

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, P. J. Foley, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager John Phillips, Fire Chief Doug Vroman, Community Marketing Director Jennifer Fowler, Susan Anderson and Steve Clark from the Rock Island Housing Authority and other City staff. Aldermen David Conroy and Stephen L. Tollenaer were absent.

### **ROCK ISLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY PRESENTATION**

City Manager Phillips inquired upon Susan Anderson from the Rock Island Housing Authority to review funding for Lincoln and Manor Homes.

Ms. Anderson stated that according to a complete physical review of the properties (Lincoln and Manor Homes), it was determined that the properties are in poor condition. It was noted that they are over 50 years old and are at the end of their useful life. Ms. Anderson stated that Manor and Lincoln Homes are fully occupied.

Ms. Anderson advised that the Rock Island Housing Authority (RIHA) submitted a pre-application for initial review to the Illinois Housing Development Authority for 2010 Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. It was noted that Rock Island Housing Authority has been extended the opportunity to submit a complete application. Ms. Anderson commented that if RIHA is awarded the funding, it will allow the agency to redevelop Lincoln Homes and Manor Homes.

Ms. Anderson offered that Rock Island Housing Authority is looking towards the City for a letter of support for the housing plans. Ms. Anderson added that this will be a great enhancement for the City of Rock Island.

Development Consultant Steve Clark provided the technical aspects of the properties. Mr. Clark stated that there are physical challenges with the structures in regards to the two (2) properties, and if they can't be replaced, they possibly could be lost to the community. It was noted that one (1) building at Lincoln Homes has been taken out of service. Mr. Clark commented that the work required to bring that building back into a condition that it could be occupied is more than what it would cost for the new building.

Mr. Clark indicated that the Rock Island Housing Authority was selected to come back and fill out a full application due to preservation of affordable housing. Mr. Clark advised that the Illinois Housing Development Authority had experienced vacancy factors at 60%. It was noted that Illinois Housing Development Authority had inquired upon the Rock Island Housing Authority to target most of the units at the 50% level or lower. Mr. Clark commented that the new development will include 98 units in which 20 of those units will be market rate.

Mr. Clark discussed income as it relates to the housing units. Mr. Clark indicated that there will be 10 units for persons below the area median income of 30%, which is \$15,120.00 for two (2)

people and \$20,400.00 for a family of five (5). Mr. Clark advised that tax credit developments are typically for working families that have the ability to pay rent. Mr. Clark stated that the Illinois Housing Development Authority has asked the Rock Island Housing Authority to focus on the 50% level. It was noted that the bulk of the housing units (58) will be at the 50% level or below, which is at a range of \$24,650.00 to \$33,250.00 and depends on family size. It was noted that 10 units will be available at the 60% level of median income range, which is \$30,240.00 to \$40,800.00.

Council discussed the current occupancy rate of Lincoln and Manor Homes and the occupancy rates that will be realized with the new development.

Mr. Clark offered that currently, 147 units are occupied. The new development will include 98 units. It was noted that under department policy, the Rock Island Housing Authority will provide families that are displaced with Section-8 vouchers in regards to any units that are removed by way of demolition.

Council further discussed construction of Manor and Lincoln Homes as it relates to occupancy and displacement of families and as it relates to waiting lists for housing. In addition, Council discussed Section-8 vouchers as it relates to low income, stability, quality housing and community needs, and tax credits as it relates to the current economy, costs and other types of funding sources.

It was noted that the application for the tax credits is due on April 17, 2010 and once everything is processed, construction would not begin until the fall of next year.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION**

City Manager John Phillips inquired upon Fire Chief Doug Vroman to review the proposed Fire Department Reorganization. Mr. Phillips added that the item is on the Agenda this evening. However, there is no critical need for it to be acted on if Council is not comfortable with it. Mr. Phillips advised that this item could be deferred for one (1) week if Council prefers.

Chief Vroman stated that he is proposing to eliminate three (3) lieutenant positions on the rescue squad and replace them with firefighter/paramedics.

Chief Vroman indicated that the City has four (4) Fire Stations, which include; Central House located a 1313 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue with Command Car 31, Engine 31 and Ambulance 31; Station 32 at Ridgewood Road with Engine 32; Station 33 at 1601 30<sup>th</sup> Street with Engine 33 and Ambulance 33; and Station 34 at 3101 9<sup>th</sup> Street with Truck 34 and Rescue 34.

Chief Vroman then explained the Fire Department's command structure, hierarchy and current staffing. Chief Vroman indicated that there is one (1) captain for each of the facilities in which the captains also have administrative duties. Chief Vroman explained that with the current staffing levels and placement of apparatus, the Fire Department responds to structure fires by pairing up the ambulance crews with their respective engine company. It was noted that the crew

works under the direct supervision of that company officer performing engine company operations. Chief Vroman indicated that all stations have one (1) company officer on duty each day with the exception of Station 34, which has two (2) company officers on duty for each shift and there are some unity command issues with that. Chief Vroman pointed out that it is inherent in the structure that when a four (4) man crew is put together and two (2) are company officers and they are working on a structure fire, there could be a misunderstanding of orders. However, Chief Vroman indicated that in the current structure, there has not been a problem.

Chief Vroman explained that the proposed change of eliminating three (3) lieutenant positions on the rescue squad and replacing them with firefighter/paramedics would be done through attrition. Chief Vroman added that this change would enhance the unity of command in which the firefighters would report to only one (1) supervisor. It was noted that the change would not affect overall staffing numbers and it would be minimal budget savings.

Council discussed the proposed change as it relates to pairing engine and truck companies and ambulance crews and rescue squads as well as hierarchy as it relates to the positions of captain, lieutenant and firefighter/paramedic. Council also discussed the promotional process as it related to lieutenants.

## **COMMUNITY SURVEY**

City Manager John Phillips inquired upon Community Marketing Director Jennifer Fowler to provide Council with highlights from the 2009 Community Marketing resident and non-resident survey.

Ms. Fowler stated that the telephone survey is a statistically valid survey, which was taken in the last quarter of 2009 in which there were a total of 800 respondents; 400 being Rock Island residents and 400 non-resident respondents.

Ms. Fowler stated that the survey showed that the top three (3) reasons as to why people live in Rock Island were for family reasons, housing reasons and job reasons. It was noted that 48% of Rock Island residents work in Rock Island. Ms. Fowler offered that the statistics have changed since 1990 when only 28% of Rock Island residents worked in Rock Island. Ms. Fowler acknowledged that 91% of residents think that Rock Island is a good place to live.

Ms. Fowler offered that one of the questions contained in the survey dealt with what people thought in regards to their perceptions of Rock Island. It was noted that 42% of all respondents have a positive perception of Rock Island and 42% have a negative impression. Ms. Fowler commented that 65% of residents have a positive perception of Rock Island and 56% of non-residents have a neutral impression. Ms. Fowler indicated that the City of Moline had the most positive perception of Rock Island, and respondents age 45 and above have a more positive perception of Rock Island when compared to younger people.

Ms. Fowler then indicated that the survey offered questions as to whether Rock Island would be better, the same or worse in 10 years. It was noted that 46% of respondents stated that Rock Island would stay the same.

Ms. Fowler commented that residents and non-residents agree with the Rock Solid, Rock Island brand statements. It was noted that 80% of residents agree that Rock Island is a welcoming environment.

Ms. Fowler stated that a series of questions were asked in regards to City services. It was noted that Rock Island residents think that Fire Department services, garbage pick, public library and police services rank above average.

Ms. Fowler noted that this year, questions were asked in regards to customer service. It was noted that 58% of residents stated that they had an interaction with a City employee. Ms. Fowler indicated that 84% of residents stated that their interaction with a City employee was excellent or good and 72% of non-residents said excellent or good.

