

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 Stephen L. Tollenaer, Charles O. Austin III and Ivory D. Clark. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Public Works Director Randy Tweet, Parks and Recreation Director John Gripp, other City staff, City Attorney Dave Morrison and Friends of Hauberg. Alderman Virgil J. Mayberry arrived at 5:46 pm and Alderman Joshua Schipp arrived at 5:32 pm. Due to work obligations, Alderman Kate Hotle participated remotely in the Study Session via electronic means (video conference). Alderman P.J. Foley was absent.

### **DISCUSSION ON OLD FIREHOUSE OPTIONS**

Public Works Director Randy Tweet stated that there really isn't any new information on the Firehouse to be presented; it is just putting all of the information together to make it easier to look at the options. Alderman Clark inquired that if there is not any new information to be presented then why is it being presented. Mr. Tweet explained that staff needs direction on how to move forward. Mr. Tweet added that the building is just sitting there and continuing to deteriorate.

Alderman Clark inquired as to whether staff had talked to any groups about buying the building. Mr. Tweet stated that there was a group that wanted to turn it into a museum and there has been some interest in it. Mr. Tweet commented that until it is marketed, you can't really get a serious offer.

City Manager Thomas stated that we can't get an idea of who might really be interested in it until we go through the surplus process.

Alderman Clark advised that Council has been through the background information and the cost and repairs several times. Alderman Clark did not see a need to go through it again.

Alderman Austin stated that after he read the report again, the building has to come down sooner or later. Alderman Austin added that the sooner the City gets it down, the less money will be invested in it; the cost is only going to go up.

Alderman Clark stated that he hasn't had anyone come to him and talk about what the options are for Douglas Park and the Firehouse. Alderman Clark added that he has been willing to talk about it, but no one has really had a discussion with him about the next step in the process.

Alderman Tollenaer advised that if you look at the building in 10 or 20 years from now and someone does come in and make it look new again, how does that enhance the park. Alderman Tollenaer stated that he agreed with Alderman Austin; the building should be torn down.

Mayor Pauley stated that two options were given for selling the building; the first option was 7,500 square feet and the other option was 5,000 square feet. The Mayor stated that one option has to be selected to put it out there for sale. Mayor Pauley offered that with the 5,000 square foot option, the metal building comes down; with the 7,500 square foot option, it goes out further

in the park. Mayor Pauley added that any of these options would require that it is put up for review first.

Alderman Hotle stated that the City should at least try and sell the property.

City Manager Thomas indicated that Council approved the demolition of the building last year; it was brought back a year later because there were not enough funds to do it. Mr. Thomas added that Council decided that they would not pursue it. Mr. Thomas commented that staff did come back to Council in a study session and presented the option to sell the building but there was no consensus. Mr. Thomas stated that he has talked to the Parks Director and had discussions with some of the board members and they consider Douglas Park and the Firehouse to be two separate issues. Mr. Thomas commented that Douglas Park along with the other parks will be addressed when we get further into having a discussion about the Ballard-King study. Mr. Thomas further discussed this issue.

Alderman Clark stated that the residents in the First Ward do not think that the Firehouse and Douglas Park are two separate issues. Alderman Clark requested to have discussions with the public and get their input.

Alderman Hotle stated that she got the impression from the last discussion that there were at least four Aldermen that wanted to support putting the building up for sale. Mayor Pauley advised that at that time, no one came up with a true choice; there was no consensus.

Alderman Schipp stated that last time, the majority of five Council members did not support funding for the Shive-Hattery study and the majority of Council was not interested in demolition of this building. Alderman Schipp stated that it was his understanding from that meeting that the next thing Council would see would be a written proposal for the sale of the property. Alderman Schipp further discussed this item.

Alderman Clark inquired as to which option staff would recommend. Mayor Pauley advised that his recommendation would be the 7,500 square foot option because you don't want to tear down the metal building.

Mr. Tweet referred to the visual of the property in regards to the two options. Mr. Tweet stated that the 7,500 square foot option doesn't interfere with the metal building, but you really can't have parking there. Mr. Tweet and Council further discussed this subject.

City Manager Thomas inquired upon City Attorney Morrison that if Council decides on the 7,500 square foot option then what would be the next step in the process. City Attorney Morrison advised that the next step would be to determine whether the City is going to declare it as surplus property and if so, then there would have to be the same type of hearings where the public would have the opportunity to give their input.

Mayor Pauley stated that before any option is put up for sale, Alderman Clark wants a hearing to let all the people come in and state what they want to do.

City Manager Thomas stated that if Council wants this building to be included as part of the discussion for Parks and Recreation and all of the facilities then it can be done. Council further discussed this subject as it related to when a study session would be held.

Alderman Schipp stated that he was looking at a possible private buyer taking the project on with their finances for probably some type of community space or residence. Alderman Austin discussed cost as it related to the amount of money a private buyer would have to invest in repairs after they bought the building.

Mayor Pauley inquired upon Chief Building Official Tom Ayers as to whether the building needs to be fenced off as a precautionary measure. Mr. Ayers stated that it is not at the point where it needs to be fenced off at this time, but the first floor needs to be secured.

Alderman Tollenaer stated that this will be an extensive process; it will take time to have the hearings and input and it will be a while before it is up for sale.

Alderman Schipp recommended having a community discussion on this item as soon as possible and not necessarily wait for the parks discussion. Alderman Schipp commented that there could be an ad-hoc meeting at the Martin Luther King Center with City staff, community leaders and the neighbors. Alderman Schipp further discussed this subject.

Mayor Pauley stated that Alderman Clark wants the whole Parks discussion and Firehouse discussion at the same time. City Manager Thomas stated that staff will move quickly on this. Mayor Pauley requested that Parks and Recreation Director John Gripp go ahead and work on the plan. Alderman Austin discussed the initial Parks Plan with Mr. Gripp and asked Mr. Gripp to share the plan with Alderman Clark.

#### **UPDATE ON CIP FOR HAUBERG CENTER**

Parks and Recreation Director John Gripp updated Council on the capital improvements for the Hauberg Center. Mr. Gripp discussed the immediate concerns for Hauberg, which included; tuck pointing, in-house tulip fountain, emergency window restoration and full house restoration. Mr. Gripp noted that \$16,000.00 has been budgeted for tuck pointing, and \$5,000.00 for the tulip fountain. Mr. Gripp advised that they have to come up with \$9,000.00 for the emergency window restoration. Mr. Gripp noted that the total cost for the window restoration is approximately \$120,000.00.

Next, Mr. Gripp discussed repairs and costs for Hauberg in the next two to five years. Various repairs and estimated costs discussed included; exterior painting with a cost of \$48,000.00; carpet replacement at \$20,000.00; sealing of parking lot for \$30,000.00; replacement of walks at \$25,000.00; and door frame replacement with a cost of \$3,000.00. Mr. Gripp discussed long term repairs and costs. Various long term repairs and costs discussed included; replacement of the roof for \$60,000.00; electrical rewiring with a cost of \$20,000.00; replacement of the garden for \$300,000.00; kitchen upgrade for \$30,000.00; repair of the basement for a cost of \$15,000.00; and repair of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rooms at \$30,000.00. In addition, Mr. Gripp discussed the repairs and estimated costs for the Carriage House. Various repairs and costs discussed included tuck

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pointing with a cost of \$16,000.00; window repair and replacement for \$30,000.00; plumbing repair with a cost of \$30,000.00 and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor rehab with the estimated cost of \$30,000.00. Council discussed the needed repairs and costs for the Hauberg Center and the Carriage House.

Mr. Gripp stated that last month on April 20<sup>th</sup>, Hauberg was landmarked by the Preservation Commission. Mr. Gripp then reviewed the pros and cons of landmarking. Mr. Gripp advised that landmarking it formally recognizes the historical importance of Hauberg to the community and it may increase grant funding opportunities for being a landmarked site. Mr. Gripp added that it has the potential to stabilize or increase neighboring property values. Mr. Gripp indicated that a certificate of appropriateness (COA) must be obtained from the Preservation Commission prior to any work going on for the exterior of the buildings and the grounds and with that, there would be an impact of time because they only meet once a month to approve items. Mr. Gripp stated that with the increase in time, there is also a potential increase in expense. Mr. Gripp stated that anytime they want to move beds or paint the exterior, they would have to get approval to have that done. Council discussed the pros and cons of landmarking as well as the various repairs needed and costs for the Hauberg Center.

Deb Kuntzi, President of Friends of Hauberg stated that this organization is going to take the window restoration project on as a fundraiser. Ms. Kuntzi noted that the actual total amount on the window restoration is \$105,000.00. Ms. Kuntzi advised that for the first year, the immediate need is \$9,800.00. Ms. Kuntzi added that if they raise \$12,000.00 a year for 10 years, it will pay for all of the window restoration. Ms. Kuntzi commented that they have a lot of professional advisors with their organization and one of the individuals is a professional painter and he has offered to do the painting of the main house for an in-kind donation of \$28,000.00. Ms. Kuntzi noted that the Carriage House will be done next year.

Ms. Kuntzi stated that the same gentleman that will paint the main house will also restore the damaged panels in the interior of the house. Ms. Kuntzi discussed the woods behind Hauberg. Ms. Kuntzi commented that the Davey Tree Company has a community service program every year, and this year, they offered to do the program at Hauberg; they will take down 12 dangerous trees. Ms. Kuntzi added that members of their organization and the Boy Scouts will haul the wood away. It was noted that this will be an in-kind donation of \$2,500.00 from the Davey Tree Company. Ms. Kuntzi also discussed setting up a program for historical tours and a video for their website. Ms. Kuntzi stated that there are a lot of people that are doing a lot of pro bono work.

Alderman Austin discussed the woods cleanup as it related to the community volunteers in terms of insurance. Ms. Kuntzi commented that they just received their general liability insurance today and the City is named on the insurance. Ms. Kuntzi added that the group is still in the process of becoming a nonprofit organization.

Council and Ms. Kuntzi further discussed the cost of repairs needed for the inside and outside of the building. In addition, Council and Ms. Kuntzi discussed the landmark status in regards to the Hauberg Center.

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Ms. Kuntzi stated that she was here tonight to ask Council's permission to work with the Parks and Recreation Department and move all of this forward. Council thanked Ms. Kuntzi and the group for all of their efforts. After more discussion, it was a consensus among Council for the Friends of Hauberg to move forward.

Council and Ms. Kuntzi also discussed the Hauberg Center as it related to the restrooms and plumbing issues and air-conditioning. Mr. Gripp discussed the purpose of the Carriage House.

Mr. Steve Scott, son of Anne Hauberg thanked Council on behalf of the family for the way this is moving forward. Mr. Scott stated that the Friends of Hauberg are comprised of members of this community and members of the Hauberg family. Mr. Scott added that they extend all across the United States and as far away as Australia. Mr. Scott further discussed this subject.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Schipp at 6:22 pm to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:37 pm. A motion made by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Clark to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 pm.

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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 Virgil J. Mayberry, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Joshua Schipp, Charles O. Austin III and Ivory D. Clark. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Alderman Kate Hotle attended and participated remotely in the meeting via electronic means (video conference). Alderman P.J. Foley was absent.

**Introductory Proceedings**

Mayor Pauley called the meeting to order.

Mayor Pauley advised that Alderman Hotle notified the City through Aleisha Patchin, City Clerk that she would be required to be out of town for employment purposes and made a request to participate remotely per City ordinance. Mayor Pauley then inquired as to whether there was a motion to allow Alderman Hotle to participate in the Council meeting remotely.

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

Mayor Pauley led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Alderman Clark gave the Invocation.

**Agenda Item #5**

**Minutes of the meeting of May 2, 2016.**

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Schipp to approve the Minutes of the meeting of May 2, 2016 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

**Agenda Item #6**

**Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.**

Race around the City of Rock Island on Sunday, May 22, 2016 at 10:00 am. Mayor Pauley stated that the Amazing Race will have participants completing physical, mental and fun tasks in search of clues around the City. A team consists of 2-5 people and is \$20 per person, which includes a t-shirt. The Mayor commented that check-in and start of the race will be at Schwiebert Riverfront Main Stage. For more details and registration, please call (309) 732-PARK.

Mayor Pauley advised that Whitewater Junction Family Aquatic Center's season opening is Saturday, May 28, 2016. Whitewater Junction is a zero-depth to 9 foot deep pool featuring slides and fun for the whole family. Call (309) 732-SWIM for more information.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Southwest Branch Library will be holding their toddler story time event Wednesday, May 11, 2016 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. There will be stories, songs and

fun activities for children ages birth to five. The event is free. For more details, call (309) 732-7338.

Mayor Pauley advised that the 2016 Quad Cities Heart Walk will take place Saturday, May 21, 2016 starting at 8:00 am in the District of Rock Island. Everyone has a reason to live a healthier, longer life, so sign-up today. Mayor Pauley commented that the Heart Walk is the American Heart Association's premier event, which promotes physical activity and heart healthy living in a fun, family environment. Gates open at 8:00 am with the walk beginning at 9:00 am. For more information, please visit [www.quadcitiesheartwalk.org](http://www.quadcitiesheartwalk.org).

Agenda Item #7

**Proclamation declaring May 15 through May 21, 2016 as National Public Works Week.**

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. Public Works Director Randy Tweet thanked Council on behalf of all the men and women of Public Works. Mr. Tweet stated that there are a lot of big projects this year and he is looking forward to another exciting season.

Agenda Item #8

**Proclamation declaring May 2016 as a month to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Butterworth Center and Deere-Wiman House.**

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. Stacy Klingler, Executive Director of the Butterworth Center & Deere-Wiman House thanked Council for recognizing the generous contributions of William and Katherine Butterworth and the Deere family. Ms. Klingler stated that last year, they hosted 1,516 meetings for 172 different groups and that represented \$350,000.00 in free meeting space that they gave back to the citizens of the Quad Cities. Ms. Klingler further discussed the programs that are held at the Butterworth Center.

Agenda Item #9

**A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 9, Article II, Sec. 9-83 of the Code of Ordinances as it relates to adding a one hour parking zone.**

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, Alderman Hotle.

Agenda Item #10

**A Special Ordinance establishing specific parking zones on specific streets.**

Alderman Tollenaer 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 Mayberry, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, Alderman Hotle.

Agenda Item #11

**A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article VI, Sec. 10-107.11 of the Code of Ordinances as it relates to adding the penalty of first offense of overtime parking in a 30 minute, 1 hour or 2 hour parking zone.**

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

Agenda Item #12

**CLAIMS**

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to accept the following reports and authorize payments as recommended.

Comments followed. Alderman Mayberry thanked staff for adding the location (city and state) of the companies on the memos.

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

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$24,474.07 to City Attorney Dave Morrison of Rock Island, IL for legal services rendered for the month of April.
- b. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$4,828.32 to American Family Insurance of Madison, WI for General Liability claim.
- c. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$500.00 to Joyce Chamberlin of Rock Island, IL for General Liability claim.
- d. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$4,505.00 to Sam Spitzmiller of Rock Island, IL for General Liability claim.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #7 in the amount of \$334,614.49 to Civil Constructors, Inc. of East Moline, IL for services provided for the Farmall Storage Tank project.
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #29 in the amount of \$99,016.38 to Gilbane Building Company of Chicago, IL for construction services provided for the Rock Island Police Station project.

Agenda Item #13

**Claims for the week of April 29 through May 5 in the amount of \$267,987.56.**

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

Agenda Item #14

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding Request for Qualifications from engineering firms for consulting services as it relates to utilities privatization on the Rock Island Arsenal, recommending the selection of Mead & Hunt.**

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Mayberry to approve the selection of Mead & Hunt as recommended and authorize staff to negotiate a service agreement.

Discussion followed. Alderman Schipp inquired as to where Mead & Hunt are located at.

Public Works Director Randy Tweet stated that they are located in Middleton, Wisconsin. Mr. Tweet stated that staff looked for people that have specifically done utilities privatization. Mr. Tweet added that a lot of the contractors have done work evaluating different systems on military bases, but as far as actually putting together an actual package and the whole process, Mead & Hunt have the most experience in privatization. Mr. Tweet further discussed this item.

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

Agenda Item #15

**Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the CY 2016 Budget, recommending increasing the Motor Fuel Tax Fund in the amount of \$229,401.00.**

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

Agenda Item #16

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding an amended Resolution appropriating \$1,214,731.86 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for street maintenance for 2015.**

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Mayberry to adopt the resolution as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Schipp inquired upon Public Works Director Randy Tweet as to whether the resolution was being amended for an increase in funding.

