

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:00 p.m. in the Personnel Conference Room of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley, presiding, and Aldermen, Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, P. J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager John Phillips, Police Chief Scott Harris, Martin Luther King Center Director Jerry Jones, Chief Building Official Tom Ayers, other City staff and some of the members of the Safer Community Task Force, which included Jay Bland, Andy Boswell, Nick Camlin, Connie Hayes, Ed Littig, Preston Muhammed, Lee Strohhahn and Johnnie Woods.

SAFER COMMUNITY TASK FORCE REPORT

City Manager Phillips briefly discussed the Safer Community Task Force report and recommendations. Mr. Phillips stated that the Mayor appointed the group in October and Council approved the group on October 5, 2009. Since then, six (6) meetings have been held, which focused on law enforcement, youth and neighborhoods. It was noted that many kinds of information relating to these three (3) categories was provided to the group. In addition, presentations were given and focus groups were organized. It was noted that this broad based community group also participated in the interview process of the new Police Chief.

Mr. Phillips stated that included in the report are the recommendations from the Safer Community Task Force. In regards to the areas of law enforcement, youth and neighborhoods, the group identified ideas they thought could have an impact on improving safety in the community. It was noted that there was a total of 52 ideas, but once refined, the ideas were narrowed down, discussed and voted on. Mr. Phillips stated that the group supported the recommendations in the area of law enforcement for the increased use of technology for crime fighting and the group supported the increased use of cameras in the neighborhoods. They also supported the purchase of license plate readers and other technology that enhances the efforts of the police. In addition, changing tavern closing times was another recommendation. City Manager Phillips indicated that some group members suggested moving the closing time to 2:00 a.m. while others supported a 1:00 a.m. closing.

In the area of youth, it was recommended to focus on the 40 Developmental Assets, which included; empowerment, support, boundaries and expectations, commitment and learning, positive identity, positive values, constructive use of time and social competence. Mr. Phillips stated that this will help to build on the strength of children and young people and to see how the community can add to the assets that these young people possess. In doing so, youth can be productive and less likely to be involved in non-productive activities. It was noted that the task force supported the emphasis on increasing mentoring programs for youth that do not have a positive adult influence in their life.

Mr. Phillips stated that in the category of neighborhoods, the most identified and supported strategy was property owner accountability for on-site property conditions and criminal activity.

Next, members of the Safer Community Task Force shared their perspective on the recommendations regarding law enforcement, youth and neighborhoods.

Preston Muhammed stated that the community needs programs for individuals that have come out of the penal system to prevent the reoccurrence of criminal activity and to prevent their entrance back into the system. On the technology aspect of it, Chief Harris discussed placing security cameras in high-crime areas and major thoroughfares. Mayor Pauley inquired about the license plate readers. Chief Harris stated that Rock Island was one of three cities that had the grant, but it was pulled due to a problem with the Secretary of State regarding driver license information. More discussion followed regarding technology as related to camera technology. Mr. Phillips stated that Chief Harris will prepare a report and bring it back to Council regarding the law enforcement recommendations.

In addition, changes in tavern closing times were discussed. Mayor Pauley pointed out that liquor licenses were just approved on May 1st and the closing times or other changes could not occur until those licenses expire, which is May 1st of 2011. Andy Boswell offered that sometimes he goes Downtown and noted that the crime statistics indicate that most calls for police service are from the District on weekends between 2:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. Mr. Boswell noted that most establishments do not open up until late in the evening. Nick Camlin commented that he didn't believe changing tavern closing times is the way to go.

Council and the task force then discussed youth and the 40 Developmental Assets in regards to what a young person needs in order to be successful in their life. Preston Muhammed commented that the 40 Developmental Assets suggest values; it is a comprehensive key and if it is delivered properly, then the community will have law abiding citizens and a safer community. Mr. Muhammed noted that in order for this to happen, everyone has to work together.

Johnnie Woods commented on the mentoring aspect of the task force's recommendation. Ms. Woods stated that volunteers can mentor youth and everyone needs to be involved in the community to assist children in becoming more successful. Ms. Woods added that it doesn't take a lot of money, but it does take dedicated people that are willing to reach out to help these children. Alderman Brooks discussed programs as it relates to mentoring and getting the word out to reach children and costs and grants as it relates to mentoring programs. Mayor Pauley discussed parenting as it relates to having a program to teach young parents on how to be parents. City Manager Phillips stated that Martin Luther King Center Director Jerry Jones will prepare a report outlining the activities and programs that support the 40 Developmental Assets for youth and mentoring programs.

