

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. Acting City Manager Bob Hawes was also present. City Manager John Phillips was absent.

### **Introductory Proceedings**

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

Agenda Item #5

#### **Minutes of the Meeting of March 15, 2010.**

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of March 15, 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 the current Illinois budget proposal, which would take effect in July, would have a \$920,000.00 negative impact on Rock Island. The Mayor pointed out that currently, the City receives 10% from the state taxes. Under Governor Quinn's current proposal, it would be cut to 7%, which would result in a \$920,000.00 reduction.

Mayor Pauley indicated that the State needs to develop a plan that begins to address the problem by cutting expenses or increasing revenues, not by taking millions from local governments in Illinois. Mayor Pauley added that the way it is currently proposed, the action pushes the State's financial problems on the cities and to the tax payers. Mayor Pauley stated that the City has left positions open and cut spending to meet the current reductions for the State; further reductions could be disastrous.

Mayor Pauley indicated that City Manager John Phillips announced his selection of Scott Harris as Rock Island's next Police Chief. It was noted that Scott Harris currently serves as Deputy Chief and has been a member of the Rock Island Police Department for 27 years. The Mayor noted that a nationwide search was conducted and 60 applications for the position were received; 50 semi-finalists were selected and two (2) interviews were conducted. The Mayor added that the City Manager received assistance from members of the Fire and Police Commission, the Safer Community Task Force, the union leadership, Chief Phil Reddington of Bettendorf and City department managers. It was noted that the City's website was also used to survey citizens on the desired characteristics and qualities for the position.

Mayor Pauley offered that on Saturday, March 27, 2010, the Rock Island Parks and Recreation's annual Spring Egg Hunt will be held at approximately 9:30 a.m. It was noted that the hunt is free and there will be many colorful eggs throughout the hunt areas, and some contain special prizes. Mayor Pauley stated that the rain date will be April 3, 2010.

Mayor Pauley stated that Realm Wellness Spa, located at 150 16½ Street, celebrated their grand opening with a ribbon cutting on March 17, 2010. It was noted that Realm offers unique wellness services that support weight loss and detox. It was noted that Juicing for Jocks fresh juice bar works with young athletes and coaches on peak performance in sports. Colon cleansing is a new service offered to the area by Realm. Mayor Pauley stated that for more information on their services, please visit their website at [www.realmspaqa.com](http://www.realmspaqa.com) or call 309-786-WELL (9355).

Agenda Item #7

**Public Hearing on a request from Leslie Rossman of Bond Drug Company of Illinois, L.L.C., doing business as Walgreens #03991 and Walgreens #04332 for a waiver of the signature requirements to secure liquor licenses at 3100 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 2955 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting at 6:49 p.m. and opened a Public Hearing on a request from Leslie Rossman of Bond Drug Company of Illinois, L.L.C., doing business as Walgreens #03991 and Walgreens #04332 for a waiver of the signature requirements to secure liquor licenses at 3100 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 2955 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Mr. Mike Cox who is a representative for Walgreens and resides at 3117 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Ct. in Bettendorf, Iowa stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. Cox.

Mr. Cox stated that the reason Walgreens is asking for liquor licenses at these two (2) locations is due to customers wanting a convenient one-stop shop. Mr. Cox added that alcohol was discontinued at the Moline store in 2004; since then, customers have been requesting that Walgreens sell beer and wine again. Mr. Cox noted that their detailed policies and sales procedures for making sure that Walgreens does not sell to minors is something that is taken very seriously. It was noted that Walgreens has a strict training program and no one under the age of 21 is allowed to touch packaged liquor.

Mr. Cox stated that there would be a limited selection of beer and wine at these locations. Mr. Cox commented that it would be a little less than 2% of the products that are offered in the store. In addition, there would be approximately two (2) doors for beer, which is four (4) feet of beer and one (1) cooler for wine, which is approximately 12 feet of wine.

Alderman Brooks inquired as to why Walgreens discontinued selling alcohol.

Mr. Cox stated that at the time, it was believed that the demand was not there. Currently, customers are asking for that convenience and Walgreens has had a change in philosophy

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and leadership in the company. Mr. Cox added that customers are not happy that Walgreens discontinued selling alcohol.

Alderman Brooks had concerns regarding Walgreens being a pharmacy and selling alcohol. Alderman Brooks discussed ordinances as it relates to having an ordinance for beer and wine only.

More discussion followed regarding security and competition as it relates to Walgreens and the request for the liquor licenses.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether Walgreens was making the same request in all of the Quad City stores or just in Rock Island.

Mr. Cox stated that Walgreens is requesting to sell alcohol in all of the Quad City locations and in all Walgreens stores nationwide.

Alderman Brooks reiterated that it would be important to look at the ordinance requirements regarding the sale of (retail) beer and wine only.

City Attorney Kutsunis stated that there may be a (retail) beer and wine only Ordinance.

Alderman Austin noted that Walgreens is also here at this Public Hearing in regards to the signature requirement.

Council discussed the signature requirement as it relates to the amount of signatures submitted for both locations.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was anyone that wished to speak in favor of the waiver of signature requirement for liquor licenses at 3100 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 2955 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue. No one stepped forward.

Mayor Pauley then inquired as to whether there was anyone that wished to speak in opposition to the waiver of signature requirement for liquor licenses at 3100 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 2955 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue. No one stepped forward

With no persons present to speak in favor of, or in opposition to the waiver of signature requirement for liquor licenses at 3100 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 2955 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Mayor Pauley closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:02 p.m.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to recommend to the Mayor/Liquor Commissioner to waive the signature requirement and approve the liquor licenses for the Bond Drug Company of Illinois, L.L.C., doing business as Walgreens #03991 and Walgreens #04332 at 3100 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 2955 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Conroy stated that one of the main reasons the City has signature requirements for these types of establishments is mainly for where they may or may not be built.

Alderman Conroy advised that 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 11<sup>th</sup> Street are major corridors of businesses. Alderman Conroy offered that he would support this due to these businesses being in these particular areas.

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

Agenda Item #8

**An Ordinance adopting the Budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2010 and ending March 31, 2011.**

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to pass the Ordinance.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Brooks stated that staff did an adequate job of preparing this year's budget in regards to various options that were implemented to balance the budget. Alderman Brooks had concerns regarding the budget. Alderman Brooks stated that he didn't think as a Council, it was taken into account of what would happen between now and July in regards to Governor Quinn's proposal. Alderman Brooks indicated that he didn't think the citizens of Rock Island truly understand what this budget is representing. In addition, Alderman Brooks noted that he would have a hard time coming back to the public in two (2) or three (3) months to tell them that new adjustments would have to be made to the budget. Alderman Brooks was also concerned that the City didn't do a good job of making people understand why taxes and fees had to be raised. Alderman Brooks believed that the budget has not been put to the public enough in a way where they could have input.

Alderman Brooks stated that he did not feel confident with this proposed budget and he would not be supporting it.

Alderman Conroy stated that staff did a good job putting together this budget; further cuts may have to be made in the future. It was noted that in past years, budgets have been readjusted. Alderman Conroy pointed out that this budget is one that can be worked with and one that the City can build on for the future. Alderman Conroy stated that he was in support of the budget.

Alderman Jones stated that he understood the concerns regarding the budget and was in support of the budget.

Alderman Murphy stated that the budget has been communicated to the public. Alderman Murphy noted that if Council was not doing a good job concerning the budget and citizens disagreed with Council's decisions, they would be here. Alderman Murphy indicated that she hasn't heard from any of her constituents in regards to this budget. Alderman Murphy was in support of the budget.

Mayor Pauley stated that many cuts have been made in all departments and several fees and various taxes have been raised. Mayor Pauley stated that he didn't think the City could assess more fees at this time and build up more funds when no one knows what will happen in regards to Governor Quinn's proposal or the current union negotiations. Mayor Pauley added that the City wants to use the citizen's money to the best of its ability that the City possibly can without taking too much; the City only wants to take in exactly what is needed at this time.

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

Agenda Item #9

**A Special Ordinance annexing certain property located 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, Alderman 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, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

- a. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,452.14 to Kim Zepeda for General Liability Claims.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$5,220.80 to Gasvoda & Associates, Inc. for replacement parts for one of the shredding comminutors at the Southwest Wastewater Plant. (074)
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$16,173.14 to Tri-City Electric for services provided for the Fiber Optic Cable Phase 4-B project. (077)

- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$22,029.43 to Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities, Inc. for services provided for the 2009 50/50 Sidewalk and Curb Program project. (078)
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #10 in the amount of \$214,925.05 to Williams/Valley Construction Management for services provided for the Schwiebert Riverfront Park Bid Release 2 project. (079)

Agenda Item #11

**Claims for the week of March 12 through March 18 in the amount of \$314,568.21.**

Alderman Foley 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

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an agreement with Next Generation Consulting for attracting young professionals to the arts.**

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

Discussion followed with Alderman Austin inquiring to Community Economic Development Director Greg Champagne and Community Marketing Director Jennifer Fowler as to what the City is getting for this investment.

Ms. Fowler stated that the \$2,400.00 is for 20 patron audits to be conducted for 10 arts organizations. It was noted that the audits would be restricted to arts organizations that are based in Rock Island or which perform in Rock Island. Ms. Fowler offered that 20 young professionals will be trained on a patron audit, which is a Next Generation Consulting propriety audit. Ms. Fowler added that costs associated with the workshop will be covered by registration fees.

Ms. Fowler stated that the benefit to the constituents and businesses in Rock Island is that they are struggling to get people between the ages of 20 to 40 to attend their performances. It was noted that the workshop and audit information is useful in helping to examine how Rock Island arts organizations can attract young audiences and members. By doing this and targeting this particular group, individuals may attend the performances, which is added revenue. In addition, it is an economic development tool that will be provided to the arts community and something that they are asking for.

Mr. Champagne stated that Next Generation Consulting has a real expertise in this area.

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

Agenda Item #13

**Report from General Administration regarding the appointment of Scott Harris to the position of Rock Island Police Chief effective May 1, 2010.**

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the appointment as recommended.

Alderman Conroy congratulated Scott Harris on the new appointment.

After comments, 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 City Clerk regarding an application and Resolution for the Bi-State Motorcycle Awareness Ride to be held on Saturday, May 1, 2010.**

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the application as recommended and adopt the Resolution.

Discussion followed with Alderman Austin inquiring as to whether the Bi-State Motorcycle Awareness Council will be responsible for any expenses incurred for the hiring of off duty Police Officers for traffic control.

City Clerk Aleisha Patchin stated that the Bi-State Motorcycle Awareness Council will be responsible for any expenses incurred this year as they were in the past year.

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 #15

**Report from the City Clerk regarding an application and Resolution for the Cornbelt Running Club to hold their Quad Cities Distance Classic Half Marathon and 5K Road Races on Sunday, May 9, 2010.**

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the application as recommended and adopt the Resolution. 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

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

Acting City Manager Bob Hawes reminded Council of the information included in the memo packet regarding tentative Goal Setting dates. Mr. Hawes stated to please let Executive Secretary Linda Rutten know by Friday, March 26, 2010 as to which weekends the Council prefers for the Goal Setting sessions.

Alderman Conroy commented on Schwiebert Riverfront Park. Alderman Conroy stated that it is a gorgeous facility that is being built on the Mississippi River; it is truly going to be a landmark of the Quad Cities.

Alderman Austin referred to an article in the newspaper regarding the Blackhawk College Foundation and the listing of their new honorees for leaders under the age of 40. Alderman Austin congratulated Alderman Jones for being one of the community's outstanding leaders under the age of 40.

Mayor Pauley stated that when this program was started, the intention was for it to be 40 leaders under the age of 40. It was noted that at that time, the focus was on the number, which was not the point. Mayor Pauley stated that this year, it was decided to give the award to people that really qualified and deserved it and not focus on the number. Mayor Pauley stated that Alderman Jones was very deserving of the award.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that the Salvation Army Thrift Store is located at 2125 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Alderwoman Murphy indicated that the store is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m to 6:00 p.m. and closed on Sundays. Alderwoman Murphy noted that the store carries a variety of items and they are in need of donations. Alderwoman Murphy commented that the donations are tax deductible.

Agenda Item #17

**Other Business**

None

Agenda Item #18

**No Executive Session.**

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #19

**Recess**

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A motion was made by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recess to Monday, April 5, 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 7:34 p.m.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk