

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 P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark and Virgil J. Mayberry. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Budget and Grants Manager Janet Flaherty, Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Ben Griffith, other City staff, City Attorney Dave Morrison and representatives from the Quad Cities Chamber - Quad Cities First. Alderman Joshua Schipp arrived at 6:05 pm.

QUAD CITIES CHAMBER PRESENTATION

Rick Seidler, President and CEO of UnityPoint Health Trinity and Chair of the Board of Quad Cities First stated that Quad Cities First is a public-private partnership with some elected or leadership personnel in Cities and Counties and private business people. Mr. Seidler stated that for the past 18 months, they have been working on the Q2030 economic growth programs. Mr. Seidler added that over the past 18 months, businesses, government, non-profits and education institutions have been working on the Q2030 vision. Mr. Seidler indicated that the vision allows for the creation of a roadmap that builds on this region's strengths, identifies the challenges, determines where we must build on our existing workforce, and initiates expanded efforts in a way that will multiply the positive impact for this region.

Tami Petsche, Economic Development Director of the Quad Cities Chamber stated that the economic development team at the Chamber and Quad Cities First is focusing on three facets; business retention and expansion, business attraction and entrepreneurship. Ms. Petsche stated that they focus on five target industries, which include; advanced metals and materials, agricultural innovation, corporate operations and support services, defense and logistics. Ms. Petsche stated that these are the industries that are focused on to try and attract new businesses and also to help retain the existing industries that are already within those targets.

Ms. Petsche stated that in regards to business retention and expansion, 75% to 80% of all new jobs created come from existing businesses; it is extremely important to this region that we continue to foster an environment for growth for existing industries. Ms. Petsche stated that Tom Flaherty, Vice President of Business Development goes out into the community and works with the existing industries through Business Connections. Ms. Petsche noted that when he goes and visits these companies, he always takes a local economic development staff member with him and here in Rock Island, he works with Jeff Eder and Bret Gardella. Ms. Petsche commented that since January of 2014, they have conducted 38 Business Connection visits, and out of those 38 businesses they visited, 61% of the businesses' sales are increasing and nearly 25% are remaining stable. Ms. Petsche added that approximately 25% of those businesses have plans to expand in Rock Island and they have facilitated 128 assistance requests. Ms. Petsche noted that Hawk Technology is an example of a business retention and expansion project in Rock Island.

Ms. Petsche stated that in regards to business attraction, there is a representative that goes out on the road and tries to attract new businesses into the community. Ms. Petsche added that they promote the Quad Cities region through marketing and advertising. Ms. Petsche further discussed this item. Ms. Petsche advised that since July 1, 2015, Quad Cities First has prepared

31 proposals to companies that were interested in looking at the Quad Cities region, and the City of Rock Island was eligible to answer to 13 of those proposals, and out of those 13, two proposals were submitted for the City of Rock Island. Ms. Petsche commented that it is not uncommon that the Chamber is not able to submit all of the proposals all of the time because there is a lack of inventory in the region; sites and buildings are a challenge. Ms. Petsche further discussed this item.

Ms. Petsche indicated that in CY2015, the Quad Cities region reported \$375.8 million dollars in planned or completed new investments within the region and that represents 1,100 jobs. Ms. Petsche added that out of those 21 projects, four were in the City of Rock Island. It was noted that those four projects represented \$42 million dollars in new investment and 110 jobs.

Council discussed Ms. Petsche's portion of the presentation as it related to attracting businesses to the area in terms of sites, buildings, workforce readiness and marketing.

Mr. Curt Burnett, Executive Director of the Manufacturing and Innovation Hub stated that the Hub is an extension of the economic development activities. Mr. Burnett discussed how to create an industry sector focus. Mr. Burnett advised that they are working on individual outreach to companies to help them create projects and connect them to existing assets. Mr. Burnett indicated that there are over 40 agencies and services in this region that are focused on supporting manufacturers. Mr. Burnett stated that they are also working on regional activities and they are putting together a digital ready strategy as well as a technology roadmap. Mr. Burnett discussed diversification as it related to business growth and the manufacturing hub. Mr. Burnett stated that they want people to be excellent, focus on technology and compete and create a competitive advantage and that is what the Hub is all about.