Ms. Fowler commented that a question was raised in regards to Rock Island schools. It was noted that overall, residents rated the schools higher in 2009 than they did in 2007. Ms. Fowler commented that 36% of residents think that Rock Island schools have improved over the last five (5) years.

Mr. Fowler stated that respondents were asked which City has the best Downtown. It was noted that 39% of all respondents ranked Rock Island as having the best Downtown. The survey also asked respondents why they go Downtown. All respondents stated that the main reasons for going Downtown were for dining, entertainment and bars.

It was noted that 46% of residents feel that the amount of property taxes that they pay is appropriate for the services they receive from the City. Ms. Fowler noted that half of the respondents indicated that the property taxes they pay for the school district is appropriate for the services they receive.

Another question offered in the survey asked whether or not people felt safe in their neighborhoods. Ms. Fowler pointed out that 84% of Rock Island residents either felt very safe or safe in their neighborhoods. Ms. Fowler commented that 54% of residents think the District is safe or very safe. The majority of respondents from all the communities feel Rock Island is safe with 87% of Rock Island residents stating very safe or safe.

Ms. Fowler indicated that respondents were asked if they had seen the Rock Solid, Rock Island ads; 29% indicated they had seen the advertisements and 17% of folks that saw the ads stated that their image of Rock Island had changed. It was noted that 29% of respondents stated that they use the City's website to obtain information and 21% use cable access Channel 9.

Ms. Fowler concluded that the perceptions of Rock Island have improved since 1990. However, the City has more work to do.

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Council discussed the survey results.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Austin to adjourn the meeting carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p. m.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

Rock Island City Council met in regular session at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley, presiding, and Aldermen Terry M.A. Brooks I, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. City Manager John Phillips was also present. Alderman Dave Conroy 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. Alderman Austin gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

#### **Minutes of the Meeting of April 5, 2010.**

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of April 5, 2010 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, 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 National Library Week is April 12<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor offered that an event that will be held at the library is Community Shred Days. It was noted that this is an effort to save time and protect one's identity. Mayor Pauley indicated that document destruction collection trucks will be located across from the 30/31 Branch on Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and at the Main Library on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. It was noted that if assistance is needed, help will be available and materials will be secured and shredded off-site. In addition, the service is free.

Mayor Pauley indicated that the City of Rock Island's return rate for the Census as of April 12, 2010 was 70%. The Mayor commented that the City needs every citizen in Rock Island to be counted. The Mayor inquired upon everyone to please return their census form. The Mayor noted that if anyone did not receive their census form in the mail, they may pick one up at City Hall. If more information is needed visit [www.2010.census.gov](http://www.2010.census.gov).

Mayor Pauley offered that every two (2) years, the Community Marketing Program of Renaissance Rock Island conducts a telephone survey to determine statistically valid perceptions about Rock Island. The sample for the study was comprised of 800 respondents in which there were 400 from the City of Rock Island and 400 from the surrounding area. It was noted that overwhelmingly, 91% of Rock Island residents believe that Rock Island is a good place to live. The Mayor added that 65% of the residents have a positive view of Rock Island and 56% of non-residents have a neutral perception.

Mayor Pauley stated that 46% of residents feel that the amount of property taxes paid for City services is appropriate, and 48% feel school district services are appropriate. It was noted that when rating City services and the school district, residents gave more positive answers than in

2007. All City services were rated above average by residents. Mayor Pauley commented that 36% of residents think the schools are better or much better than five (5) years ago.

Mayor Pauley indicated that 39% of respondents stated that Rock Island has the best downtown and this has changed dramatically since 1990 when respondents thought Rock Island had the worst downtown.

Mayor Pauley noted that residents and non-residents agree with the Rock Solid, Rock Island brand statements.

The Mayor advised that 76% of respondents feel that Rock Island is very safe or safe, and 87% of residents stated very safe or safe. It was noted that 84% of residents feel safe or very safe in their neighborhoods. Mayor Pauley commented that 63% of respondents feel that Rock Island properties are well kept with 71% of residents feeling more so. Mayor Pauley stated that 49% of the respondents feel that Downtown Rock Island is very safe or safe while 54% of residents feel very safe or safe.

Mayor Pauley stated that perceptions of Rock Island have improved since 1990, due to continued improvements in the City. However, work still needs to be done to continue the improvement.

Agenda Item #7

**Proclamation declaring the week of April 12 through April 17, 2010 as National Library Week.**

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring the week of April 12 through April 17, 2010 as National Library Week. Library Director Ave Ketter accepted the Proclamation.

Agenda Item #8

**Proclamation declaring the week of April 18 through April 24, 2010 as Crime Victims' Rights Week.**

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring the week of April 18 through April 24, 2010 as Crime Victims' Rights Week. Deputy Police Chief Scott Harris, Michelle Isaacs and Sergeant Dan Knittle accepted the Proclamation.

Deputy Chief Harris stated that the Proclamation ceremony for Crime Victims' Rights Week will start in the City of Rock Island on Monday, April 19, 2010. It was noted that Mayor Pauley will reread the Proclamation at that time. Deputy Chief Harris indicated that on Friday, April 23, 2010, Take Back the Night will be held at Bass Street Landing from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Deputy Chief Harris encouraged everyone to stop down on April 23<sup>rd</sup> in support of Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Agenda Item #9

**A Special Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space at 811 15<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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

Agenda Item #10

**A Special Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space at 1712 5<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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

Agenda Item #11

**A Special Ordinance establishing a no parking zone on the east side of 35<sup>th</sup> Street north of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the dead end.**

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

Agenda Item #12

**A Special Ordinance eliminating a handicapped parking space at 1837 9<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,300.00 to Bob Westpfahl for the 2010 annual land set aside. (087)

- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$2,655.97 to Rock Island Electric Motor Repair for the rewinding of an influent pump motor at the Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant. (096)
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$11,091.36 to Zimmer & Francescon, Inc. for a filter wash water valve replacement. (099)

Agenda Item #14

**Claims for the weeks of March 26 through April 8 in the amount of \$1,396,155.14.**

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

Agenda Item #15

**Payroll for the weeks of March 22 through April 4 in the amount of \$1,213,101.24.**

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

Agenda Item #16

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding the 2009 Manhole Lining Program contract with Mechanical Jobbers Marketing, Inc, recommending an extension of the contract until February 27, 2011.**

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

Agenda Item #17

**Report from the Fire Department regarding the reorganization of the Fire Department, recommending changing the Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Fire budgeted staffing levels from 11 Lieutenants to eight (8) Lieutenants and 38 Firefighters to 41 Firefighters.**

Alderman Brooks moved and Alderman Jones seconded to defer Agenda Item #17 for one week (April 19, 2010). The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, 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 the review of a two lot minor final plat of Two Rivers YMCA Addition located at the southeast corner of the intersection of 92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue west (Rock Island Parkway) and Ridgewood Road.**

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the final plat as recommended, subject to some technical additions required by the City Engineer and submittal of proper signed certificates. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, 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 a request from Hy-Vee, Inc. to vacate an 82 foot long segment of a dead end east/west alley east of 28<sup>th</sup> Street.**

Alderman Austin moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the proposed vacation as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #20

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Hy-Vee, Inc. for a rezoning from a B-1 (neighborhood business) district to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) district and final site plan at 2810 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

It was moved by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the rezoning and final site plan as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an Ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin inquired as to whether all concerns were presently addressed in regards to the rezoning.

Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Alan Carmen stated that general concerns included traffic, litter and stormwater issues. Mr. Carmen further discussed these three (3) issues.

Alderman Austin and Mr. Carmen also discussed the type of landscaping as it relates to Rudy's Tacos and other businesses concerning the backside of the building of Hy-Vee's proposed expansion of the convenience store. In addition, the rezoning was discussed as it related to a Planned Unit Development district as opposed to a B-1 (neighborhood business) district.

After more discussion, Alderman Brooks inquired as to whether the new convenience store would sell alcohol. Mr. John Brehm, a representative of Hy-Vee stated that the store would sell beer.

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

Agenda Item #21

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request to amend the Future Land Use Map related to two (2) downtown riverfront properties.**

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Jones seconded to approve the changes to the Future Land Use Map as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #22

**Report from the Mayor regarding reappointments to the Fire and Police Commission and the Illinois Quad City Civic Center Authority.**

It was moved by Alderman Foley, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the reappointments as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

John Hass was reappointed to the Fire and Police Commission with a term to expire on April, 30, 2013.

Ted Thoms was reappointed to the Illinois Quad City Civic Center Authority with a term to expire on June 1, 2013.

Agenda Item #23

**Report from the City Clerk regarding an activity permit application from Rock Island Milan School District #41 requesting permission for the Rock Island Center for Math and Science to hold a human Book Brigade on Monday, May 24, 2010.**

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the request as recommended.

Mayor Pauley inquired upon Holly Sparkman, a representative of the Rock Island/Milan School District to say a few words in regards to this event.

Ms. Sparkman of 1600 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue stepped forward. Ms. Sparkman stated that the idea generated from Principal Ruth Ann Tobey-Brown. Ms. Sparkman indicated that the Principal felt that the students wanted to have a rite of passage event moving from the old school to the new school. It was noted that over 300 students, staff and volunteers will move library books hand by hand from the Audubon campus to the new school.

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

Agenda Item #24

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Keep Rock Island Beautiful for permission to hang a banner for their 2010 annual Downtown Cleanup.**

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Brooks to approve the request as recommended and authorize staff to hang and remove the banner.

Council discussed the proposed time for hanging the banner.

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

Agenda Item #25

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

Mr. Phillips made reference to information included in the memo packet regarding the Facade Improvement Program for last year. Mr. Phillips stated that there was remarkable performance on the part of the City and community staff involvement. Mr. Phillips noted that there were 52 façade improvement rebates that provided a variety of assistance to businesses across the entire community.

Mr. Phillips discussed the Governor's proposal in the budget to remove approximately one-third of the Income Tax that is currently distributed to cities, which would have a dramatic impact to the City of Rock Island's budget as well as to other cities in Illinois. Mr. Phillips stated that the Senate president publicly opposed the Governor's proposal. Mr. Phillips noted that he along with the Mayor will be attending the Illinois Municipal League's Legislative Day in Springfield this week.

Alderman Foley commended City staff for doing a great job of working with one of his constituents that had a complaint. Alderman Foley explained that City staff took the time to explain the process and programs to the constituent.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that the reason she is doing the Shop Rock Island segment is due to a grassroots movement called the 350 project. This project is to keep and support all locally owned businesses. Alderwoman Murphy indicated that the idea is for everyone in the community to spend a total of \$50.00 per month at three (3) different locally owned businesses in the community.

Alderwoman Murphy stated that Campaign Pro is located at 3105 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Alderwoman Murphy indicated that Campaign Pro sells a variety of items including campaign packages,

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signs, banners for every occasion, team apparel, yard signs, stickers, balloons and temporary tattoos.

Agenda Item #26  
**Other Business**

Timothy Dooling of 832 14½ Street voiced concerns regarding civil and police issues.

Agenda Item #27  
**Executive Session on Property Acquisition.**

A motion was made by Alderman Brooks, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy at 7:20 p.m. to recess to Executive Session on matters of Property Acquisition. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #28  
**Recess**

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 7:36 p.m. A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recess to Monday, April 19, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

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

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