Mr. Tweet stated that it is actually a decrease. Mr. Tweet advised that the next item is a Resolution for this year. Mr. Tweet explained that if it gets to the end of the year and 100% of the money is not spent in which it was not, then in order for the audit, there has to be a Resolution that lists the exact amount of money that was spent last year out of the Motor Fuel Tax. Mr. Tweet stated that it is basically balancing last year's budget.

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

Agenda Item #17

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding a Resolution appropriating \$1,184,401.00 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for street maintenance.**

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

Agenda Item #18

**Report from the Martin Luther King Center regarding a street closing at 9<sup>th</sup> Street between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenues and a sound amplification request for their end of the year After School Program celebration on Friday, May 27, 2016 from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and requesting that the sound amplification fee be waived.**

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

Agenda Item #19

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Cool Beanz Coffeehouse and Radicle Effect Brewerks for outdoor entertainment on Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm in conjunction with the annual Retro Rally event, a request to close a portion of the alley between 1325 30<sup>th</sup> Street and 1340 31<sup>st</sup> Street, a request to sell alcohol outside until 5:00 pm in the enclosed area and requesting that Public Works provide two outdoor trash receptacles.**

It was moved by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the outdoor entertainment as recommended, the partial alley closing, the request for outdoor alcohol until 5:00 pm in the enclosed area, and authorize Public Works to provide two outdoor trash receptacles, subject to providing the proper fencing, allowing sidewalks to remain open, complying with all liquor license regulations and subject to being closed down early if noise complaints are received. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #20

**Other Business.**

Alderman Clark stated that on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the Martin Luther King Center parking lot, there will be a First Ward cleanup and everyone is welcome.

Alderman Schipp stated that in the Keystone neighborhood (Sixth Ward), there will be a cleanup this Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on 44<sup>th</sup> Street. Alderman Schipp commented that this is a semi-annual process to keep 44<sup>th</sup> Street clean from litter and debris.

Alderman Schipp commented that there was a neighborhood yard sale at St. John's Lutheran Church this past Saturday.

Alderman Schipp reminded everyone that this Saturday is the letter carrier's food drive. Alderman Schipp stated that there are 122,000 yellow bags going out throughout the community for non-perishable food goods. Alderman Schipp added that your letter carrier will pick it up. Alderman Schipp commented that all of the food collected goes to the River Bend Foodbank to help alleviate the issue of hunger in the community.

Alderman Schipp commented on an editorial published by the Dispatch on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Alderman Schipp stated that the editorial basically was criticizing the Council in regards to the plan for downtown Rock Island. Alderman Schipp advised that the Downtown Plan that Council approved was the bi-product of 18 months of community conversations, online surveys and meetings in the District with residents and business owners. Alderman Schipp stated that the reality is that the downtown needs attention and it needs a path forward into the future. Alderman Schipp further discussed this item as it related to the funding that was applied for from the State concerning the Woonerf (living streets) project.

Alderman Mayberry inquired upon Alderman Schipp as to whether he was in constant contact with staff in regards to Walmart and the Salvation Army.

Alderman Schipp stated that he does stay as up to date as possible with these issues. Alderman Schipp advised that when he gets a call from the local media, they expect that as an elected official, he has the general knowledge and can comment on issues clearly and quickly. Alderman Schipp and Alderman Mayberry further discussed this subject.

Alderman Mayberry inquired as to whether Alderman Schipp was running for the office of Mayor in Rock Island. Alderman Schipp stated that he has had numerous individuals ask him to strongly consider it. Alderman Schipp commented that he has strongly considered it and he will be running for the office of Mayor.

Mayor Pauley stated that one person signed up to speak and says that he lives at Whitewater Junction. Mayor Pauley inquired upon Parks and Recreation Director John Gripp as to whether there was any housing at all at Whitewater Junction. Mr. Gripp stated no.

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Larry Hunter of 1213 15<sup>th</sup> St. Rock Island voiced concerns about diversity issues and affirmative action. Mr. Hunter inquired upon the Mayor as to what the agenda is for affirmative action.

Mayor Pauley stated that we have been working with individuals on diversity. Mayor Pauley advised that the City Manager and City Attorney have been working on documents and working with individuals from the NAACP on that particular issue and they will be coming out with some information on that.

Agenda Item #21

**Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.**

An executive session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #22

**Recess**

A motion was made by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Mayberry to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, May 16, 2016. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:15 pm.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk