

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:30 pm in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Ivory D. Clark, P.J. Foley, Kate Hotle and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Public Works Director Randy Tweet, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Ben Griffith, Urban Planner Brandy Howe, other City staff, City Attorney Dave Morrison, and Linda Anderson, President of Neighborhood Partners. Due to personal illness, Alderman Virgil J. Mayberry participated remotely in the Study Session via electronic means (telephone conference) at 5:30 pm. Aldermen Stephen L. Tollenaer and Joshua Schipp were absent.

DISCUSSION ON EMERGENCY SEWER LINE ON 24th STREET

Public Works Director Randy Tweet discussed the emergency sewer line on 24th Street. Mr. Tweet noted that this item is on the Agenda this evening for Council consideration. Mr. Tweet referred to the map of the intersection of 24th Street and 6th Avenue and stated that there are always some unknown things discovered when you get into an intersection. Mr. Tweet advised that the issue is an old brick sewer and it needs to be lined with some kind of structural membrane before we can cut into it. Mr. Tweet added that we need to cut into that pipe, but if that is done before it is lined then the integrity of the brick pipe will be lost and it will deteriorate all the way down the line. Mr. Tweet stated that the last piece of the project is a larger diverter structure and it starts the whole process. Mr. Tweet explained that it basically diverts excess flow into that relief sewer that comes down 6th Avenue.

Mr. Tweet stated that Symbiont went out and looked at some appropriate vendors and one was found; IWPC will put in the lining, which is a geopolymer lining system and it will preserve the integrity of the brick sewer. Mr. Tweet referred to the map and stated that if they do this little section, it will cost about \$35,000.00 and if they do the entire section down to the next manhole, it will cost about \$165,000.00. Mr. Tweet advised that there is \$250,000.00 in the pipelining program for this year. Mr. Tweet indicated that the proposal is to divert funds away from the pipelining program in another area and use those funds to line this pipe.

Council discussed this issue as it related to what caused the problem. Mr. Tweet commented that it was inaccurate records on the City's part; the records indicated that it was a concrete pipe and it turned out to be a brick pipe. Mr. Tweet commented that the City will manage this project and the street will probably be blocked off a little longer.

Council and Mr. Tweet further discussed this item as it related to the time component for completing this portion of the project. Council further discussed the emergency sewer line on 24th Street.

PRESENTATION ON PARKING POLICY CHANGES

Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Ben Griffith stated that questions were raised about the Downtown Parking Policy on 3rd Avenue and 16th Street. Mr. Griffith referred to the aerial map concerning the areas that are used for parking. Mr. Griffith stated that the Downtown Plan

was adopted about a year ago and parking was a big issue. Mr. Griffith added that it was determined there would be 30 minute parking at certain locations, everything else would be four hours and the parking ramp would open up for free parking seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Mr. Griffith commented that on January 1st of this year, the parking changes were implemented; signs were placed at the appropriate areas and enforcement began.

Mr. Griffith explained that there were some issues with the 30 minute parking at the Rock Island County office building; there were a lot of handicapped and disabled individuals utilizing various services provided by the County. Mr. Griffith advised that staff addressed that issue by providing 100 courtesy passes, but they went through them quickly; it only lasted one month. Mr. Griffith stated that in the first quarter of 2015, there were 399 first time parking violations and in the first quarter of 2016, there were 543 first time parking violations. Mr. Griffith commented that even with having the four hour parking, there was an increase in parking violations. Council discussed this item.

Mr. Griffith recommended increasing the parking to two hours on 3rd Avenue and 16th Street to allow for parking for anyone visiting City Hall or the County building.

Council discussed Mr. Griffith's recommendation. Alderman Austin stated that before the change, the parking in front of City Hall and the County building was one hour, now it is being recommended for two hours. Alderman Austin further discussed this issue. Mr. Griffith indicated that currently, 30 minutes is posted and the folks at the County indicated that they would like for the time limit to be an hour.

