human Skeletal Remains Protection Act and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

Mr. Paul Holmquist of 3320 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue stepped forward. Mr. Holmquist had concerns regarding the development of the park in the far corner of the site. Mr. Holmquist stated that the development of the proposed park shows no fence around the playground area. Mr. Holmquist asked for consideration that a fence be erected with a gate on the north side.

Mr. Bob Buker of 3130 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue stepped forward. Mr. Buker stated that he is the developer and addressed the three (3) main issues regarding remains, fencing and the detention issue.

Mr. Buker stated that Phases 1 and 2 of the archeological study of the whole site have been completed. It was noted that in Phase 2, small Indian relics were found. Due to that survey, no digging can be done in the area that is proposed for the park.

Mr. Buker indicated that the detention area was designed to be adequate for the first year. It was noted that Mr. Buker's engineer has told him that it is adequate. Mr. Buker stated that prior to this area being developed, there was a drainage area that went through Mr. Woodward's property; his property is the lowest of the properties elevation wise on 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The detention pond was put in where everything previously drained to it and across Mr. Woodward's property. The pipe drains on to Mr. Woodward's property. It was noted that when the river levels comes up, the area does not drain adequately. The pipe is not very high; it is about at river level. It was noted that this could not be changed.

Mr. Buker stated that in regards to fencing, he would like to see landscaping around the property.

Council discussed the park area, the development as it relates to square footage of the units and the phases of the development.

Ms. Teresa Temple of 3300 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue stepped forward. Ms. Temple voiced concerns regarding space and the fencing issue.

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 #19

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an organizational appointment to Neighborhood Partners, recommending Blackhawk Park West Neighborhood Association as a constituent member.**

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the appointment 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 #20

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to change the direction of the one-way in front of Alleman High School on 40<sup>th</sup> Street between 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

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

Discussion followed.

Mr. Colin Letendre of 2712 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Principal of Alleman High School located at 1103 40<sup>th</sup> Street stepped forward. Mr. Letendre stated that the request to change the direction of the one-way in front of the school on 40<sup>th</sup> Street between 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue is due to safety and security issues. Mr. Letendre explained that currently, parents or buses will drop off the students in front of the school in which students have to step into traffic and cross the street due to the school being located on the east side of 40<sup>th</sup> Street and the one-way heads traffic to the south. Mr. Letendre noted that by changing the directions of the one-way would allow the students to be dropped off at the curb, which improves safety for everyone involved. Mr. Letendre also noted that for safety purposes and accessibility, Alleman would like to add a new entrance in front of the school in the summer. The entrance would include a new driveway with several parking spaces.

Ms. Terry Stimpson of 1121 39<sup>th</sup> Street stepped forward. Ms. Stimpson stated that she was at the meeting on behalf of some of the neighbors that live in that area where the proposed one-way directional change has been requested and for her personally. Ms. Stimpson submitted a list of neighbors that were in favor and opposed to the request to change the direction of the one-way in front of Alleman High School on 40<sup>th</sup> Street between 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue. In addition, a petition was submitted with signatures of the neighbors that were opposed to the directional change. Ms. Stimpson stated that the results of the survey indicated that there were 13 residents that supported the request and 35 residents that were opposed to the request.

Ms. Stimpson explained that the residents that opposed the request had concerns that there would be increased traffic on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 38<sup>th</sup> Street or exiting down to 42<sup>nd</sup>

Street. Ms. Stimpson indicated that there were also concerns regarding increased traffic near the park on 39<sup>th</sup> Street and through the alley on 39<sup>th</sup> Street.

Alderman Brooks stated that he did not understand the urgency to oppose the request as it relates to safety for the students at Alleman High School.

Council further discussed this issue for the change in the direction of the one-way as it relates to safety.

Ms. Stephanie Sanders of 1106 40<sup>th</sup> Street voiced concerns regarding the Longfellow hill on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the safety of the Longfellow students as it relates to Alleman and Longfellow letting out school at the same time and the congested traffic area.

Alderman Murphy noted Ms. Sander's concerns and stated that she had discussed this issue with the Police Department and this issue will have to be addressed so that traffic is not as congested at that particular hour in the day.

Ms. Glenda Nicke of 1103 38<sup>th</sup> Street voiced concerns regarding increased traffic on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 38<sup>th</sup> Street and 39<sup>th</sup> Street to 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue if the request is approved. Ms. Nicke also was concerned about park issues regarding traffic.

Alderman Austin stated that he still sees that the primary exit route would be west on 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue or south on 40<sup>th</sup> Street to get to a main street.

Alderman Murphy discussed the issue that no parking on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 40<sup>th</sup> Street would have to be addressed in the near future.

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

Agenda Item #21

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Dyce's Sports Bar & Grill to hold a viewing area outside for the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 13, 2010 beginning at 8:00 a.m.**

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the event for Dyce's Sports Bar & Grill as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor regulations. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #22

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Hilltop Tavern to hold their sixth annual Green Bucket Party outside on Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.**

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the event for Hilltop Tavern 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 #23

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

Mr. Phillips did not have any items to discuss.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone about the 350 project. It was noted that all Rock Island residents are asked to spend a total of \$50.00 a month in three (3) Rock Island businesses. This will help to keep locally owned family businesses vibrant during these tough economic times.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Stecker's Minuteman Press has been in business since 1977 and is located at 325 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Downtown Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Stecker's offers approximately 43 products and 20 different services. It was noted that they are a full service commercial printing business. Alderwoman Murphy indicated that they do a lot of digital work and have expanded into offering vinyl graphics.

Alderman Jones congratulated the Rock Island Fire Department for winning the Supreme Challenge for emergency responders and proving that they were the most physically fit emergency personnel in the area.

Agenda Item #24

**Other Business**

None

Agenda Item #25

**Executive Session on Personnel and Litigation.**

An Executive Session was held prior to the Regular Meeting.

Agenda Item #26

**Recess**

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A motion was made by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderman Foley recess to Monday, March 15, 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 8:10 p.m.

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