

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. Acting City Manager Bob Hawes was also present. City Manager John Phillips was absent.

### **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 Austin gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

#### **Minutes of the Meeting of October 11, 2010.**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of October 11, 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 Fright Night in The District is a Halloween event just for kids, and it will be held on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Mayor noted that the Arts and Entertainment District, Rock Island Parks and Recreation and the Rock Island County Area Project are proud to present a Halloween-themed evening of family-friendly festivities for children with a free treat bag for the first 1,000 kids. Mayor Pauley stated that Fright Night will have a costume contest, interactive games and activities and scary stories. It was noted that District businesses will have trick-or-treating and activities just for the kids. Mayor Pauley commented that various community agencies will be on hand with crafts, activities, novelties, treats and information. Mayor Pauley indicated that Fright Night is free to the public. It was noted that for more information to call Rock Island Parks and Recreation at 732-7275 or The District of Rock Island at 788-6311.

Mayor Pauley stated that Halloween is Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> and Trick-or-Treat hours will be observed in the city of Rock Island from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mayor Pauley offered safety tips to remember for Halloween, which include; have children carry a flashlight, glow stick or have reflective tape on their costumes to make them visible to cars; make sure the costume does not restrict vision; an adult or older responsible child should always accompany young children; only visit homes that have the porch light on and never go into a stranger's house; all children should walk and not run from house to house, and use the sidewalk if available rather than walk in the street or through yards; remind children to look both ways before crossing the street and only cross at corners; keep costumes away from open fires and candles; swords, knives and similar costume accessories should be of soft and flexible material; and have an adult inspect treats before eating and don't eat candy if the package is already opened.

Mayor Pauley stated that on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Rock Island High School will host Family Fright Night. It was noted that games, activities and treats will be available for Rock Island-Milan families. The Mayor added that the entry fee is six (6) cans of food or \$2.00. It was noted that the proceeds will benefit the Rock Island High School Student Council food drive.

The Mayor indicated that the Quad City Botanical Center's 2010 October Pumpkin Extravaganza will be held from October 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. It was noted that pumpkins will be for sale and on display in the outside gardens. Scarecrows will be on exhibit starting October 4<sup>th</sup>, along with a hay bale maze. The Mayor added that each Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., special fall family events can be enjoyed. It was noted that Sunday events are free with paid admission to the gardens. Mayor Pauley stated that for more information about the Pumpkin Extravaganza or to purchase a Pumpkin Pass, visit [www.qcgardens.com](http://www.qcgardens.com) or call 794-0991.

It was noted that a lot of businesses and services have been added to The District in the past year, and the Downtown Neighborhood Association is giving downtown residents a chance to hear about them first-hand. Mayor Pauley advised that the group is sponsoring a "Show & Tell" of sorts, where downtown businesses can tell residents about their products and services. In addition, the gathering will also provide residents with the opportunity to let businesses know which hours work for them and what types of products and services they would like to see available. It was noted that the "Show & Tell" will be offered on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at McKesson Lofts at 110 19<sup>th</sup> Street. Mayor Pauley stated that for more information, please contact Jill Doak at 732-2900 or email [doak.jill@rigov.org](mailto:doak.jill@rigov.org).

Agenda Item #7

**An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010A to finance the street maintenance garage project and the water system improvements and the issuance of Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010B to finance special assessment projects and the refunding of prior bonds.**

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to pass the ordinance.

Discussion followed with Mayor Pauley inquiring upon Mr. Daniel Forbes of Speer Financial to elaborate on the sale of the bonds.

Mr. Forbes distributed a packet in regards to the sale of the bonds and stated that there were two (2) series of bonds that were sold, which include the 2010A Series, which are the taxable Build America Bonds for the street maintenance garage and water works improvements, and the 2010B Series of bonds, which are the more traditional tax exempt interest bond series. Mr. Forbes commented that the Series 2010B bonds were primarily issued to refund for savings and outstanding issues of the City's Series 2001, and also to provide \$972,000.00 for the special assessment project for the City.

Mr. Forbes then discussed the bids and sale of the bonds. It was noted that two (2) very good bonds were received in regards to the 2010A bonds. Mr. Forbes commented that the rate levels were amazing. Mr. Forbes explained that this is a 20 year paper in which the City will be paying

an effective rate after the Treasury rebate of 3.04%, which is almost unheard of. Mr. Forbes stated that this is a perfect time issue. It was noted that the annual debt service would be approximately \$472,000.00 per year. Mr. Forbes advised that the actual amount sent back in reimbursement costs for the interest cost from the Treasury is about \$1,350,000.00.

Mr. Forbes advised that the second series of bonds are typical tax exempt series bonds, which have a much shorter issue than the Series A bonds. It was noted that the average life is approximately four and one half years. Mr. Forbes noted that the winning bid was 2.01% and it was a competitive bidding process.

Mr. Forbes stated that in a typical refunding in regards to savings, one would like to get at least a 2% savings. It was noted that the City got over \$300,000.00, which is four (4) times that amount. Mr. Forbes also discussed Moody's report, noting that the City enjoyed a recalibration upgrade from where the reading had been. It was noted that the City moved up two (2) steps.

Mayor Pauley stated this is an excellent bond rating and thanked Mr. Forbes for the presentation.

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 #8

**A Special Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit at 4502 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Foley 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 and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. Alderwoman Murphy abstained.

Agenda Item #9

**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 \$15,436.25 to ESRI, Inc. for the ESRI GIS software maintenance. (014)
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,000.00 to Keith Smith for the building of a rain garden through the Rain Gardens for Rock Island program. (302)

- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$29,420.16 to Peterson Parking Lot Striping, Inc. for the 2010 Joint Pavement Marking program. (308)
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,000.00 to Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home for shaping and installing riprap along the outfall at 3030 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue as part of the Rock Island Drainage Assistance program. (309)

Agenda Item #10

**Claims for the week of October 8 through October 14 in the amount of \$709,873.32.**

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Tollenaer 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 #11

**Report from General Administration regarding the purchase of a full page ad for the 2011 Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau Guide, recommending that the expenditure in the amount of \$2,986.00 be made from the marketing budget.**

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Austin seconded to approve the purchase as recommended.

Discussion followed with Alderman Brooks inquiring as to whether the expense was coming out of this year's marketing budget or next year's marketing budget.

Jennifer Fowler, Account Consultant from UpStream stated that it is believed that the expenditure is coming out of this year's marketing budget.

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 #12

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the Citizen's Advisory Committee recommendations for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Gaming Fund allocations.**

It was moved by Alderman Foley, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the allocations 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 #13

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to move the “No Parking to Corner” sign to the north of the driveway at 820 34<sup>th</sup> Street.**

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Conroy 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 #14

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to ban parking on the north side of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue within 25 feet of the 21<sup>st</sup> Street entrance to the Rock Island Center for Math and Science and a request to post a school zone speed limit sign south of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue on 20<sup>th</sup> Street (northbound.)**

It was moved by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the requests 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 #15

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to rescind the one-way on 29½ Street between 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Avenues.**

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Austin 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 #16

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to install yellow flashing caution lights at the intersection of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 17<sup>th</sup> Street.**

It was moved by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve amending the Frances Willard and Rock Island Academy Travel Plan to include this request by the Travel Plan Team as recommended, subject to the funds becoming available. 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 City Clerk regarding a request for a Street Closing and sound amplification at 420 18<sup>th</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the alley in back of 420 18<sup>th</sup> Street**

**on Saturday, October 23, 2010 from 4:00 pm. to 6:30 p.m. for Skellington Manor's "Thrill the World" Thriller Dance.**

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

Agenda Item #18

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from the Daiquiri Factory for a modification to their October 30<sup>th</sup> event application, requesting permission to utilize the south side of Lot F for the placement of a tent for their Boneyard Boogie event.**

It was moved by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the modification as recommended, subject to complying with all 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 #19

**Items from the City Manager's Memorandum Packet.**

Acting City Manager Bob Hawes reminded Council of two (2) upcoming Ribbon Cutting ceremonies. Mr. Hawes advised that the West Rock River Bridge Bike Trail Ribbon Cutting will be held on Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., and the Ribbon Cutting for Turkey Hollow Road will be held on Friday, October 22, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Martin Luther King Center Director Jerry Jones invited the Mayor and Council to participate in celebrating Lights on Afterschool, which is a national event. It was noted that this event will be held at the Martin Luther King Center on Thursday, October 21, 2010 between 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mr. Jones offered that this effort calls attention to the importance of afterschool programs that keep children and youth safe, inspire them to learn and to help working families.

Alderman Conroy stated that last week, he stopped by the County drop off center for the first time and commended the City employee who was working at that time for a job well done. Alderman Conroy stated that it is a great facility.

Alderman Foley commented on the 14<sup>th</sup> Street issue that he discussed last week. Alderman Foley stated that he wanted to make it clear that this had nothing to do with the contractor Valley. Alderman Foley stated that it has everything to do with the City's engineering inspection staff. It was noted that it was the project that Alderman Foley was dissatisfied with.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Skellington Manor is located on the corner of 18<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. They are a banquet hall and event center. Alderwoman Murphy commented that they are hosting a Halloween haunted house (House of Terror). It was noted that admission is \$12.00, and Skellington Manor is open

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on Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday and Saturdays from 7:00 p.m. to midnight and Sundays from 7:00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. through Halloween. It was noted that they will have the Thriller Dance Saturday night before the haunted house opens up.

Agenda Item #20

**Other Business**

None

Agenda Item #21

**No Executive Session.**

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #22

**Recess**

A motion was made by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderman Conroy to recess to Monday, November 1, 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 7:09 p.m.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk