

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 Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark and Virgil J. Mayberry. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Ben Griffith, other City staff and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Alderman Kate Hotle arrived at 5:33 pm and Alderman Joshua Schipp arrived at 5:36 pm. Aldermen P.J. Foley and Stephen L. Tollenauer were absent.

POLICE BODY CAMERAS

Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen advised that for the last several months, the Police Department has been evaluating body cameras. The Chief commented that they participated in a committee with other Rock Island County law enforcement agencies in which three vendors were evaluated. Chief VenHuizen stated that staff brought back recommendations and they held meetings with two of the vendors and evaluated their specific equipment as well as the needs of the Police Department.

Chief VenHuizen stated that the use of body worn cameras is dictated by the Law Enforcement Body Camera Act. The Chief indicated that the cameras the Police Department could potentially purchase must be capable of pre-event recording 30 seconds prior to their activation. The Chief explained that the cameras have to be able to store 30 seconds of footage prior to the camera actually being activated. The Chief added that the camera would be running all the time, but audio would not be running, and by the time the camera is turned on, it will pre-record 30 seconds worth of video.

The Chief advised that according to the act, cameras must be turned on at all times the officer is in uniform and is responding to calls for service or engaged in any law enforcement related encounter or activity that occurs while the officer is on-duty. Chief VenHuizen added that the cameras have to be capable of recording for 10 hours or more. The Chief indicated that the act recognizes that the trust and mutual respect between law enforcement and the community is essential to effective policing.

Chief VenHuizen stated that with body cameras, there are certain exceptions. The Chief pointed out that the body cameras can be off in the squad car if that vehicle is equipped with a camera. The Chief noted that the camera must be turned off if a victim or witness makes a request to have it turned off, or if the officer is speaking to a confidential informant. Chief VenHuizen stated that with these exceptions, the officer has to document it and give a reason for turning it off. In addition, Chief VenHuizen advised that the cameras may be turned off for community care-taking functions unless the officer believes a crime has been committed or is about to be committed.

Chief VenHuizen stated that the act indicates that video must be maintained for a minimum of 90 days and it cannot be altered, erased or destroyed during that time. Chief VenHuizen advised that after 90 days, the video must be destroyed unless it has been flagged in regards to complaints, use of force, incident involving death or great bodily harm, detention or arrest, or a request by a supervisor. Chief VenHuizen added that if the video is flagged, it must be kept for a minimum of

two years. The Chief commented that currently, the Police Department retains in-car video for much longer periods of time. The Chief stated that they would probably get the body cameras on the same schedule for destruction as what they currently maintain for the in-car video, provided that they can meet the act requirements.

Next, Police Chief VenHuizen discussed equipment and expenses as it related to body worn cameras. Chief VenHuizen stated that the Police Department is looking at purchasing 65 body cameras with different mounts; the price for the cameras is approximately \$24,339.00. The Chief passed around an example of one of the body cameras. Council discussed the body cameras as it related to mounting option systems.

Chief VenHuizen advised that the cost for the docking stations is about \$15,000.00 and the unlimited storage is approximately \$72,000.00 per year. The Chief stated that the unlimited storage is where the significant cost comes in and it is factored into any body camera program. The Chief commented that there will be license and administration fees and a one-time setup fee. In addition, the Chief stated that computer aided dispatch and records management system integration has to be factored in as well as signal hardware that goes in the squad cars and special equipment for the emergency response team. Chief VenHuizen pointed out that the approximate cost minus a standard issued grant that the vendor would offer with this program is about \$160,000.00.

Chief VenHuizen advised that the equipment represents a capital purchase and the request for funding is part of the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan. The Chief explained that the upfront cost is \$160,000.00 in the first year, and in years two through five, there is an \$86,000.00 cost per year. The Chief indicated that the \$86,000.00 includes storage, licenses for administrative purposes and the computer aided dispatch and records management system integration. The Chief advised that one of the attractive features of the program built into that cost is that every year, there is a replacement program for every two and one-half years where the cameras will be cycled out and the Police Department would get new equipment. Chief VenHuizen further discussed this item.

Police Chief VenHuizen advised that if this project moves forward, there would be a 30 to 90 day lead time in regards to the equipment. The Chief stated that if the Police Department is able to order it in October 2016 and maintain the 2016 prices quoted by the vendor, then the equipment could be purchased in January of 2017. The Chief commented that there would be a 30 to 60 day setup and training period and then everything could be operational in March of 2017.

Council discussed Chief VenHuizen's presentation as it related to Freedom of Information requests concerning video in terms of the workload and time component in fulfilling the requests. Council also discussed the body worn cameras as it related to it being a necessity in terms of building accountability and further establishing public trust. Council further discussed the presentation.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS PROCESS

Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Ben Griffith advised that the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) is created by State statute. Mr. Griffith discussed the three areas that establish and provide guidance for the BZA and how they operate. The three areas discussed included; the State statute, the City's Code of Ordinances and case law. In regards to the Code of Ordinances, Mr. Griffith advised that there is a complete section just for the BZA and certain sections such as the sign ordinance, which specifically calls for the BZA to review in terms of commercial variances for signs.

Mr. Griffith stated that all decisions made by the BZA fall under the State statute and are subject to judicial review. Mr. Griffith indicated that under the statute, if special uses are not approved by the BZA, City Councils may review and make a decision on the request. In regards to another portion of the statute, Mr. Griffith commented that if a variance is not approved by the BZA, City Councils may review and make a decision on the request. Mr. Griffith added that all decisions made by the BZA and City Councils can be appealed to the court. Mr. Griffith pointed out that the State statute allows City Councils to have the ability to review decisions made by the BZA, but currently, Rock Island's Code of Ordinances does not allow that. Mr. Griffith offered that the statutes lay out the groundwork and the Code of Ordinances is where the fine details can be found on how the BZA operates.

Mr. Griffith discussed cases in which the BZA reviews and provides decisions in the City of Rock Island. Various cases discussed included; regulation of building setback lines; regulation of height and bulk of buildings; regulate and limit intensity of uses; and prohibit incompatible uses. Mr. Griffith reiterated that although the State statute allows City Councils to have the ability to review decisions made by the BZA, Rock Island's Code of Ordinances does not allow it.

Next, Mr. Griffith discussed four proposed BZA options that staff looked at for appeals. The four appeal options included; 1. Appealed Board of Zoning cases are placed on the City Council agenda for review within 15 days of the rendering of the BZA's decision, with conditions; 2. All Board of Zoning Appeal cases are placed on the City Council agenda for final review; 3. Utilize a "zoning hearing officer" for all Board of Zoning Appeal cases, similar to Moline and MUNICES for code enforcement; and 4. Revise specific ordinances of concern or ordinances that are unclear. Mr. Griffith further discussed these options.

Mr. Griffith stated that the most practical options are one and two. Mr. Griffith then discussed things to consider in regards to options one and two. Mr. Griffith advised that for option one, the first item to consider would be to appeal to the City Council if the BZA went against a request or against a recommendation of the City planning staff. Mr. Griffith added that the second item to consider would be if the BZA approves a request in which 20% of the property owners that were notified object; and the third item to consider would be if the Mayor or Aldermen ask that the request be placed on the Council agenda for review and consideration.

Mr. Griffith advised that in regards to option two, which would be the simplest solution and is similar to Planning Commission cases, is for all cases to go to Council for final review and consideration. Mr. Griffith added that there would be a defined schedule for decision making and

there would not be any conflicts with statutory appeal periods. Mr. Griffith further discussed these items to consider for options one and two.

Mr. Griffith stated that if Council decides to restructure the appeal process for the BZA, the recommended option would be number two in which all cases would be placed on the City Council agenda for final review. Mr. Griffith commented that option two allows for consistency and is much more clear and concise. Mr. Griffith further discussed option two as it related to the whole process.

Council discussed the presentation. Alderman Austin discussed option three as it related to utilizing a zoning hearing officer. Alderman Austin commented that if Council were to change, he likes the idea of a hearing officer. However, Alderman Austin stated that he read through six months of documents and he didn't see anything wrong with the approvals and disapprovals from the BZA. Alderman Austin further discussed this item.

Alderman Hotle commented that she wasn't in favor of having all of the simple requests added to the Council agenda. Alderman Hotle stated that over the years, some issues have been brought up in regards to the zoning and planning processes and Council needs to continue having these discussions. Alderman Hotle added that the process needs to be simple and fair and there are some things the City can do to improve what is already in place.

Council and Mr. Griffith also discussed the idea of combining the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. City Manager Thomas stated that Aldermen have asked to review about 10% of the BZA decisions and he has told them no. City Manager Thomas further discussed this item.

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder advised that he agreed with City Manager Thomas. Mr. Eder added that the majority of the 10% of cases has been related to the sign ordinance. Council, City Manager Thomas and Mr. Eder further discussed this item.

Alderman Schipp advised that currently, Council does not have the ability to override BZA decisions. Alderman Schipp added that Council should be able to step in and review the request if citizens don't feel they have been given sufficient consideration for their concerns.

Alderman Hotle offered that she would like Council to consider and look into one body that reviews the zoning and planning items. However, Alderman Hotle stated that everything does not need to be reviewed.

After more discussion, Mayor Pauley stated that there needs to be some type of vehicle that if the citizens don't agree with BZA decisions, they can come to Council. The Mayor added that this is an elected body that the people elected to make these decisions.

After more discussion, City Manager Thomas stated that staff will bring several options back to Council for another study session.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Hotle to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Mayberry; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 13, 2016
MINUTES**

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 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. Aldermen P.J. Foley and Stephen L. Tollenauer were absent.

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 June 3, 2016, Minutes of the meeting of June 4, 2016 and Minutes of the meeting of June 6, 2016.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Schipp to approve the Minutes of the meeting of June 3, 2016, Minutes of the meeting of June 4, 2016 and Minutes of the meeting of June 6, 2016 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Mayberry; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Family Crafts at Southwest Branch - Crafts are for the whole family! Tuesday, June 14th at 6:00 pm will be family night with crafts and activities for all ages and skill levels. Mayor Pauley stated that the event is free and registration is required. For more information, please visit <http://rockislandlibrary.org/>.

Mayor Pauley stated that Schwiebert Riverfront Park will be closed to the public on Friday, June 24, 2016. Mayor Pauley added that the bike path will be open. The Mayor stated that the American Red Cross has a rental that day and they will use the entire park.

Starlight Revue Concert - Mayor Pauley advised that on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, the Taflins will perform in beautiful Lincoln Park. At 5:00 pm, dinner will be available from Hy-Vee Grill with a dance lesson/family activity from 6:15 pm to 7:00 pm. Mayor Pauley stated that the concert will start sharply at 7:00 pm. Come early at 5:30 pm and join the Rock Island Public Library for the Bookin' It Walking Book Club in the park. Mayor Pauley commented that participants walk and talk about their favorite books, with the first 50 participants receiving a water bottle. The Mayor stated that the Bookin' It Walking Book Club is part of a special Summer Reading activities partnership between the Rock Island Library and Rock Island Parks Department. Call 732-RAIN to check status for inclement weather.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Rock Island Artists' Market is now open for the season every Sunday from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. There you can find art, crafts and produce from local

vendors. Mayor Pauley commented that the Artists' Market is held at the Skeleton Key at 520 18th Street.

Mayor Pauley advised that on Friday, June 17, 2016, the Daiquiri Factory will present their annual Rock the District concert series in downtown Rock Island. The Mayor added that this is an outdoor concert featuring national and regional rock bands. For more information, please visit www.daiquirifactory.com.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring Saturday, June 25, 2016 as Rock Island County NAACP Day.

Mayor Pauley stated that the representative accepting the proclamation is not at the meeting yet, so it will be held until later in the meeting.

Agenda Item #8

A Special Ordinance establishing a no parking zone on the west side of 29th Street between 12th and 13th Avenues.

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

Agenda Item #9

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #30 in the amount of \$439,498.02 to Gilbane Building Company of Chicago, IL for construction services provided for the Rock Island Police Station project.

Agenda Item #10

Claims for the week of June 3 through June 9 in the amount of \$1,191,810.94 and payroll for the weeks of May 23 through June 5 in the amount of \$1,469,717.48.

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

Agenda Item #11

Purchase Card Claims for the month of May in the amount of \$63,343.64.

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

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of seven low pressure and three high pressure drip traps from L&J Technologies of Hillsdale, IL in the amount of \$12,307.00.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Information Technology Department regarding a contract with CivicPlus of Manhattan, KS for an upgrade to the City website in the amount of \$19,843.00.

Alderman Schipp moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the contract 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 Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Mayberry; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the 2017/2018 (April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018) Community Development Block Grant Allocation Policies.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Schipp to approve the 2017/2018 Community Development Block Grant Allocation Policies as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Mayberry; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Jeffrey Duncan for a rezoning from an I-1 (light industrial) district to a B-3 (community business) district at 2623 5th Avenue.

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

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin stated that in the parking analysis, staff estimates that there are approximately 100 to 108 parking spaces located in the north parking lot that are on the subject site; the applicant believes there is a shared parking agreement between the owner of the subject property and owner of the Conservation Club property, but has not provided anything in writing to staff to confirm this. Alderman Austin inquired as to whether there is anything by not having the documentation of an agreement to share parking that would be a deal breaker on this.

Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Ben Griffith stated not at this time. Mr. Griffith indicated that they have a verbal agreement and the applicant intends to enter into a written easement agreement when the sale is completed.

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

Agenda Item #16 and #17

Alderman Hotle moved to approve the appointments and reappointments as recommended for Items 16 and 17, Alderman Clark seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Mayberry; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Mayor regarding appointments and reappointments to the Arts Advisory Committee.

Micaela Booth, Executive Director of the Downtown Arts and Entertainment District was appointed to the Arts Advisory Committee to replace Catherine Rodgers-Ingles (The District) who recently retired. Dawn Wohlford-Metallo, Visual Arts Director for Quad City Arts was appointed to the Arts Advisory Committee to replace Jessi Black (Quad City Arts) who decided to step down from the committee.

Joedy Cook and Lori Roderick were reappointed to the Arts Advisory Committee for three year terms that will expire in June 2019.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Mayor regarding a reappointment to the Beautification Commission.

Bob Towler was reappointed to the Beautification Commission to serve another four year term.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Theresa Thompson of 1106 4th Street for a Street Closing at 4th Street south of 11th Avenue to the dead end, along with a Sound Amplification permit for a block party to be held on Saturday, June 18, 2016 from 9:00 am to 10:00 pm.

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

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring Saturday, June 25, 2016 as Rock Island County NAACP Day.

At this time, Mayor Pauley stated that the representative from the NAACP did not make it to the meeting. Mayor Pauley then read the proclamation. Alderman Mayberry who is a member of the NAACP accepted the proclamation.

Agenda Item #19

Other Business.

Caryl Altemus of 1821 9th Street, Rock Island, IL stepped forward. Ms. Altemus expressed appreciation for the cleanliness of Douglas Park. Ms. Altemus thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for taking care of Douglas Park. Ms. Altemus inquired as to whether there were any CDBG funds that would take down some of the worst properties on the west side of the City, specifically the vacant residence across the street from the west entrance at Douglas Park.

Mayor Pauley advised that for the last several years, the City has been systematically tearing down houses with CDBG funds and other funds. The Mayor added that the City has torn down over 50 structures. Mayor Pauley commented that he wasn't sure where that particular house falls in the schedule, but would check on it.

Agenda Item #20

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

A motion was made by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Schipp at 7:00 pm to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Mayberry; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #21

Recess

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 7:14 pm. A motion was made by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Austin to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, June 20, 2016. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Mayberry; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:15 pm.