

The Rock Island City Council met in a joint Study Session at 5:00 p.m. with Rock Island/Milan School District #41 Board of Education at the Rock Island Center for Math and Science located at 2101 16th Avenue. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley, presiding, and Aldermen, Terry M.A. Brooks I, P. J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager John Phillips, other City staff, Superintendent Michael J. Oberhaus, members of the school board, which include; Bill Cleaver, Earl Strupp, Jim Bishop, Linda Dohard, Dave Rockwell, James Veasey and Jerry Tutskey. Rock Island Center for Math and Science Principal Ruth Ann Tobey-Brown was also in attendance along with Marketing Director Holly Sparkman and Neighborhood Partners representative Ed Hanna. Alderman David Conroy was absent.

TOUR OF THE CENTER FOR MATH AND SCIENCE

Principal Ruth Ann Tobey-Brown welcomed everyone to the new school and led in a tour of the new facility. Council members and staff toured the ground floor and second floor of the new school, which included various classrooms, media rooms, a gymnasium, science lab, music room, community room and other instructional areas. After the tour, the second part of the joint Study Session was held.

SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOLS UPDATE

Superintendent Michael Oberhaus inquired upon Holly Sparkman, Marketing Director for the school district, along with Neighborhood Partners representative Ed Hanna to update Council on the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Plan.

Mr. Hanna explained the process that led to the development of the Neighborhood Partners School Community Task Force and the development of the Safe Routes to School Plan for the Rock Island Center for Math and Science, the Rock Island Academy and Frances Willard.

Ms. Sparkman stated that the Safe Routes to School Program is part of the Federal Transportation Bill and the premise is to enable and encourage kindergarten to eighth grade students to walk and bike to school and to provide safe measures to do so.

Ms. Sparkman indicated that the planning process for the Safe Routes to School Program is structured to revolve around the Five E's, which include, Evaluation, Engineering, Education Enforcement and Encouragement. Mr. Sparkman added that the Neighborhood Partners School Community Task Force developed recommendations for a school travel plan for the new Rock Island Center for Math & Science location.

Ms. Sparkman then discussed the traffic configurations of the identified areas in the Rock Island Center for Math and Science travel plan, some of which included components related to new crosswalks at key intersections, direction and flow of traffic, car queuing areas, signage, parking and safety measures.

Discussion followed regarding traffic as it relates to 16th Avenue and 20th Street concerning a right turn only egress at 21st Street and 16th Avenue; busing as it relates to the amount of students riding the bus as compared to the amount of students walking to and from school and traffic flow as it relates to parking.

Superintendent Oberhaus discussed boundary area changes regarding the Academy and Frances Willard. It was noted that this change developed to accommodate the growing population at the Academy.

Ms. Sparkman then discussed the travel routes and travel plan components regarding Frances Willard and the Rock Island Academy and the grant process as it relates to funds for the Safe Routes to School Program.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

City Manager Phillips discussed the State of Illinois financial crisis as it relates to the impact on the City and schools. Mr. Phillips indicated that last year, the City had a difficult budget; the City saw a 14% drop in the income tax revenue and 28% less replacement tax than in 2008. Mr. Phillips advised that the sales tax has held solid. It was noted that there was also large increases in Police and Fire pension obligations. Mr. Phillips stated that to deal with the problem regarding the budget, various reductions in services, tax increases and fees were implemented and the City presented a balanced budget.

Mr. Phillips indicated that the City is in pretty good financial condition and the City has adequate reserves. It was noted that another problem is the delay in payments by the State of Illinois. Mr. Phillips pointed out that the State is four (4) months behind in paying income tax to the City. Mr. Phillips stated that next year could possibly be a hard year financially for the City and some tough choices may have to be made. Mr. Phillips added that the City will try its very best to continue to maintain services to the public, try to be as efficient as possible and consider the interests of the taxpayers.

Superintendent Oberhaus stated that the Rock Island/Milan District is funded approximately 60% of the State Budget, and the school district is facing a \$2.5 million dollar budget deficit. It was noted that the State took back some of the money that they typically give the school district and the funds dried up. Superintendent Oberhaus acknowledged that \$4 million dollars of the school district's revenue that comes from the ARA fund is gone and the State has no wherewithal to make the money back up. Superintendent Oberhaus advised that the school district is also facing difficult times.