Alderman Hotle stated that the Downtown Plan was worked on for over a year and there was ample opportunity for input for downtown parking. Alderman Hotle added that she did not support moving it back to two hours and she did not support changing any of it in general. Alderman Hotle firmly stated that it hasn't been but about four months since the changes were implemented; more time is needed for everyone to adjust to it. Alderman Hotle and Council further discussed this item as it related to time limits for parking.

Mayor Pauley advised that it was determined that 30 minutes is not enough time; too many people go in and find out that they are going to be there from 45 minutes to an hour. Mayor Pauley stated that he has received numerous complaints from people that received tickets in the 30 minute spots.

Alderman Foley suggested going back to the way it was; the one hour time limit was working. Alderman Foley reiterated to change it back to what it was and keep the rest of the Downtown the way it is.

Mayor Pauley commented that the other issue to consider is the fines; when the parking was changed, the fines were doubled. Council further discussed the parking time limits and parking violations.

Alderman Clark commented that he supported the one hour time limit.

Alderman Austin suggested one hour parking on the south side of 3rd Avenue and on 16th Street adjacent to City Hall and two hour parking on the north side of 3rd Avenue opposite City Hall and the County office building. Alderman Austin stated that parking on 3rd Avenue should go back to what it was. Council further discussed this item. Most Council members agreed with Alderman Austin's suggestion in regards to parking time limits.

After more Council discussion on the parking time limits and fines, it was determined to reduce the fine to \$10.00 for overtime parking in the 30 minute areas and for overtime parking in the one hour and two hour areas, and keep the \$20.00 fine for overtime parking in the four hour parking areas. After further discussion, Mayor Pauley requested that Mr. Griffith come back to Council with a recommendation on the parking time limits and fines.

DISCUSSION ON ITEP GRANT

Urban Planner Brandy Howe stated that the ITEP (Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program) is a reimbursement program through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT); it is funded by the Federal Government through the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST). Ms. Howe indicated that the maximum program award is \$2 million dollars. Ms. Howe discussed eligible expenses, which included; Phase I and Phase II engineering, utility relocation and construction costs.

Ms. Howe explained that multiple project types are eligible, but the one that staff is seeking funding for is landscape/streetscape and other scenic beautification. Ms. Howe indicated that CED staff is proposing to submit an application for the 2nd Avenue Woonerf project that was identified in the Downtown Plan. Ms. Howe added that it was a key project in the plan that was identified as something that should be implemented within one to five years of the plan's adoption.

Ms. Howe advised that the project meets the ITEP eligibility requirements and aligns with the eligible expenses. Ms. Howe further discussed this item. Ms. Howe commented that the project location includes 2nd Avenue from 17th Street to 19th Street and 18th Street from 1st to 2nd Avenue. Ms. Howe noted that the 2nd Avenue portion was specifically outlined in the Downtown Plan.

Ms. Howe explained that a woonerf is a Dutch concept that translates into living streets; it is a shared transportation facility where pedestrians and cyclists share the streets with slow moving vehicles. Ms. Howe indicated that the outcome would be an attractive and vibrant streetscape that can host community events and outdoor seating, and additional foot traffic would provide more exposure for the businesses. Ms. Howe pointed out that a similar project was completed in Batavia, IL in 2013. Ms. Howe added that Batavia saw instant success with their reconstructed River Street. Ms. Howe commented that Batavia has had fewer commercial vacancies, more community events and virtually no safety issues.

Ms. Howe advised that in order to submit an application for ITEP funding, there needs to be a detailed cost estimate for the project's components; demonstrate project readiness with either conceptual design plans or Phase I engineering; public involvement; a resolution of government support is needed that indicates commitment to finance the 20% match; and two letters of

support are needed. Council and Ms. Howe discussed the 20% match as it related to the total project cost. Council also discussed the project in reference to it being TIF eligible.

Ms. Howe stated that Shive-Hattery is willing to provide two different conceptual designs, which would include a full woonerf design and a modified design with parallel parking. Ms. Howe commented that the proposed fee for professional services from Shive-Hattery would be \$13,000.00. Ms. Howe stated that if Council wishes to move forward then this item will be on the May 2nd Agenda. It was noted that the deadline for the application is June 17, 2016.

Council discussed this item. After discussion, it was a consensus among Council to move forward and bring this item back for the May 2nd Agenda for consideration.

PRESENTATION ON NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS

Linda Anderson, President of Neighborhood Partners presented an update to Council on Neighborhood Partners. Ms. Anderson discussed their accomplishments for this year. Various accomplishments discussed included; welcomed a new member neighborhood Centennial Park; reviewed and updated links on the Neighborhood Partner area of the City website; participated in planning and hosting Rock Island School District's 1st annual back to school bash; and re-established working relationship with Community Caring Conference. Next, Ms. Anderson discussed the challenges for Neighborhood Partners. The challenges Ms. Anderson discussed included; uncertainties about their organizational structure; members have been reluctant to invest time and energy when the future of their organization remains uncertain; and their goals and objectives were too ambitious.

Ms. Anderson stated that over the past year, Neighborhood Partners has narrowed their focus to leadership and school-community. Ms. Anderson offered that the committees are now operating under a new and stronger organizational structure. Ms. Anderson advised that they have elected a recorder who will take the minutes at their membership meetings and that recorder will provide the minutes to the secretary, which is the City liaison. Ms. Anderson added that by doing this, it will free up City staff time. Ms. Anderson commented that they have also renewed their commitment to strong, vibrant neighborhoods.

Ms. Anderson advised that neighborhood organizations serve to address issues that affect the neighborhood and they strengthen the sense of community among neighbors. Ms. Anderson commented that neighborhood organizations also provide a forum for neighbors to discuss their concerns and work on projects together to improve the safety, livability and beauty of the neighborhood. Ms. Anderson pointed out that Neighborhood Partners provide a coordinated partnership that builds strong relationships between neighborhoods and City government. Ms. Anderson added that Neighborhood Partners help to strengthen the relationship between neighborhoods and the schools that serve them. Ms. Anderson commented that Neighborhood Partners also encourages the formation of new neighborhood associations and helps to build capacity and leadership in existing neighborhood organizations.

Ms. Anderson discussed several proposed changes in membership that will result in a more focused and accomplished Neighborhood Partners. The proposed changes that Ms. Anderson

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discussed included; membership in the organization will be granted to official Rock Island neighborhood organizations, the Rock Island School District and the Community Caring Conference; each member will have one vote and will be responsible for appointing one delegate to serve on the Neighborhood Partners Board; each member may also appoint an alternate to serve as their voting representative in the absence of the delegate; the Neighborhood Partners Board may, at its discretion, appoint additional board members numbering no more than one-half of the number of member neighborhood organizations with half numbers rounded down; appointed members cannot live in a neighborhood that is currently a member neighborhood organization; they must be a Rock Island resident; the Neighborhood Partners Board will elect a president, vice president, and recorder; and the recorder will take meeting minutes, format them and provide them to the secretary. It was noted that the secretary will be the non-voting City liaison. Ms. Anderson also discussed standing committees as it related to leadership and school-community.

Ms. Anderson recommended that Council review and accept the proposed structural changes, so that it will allow Neighborhood Partners to draft new bylaws. Council discussed leadership capacity and the restructuring process for Neighborhood Partners. Council also discussed the process for Mayoral appointments. Council and Ms. Anderson further discussed the structure of the board as it related to the size of the board and whether or not Neighborhood Partners actually wants to be a City board and have City involvement at their meetings.

After more Council discussion, Mayor Pauley stated that he is hearing that Neighborhood Partners really wants to be a private organization that has the flexibility to move around and appoint who they want and when they want, but they also want City involvement in which appointments would not be made by the City. Mayor Pauley further stated that if Neighborhood Partners has City involvement, there has to be a quorum at the meetings because the City cannot be involved in any kind of meeting that does not have a quorum.

Ms. Anderson and Council discussed the current bylaws. Ms. Anderson commented that it is difficult for them to make a quorum. Ms. Anderson requested another two months to work with City staff and figure out exactly what the changes would be. Ms. Anderson stated that she doesn't want the organization to disband in order to make the changes. After more discussion, it was a consensus among Council to allow Neighborhood Partners to work through the process for six months to determine what the changes would be.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Hotle to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

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Rock Island City Council met in regular session at 6:45 pm in Council Chambers of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Ivory D. Clark, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joshua Schipp and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Alderman Virgil J. Mayberry attended and participated remotely in the meeting via electronic means (telephone conference).

Introductory Proceedings

Mayor Pauley called the meeting to order.

Mayor Pauley advised that Alderman Mayberry notified the City through Aleisha Patchin, City Clerk that he would not be physically present for the meeting tonight due to personal illness and made a request to participate remotely per City ordinance. Mayor Pauley then inquired as to whether there was a motion to allow Alderman Mayberry to participate in the Council meeting remotely.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Austin to allow Alderman Mayberry to participate in the Council meeting remotely. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

At this time, the roll was called and Mayor Pauley led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Alderman Mayberry gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of April 11, 2016.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the Minutes of the meeting of April 11, 2016 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center's A.C.T.I.V.E. Club is hosting their annual fashion show on Sunday, May 1, 2016 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Mayor Pauley added that this year's theme is Blings and Blossoms. Adult tickets are \$5.00 and children under 12 years are \$3.00. Please join us for fashion, fun and refreshments at the Ida Robinson Banquet Room located at 630 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. For more information, please call (309) 732-2999.

Browse over 6,500 square feet of clothes, toys, dishes, furniture, trinkets and more at the Rock Island Parks & Recreation Spring Community Garage Sale on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at Upper

Longview Park. Shop the sale from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm and stop for a bite from Hy-Vee grill. Mayor Pauley stated that for more information, call (309) 732-7275.

Mayor Pauley advised that the annual Stroll through Springtime will take place at Black Hawk State Historic Park in Rock Island on Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 7:00 am to noon. All events are free and participants can come for any or all events. Mayor Pauley stated that birds will be the focus of groups from 7:00 am to 9:00 am. From 9:00 am to 10:00 am, people will move into the Lodge for refreshments and a short program. Then at 10:00 am, small groups will observe and identify wild flowers. No advanced registration is needed, but for more information, call (309) 788-9536.

Mayor Pauley offered that enrollment is now open for free Rock Island Library summer learning programs for children. The Mayor added that there are different programs ranging from math, art and reading for children in grades K through 8th. Enrollment is open to the public but space is limited. To sign up, visit the library website or call the Children's Room at (309) 732-7360.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring Saturday, April 23, 2016 as Pastor Richard Barriger Day.

Mayor Pauley inquired upon Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen to explain what the duties of a Chaplain are for the Police Department.

Chief VenHuizen advised that the Rock Island Police Department Chaplain program is an all volunteer program in which the pastors that go through the process are asked to assist the Police Department in a variety of functions; they serve the Police Department in ceremonial functions; they are liaisons to the community; and they also help the Police Department in family crisis situations. Chief VenHuizen pointed out that the biggest contribution that he has seen is the assistance they provide to officers that are going through their own type of crisis. Police Chief VenHuizen advised that Pastor Richard Barriger has served the Rock Island Police Department as a Chaplain for 13 years and he is the longest serving Chaplain of the program. Chief VenHuizen further discussed Pastor Barriger's service as Chaplain.

Mayor Pauley then read the proclamation. Pastor Barriger accepted the proclamation. Pastor Barriger thanked Council, Mayor Pauley and Chief VenHuizen. Pastor Barriger stated that it has been a privilege to be part of the community and to serve with the Rock Island Police Department and to be a part of the City in many different facets.

Agenda Item #8

Proclamation declaring Saturday, April 30, 2016 as Keep Rock Island Beautiful Day.

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. Paul Hansen, Executive Director of Keep Rock Island Beautiful thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation. Mr. Hansen thanked the City and the citizens for their continued support in helping to keep the areas beautiful and litter free. Mr. Hansen indicated that there will be an invasive species at Blackhawk Park on May 7th and monthly, there are different cleanups throughout the City.

Agenda Item #9

Proclamation declaring the month of May, 2016 as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. Edna Sowards from A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. accepted the proclamation. Ms. Sowards thanked Council for the proclamation and encouraged everyone to keep an eye out for motorcycles.

Agenda Item #10

Public Hearing on a request from Gurlen Kaur (owner) of 2nd Avenue Market LLC doing business as District Grocery for a waiver of the signature requirement to secure a liquor license at 1726 2nd Avenue.

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting at 6:57 pm and opened a Public Hearing on a request from Gurlen Kaur (owner) of 2nd Avenue Market LLC doing business as District Grocery for a waiver of the signature requirement to secure a liquor license at 1726 2nd Avenue.

Pat Condon on behalf of Gurlen Kaur stepped forward. Mr. Condon stated that he is the general contractor who is doing the work at the store to facilitate the completion and opening. Mr. Condon added that they would appreciate Council's approval.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether Mr. Kaur was at the meeting. Mr. Condon stated yes. It was noted that Mr. Kaur's language is a little broken and he preferred that Mr. Condon speak on his behalf if Council had questions.

Alderman Austin inquired as to whether Mayor Pauley (Liquor Commissioner) was good with this item. Mayor Pauley stated that there is just one signature needed, but it is a City signature.

Alderman Foley inquired as to whether everyone else has signed the petition. Mayor Pauley stated that everyone has signed. Mayor Pauley explained that a public hearing was held a little over a year ago on this item and they were given six months to open; that never happened, so they had to reapply. Mayor Pauley advised that if this item is approved tonight, they will be given two months to open and if that doesn't happen, they will have to reapply again. The Mayor commented that it is fairly expensive every time you have to apply.

Alderman Foley inquired about the timeline in terms of when the construction would be completed. Mr. Condon stated that he hoped it would be done in 30 days. Mr. Condon explained that they had setbacks with the structure that the facility is in; there were plumbing breaks up above in the office building.

Mayor Pauley stated that the license would not be issued until everything passes inspection.

Alderman Hotle inquired as to whether they would be done in two months. Mr. Condon stated yes, he was confident that it would be done in two months.

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Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was anyone that wished to speak in favor of the waiver of the signature requirement for a liquor license at 1726 2nd Avenue. No one stepped forward.

Mayor Pauley then inquired as to whether there was anyone who wished to speak in opposition to the waiver of the signature requirement for a liquor license at 1726 2nd Avenue. No one stepped forward.

With no persons present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the waiver of the signature requirement for a liquor license at 1726 2nd Avenue, Mayor Pauley closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:02 pm.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Foley to recommend to the Mayor/Liquor Commissioner to waive the signature requirement as requested and approve the liquor license.

Discussion followed. Alderman Hotle stated that it has been kind of a rough process. Alderman Hotle added that the Mayor does an excellent job of reviewing these applications. Alderman Hotle stated that the two month guidelines that were given are reasonable. Alderman Hotle added that she hoped they can get everything done and up and running within the time limit.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #11

A Special Ordinance providing for the donation of City-owned property at 2101 11th Street and 2117 11th Street to B & H Real Estate Ventures LLC (Pawn King).

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #12

A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 8, Article VII, Division 6 - Prohibited Activities, Sec. 8-234 - Specified of the Code of Ordinances as it relates to the Great River Plaza.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Clark 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 Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #13

A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article VI, Sec. 10-107.11 to the penalty provisions of the Code of Ordinances for violations of Chapter 8, Article VII, Division 6 -

Prohibited Activities, Sec. 8-234 - Specified as it relates to the Great River Plaza so that the penalty provision reflects the changes to the new Plaza ordinance as modified.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and 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 Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #14

CLAIMS

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Schipp to accept the following reports and authorize payments as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

- a. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$18,127.00 to System Innovators for the iNovah System annual update and support maintenance for the centralized cash receipting system.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #4 and Final in the amount of \$35,345.18 to Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities for services provided for the 20th Avenue Resurfacing: 27th Street to 30th Street project.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #8 in the amount of \$183,243.10 to Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities, Inc. for services provided for the 2015/2016 Sidewalk and Pavement Patching Program projects.

Agenda Item #15

Claims for the week of April 8 through April 14 in the amount of \$1,107,987.66 and payroll for the weeks of March 28 through April 10 in the amount of \$1,408,112.33.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Clark seconded to allow the claims and payroll. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #16

Purchase Card Claims for the month of March in the amount of \$56,331.48.

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the purchase card claims. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the Sunset Marina 300 Dock gangway truss, recommending the bid be awarded to Sunflower Enterprises in the amount of \$11,100.00.

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

Discussion followed. Alderman Schipp inquired upon Public Works Director Randy Tweet for a general update on the Marina. Mr. Tweet advised that there are no updates other than what was given to Council last fall.

Alderman Schipp inquired about the expected occupancy for this year. Mr. Tweet stated that they are at 36% or 37%, which is slightly lower than last year; they are down six boaters, but the season is just starting.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for 45th Street Reconstruction from 23rd Avenue to 24th Avenue, recommending the bid be awarded to Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities, Inc. in the amount of \$298,846.43.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Schipp 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 Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a proposal from IWPC for rehabilitation/lining services for approximately 320 feet of the existing 54" diameter brick sewer located along 24th Street between 5 ½ Avenue and 6th Avenue in the amount of \$167,400.00.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Schipp seconded to approve the proposal as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Hotle inquired upon Public Works Director Randy Tweet to explain this item.

Mr. Tweet stated that the final phase of the 6th Avenue project, which is the large diameter storm sewer that the City has been installing for the last year or so, is the connection at 24th Street. Mr. Tweet advised that upon excavation, it was realized that the sewer needed to be lined. Mr. Tweet

added that this is a lining company that will come in and actually do that lining, which will then offer that sewer structural integrity so that when it is cut into, it will not collapse. Mr. Tweet explained that this is a lining program that is done every year and those funds will be used for lining the 300 foot section of sewer. Mr. Tweet noted that it will not increase the cost of the project; funds will be used that are already budgeted for sewer lining this year. Council and Mr. Tweet further discussed this item.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the 2016 Asphalt Street Milling & Patching Program project 2434 maintenance contract, recommending to extend the 2015 maintenance contract with Tri City Blacktop, Inc. in order to perform the required maintenance through 2016.

Alderman Clark moved and Alderman Schipp seconded to approve the extension as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the renewal of a one year retail consulting contract with Retail Attractions in the amount of \$3,000.00 per month.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the contract as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and allow for minor attorney modifications.

Discussion followed. Alderman Hotle stated that this was approved last year and it was a little bit of a controversial move and a lot of people questioned it. Alderman Hotle stated that there was a study session last week on this item and Council was updated on what this group has done for the City. Alderman Hotle noted that things take time; we have to be patient. Alderman Hotle stated that she was committed to continue on with this for another year.

Alderman Tollenaer stated that he would not support this item. Alderman Tollenaer advised that you pay somebody for a 12 month contract and they accomplish virtually no economic development; it is a waste of money.

Alderman Schipp stated that sometimes, you don't get to see the value from being part of an organization or paying the fees for this type of service; sometimes, there are bitter pills that have to be swallowed in trying to get economic development to come to town. Alderman Schipp commented that those who are succeeding in getting businesses to come to their towns are playing the game. Alderman Schipp added that you have to bring the people who have the

connections to your town, and there is a fee for that; you have to be a member of organizations such as the Chamber or else you get cut out of that information and it may end up working against you. Alderman Schipp stated that he plans on supporting this item to give it one more year of review.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Foley, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, Alderman Mayberry and Alderman Tollenaer.

Agenda Item #22

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an adjustment to the FY2016 budget, recommending to increase the FY2016 budget in the amount of \$110,000.00 to finance demolition round 2 of the Blight Reduction Program.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the budget adjustment as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Schipp inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder to comment on what properties will be affected by this decision.

Mr. Eder stated that the properties are in the memo. Mr. Eder advised that these are grant funds and a list of properties had to be submitted over a year ago when the grant was first applied for.

Urban Planner Brandy Howe stated that the properties include 729 12th Avenue, 729 14 ½ Street and 825 24th Street. Ms. Howe added that this is for the current round of demolitions. Ms. Howe mentioned that six properties were done in the fall so this is the halfway point for the grant. Ms. Howe stated that these properties were recently acquired through the tax auction and staff was able to replace these properties with three properties the City doesn't own and this allows the City to do it without having to spend additional money for the purchase of the properties. Council and Ms. Howe further discussed this item.

Alderman Schipp inquired as to whether there was something in line for the next phase or is the City just taking the properties down right now.

Ms. Howe stated that there are about 15 eligible properties that can be taken down with the money that would become available to the City through this program; the City is obligated to meet the halfway mark. Council and Ms. Howe further discussed this item. Mr. Eder noted that the whole intention of the program was to eliminate blight.

After more discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #23

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the transfer of three properties at 729 12th Avenue, 729 14 ½ Street and 825 24th Street to GROWTH.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the transfer of properties as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. Alderman Clark abstained.

Agenda Item #24

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding review of a two-lot minor final plat for the Watch Tower Fifth Addition located at 3750 11th Street.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Clark seconded to approve the final plat as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #25

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Annette Zapolis of Cool Beanz Coffeehouse to have background music through the utilization of small speakers outside in the café area during normal business hours.

It was moved by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the request as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations and being closed down early if noise complaints are received. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #26

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Pearlie Williams for a Street Closing at 14 ½ Street between 8th Avenue and 9th Avenue on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm for her daughter's birthday party.

Alderman Clark moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the request as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #27

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Steve's Old Time Tap to host their annual weekly Motorcycle Bike Night event outside on Wednesday's from 5:00 pm to

10:00 pm beginning Wednesday, May 4, 2016 and concluding on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 in the Stern Center / Bridges Catering parking lot.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the event as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #28

Report from the City Clerk regarding a Plaza activity application from Steve's Old Time Tap to host the 5th annual CCKMA Car and Bike Show on Sunday, August 21, 2016 from noon to 6:00 pm and requesting a waiver of the application and permit fees.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the event and waiver of fees as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #29

Other Business.

Alderman Hotle inquired upon Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen as to whether the School District was contacted in regards to the parking component concerning their high school prom that will be held downtown at the Stern Center on a weekend night.

Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen stated that Lt. Richard Landi had some discussions. The Chief stated that he knows there was some concern about safety, designated parking spots and a big vehicle that would be pulling in and out of the spaces.

Mayor Pauley advised that he talked to Lt. Landi about this item and the City will block off five spots so that the Limo can come and go without any issues.

Alderman Hotle stated that there has never been a prom downtown. Alderman Hotle wanted to make sure that there will be extra coverage in terms of the safety component.

Police Chief VenHuizen advised that the Downtown Patrol Unit is aware and they will be focused on that area to make sure there are no problems.

Alderman Austin inquired upon Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson to step forward. Alderman Austin stated that this is Mr. Nelson's last Council meeting. Alderman Austin inquired as to how many years Mr. Nelson has been with the City.

Mr. Nelson stated that he has been with the City for 18 years. Mr. Nelson added that he has been involved in Parks and Recreation services for 48 years and full-time for 36 years.

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Alderman Austin inquired as to what new things have happened since Mr. Nelson's 18 year tenure. Mr. Nelson discussed the various projects he has been involved with during his time with the City. Various projects discussed included; Whitewater Junction, Schwiebert Riverfront Park, RIFAC expansions and the new Martin Luther King Park. After more discussion on the many projects that Mr. Nelson has been involved in, Council thanked Mr. Nelson for his service to the City of Rock Island.

Alderman Clark stated that there will be a 1st Ward Cleanup on April 30th at 9:00 am and everyone will meet at the Martin Luther King Center parking lot.

Agenda Item #30

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #31

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Schipp to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, May 2, 2016. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:27 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk