

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Stephen L. Tollenaer, Joshua Schipp, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark and Virgil J. Mayberry. Also present were Interim City Manager Randy Tweet, Martin Luther King Center Director Jerry Jones, other City staff and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Alderman Kate Hotle arrived at 6:02 p.m. Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 6:16 p.m.

MARTIN LUTHER KING CENTER: STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Martin Luther King Center Board President David Levin presented an update to Council on the King Center's recently completed strategic plan. He stated that it has been a multi-year task to bring an updated strategic plan to Council. The Martin Luther King Center Board of Directors was assisted by Berlinda Tyler Jamison to guide them in determining what they wanted to do. Mr. Levin reported that previously the Center Director made all of the decisions. He said the board wanted to take on different tasks and have different committees including the functions and the financials of the Center.

Mr. Levin said the first goal was to sustain and expand the operations and presence of the King Center; part of that was the renovation of the Center over the last few years. Beyond City monies, they also sought out additional funding from their community partners. The first strategy was to generate a diversified revenue base. They wanted to maintain the continued operation for the success of the King Center and generate additional income for activities. Mr. Levin reported that all activities were evaluated to see if they made money and if not, to look at other options. The first strategy has been successful and Tactic A has been to develop and implement a plan for the short and long term use of the southern portion of the Center with the outcome of increased leases and rentals of the southern portion by \$6,200. New tenants are Arrowhead Ranch and YMCA. These tenants also help the client base of the King Center. Tactic B was to develop a plan for resource development to bring in other funds. Mr. Levin said that a resource development plan has been prepared with annual goals and that Director Jones and King Center staff are working on bringing in new grants.

Alderman Austin asked Mr. Levin if the King Center does an annual appeal for funds to the public. Mr. Levin replied they are discussing doing an annual appeal as well as board members bringing in additional resources and credibility to the Center.

Mr. Levin stated the second goal is to maximize the potential of the board. He said too often, board members were there in name only. They now require attendance by board members at a certain number of meetings. Mr. Levin said the first strategy was to amend the by-laws to reflect the best practices for a highly effective board. They looked at the strengths and weaknesses of current board members and looked at what strengths they could get from other members of the community. Tactic A was to propose amendments to the by-laws to define the board committees. The outcome was establishing board committees that improve governance, resource development and volunteer engagement. Another outcome was a plan that builds and develops a diverse board based on identified needs while serving defined term limits. Mr. Levin said each board member would serve an initial three year term with an additional three year term before leaving the board. Tactic B was to propose a board recruitment and development plan based on identified needs.

The outcome was a board job description and contract defining the board member's role and expectations of board members.

Mr. Levin presented the third goal of the plan: to expand the positive presence of the King Center on both local and regional levels. The first strategy was to create linkages to organizations, individuals and entities that support the King Center's interests and mission. A second strategy was to approve a slate of special events with measurable goals. Mr. Levin emphasized that events need to make money or the board would have to take a hard look at continuing them. A third strategy was to establish criteria and define measurable goals for expanded programming. Mr. Levin said tactics employed were modifying and/or eliminating King Center events and programs to align with the strategic plan and to develop a volunteer engagement plan. Outcomes for the third goal were: the completion of a marketing plan designed to raise revenue and improve awareness; engagement with the business community and methods to regularly inform constituents; informing an increased number of legislators about the King Center through events such as the one held last year with Congresswoman Bustos; establishment of a slate of special events and their measurable goals; identification of criteria and procedures to establish programming; and the creation of a volunteer engagement plan that cultivates relationships and leverages resources. Mr. Levin stated they want to continue to meet with business partners and state and federal legislators to grow their revenue base.

Alderman Austin discussed the United Way's method of measuring outcomes through the statement of specific results and encouraged the King Center to add end results to their plan; specifically what results are they trying to get.

Mr. Levin reviewed the proposed by-laws changes: board meetings occur minimally ten times annually; board members attend 75% of meetings; board members annually provide 25 hours of volunteer service and/or make the King Center one of their top three charitable donations; each director's term shall be three years with directors serving no more than two consecutive terms; and the board shall form three committees of Finance, Resource Development and Building and Grounds. Mr. Levin stated that board members are now attending meetings 90% of the time.

Mr. Levin explained the responsibilities and membership of each of the committees. The Resource Development Committee will do strategic fundraising; establish a strategy to create positive and mutually beneficial volunteer experiences; and establish and recommend a marketing plan based on the King Center board priorities. Members of the Resource Development Committee are Terry Brooks, Latricia Andrews and Justin Johnson. The Finance Committee provides financial oversight for the organization including budgeting, audit, and compliance and reporting. Members of the Finance Committee are Stephanie Masson, David Levin and John Thorson. The Building and Grounds Committee will identify needs and recommend policies to maintain a high quality facility. Members of the Building and Grounds Committee are Jim Kerr, Donald Payton, Ed Yancy, Ivory Clark and Tony Banks.

Alderman Mayberry asked if the King Center board is full. Mayor Pauley explained there are no open seats on the board and current board members will operate under these new changes until either their term expires or they decide to leave the board.

Alderman Austin asked Mr. Levin what he sees as their number one need. Mr. Levin replied, “money.” Mayor Pauley asked if there was a target goal for the charitable donations from board members. Mr. Levin said no; they don’t have a specific number, but they are looking at different ways to give. Mayor Pauley asked what would equate to the 25 hours of service as the alternative. Mr. Levin said he didn’t know that; it would have to be looked at on an individual basis. Alderman Mayberry asked the City Attorney if that was legal to require donations from board members. Attorney Morrison replied since an alternative of donating time is given; it would not be a violation. Alderman Clark and Alderman Hotle both said it is standard policy for most organizations to require their board members to either volunteer so many hours or to make a charitable donation. Alderman Mayberry stated they are not government entities. Alderman Schipp asked for confirmation that the King Center is a 501(c)(3) organization; yes, it is. Mayor Pauley said by ordinance the Finance and Human Resources Directors and one alderman must serve on the King Center board.

Alderman Hotle asked for more specifics about the money they are looking for with either their resource development plan or if they have a fundraising plan. Mr. Levin said they are looking at events that will raise money and also raise the synergy between the community and the Center. He stated that originally the King Center was supposed to be more of regional community center. Mayor Pauley reported that Davenport is not building a King Center, but is dedicating one room in a new building to Martin Luther King. Alderman Hotle said she was supportive of the Center focus being regional and that would be an additional way to fund the King Center long-term by assisting students, young people and citizens in other communities.

Alderman Austin brought up block grant funding; it may or may not be there in the future. Mr. Levin commended Director Jones for what he has done with the King Center budget. Alderman Clark recognized that Human Resources Director John Thorson and Finance Director Stephanie Masson put many hours into the King Center and thanked them for their service. Alderman Clark also commended King Center staff Kristia Leshoure and Jerry Jones and King Center Vice Chair Mr. Kerr. Mr. Levin said the board is pleased with how the King Center is going since Jerry Jones came back as Director and they are thankful for the employees of the King Center. Alderman Clark thanked Mr. Levin for his leadership.

Alderman Mayberry commented on the report made at the last Council meeting regarding an incident at the King Center. Police Chief VenHuizen said he could confirm there was one person outside the King Center with a gun. Chief VenHuizen said the report about shots fired was not sustained and that he could not confirm other information that was reported last week.

Alderman Mayberry asked Alderman Hotle how many households were watching last week. Alderman Hotle said Mediacom could not give out that information and could not determine how many people were watching last week. Mayor Pauley told Alderman Mayberry he could address the issue at the regular Council meeting under “Other Business” on the agenda. Mr. Levin reported that they have chaperones at all of their events.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Mayberry at 6:26 p.m. to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:36 p.m. A motion made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Clark to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting aye being: Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Judith H. Gilbert, 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 Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joshua Schipp, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, Virgil J. Mayberry and P.J. Foley. Also present were Interim City Manager Randy Tweet and City Attorney Dave Morrison.

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of February 13, 2017.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Schipp to approve the Minutes of the meeting of February 13, 2017 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Dennis E. Pauley.

Rock Island's Housing Market Report – The City of Rock Island made the list of the nation's [25 Most Affordable Housing Markets](#), a ranking released by 24/7 Wall Street. This is not the first time Rock Island has been nationally recognized for its housing market. It received a similar ranking in May 2016 when it was named among the communities nationwide where housing is most affordable for military families. Rock Island's actual ranking was number 5.

Facts and Fabrications – On Tuesday, February 21, 2017 the Second Baptist Church and the Rock Island Preservation Society will celebrate Black History Month starting at 6:30 p.m. The program will feature 3 presentations including Clayton Peterson's stories behind his Underground Railroad quilt. Second Baptist Church is located at 919 6th Avenue in Rock Island and for more information please call (309) 788-0677.

Mardi Gras at the Mansion – Join Friends of Hauberg for a night filled with fun and entertainment, after all it is a Mardi Gras party. On Saturday, February 25 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. join the festivities and enjoy southern cooking and a cash bar. The cost is \$35.00 per person and more information on the event can be found at www.haubergcenter.org.

Murder Mystery Scavenger Hunt – The Parks and Recreation Department will hold its annual whodunit murder mystery scavenger hunt that lasts approximately 2 hours. On Saturday, March 4, 2017 starting at 6:30 p.m. you will explore the Hauberg Mansion and grounds while solving the mystery. Hot on the heels of a killer through the Estate, you will collect clues and evidence in order to successfully complete your mission. No script, no board games, just you and your

friends experiencing the hunt. Light refreshments and snacks will be served. Teams of 2 to 5 are encouraged. The cost is \$25.00 per person. For more information please call (309) 732-7275.

Antique Spectacular Vintage Market – The 22nd annual Spring Antique Spectacular will be March 3-5, 2017 at the QCCA Expo Center, 2421 2nd Avenue in Rock Island. The event will feature antique dealers with unique merchandise from around the world. With the Antique Spectacular, there is always something to interest every collector. Shop for a timeless treasure that is new to you. Show hours are 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7.00 and good for admittance all three days. Parking is free. For information visit <http://www.antiquespectacular.com> or call Kimberly Schilling (712) 324-9964.

Alderman Mayberry reported that Diane Oestreich of the Rock Island Preservation Society will also be speaking at the Second Baptist Church tomorrow night about the history of the Black Masons in Rock Island and he will be speaking about the 108th U.S. Colored Troops stationed at the Prison in Rock Island.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring February 21, 2017 as Community Caring Conference Day.

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. Ametra Carrol-Castaneda accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Community Caring Conference. Ms. Carrol-Castaneda thanked the Council for the proclamation. She said the Conference will be celebrating its 40th anniversary at El Patron tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Carrol-Castaneda explained the Community Caring Conference organizes block clubs to help improve neighborhoods. She appreciates all that Rock Island is doing and she will help with whatever needs to be done to move Rock Island forward. A picture was taken of the Mayor with Ms. Carrol-Castaneda.

Agenda Item #8

Proclamation declaring the City of Rock Island a Hidden Heroes City.

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. Mayor Pauley stated that the proclamation was being read at the other Quad Cities Council meetings this week. He reported the City of Davenport has a staff person who will be organizing events.

Agenda Item #9

A Special Ordinance vacating a segment of 5th Avenue right-of-way at the northeast corner of 23rd Street and 5th Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #10

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$13,920.88 to Broadspire of Atlanta, GA for General Liability claim.
- b. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$18,454.20 to Broadspire of Atlanta, GA for General Liability claim.
- c. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$25,000.00 to Broadspire of Atlanta, GA for General Liability claim.

Agenda Item #11

Claims for the week of February 10 through February 16 in the amount of \$498,822.61 and payroll for the weeks of January 30 through February 12 in the amount of \$1,452,521.11.

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

Agenda Item #12

ACH Payments for the month of January on the amount of \$1,430,890.56.

It was moved by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the ACH payments.

Alderman Austin asked the Finance Director to explain what ACH payments are. Finance Director Stephanie Masson explained that ACH payments are payments made directly from the City's bank account to the recipient's bank account. An example would be payroll taxes that in the past were paid by check; now the payments are made through ACH payments. Ms. Masson said the new report was created to provide greater transparency and would be a regular monthly report now.

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

Agenda Item #13

Purchase Card Claims for the period from December 28, 2016 through January 26, 2017 in the amount of \$57,661.02.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of 160,000 paper yard waste bags for the 2017 Free Leaf Pickup Program, recommending the bid be awarded to WasteZero, Inc. of Raleigh, NC in the amount of \$54,240.00.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Mayberry to award the bid as recommended and authorize the purchase.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin stated the program is not really free; the City pays for the bags and for the people who do the collection. Alderman Austin said it's a popular program; supports the residents; and makes the city look much better. Alderman Foley stated that when the leaf burn ban was put in place back in 2009, it was a very visionary thing to do and he has no problem providing the free bags to the residents; it's a great environmental program.

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a proposal from Kraft Power Corporation of Gaylord, MI for the annual servicing including parts and labor of the six Wakesha VGF L36 engines at the Mill Street Treatment plant in the amount of \$20,700.00.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a contract extension for the 2016 Hot-in-Place Asphalt Recycling Program through 2017 with Gallagher Asphalt Corporation of Thornton, IL in the amount of \$300,000.00.

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

Alderman Schipp said he saw Gallagher Asphalt in action last year in the Sixth Ward and that they do good work and quickly. Alderman Hotle said this program has been a huge positive for the City and she is glad it is continuing.

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

Agenda Item #17

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Kavanaugh's Hilltop Tavern to hold an outdoor tented event for the St. Patrick's Day Parade weekend on Friday March 17, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. to midnight and Saturday, March 18, 2017 from noon to midnight at 1228 30th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the event as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations, contacting the Fire Department for fire and safety considerations 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 Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Steve's Old Time Tap for a St. Patrick's Day Parade outdoor viewing area and party on March 18, 2017 from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m.; a request for the closure of 17th Street between 2nd Avenue and 3rd Avenue and the closure of 3rd Avenue between 17th Street and 18th Street; a request to sell alcohol in the enclosed area; and a request for sound amplification of music.

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

Agenda Item #19

Report from the City Clerk regarding Plaza events for the upcoming 2017 season, requesting a waiver of application and event fees for RIBCO's Tour de Brew; a waiver of application and event fees for The District's Gallery Hops in May and December, Midweek Music on the Plaza weekly entertainment June through August and Fright Night; and a waiver of event fees for Gilda's Club Run for Laughs and The Smoking Dog and Gamma Alpha Beta Camp Kesem fundraiser.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve the events and waiver of fees as recommended.

Alderman Foley said it was great to see local and downtown businesses partnering with non-profit organizations and bringing people to The District. Alderman Mayberry asked if the waiver of fees had been done in the past. Mayor Pauley said yes, for certain ones. Alderman Hotle said if the event is tied to a non-profit, then the fees are waived.

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

Agenda Item #20

Other Business

No one signed up to address Council to speak on a topic.

Agenda Item #21

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

An executive session was held prior to the meeting.

Agenda Item #22

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Schipp to recess to 5:30 p.m., Monday, March 6, 2017. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:06 p.m.

Judith H. Gilbert, City Clerk