Mr. Burnett indicated that they qualified for an Office of Economic Adjustment grant and they are the co-beneficiaries of \$5.5 million dollars that was granted by the State of Illinois. Mr. Burnett added that half of those funds will be spent to support the Quad Cities and Hub activities. Mr. Burnett commented that they benefited from sequestration and they will use it to put the processes, skills and services in place to create a manufacturing and DoD sector focus.

Council discussed Mr. Burnett's portion of the presentation as it related to the Rock Island Arsenal and BRAC. Quad Cities Chamber President Tara Barney stated that when they were in Washington D.C., they were told that the Hub is a powerful initiative that shows a strong relationship between JMTC on the Arsenal and the Quad Cities community.

Ms. Barney commented that the Q2030 kick-off will be held on June 30th at Modern Woodmen Park.

Council and Ms. Barney further discussed the presentation as it related to business retention and expansion and business attraction concerning the City of Rock Island. Council also discussed memberships and non-memberships in regards to the Quad Cities Chamber.

CDBG DISCUSSION

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder stated that Janet Flaherty, Budget and Grants Manager will review the CDBG program.

Ms. Flaherty advised that the Community Development Block Grant is a grant administered by HUD and the regional office is located in Chicago, IL. Ms. Flaherty stated that HUD's three objectives are to benefit low and moderate-income citizens; aid in the prevention or elimination of blight; and meeting a need having a particular urgency. Ms. Flaherty commented that the City has been an entitlement community for 39 years and the entitlement status is due to being a principal city of a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) along with Moline and Davenport. Ms. Flaherty indicated that the City receives funds directly from HUD instead of through the competitive State process.

Ms. Flaherty discussed funding amounts as it related to the decrease in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Ms. Flaherty indicated that between April of 2012 and March of 2017, the funding ranged from \$900,000.00 to \$964,000.00. Ms. Flaherty added that from 1994 to 2002 those levels of funding were much more substantial; the funding received was between \$1.5 to \$1.6 million dollars. Ms. Flaherty stated that the funds have decreased and they will continue to decrease. Ms. Flaherty commented that for the next application cycle, they are looking at about \$910,000.00.

Ms. Flaherty advised that the process for allocating the CDBG funds involves City staff, the general public, the Citizen's Advisory Committee and the City Council. Ms. Flaherty indicated that the applications will be available on June 13th and the allocation policies will also be on the Agenda at that time for Council approval. Ms. Flaherty further discussed the CDBG schedule and process.

Next, Ms. Flaherty discussed the Citizen's Advisory Committee. Ms. Flaherty commented that the committee is made up of Rock Island citizens that are appointed by the Mayor for three year terms. Ms. Flaherty advised that the committee's role is to review the applications and provide recommendations to Council. Ms. Flaherty added that the CAC is in need of members; currently there are only four members of a 12 member committee. Ms. Flaherty encouraged Council to recommend some individuals for the committee.

Ms. Flaherty stated that the Consolidated Plan is a five year plan that states the City's needs and priorities for the CDBG funds and the upcoming cycle is the 5th and final year of the current plan. Ms. Flaherty advised that the City of Rock Island's top five priorities include; promoting, increasing and maintaining homeownership; providing safe, affordable and decent housing to renters; economic development, revitalization and job creation; transitional and permanent support housing and service; and non-homeless persons with special needs. Ms. Flaherty also discussed the eligible uses of the funds, which include; acquisition, disposition, clearance and/or relocation; administration and planning, which is capped at 20%; economic development; housing; public facilities and infrastructure improvements; and public services, which is a cap of 15%. Ms. Flaherty discussed the City's use of these funds, which include, general administration,

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CIRLF, code enforcement, Martin Luther King Center, demolition and rehabilitation programs. Ms. Flaherty further discussed these eligible uses.

Ms. Flaherty stated that this summer, under HUD's direction, the City will be updating the policies and procedures manual for the whole CDBG program. Ms. Flaherty added that once complete, it will come back to Council for consideration. In regards to special allocation policies, Ms. Flaherty stated that they are used to kick-off the program and to satisfy HUD's regulations and audit requirements. Ms. Flaherty further discussed this item.

Ms. Flaherty reiterated that CDBG funding has been declining for several years and it will continue to decline in the future. Ms. Flaherty added that the City's entitlement designation could be eliminated in the future due to the City's population being less than 50,000. Ms. Flaherty commented that there is a heavy reliance on CDBG funds for salaries for seven full-time employee levels in the department and those funds are utilized for about seven to nine part-time persons at the Martin Luther King Center. In addition, Ms. Flaherty stated that monitoring requirements for grantees at the regional level have increased. Ms. Flaherty further discussed this item.

Council, Ms. Flaherty, Mr. Griffith and Mr. Eder further discussed the presentation as it related to CDBG funding.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Clark to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Mayberry; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 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 P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joshua Schipp, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark and Virgil J. Mayberry. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Dave Morrison.

Introductory Proceedings

Mayor Pauley called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Alderman Hotle gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of May 23, 2016.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Mayberry to approve the Minutes of the meeting of May 23, 2016 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Mayberry; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley advised that on Saturday, June 11 and Sunday, June 12, 2016 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, the Hauberg Center will be having historic tours. Visit the Center for history on the home, photographs, architecture of the prairie style mansion and stories. Call (309) 732-2132 for more information.

Mayor Pauley stated that Mardi Gras in The District returns for its 23rd year on Friday, June 10 at 5:00 pm and Saturday, June 11 at 4:00 pm. Catch the spirit and energy of ‘The Quarter’ in downtown Rock Island for Gumbo Ya Ya 2016. Mayor Pauley commented that Cajun, Zydeco, and Jazz bands will tantalize your ears, while Cajun spiced food will heat up your taste buds. Bead tosses, confetti, feather masks, feather boas and showgirls will complete the Mardi Gras theme. Mayor Pauley noted that Gumbo Ya Ya is held on the Great River Plaza on 2nd Avenue between 17th and 19th Streets in downtown Rock Island. Admission is \$9.00 for a one day ticket, \$14.00 for a two day ticket, and children 12 and under are free. For more information, visit www.gumboyayafestival.com.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Martin Luther King Jr. Center promotes a “Leave No Man Behind” campaign as they prepare for their Prostate Cancer Awareness and Testing Summit. The Summit is to be held on Saturday, June 25th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center in Rock Island. Mayor Pauley stated that the Summit is free and open to the public. Mayor Pauley commented that registration is required and to register, call (309) 732-2999 or email mlkmail@rigov.org. All registered participants will receive a free breakfast from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. Mayor Pauley noted that the program begins at 9:00 am and includes the free prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test for men 40+ years old, face-to-face interaction

with survivors and will hear from a special guest speaker. Those that test will be included for door prizes and giveaways.

Summer means it's time to catch a free show by the Backwater Gamblers Water Ski Show Team. Mayor Pauley stated that the team consists of approximately 150 members ranging in age from one to 67. Skiing members perform acts such as jumping, bare footing, pyramids, swivel, strap doubles and others. Watch them on their home surf at 44th Street and the Rock River. Mayor Pauley commented that shows are Wednesdays and Sundays at 6:30 pm. For more information, go to www.backwatergamblers.com.

Agenda Item #7

Presentation of the Financial Management Report for March 2016.

Finance Director Stephanie Masson presented the Financial Management Report for March 2016. Ms. Masson advised that there are four parts to the report, which include; revenue and expenses, analysis of State and local revenue, cash and investments and capital and major projects. Ms. Masson advised that as of March 31st, revenue and expenses were each at 18% of budget. Ms. Masson stated that there are some reasons for not being at the 25% target, and that is due to property taxes coming in later in the year and debt service payments are paid in June and December. Ms. Masson stated that it is also due to the timing of grant funds. Ms. Masson indicated that the General Fund is at 21% of budget in regards to revenue, and expenditures are at 23%. Ms. Masson further discussed revenue and expenditures.

Ms. Masson then discussed the analysis of State and local revenue. Ms. Masson noted that there are nine categories and as of March 31st, the City was at 24.7% of budget in all the categories. Ms. Masson stated that the income tax is trending higher than budget and the use tax is coming in ahead of budget.