City Manager Phillips stated that the third category relates to neighborhoods. It was suggested by the task force to be more aggressive on holding property owners accountable as it relates to on-site property conditions and criminal activity. Andy Boswell's perspective on the idea was to require landlords that rent property in Rock Island to attend a seminar on recognizing illegal activity, how to be a good landlord and how to treat tenants with respect.

Mayor Pauley thanked the Safer Community Task Force for all of their work and efforts on this project.

Alderwoman Murphy stated that this is a call to action for everyone in the community to find something that they think will make a difference and give their time or resources.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to adjourn the meeting carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p. m.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

Rock Island City Council met in regular session at 6:45 p.m. in Council Chambers of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley, presiding, and Aldermen Terry M.A.

Brooks I, David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. City Manager John Phillips was also present.

Introductory Proceedings

Mayor Pauley called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Alderman Conroy gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the Meeting of June 7, 2010.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of June 7, 2010 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that earlier in Study Session, a report of the Safer Community Task Force's suggestions was presented to Council. The Mayor noted that the Safer Community Task Force was appointed on October 5, 2009. Mayor Pauley indicated that the purpose of the task force was to study the incidence of crime, examine current law enforcement activities and identify strategies to engage citizens to make neighborhoods safer.

It was noted that after many presentations and discussion on many issues, the Safer Community Task Force recommended suggestions in three (3) categories, which include; law enforcement, youth and neighborhoods. In the area of law enforcement, Mayor Pauley stated that the recommendation was to increase the use of cameras and purchase license plate readers and utilize other technology. It was noted that tavern closing times were also recommended for review. Mayor Pauley pointed out that liquor licenses were issued on May 1, 2010 and no changes will be made until the next renewal date.

Mayor Pauley indicated that in the area of youth, it was recommended to focus on the 40 Developmental Assets for youth and to establish mentoring programs for youth. And, in the area of neighborhoods, the Safer Community Task Force recommended to increase residential property owner accountability and be more aggressive in code enforcement for property owners.

Mayor Pauley commented that the next steps will be for staff to prepare reports outlining activities, programs, costs, and timelines regarding the recommendations and present them to City Council in 60 days. The Mayor noted that the task force may be called on again for assistance at that time. Mayor Pauley concluded by thanking the Safer Community Task Force and all others involved for all of their hard work and dedication.

Agenda Item #7

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Administration Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$50,000.00 to Crawford & Company for Worker's Compensation Settlement for William Newberry.
- b. Report from General Administration regarding payment in the amount of \$3,056.32 to the Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$7,689.00 to Davenport Electric Contract Company for street light repairs. (149)
- d. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$143.00 to Nancy Blair for General Liability Claims.

Agenda Item #8

Claims for the weeks of May 28 through June 10 in the amount of \$2,494,361.63.

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

Agenda Item #9

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the emergency purchase of a remanufactured injector pump from Cummins Central Power, LLC in the amount of \$3,601.70.

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

Agenda Item #10

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the purchase of property at 609-611 10th Street from Jeff Rasmussen in the amount of \$30,726.00.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the purchase as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and refer to the

City Attorney for an Ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #11

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of street maintenance materials, recommending the bids be awarded to Tri-State Asphalt, Phoenix Corporation of the Quad Cities and Builders Sand & Cement in the total amount of \$135,635.81.

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

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for CSO improvements to Outfalls 011 and 012-Saukie and Franciscan Store/Treat Basins.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the Notice of Intent to award the bid to General Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$518,500.00 as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the Notice of Intent. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Martin Luther King Center regarding bids for steel for the expansion of the Martin Luther King Center, recommending the bid be awarded to Midstates Steel in the amount of \$74,786.00.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Conroy to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding a QC-ICC Net Governance agreement relating to a fiber optic communications infrastructure for public safety throughout the Quad Cities region.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Austin seconded to approve the agreement as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and authorize staff to participate in the appropriate board and committee as defined in the agreement. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Public Works Department regarding IMPACT agreements for the Martin Luther King Center Expansion, the Municipal Services Garage Replacement and the Mill Street Sewage Treatment Plant Expansion.

It was moved by Alderman Brooks, seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the agreements as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, Alderman Tollenaer.

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Public Works Department regarding an agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers relating to the water interconnection study.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Austin seconded to approve the agreement as recommended and authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to execute the contract documents. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Public Works Department regarding an intergovernmental agreement for Sewer Rehabilitation/Lining.

It was moved by Alderman Brooks, seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the agreement as recommended and authorize the City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the contract documents. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget, recommending an adjustment to the Wastewater Operation and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$69,813.00.

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

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Augustana College for the donation of five (5) City owned lots at 3119, 3121, 3203, 3207 and 3211 6th Avenue.

It was moved by Alderman Foley, seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the donation as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding a Resolution for the display of fireworks and the firing of the cannon on July 3, 2010 for the Ribbon Cutting at Schwiebert Riverfront Park.

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

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request for removal of a handicapped parking space at 2530 28th Street.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #22

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Martinis on the Rock to hold live entertainment outside on Thursday, June 17, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a family reunion.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to approve the request 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 No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #23

Report from the City Clerk regarding an activity application and Resolution for the annual Ride the River event to be held on Sunday, June 20, 2010.

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

Agenda Item #24

Report from the Martin Luther King Center regarding parade/activity, street closing and sound amplification requests for their 25th annual King Center Family Fun Day Celebration scheduled for Saturday, July 31, 2010, requesting the food vendor and sound amplification fees be waived.

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

Agenda Item #25

Report from the City Clerk regarding a Plaza activity permit application for Malarkey's to hold a Mixed Martial Arts event on Friday, August 27, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

It was moved by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the event for Malarkey's as recommended, subject to complying with all other Plaza and liquor regulations. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #26

Items from the City Manager's Memorandum Packet.

City Manager Phillips made reference to information included in the memo packet regarding the Community Marketing Program. Mr. Phillips stated that Community Marketing Director Jennifer Fowler has resigned her position with Renaissance Rock Island and will be joining a company called Upstream. Mr. Phillips suggested that in order to handle a lot of the work that is underway, that the City consider a proposal from Upstream to have Ms. Fowler continue to work with the City for the remainder of the calendar year. It was noted that if the City received a proposal and negotiated something then it would come back to Council with a recommendation for consideration. Mr. Phillips added that this will be a good opportunity with Goal Setting coming up to revisit the overall marketing program and determine what the City would like to do in the future with this program.

Alderman Conroy stated that he agreed with City Manager Phillips' suggestion.

Mr. Phillips inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne to relate his ideas to Council regarding economic development planning for the City.

Mr. Champagne stated that he would like to undertake an economic development strategic planning process to determine whether the City's efforts need to be refocused. It was noted that economists believe that the recession is ending. Mr. Champagne added that he would like to find out if there are ways that the City could benefit from the growing economy. Mr. Champagne indicated that there have been some organizational changes with several organizations the City has partnered with on development activities, which include the restructuring of the Quad City Development Group as Quad Cities First and Renaissance Rock Island as it relates to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Mr. Champagne noted that there also has been some discussion regarding consolidating the two (2) Chambers of Commerce. Mr. Champagne commented that we need to ensure that the City's resources are being utilized to maximize the City's return on investment in development projects and activities.

Mr. Champagne stated that the strategic planning process is a seven (7) step strategy. The first three (3) steps and the last two (2) steps would be completed by staff. It was noted that the middle two (2) steps would be completed by a larger group including private business owners and representatives from economic development partner organizations. Mr. Champagne advised that these groups would be used to do a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analysis and that information would be used to build a strategic plan. It was noted that staff would take the information and forward it to Council for review and input. Mr. Champagne indicated that the first brainstorming session with the broader group will be held in the third week of July.

Council then discussed the strategic planning process as it relates to economic development.

Mr. Phillips stated that included in the memo packet is information from the Illinois Department of Revenue regarding the sales tax rate change summary. Mr. Phillips stated that this information will be sent to all Rock Island retailers and will become effective on July 1, 2010.

Alderman Austin commented on the beautiful flowers and plants in the Downtown and in the parks.

Alderman Conroy congratulated the Police Department on their organizational efforts after the event (Gumbo Ya Ya) ended in the Downtown this past weekend. It was noted that the Police Department did a great job.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Whitewater Junction is located at 17th Street and 18th Avenue. Alderwoman Murphy indicated that Whitewater Junction is a zero-depth to 9 feet deep heated pool featuring a body slide, tube slide, 2 drop-slides, tumble buckets, tea-cup and a tot slide. It was noted that admission fees include; age three and older \$7.00 and age two and under is free with a paid adult. Alderwoman Murphy stated that they also have punch passes and seasonal passes. Alderwoman Murphy offered that Whitewater Junction is open Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday/Sunday and holidays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and lap lanes and water fitness lanes are open from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. It was noted that rentals are also available and coupons for \$1.00 off are available on the website through June.

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Alderman Conroy stated that it has been a pleasure working with Community Marketing Director Jennifer Fowler and wished her well.

Agenda Item #27

Other Business

Timothy Dooling of 832 14½ Street voiced concerns regarding the Hodge Park incident and Police issues.

Agenda Item #28

Executive Session on Personnel.

An Executive Session was not needed.

Agenda Item #29

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recess to Monday, June 21, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:20 p.m.

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