Superintendent Oberhaus advised that the school district is a service organization and costs go up in the areas of health insurance, salaries and retirements. Superintendent Oberhaus offered that the school district will also have a difficult year coming up. It was noted that the State is currently \$2.5 million dollars behind in payments to the school district. Superintendent Oberhaus stated that the school district will do everything possible to maintain its core services, provide

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efficiency in its noncore services and maximize the dollars provided by the State. Mr. Oberhaus concluded that the school district will move forward.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 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 Foley gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the Meeting of July 12, 2010.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of July 12, 2010 as corrected. 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 Family Fun Day at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center is a one-day community festival offering fun, entertainment and food from area businesses and youth organizations. It was noted that Family Fun Day will be held at the Martin Luther King Center at 630 Martin Luther King Drive from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with the parade starting at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Pauley commented that this event was originally scheduled on August 7th, but has been moved to July 31st.

Mayor Pauley indicated that the Rock Island/Milan Education Foundation is seeking nominations for the annual Rock Island Legends alumni award and the Founders Circle community award. Mayor Pauley added that award nominations are due by July 30th. It was noted to visit www.rockislandeducationfoundation.org for nomination forms.

The Mayor stated that National Night Out Against Crime will be held at Longview Park on Tuesday, August 3rd. Mayor Pauley stated that this will be fun for both kids and adults. It was noted that everyone can see police and fire vehicles and canine and taser demonstrations. It was noted that the Community Caring Conference, Rock Island Park Board and Target sponsor this event for residents to meet law enforcement officers and learn about safety. Mayor Pauley indicated that after the event, everyone is encouraged to meet with neighbors and get to know their neighborhood better. Mayor Pauley stated that the block club with the most attendees at Longview will receive a prize, but there will be other freebies given out. The Mayor added that this event starts at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Pauley offered that Keep Rock Island Beautiful's new Adopt-an-Event program will allow organizations or individuals to borrow recycling bins for plastic and aluminum cans for special events. It was noted that if anyone would like to reserve a bin, please call 786-1334. The Mayor added that this is a good way to keep Rock Island clean.

Mayor Pauley stated that there is free theatre on Tuesdays in Lincoln Park, presented by the Genesis Guild. See Aristophanes' Ecclesiazusae on July 31st and August 1st. It was noted that both shows begin at 8:00 p.m.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring Monday, August 3, 2010 as National Night Out.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring Monday, August 3, 2010 as National Night Out.

Mr. Kolbi Reeder from the Community Caring Conference accepted the Proclamation. Mr. Reeder thanked the Mayor and Council for the Proclamation and invited Council to National Night Out on August 3rd from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Longview Park.

Agenda Item #8

Public Hearing on a request from Nasreen Akhter, owner of Eleventh Street Mart, LLC doing business as "Eleventh Street Mart, LLC" for a waiver of the signature requirement to secure a Liquor License for at 1520 11th Street.

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting at 6:50 p.m. and opened a Public Hearing on a request from Nasreen Akhter, owner of the Eleventh Street Mart, LLC doing business as Eleventh Street Mart, LLC for a waiver of the signature requirement to secure a liquor license at 1520 11th Street.

Mayor Pauley inquired upon Mr. Frank Coyle to step forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. Coyle.

Mr. Coyle of 100 17th Street stated that he is an attorney and he is at the meeting on behalf of Eleventh Street Mart. Attorney Coyle pointed out that Eleventh Street Mart has worked long and hard on obtaining the signatures necessary within the required area. Attorney Coyle advised that the area is surrounded by absentee landlords of which some cannot be found. It was noted that 20 people in the area were approached by mail. Attorney Coyle commented that one (1) letter came back unopened and the rest did not come back. Attorney Coyle stated that Eleventh Street Mart is faced with apathy.

Attorney Coyle indicated that Eleventh Street Mart filed a petition along with as many signatures that could be obtained. Attorney Coyle advised that he didn't believe that there is an outpouring of objections; it is an outpouring of apathy. Attorney Coyle stated that all of the other convenient stores in the area are competition and many people are impulse buyers of alcohol. Attorney Coyle added that to place one (1) convenient store at a non-competitive disadvantage competition wise is doing a disservice. Attorney Coyle stated that Eleventh Street Mart wants to compete with other vendors in the neighborhood and by making Eleventh Street Mart non-competitive with other businesses would force Eleventh Street Mart to close.

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Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was anyone that wished to speak in favor of the waiver of the signature requirement for a liquor license at 1520 11th Street. No one stepped forward.

Mayor Pauley then inquired as to whether there was anyone who wished to speak in opposition to the waiver of the signature requirement for a liquor license at 1520 11th Street.

Ms. Kim Callaway-Thompson of 1317 14 ½ Street and Co-Chair of the West End Neighborhood Association stepped forward.

Mayor Pauley swore in Ms. Callaway-Thompson.

Ms. Callaway-Thompson read a statement on behalf of the West End Neighborhood Association expressing disappointment and disapproval of the City Council and Liquor Commission for giving further consideration to the request from Eleventh Street Mart to secure a liquor license at 1520 11th Street. Members of the West End Neighborhood Association stood in protest regarding their disapproval of the request.

Andy Boswell of 801 43rd Street stepped forward.

Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. Boswell.

Mr. Boswell voiced concerns in opposition to Eleventh Street Mart's request to secure a liquor license at 1520 11th Street.

Alderman Brooks stated that he was in support of Eleventh Street Mart securing a liquor license. Alderman Brooks pointed out that Eleventh Street Mart has made improvements to the property and the owners care about the community. Alderman Brooks stated that the owners of Eleventh Street Mart deserve a chance to compete and to stay in business.

Alderman Jones stated the he would not be in support of Eleventh Street Mart securing a liquor license at 1520 11th Street. Alderman Jones offered that he appreciated the improvements that have been made to the property, but did not think it was in the best interest of the neighborhood for a liquor license to be issued to that location.

Alderman Tollenaer inquired upon Lt. Tim McCloud as to what the reasoning was behind the recommendation to not approve a liquor license for the location at 1520 11th Street.

Lt. Tim McCloud of the Police Department (316 16th Street) stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Lt. Tim McCloud.

Lt. McCloud stated that Eleventh Street Mart did meet all of the liquor license requirements with the exception of the signature requirement. Lt. McCloud pointed out that of the 11 required signatures, there were only three (3) that were in support of the liquor license; of the 21 other properties in which a majority was needed, there were only four (4) that were verified. Lt. McCloud stated that some of the owners that signed the petition have since changed their minds.

In addition, it was noted that one owner's signature appeared to be forged and another signature was invalid due to the person no longer owning that property. Lt. McCloud commented that he was able to contact some of the owners and received very little support over the phone.

It was noted that Lt. McCloud took everything into account including the signatures that were provided, whether or not the tenants involved in that area are in support and the history of the business, and had recommended that it would not be in the best interest of the community for a liquor license to be issued for that location.

Alderwoman Murphy stated that Alderman Brooks is a strong advocate for his neighborhood and ward. Alderwoman Murphy indicated that she did not believe that Alderman Brooks would support something that would be detrimental to the neighborhood. Alderwoman Murphy pointed out that it is important that everyone is treated fairly. It was noted that Alderwoman Murphy voted for Walgreens to obtain a liquor license and they are a large corporation. Alderwoman Murphy commented that she would be doing a disservice to a small business if she voted against this small business. It was noted that Alderwoman Murphy was in support of Eleventh Street Mart securing a liquor license at 1520 11th Street.

Alderman Austin stated that from listening to all of the appeals for the waiver of the signature requirement, he has never seen such negativity from those that the Eleventh Street Mart was able to contact. Alderman Austin indicated that he would not be supporting the request for the waiver of the signature requirement to secure liquor license at 1520 11th Street.

More discussion followed. After discussion, and with no other persons present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the waiver of the signature requirement for a liquor license at 1520 11th Street, Mayor Pauley closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:20 p.m.

It was moved by Alderman Brooks seconded by Alderman Conroy to recommend to the Mayor/Liquor Commissioner to waive the signature requirement and approve the liquor license for 1520 11th Street.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Pauley stated that this is an advisory; if this item is approved, it does not guarantee a liquor license. The Mayor pointed out that it will then go to the Liquor Commission, which has 30 days to render a decision. Mayor Pauley reiterated that this is strictly an advisory to the Liquor Commission.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderman Austin.

Mayor Pauley stated that the vote was 4 to 3 to recommend to the Liquor Commission to approve the license. The Mayor added that this item will now go to the Liquor Commission and they will make a final decision.

Agenda Item #9

A Special Ordinance declaring four (4) current City-owned Condor/Bridgeport automated refuse packers as surplus and allowing for disposal.

It was moved by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Foley to consider, suspend the rules and pass the Ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #10

A Special Ordinance declaring one (1) current City-owned Ford rescue truck as surplus and allowing for disposal.

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

Agenda Item #11

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 Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,773.20 to Califf and Harper, P.C. for legal services rendered for the month of May 2010.
- b. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$1,079.71 to Blake Humphrey for General Liability Claims.
- c. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$37,340.10 to (Attorney Howard Zimmerle) Crawford and Company for Worker's Compensation settlement for Jeffrey Mowery.
- d. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$1,525.19 to Munson Truck and Trailer Repair, Inc. for General Liability Claims.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$9,997.15 to Rock Island Electric Motor Repair for the rebuilding of an electric pump motor. (164)

- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$90,390.46 to Walter D. Laud Construction for 16th Avenue Reconstruction from 22nd to 24th Street. (208)
- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #14 in the amount of \$631,254.22 to Williams/Valley Construction Management for services provided for the Schwiebert Riverfront Park-Bid Release 2 project. (209)
- h. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$4,725.25 to Howard R. Green for services provided for the 14th Street Water Tower Replacement project. (210)
- i. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$2,724.57 to Central Petroleum Equipment Company for emergency repairs to the fuel system at the Marina fuel dock. (216)
- j. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$8,357.57 to Langman Construction, Inc. for an emergency sewer repair at 2518 22nd Avenue. (219)
- k. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$102,339.00 to Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities for services provided for the 14th and 15th Street Reconstruction: South of Blackhawk Road project. (221)
- l. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$24,145.64 to Brandt Construction Company for an emergency main break repair at 16½ Street between 1st and 2nd Avenue. (223)
- m. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$4,974.13 to Savannah Anderson for General Liability Claims.

Agenda Item #12

Claims for the weeks of July 9 through July 22 in the amount of \$1,998,911.78.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Austin 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 #13

Payroll for the weeks of June 28 through July 11 in the amount of \$1,252,519.32.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to allow the payroll. 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 Public Works Department regarding the purchase of additional parts for a refuse packer from R-Now Refuse and Recycling Company, Inc. in the amount of \$2,679.76.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Foley seconded 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 #15

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of a remanufactured differential assembly for a refuse packer from Sadler Power Train Company, Inc. in the amount of \$2,750.00.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy 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 #16

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2010 Asphalt Street Milling and Patching project, recommending the bid be awarded to Tri City Blacktop in the amount of \$101,105.26.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Austin seconded 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 #17

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 106th Avenue West Road Edge Repair to the east of 35th Street West project, recommending the bid be awarded to Brandt Construction in the amount of \$49,045.45.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy 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 #18

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the Public Works Street Garage - Metal Building Package project, recommending the bid be awarded to General Constructors in the amount of \$299,000.00.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Jones seconded 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 #19

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a proposal from Missman, Stanley & Associates for a Traffic Study and an Intersection Design Study for an intersection to be located on the Rock Island Parkway (IL. Route 92) north of Interstate 280 in the amount not to exceed \$21,000.00.

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

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Public Works Department regarding an Adopt-A-Highway agreement with Kelley Bishop to adopt Velie Drive from the corner of Velie Drive and Hickory Court down the hill and going west on Valley View Drive to Blackhawk Road.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Austin seconded to approve the agreement 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 #21

Report from the Public Works Department regarding an Intergovernmental agreement with Rock Island/Milan School District #41 for the Rock Island Center for Math and Science.

It was moved by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the agreement as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents, consider, suspend the rules and pass the Ordinance and authorize the Public Works Department to install the necessary traffic control signage. 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 Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget, recommending an adjustment to the Hydroelectric Plant Fund in the amount of \$86,200.00.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderwoman Murphy 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 #23

Report from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding a Special Ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the Code of Ordinances regarding a Caterer's liquor license option.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy seconded by Alderman Foley to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #24

Report from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding the 2011 Rail Festival, recommending that \$25,000.00 from fund 207 (Hotel/Motel Tax revenue) be earmarked out of the current budget as start up money.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the request as recommended and authorize staff to negotiate and execute an agreement between the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau and Prestige Rail Marketing. 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 Police Department regarding amendments to Chapter 8 of the Code of Ordinances regarding domesticated animals on the Great River Plaza.

It was moved by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the amendments as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Alderman Conroy inquired as to whether this ordinance allows dogs onto the Plaza.

Mr. Phillips stated yes; a lot of residents Downtown walk their dogs.

After comments, 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

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an ordinance amending the Downtown Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Project.

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

Agenda Item #27

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a Boating Infrastructure Grant Program application for the Schwiebert Riverfront Park Transient Boat Dock facilities.

It was moved by Alderman Foley, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the application, authorize the City Manager to execute the Certification Statement and submit the application as recommended.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Jones noted that the City did not receive funds last time for the transient boat dock, but this time changes were made to the application. Alderman Jones inquired as to whether there was a backup plan in regards to still having a transient boat dock.

City Manager Phillips advised that the City tried to get an appropriation earmarked in the Federal Government through a transportation appropriations bill and the City was not successful at this last session for obtaining it. It was noted that it does not look promising for next year's appropriation. Mr. Phillips noted that this was one of the backup plans. Mr. Phillips stated that if the City is unsuccessful with this one, then alternative sources of funding would have to be explored.

After discussion, 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 #28

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request for the installation of a stop sign at 40th Street and 11th Avenue.

Note: The original motion from TEC was to deny the request as recommended.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the request 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.

Note: Please refer to the amendment to Agenda Item #28 after Agenda Item #31.

Agenda Item #29

Report from the Mayor regarding an appointment to the Beautification Commission.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the appointment 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.

Joyce Bishop was appointed to the Beautification Commission with a term to expire in 2013.

Agenda Item #30

Report from the Mayor regarding appointments to the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Jones seconded to approve the appointments 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.

Jennifer Schull, Dorothy Rossler, Diane Oestreich and Greg Harmon were appointed to the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals with terms expiring in July of 2013.

Agenda Item #31

Report from the City Clerk regarding a Plaza activity permit application for Steve's Old Time Tap to hold their 4th annual Bags Tournament on Saturday, July 31, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the event for Steve's Old Time Tap as recommended, subject to complying with all other liquor and Plaza regulations.

Discussion followed;

Alderman Conroy inquired as to whether Steve's Old Time Tap is required to have Police Officers for the event due to only 40 to 60 people attending the event and the event would probably end by 3:00 p.m.

City Manager Phillips stated that the City is no longer requiring the Downtown to provide Police Officers as the City did in the past. It was noted that this requirement changed last year. Mr. Phillips indicated that it is up to the Liquor Commissioner and the Police Department to look at each event individually to determine whether or not Police Officers are needed.

After discussion, 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.

Note: Agenda Item #28 was revisited for an amendment.

Alderwoman Murphy inquired as to whether Agenda Item #28 needed a roll call due to spending money for a stop sign.

City Attorney Kutsunis stated that a roll call would not be needed until it comes back for approval of the ordinance. However, since the motion was to approve this item, it would need to be referred to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

The amended motion to Agenda Item #28 reads as follows:

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Jones seconded 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 #32

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request for a Street Closing at 10th Avenue between 14th Street and 14½ Street and a Sound Amplification permit for the Greater Antioch Baptist Church for Friday, July 30, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Brooks seconded to approve the requests 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 #33

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from the Fraternal Order of Eagles for a Sound Amplification permit for a fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Cancer Research to be held on Saturday, August 21, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at 5103 11th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the sound amplification permit 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.

Agendas Item #34

Report from the City Clerk regarding an Activity Permit application from the CornBelt Running Club to hold their annual 5K and 10K Run on Sunday, October 10, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the application 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 #35

Items from the City Manager's Memorandum Packet.

City Manager Phillips pointed out that the Stormwater Management meeting will be held on Friday, July 30th at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers. It was noted that this is in regards to the Andalusia Road stormwater management issue.

Mr. Phillips noted that the Hydroelectric Plant rededication ceremony will be held on Monday, August 9th at 3:00 p.m. with the dedication at 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Phillips made reference to the report included in the memo packet regarding the first six (6) months of crime statistics.

Mr. Phillips inquired upon Finance Director Bill Scott to review the June Management Report and the Actuarial Assumptions report regarding Police and Fire pensions.

Mr. Scott stated that generally, things are on target, and the City is where it is expected to be at this time in the fiscal year. Mr. Scott noted that the revenues in the General Fund are a little higher than normal when compared with the expense because the City received the first property tax distribution in June, and that is basically 40% of the property tax receipts.

Mr. Scott stated that the State shared revenues look much better than last year. It was noted that the projection was reduced significantly with this budget. Mr. Scott pointed out that the concern is the utility tax, which was reduced. Mr. Scott commented that the utility tax will be watched closely. Mr. Scott indicated that the other fund is generally on target. It was noted that there is a loss in the General Fund this year. Mr. Scott stated that the reason is due to the delay in the State providing the State shared revenue (income tax) to the City.

Mr. Scott and Mr. Phillips further discussed the June Management Report.

Mr. Scott then discussed the Actuarial Assumptions Report regarding Police and Fire pensions. Mr. Scott advised that the Police and Fire pension funds are required to be 100% funded by the year 2033. It was noted that currently, the funds are approximately 50% funded. Mr. Scott discussed the cash inflow and outflow. It was noted that for both funds, the outflow of money comes from the pension payments and the cash inflow comes from employees, interest on the assets the funds hold and the property tax levy.

Mr. Scott pointed out that when Actuary Tim Sharpe calculates the unfunded liability, he assumes there will be a certain amount of interest earned on the cash the fund holds. It is assumed that in the future, all of the money that funds that investment will earn 8%.

Mr. Scott stated that historically, the City has not achieved 8.0%. Mr. Scott stated that this is a concern because by not achieving the 8.0% basically pushes the cost out to future generations.

Mr. Scott further discussed the Actuarial Assumptions report. Mr. Scott indicated that his recommendation would be to adjust the interest rate assumption used for the actuarial valuations

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of the Police and Fire pension fund liabilities from 8.0% to 7.5%. Mr. Scott added that he would also recommend that the change occur with the December 2010 property tax levy and be reflected in the March 31, 2011 actuarial valuation.

Council and City Manager Phillips discussed this issue.

City Manager Phillips stated that the Martin Luther King Center will hold an event on Wednesday, July 28th at 10:00 a.m. to showcase the summer programs at the King Center.

Mr. Phillips noted that the Schwiebert Riverfront Park fountain is off this week for some improvements around the fountain area.

City Manager Phillips inquired upon Public Works Director Bob Hawes to comment on the preparations and responses for the projected flood.

Mr. Hawes stated that it was learned late last Friday afternoon that the heavy rains to the north would cause particular areas to rise suddenly. It was noted that an incident action plan was put together. Mr. Hawes stated that it was learned that the stage level would go from 10 feet to 17 feet, which is two (2) feet above flood stage, which requires the City to prepare. It was noted that on Saturday, the flood stage was raised to 20 feet, but has since lowered to 18.5 feet. Mr. Hawes stated that staff has been working all weekend on flood preparation, which involves closing the lower road at the marina. Mr. Hawes commented that the road is now closed. Mr. Hawes indicated that temporary pumps have been installed at numerous locations at the marina and flood protection has been secured at Schwiebert Riverfront Park.

Mr. Phillips thanked Public Works, the Fire Department, Parks and everyone else involved for their quick response over the weekend to keep the community safe.

Alderman Foley stated that he has driven by the Downtown and Schwiebert Riverfront Park on several occasions during the weekend, and it is good to see the Downtown District more populated than it has been in the past year.

Alderman Austin congratulated Alderman Jones for joining the rank of parenthood.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Interstate Battery System is located at 4704 44th Street in Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy indicated that Interstate Battery sells all kinds of batteries and they also rebuild battery packs for power tools. It was noted that they serve 16 counties and they offer free delivery for commercial accounts. Alderwoman Murphy mentioned that all car batteries are installed for free and all batteries that Interstate Battery sells are made in Illinois.

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Other Business

Mr. Rick Hitchcock of 226 6th Street West in Andalusia and President of AFSCME Local 988 Chapters A and B stepped forward. Mr. Hitchcock voiced concerns regarding disappointment over City negotiations over a new contract.

Terry Stimpson of 1121 39th Street stepped forward. Ms. Stimpson thanked Council for approving the installation of a stop sign at 40th Street and 11th Avenue (Agenda Item #28).

Mark Griffin of 245 53rd Street in Moline stepped forward. Mr. Griffin voiced concerns regarding complaints on a property he owns as at 1820 21st Street in Rock Island. Mr. Griffin stated that he has cleaned up that property and it looks better than it did before. Mr. Griffin stated that he didn't think Alderman Foley was being fair in regards to the complaints that have been received against his property.

Alderman Foley stated that complaints and violations have been building up and it has been going on for a while and the property was not cleaned up. It was noted that the complaints are from the residents at that neighborhood.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether Mr. Griffin is in compliance. Mr. Griffin stated yes.

City Manager Phillips stated that Alderman Foley is stating that Mr. Griffin will have to continue to comply. Mr. Phillips added that Mr. Griffin has made progress according to the Inspections Division. Mr. Phillips added that if Mr. Griffin continues to be in compliance, then things will work out just fine.

Agenda Item #37

Executive Session on Personnel.

A motion was made by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy at 8:10 p.m. to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel. The motion 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.

Agenda Item #38

Recess

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m. A motion was made by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderman Austin to recess to Monday, August 9, 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 8:21 p.m.

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