In regards to replacement tax, Ms. Masson discussed the \$168 million dollar error that the IL. Department of Revenue made over a period of two years. Ms. Masson stated that it will affect the City for 2016, 2017 and 2018. Ms. Masson indicated that the City budgeted \$2.8 million dollars for replacement tax, but now it is known that they made the error of about 6% or \$160,000.00 a year. Ms. Masson advised that the City will not see that \$160,000.00 and the City also budgeted too much. Ms. Masson advised that the State will recover the two years of overpayments over the two year period. Ms. Masson and Council further discussed this item.

Ms. Masson stated that the municipal utility tax, telecommunications tax and food and beverage tax are all very close to budget. Ms. Masson noted that the gaming tax is causing the City to run off budget. Ms. Masson stated that they will be monitoring that as they work on the 2017 budget. Ms. Masson indicated that the monthly investment totals for March 2016 were at \$29 million dollars. Ms. Masson further discussed the monthly investment totals and monthly investment interest rates.

Ms. Masson discussed the capital and major project expenditure status report. Ms. Masson pointed out that for 2016, \$46 million dollars was budgeted for capital and major projects with the majority of it being Public Works related projects such as infrastructure in terms of street

resurfacing and replacement. Ms. Masson noted that the biggest project is the \$13 million dollars allocated towards the water treatment facility and there is a lot of sewer related work.

Ms. Masson and Council further discussed the Financial Management Report for March 2016.

Agenda Item #8

A Special Ordinance repealing Special Ordinance No. 075-2013 for granting a special use permit.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Foley to consider the ordinance.

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

Note: The second reading will be held on Monday, June 13, 2016.

Agenda Item #9

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$26,099.90 to City Attorney Dave Morrison of Rock Island, IL for legal services rendered for the month of May.
- b. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$1,731.25 to Broadspire of Atlanta, Georgia for Worker's Compensation settlement for Ryan Vidmar.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$21,688.20 to Otto Baum Company, Inc. of Morton, IL for services provided for the Rock Island Pump Station Tuck Pointing project.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #8 in the amount of \$76,879.35 to Civil Constructors, Inc. of East Moline, IL for services provided for the Farmall Storage Tank project.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #16 in the amount of \$621,867.56 to Brandt Construction of Rock Island/Milan, IL for services provided for the 6th Avenue Relief Sewer project.

Agenda Item #10

Claims for the weeks of May 20 through May 26 in the amount of \$691,298.82 and May 27 through June 2 in the amount of \$366,196.16 and payroll for the weeks of May 8 through May 22 in the amount of \$1,434,981.64.

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

Agenda Item #11

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a proposal from Usona Development LLC from Bolingbrook, IL for consultant services for the development of HUD CDBG policies and procedures and staff training on HUD's IDIS system in the amount of \$9,390.00.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Austin seconded to approve the proposal 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 Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Mayberry; those voting No, Alderman Foley.

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a proposal from Terracon of Bettendorf, IA for an emergency tank removal on the Watchtower Plaza site in the amount of \$11,700.00.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the proposal as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Tollenaer inquired that when the tank was found, why wasn't the paperwork done first before the excavator came in and removed the tank.

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder stated that this is not the first underground tank that has been found on a City project. Mr. Eder explained that once a tank is found, the Office of the State Fire Marshal has to be notified and you have to get their permission to remove the tank. Mr. Eder added that they have to come on the site and monitor the tank being removed and that is why it takes so long. Mr. Eder advised that once the tank was found, staff started the paperwork; it takes the State of Illinois a while to get through all of the paperwork.

Council further discussed this item as it related to funding streams concerning the underground storage tank.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Police Department regarding a Memorandum of Understanding for the 2016 Justice Assistance Grant.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Schipp seconded to approve the memorandum of understanding as recommended and authorize the Mayor, City Clerk and City Attorney to execute the contract documents. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Mayberry; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the 2016 Sewer Cleaning and Televising Program maintenance contract, recommending to extend the 2015 Sewer Cleaning and Televising Program maintenance contract with Chicago Trenchless Rehabilitation, Inc. of Niles, IL in order to perform the required maintenance through 2016.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Schipp to approve the extension as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Schipp inquired as to whether the City is still doing the televising of lines in-house, and does the City still have a camera truck.

Public Works Director Randy Tweet stated that they still do televising of the lines; but this is used for larger lines because the City doesn't really have the capability to clean them that well. Mr. Tweet added that they have a camera truck in-house.

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Martin Luther King Center regarding a proposed lease agreement with Two Rivers YMCA for occupying space in the King Center for Fiscal Year 2016/2017.

Alderman Clark moved and Alderman Mayberry seconded to approve the proposed lease agreement as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Mayor Pauley inquired upon Martin Luther King Center Director Jerry Jones to explain this item.

Mr. Jones stated that Two Rivers YMCA had expressed interest in enhancing their presence in Rock Island by partnering again with the King Center. Mr. Jones advised that in the past, they have been a great partner with the King Center on a variety of programs that are specific to youth. Mr. Jones added that considering their desire to be a great resource to this community and the King Center's desire to have a good partner, they will be leasing space in the facility.

Alderman Austin inquired as to what programs the Two Rivers YMCA will be involved with. Mr. Jones stated that at this time, there are not any specific programs that are being targeted.

Michael Wennekamp, CEO of the Two Rivers YMCA stated that for many years, the YMCA has been involved in various afterschool programs in Rock Island and the YMCA is currently at 11 different sites impacting children that range from kindergarten to high school seniors. Mr. Wennekamp advised that those programs will be strengthened through gained efficiency and enhanced collaboration as a result of our physical presence within the Martin Luther King Center. Mr. Wennekamp noted that those programs include; Y Solutions, Y Winners and Before and After School Childcare. Council and Mr. Wennekamp further discussed this item.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a proposal from Quad City Arts of Rock Island, IL for the Sculpture in The District Program.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the proposal as recommended and authorize support of the program in the amount of \$7,000.00. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Mayberry; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Italo Milani to ban parking on the west side of 29th Street from 12th to 13th Avenue.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Schipp seconded to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Clark stated that he would be abstaining from this item.

Alderman Schipp stated that the City will continue to see an issue in the College Hill area with parking. Alderman Schipp commented that we need to begin to take the issue of off-street parking in the College Hill area seriously.

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

Agenda Item #18 and #19

Alderman Foley moved to approve the appointment and reappointments as recommended for Items 18 and 19, Alderman Hotle seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Mayberry; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Mayor regarding an appointment and reappointment to the Sunset Marina Boaters Advisory Committee.

Mr. Allen Shay was appointed to the Sunset Marina Boaters Advisory Committee as a representative for the 300 Dock with a term expiring on June 1, 2019.

Mr. Randall McMurray was reappointed to the Sunset Marina Boaters Advisory Committee as an at-large representative with a term expiring on June 1, 2019.

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Mayor regarding reappointments to the Human Rights Commission.

Linda Golden and Morten Wa byaombe were reappointed to the Human Rights Commission for three year terms expiring in June 2018.

Agenda Item #20

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Timothy Newsone of 417 9th Street for a Street Closing at 9th Street between 4th and 5th Avenue; along with a Sound Amplification permit for a Birthday Party to be held on Saturday, June 11, 2016 from noon to 9:00 pm.

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

Agenda Item #21

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from the Rock Island Moose Lodge to hold an outdoor event on Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 3:00 pm to 11:00 pm at 4410 9th Street.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the event as recommended, subject to 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

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

Agenda Item #22

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from John Norris of J & M Displays for a pyrotechnic display permit for fireworks to be held on Saturday, July 30, 2016 at approximately 8:30 pm at Jumer's Casino and Hotel at 777 Jumer Drive.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the request as recommended, and temporarily waive Article I of Chapter 10: Sec. 10-9 (a) of the Code of Ordinances to allow for the issuance of a pyrotechnic display permit and authorize the Fire Marshal to issue the permit. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Mayberry; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #23

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Joan Vogelgesang on behalf of Christian Care to close off the alley between Christian Care (2209 3rd Avenue) and the Navarro Canoe Co. (2219 3rd Avenue) and a portion of 3rd Avenue in front of Christian Care for their 100th Centennial Celebration to be held on Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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

Agenda Item #24

Other Business.

Mayor Pauley stated that this past Friday from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm and Saturday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Council held the Strategic Planning sessions at the Rock Island Police Department. Mayor Pauley advised that after much discussion, the top six priorities for this next year include; 1. Street Infrastructure Plan and Funding Mechanism; 2. Walmart Development: Final Agreement and Construction; 3. Outparcel Development at Walmart Site: Investment Commitment; 4. Kmart Site Redevelopment: Direction; 5. Parks and Recreation: Needs Assessment, Reorganization and Facilities Plan; and 6. Retail Attraction: Contract and Business Commitment.

Mayor Pauley stated that six high priorities were selected, which include; 1. Body Cameras: Policy/Guidelines, Storage and Funding; 2. Downtown Business Attraction: Strategy and Business Commitment; 3. 2nd Avenue Project: Grant, Plan Direction and Funding; 4. Zoning Ordinance Change: Mayor and City Council Responsibility; 5. Alley Paving Program Enhancement: Project Priority and Funding Level; and 6. College District Redevelopment: Plan Update, Property Acquisition, Off-Street Parking and Proposed Project.

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Mayor Pauley advised that even though these are the main items that the City will be working on for the next year, other items that come up will have importance at any time and direction will be redirected as needed to do everything that needs to be done for the City of Rock Island. Mayor Pauley noted that the main thing that will be worked on is the street infrastructure plan with a funding mechanism to do this over a period of time.

Alderman Hotle reminded everyone that nominations are still needed for Citizen of the Year in several categories such as Honorary, Education and Individual. Alderman Hotle added that the deadline is June 10th. Alderman Hotle encouraged everyone to nominate someone they feel is deserving of the award.

Alderman Austin stated that tomorrow evening is the first Starlight Revue concert at Lincoln Park. Hy-Vee will have dinner available and the concert starts at 7:00 pm and includes River City 6 Jazz.

Mr. Rich Nunez of Rock Island stated that he received a letter from the City Engineer about his rain garden that had been approved by Council several years ago. Mr. Nunez stated that the letter said that the City wants him to chop the rain garden down to 18 inches in height when it is already fully grown. Mr. Nunez advised that if it is chopped down to what the City Engineer recommended, it would cease to become a functional rain garden. Mr. Nunez stated that each year is a learning curve on how to treat the rain garden, how to trim it and how to keep it to where it doesn't pose an issue, but at the same time, it allows for a lot of natural grasses and flowers to flourish. Mr. Nunez stated that he would like the opportunity to keep working with the City of Rock Island with the rain garden program that has been established at Radical Effect Brewwerks on 14th Avenue.

Alderman Schipp stated that he and Mr. Nunez had discussions about this issue. Alderman Schipp added that the complaints have been somewhat limited from the individuals that are complaining in terms of their understanding of what it is they are seeing. Alderman Schipp commented that the sticking point in regards to the height of the plants is about the line of sight coming out of the alley onto 14th Avenue. Alderman Schipp advised that on a busy day, cars can go rather deep with the on-street parking on 14th Avenue and if someone is pulling out of the alley way, it is not an issue of the plants blocking the line of sight, it is the intersection and on-street parking that is really the source of the issue for the line of sight complaints.

Alderman Foley stated that he didn't think it was the plants and agreed with Mr. Nunez and Alderman Schipp. Mr. Nunez discussed the pictures of the plants (rain garden) on 14th Avenue in regards to this issue.

Mayor Pauley inquired upon Mr. Nunez to continue to work with Alderman Schipp on this issue. Council further discussed this issue.

Mr. Vince Thomas of 1000 21st Street in Rock Island, IL discussed the fire station at Douglas Park. Mr. Thomas discussed various scenarios in regards to raising money to preserve the fire station. Mr. Thomas stated that the fire station should be saved because there is a lot of history there and the building needs to be preserved.

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Agenda Item #25

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

An executive session was not held.

Agenda Item #26

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Clark to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, June 13, 2016. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Mayberry; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:45 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk