

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, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager John Phillips, Public Works Director Bob Hawes, Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne, Grants and Website Coordinator Trisha Griffin, Account Consultant Jennifer Fowler from UpStream Consulting, LLC, other City staff, Bi-State Regional Commission Executive Director Denise Bulat, Community Caring Conference Executive Director Connie Hayes and Executive Director Kathy Wine from River Action. Alderman Terry M.A. Brooks I arrived at 5:18 p.m. Alderman David Conroy arrived at 6:15 p.m. and Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 5:55 p.m.

BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION PRESENTATION

City Manager Phillips inquired upon Executive Director Denise Bulat to update Council on Bi-State Regional Commission's activities.

Ms. Bulat stated that Bi-State is a regional organization that serves five (5) counties including; Muscatine and Scott in Iowa and Henry, Mercer and Rock Island in Illinois and 43 municipalities in these areas. Ms. Bulat advised that Bi-State provides direct technical assistance to the member governments and also acts as a forum and helps the member governments work together on issues that they want to work together on.

Ms. Bulat commented on Bi-State's major regional projects. Ms. Bulat advised that Bi-State works on transportation planning and they create the economic development strategy for the five (5) county areas. In addition, Ms. Bulat noted other regional projects, which include; creating a public officials directory and the preparation of a salary and fringe benefits survey every six (6) months for the whole five (5) county area.

Ms. Bulat indicated that Bi-State staffs the Rock Island/Scott County Revolving Loan Fund; they staff the Municipal Code; help with joint purchasing; and they staff the Rock Island County Waste Management Agency.

Council discussed Bi-State's presentation.

COMMUNITY CARING CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

City Manager Phillips inquired upon Executive Director Connie Hayes of the Community Caring Conference to update Council on the organization's activities.

Ms. Hayes stated that the Community Caring Conference is a 34 year old non-profit community action organization. It was noted that the Community Caring Conference's programs and services include organizing Block Clubs and Neighborhood Watches to empower citizens.

Ms. Hayes advised that in 2011, a new initiative called Business Watch will start. Ms. Hayes commented that the organization is still working on how to implement this initiative. Ms. Hayes advised that the organization is expanding their Stand Against Cancer program, which is a program that educates low income women on health care. Ms. Hayes noted that they are expanding the program to include the immigrant population.

Ms. Hayes discussed neighborhood watches and noted that this year, the organization started six (6) neighborhood watches with 139 homes being in one neighborhood.

Council discussed the presentation by Ms. Hayes.

RIVER ACTION PRESENTATION

City Manager John Phillips inquired upon Executive Director Kathy Wine to update Council on River Action.

Ms. Wine discussed various past projects that have taken place in the City. Various past projects included; the McKesson Greenroof project, Sylvan Slough Natural Area, trail signage and design and production of a banner for the Centennial Bridge Visitor Center.

Ms. Wine advised that River Action is just finishing a program called Celebrate the River. Ms. Wine discussed the fundraising report for this program. Ms. Wine stated that this program produced a number of things for the City of Rock Island, one of which included Floatzilla. It was noted that the Watershed Masterplan for the Rock River is moving forward this year among other projects that were identified in Ms. Wine's report. Ms. Wine discussed the 2010 Volunteer Report and River Action's operating budget that was included in the packet that was distributed to Council. In addition, Ms. Wine discussed RiverWay Partnership for 2011/2012.

Council discussed Ms. Wine's presentation.

NEW WEBSITE DESIGN REVIEW

City Manager Phillips inquired upon Grants and Website Coordinator Trisha Griffin and Account Consultant Jennifer Fowler from UpStream to update Council on the City's new Website design.

Ms. Griffin stated that the website team has sought input from all City departments for content for the new website design and will continue to do so. Ms. Griffin added that Civic Plus has provided the City with three (3) homepage and three (3) interior page designs. It was noted that this is the start of the new design process for the new site. Ms. Griffin advised that the team is seeking feedback from Council on what they like and don't like in regards to the initial designs.

Ms. Griffin discussed the homepage design as it relates to the photos incorporated in the design. The first two (2) homepage photos included the Centennial Bridge and the third photo includes a panoramic view of the downtown.

Council discussed the photos as it relates to the homepage of the website design. It was determined that Council would like more photos to choose from for the homepage.

Ms. Griffin discussed links to specific items as it relates to ease of navigation for the website. In addition, Ms. Griffin discussed graphic links, quick links and the size of icons. Ms Griffin advised that the graphic link buttons will be used to showcase the City's on-line services.

Council discussed data as it relates to what people look for the most when they are on the website. Ms. Fowler stated that the number one (1) thing that people go to the City website for is employment followed by Parks pages and Public Works pages. Ms. Griffin then explained the navigation structure of the website.

Ms. Griffin discussed options for background photos as it relates to the website page design. Ms. Griffin stated that the first option is the design of a park; the second option is no background photo and the third option is a photo of the Mississippi River. Council discussed the background photo options. Ms. Griffin noted that the design approval deadline is not until February 11, 2011 and this is just the starting point; there will be a lot of changes from now until February.

Ms. Griffin discussed the interior design of the website. It was noted that everything will stay the same with the exception of the middle section, which includes the text. Ms. Griffin commented that there are a lot of options for this section. It was noted that the first one includes full text design with the second design being the contact module. Ms. Griffin further explained the various options for the interior design of the website. Ms. Griffin stated that Council will be updated as the process moves forward.

Council discussed suggestions for the homepage and interior pages as it relates to photos, links, forms and text.

YOUTH DANCE LICENSE ORDINANCE

City Manager John Phillips inquired upon Police Chief Scott Harris and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis to review proposed changes to the Youth Dance License Ordinance.

City Attorney Kutsunis advised that provisions were added to the ordinance to allow for a Public Hearing to obtain a waiver of the signature requirements. Mr. Kutsunis provided Council with several options for the hours of operation and curfew. Mr. Kutsunis indicated that one option is where kids under the age of 17 are allowed on the premises up to one - half hour before curfew and the older kids are allowed in after that. City Attorney Kutsunis advised that another option would be that all of the kids are allowed on the premises, but the kids under the age of 17 years would have to be removed one - half hour prior to curfew.

Mr. Kutsunis advised that language was added to the ordinance to where the owner of the club has the responsibility to not only maintain order inside the premises, but also in the surrounding area. It was noted that language was added to state that they should also not allow any loitering or unruly or unlawful behavior, and failure to maintain order or report problems to the Police could result in sanctions imposed by the Police Chief.

Mr. Kutsunis provided several options for fines. It was noted that currently, the ordinance states that a \$100.00 fine can be imposed for any violations. Mr. Kutsunis also gave the option of a \$1,500.00 fine for flexibility. Mr. Kutsunis discussed the appeal process in regards to the Youth Dance License Ordinance. City Attorney Kutsunis advised that language was added to the application process where Inspections would have to approve the application to make sure that the building is adequate and safe.

City Attorney Kutsunis further discussed proposed changes to the Youth Dance License Ordinance. Chief Harris discussed hours of operation, curfew and violations.

Council discussed the added language to the Youth Dance License Ordinance as it specifically related to the options for the hours and curfew and fines. After more discussion in regards to Council providing feedback for the proposed language to be added to the ordinance, Mr. Phillips stated that the proposed ordinance with the changes will be put on the Agenda for Council consideration at the December 20th Council meeting.

TAX LEVY DISCUSSION

Mr. Phillips stated that the tax levy is on the Agenda this evening for consideration. Mr. Phillips indicated that several public meetings were held last week and several more are scheduled tomorrow in regards to asking people for their feedback concerning budget options that were presented to Council to narrow the gap in the budget shortfall. Mr. Phillips stated that the options are also available on the City's website. Mr. Phillips advised that the results will be tabulated and presented next week at Study Session.

City Manager Phillips stated that the City is trying to structure this tax levy recommendation in order to provide maximum flexibility. Mr. Phillips commented that Council can make cuts and that would enable Council to reduce the tax levy or Council could have other revenue increases that would allow for cutting the tax levy. Mr. Phillips added that this is the idea behind the recommendation, which is 4.99%. It was noted that the decision has to be made next week on the tax levy; it has to be done on the last meeting in December because it has to be filed by the end of the year. Mr. Phillips offered that the recommendation on the Agenda tonight is for consideration and it is to be voted on next week; to do that, the City is going through the budget process and then it will be determined how much the tax levy can be reduced based upon the decisions that are made on other revenues or on the extent of the reductions. Mr. Phillips acknowledged that if Council is not comfortable with that; it does not have to be done that way. It was noted that in the past, staff has come back to Council in February or March after they have gone through the budget process and the tax levy has been passed at 4.99%, and they state that the tax levy can now be reduced. Mr. Phillips advised that this gives flexibility when the budget process is not completely done, but a decision has to be made on the tax levy. Mr. Phillips indicated that this is the way the budget gap is structured.

Alderman Conroy stated that this is the process that the City is going through and it doesn't mean the issue will be voted on tonight; it will be voted on next week. Alderman Conroy encouraged citizens to attend one of the public meetings that will be held tomorrow. Alderman

Conroy inquired upon people to look at the forms that will be given out at the meeting and just don't agree or disagree. Alderman Conroy stated that he would like feedback from the people that attend the meetings as to what they think should be done to narrow the budget gap and maintain a balanced budget.

Council further discussed the tax levy ordinance issue. Mr. Phillips advised that there are several options. The first one includes going with the one that has been laid out that provides maximum flexibility as the City goes through the budget process or next week, maybe prepare a no tax rate increase option for Council. After more discussion, Mr. Phillips stated that Council's vote next week does not lock Council into a 4.99% increase in the property tax levy or anything to do with the rate. Mr. Phillips added that what the City is doing is securing it so that when the budget process is finished then it can be decided on how much the Council wants to lower it.

Mr. Phillips stated that next week at Study Session, budget options will be presented and discussion will continue on the Capital Improvement Plan and Gaming Allocations and TIF.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to adjourn the meeting 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 adjourned at 6:35 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 December 6, 2010.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of December 6, 2010 as amended. 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 the City is seeking the views of Rock Island residents on the proposed 2011/2012 General Fund Budget. The Mayor indicated that City departments have prepared options to help close the \$1.1 million dollar gap in the budget for next year. Mayor Pauley commented that in addition to the series of public meetings being held, citizens can now register their opinions on the options online at www.rigov.org. Mayor Pauley advised that the online survey asks citizens to agree, disagree or no opinion on each of the 37 options. It was noted that at the end of the survey, citizens can provide any additional comments or suggestions.

Mayor Pauley stated that the options being considered range from keeping City vehicles longer before they are replaced to eliminating a Police Officer with the Metropolitan Enforcement Group (MEG). It was noted that the options also include an increase in the property tax rate, parking fees and fines. The Mayor indicated that City staff has been working on the budget planning since September and closed the budget gap from \$2.4 million dollars to the \$1.1 million dollar level. It was noted that three (3) positions have been eliminated and budget cuts have been made in training, supplies and services.

It was noted that responses from citizens will be shared and reviewed by the Mayor and City Council over the next 60 days. The budget is scheduled for adoption in March 2011 and the City's fiscal year begins on April 1, 2011.

Mayor Pauley indicated that the City will implement a new system called Reverse 9-1-1 to alert citizens during a water-shut off or boil order. It was noted that the system allows for a specific area of the City to be phoned based on addresses, leaving an automated message with directions. The Mayor stated that calls will be placed when there is a boil order, when the boil order has

been lifted and when water service will be shut off for scheduled repairs. Mayor Pauley commented that the Reverse 9-1-1 system will start to be used on December 15, 2010. It was noted that only land-line phones will be called. The Mayor noted that citizens should be aware that the calls could come at any time during the day or night, as the system will be put in place as soon as the situation is discovered.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Martin Luther King Center and Kiwanis Club of Rock Island will sponsor the 34th annual Children's Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 15th at 5:00 p.m. It was noted that the program provides wrapped gifts, books and treats for Rock Island/Milan children, ages 3 to 12, whose families are in need of assistance during the holiday season. Mayor Pauley stated that due to construction, the party will be held at Second Baptist Church at 919 6th Avenue. It was noted that for more information, please contact the King Center at 732-2999.

Mayor Pauley advised that citizens can get a crash course in how their police department operates at the Illinois Quad Cities Police Academy. It was noted that the Rock Island, Moline, East Moline, Silvis and Milan Police Departments will offer 11 sessions covering topics from patrol tactics to self defense. The Mayor added that sessions will be informal and led by area officers. It was noted that participants will tour the county jail and go on patrol as a "ride-along". Mayor Pauley advised that classes will be held every Wednesday from January 12th to March 23rd from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. It was noted that applications for the Academy are available at the Rock Island Police Department front desk at 316 16th Street. The Mayor commented that an individual must be 21 years or older to apply.

Agenda Item #7

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 stated that Agenda Item #7 has been withdrawn by request of the applicant.

Agenda Item #8

A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 9, Article I, Sec.9-17 (a) and 9-17 (h) of the Code of Ordinances.

Alderman Austin 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 #9

A Special Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space at 1009 11th Avenue.

It was moved by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy 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 amending a Special Ordinance establishing a two-hour parking zone on the east side of 30th Street directly opposite of 13th Avenue.

Alderman Tollenaer 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 Alderman Conroy 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 \$6,282.50 to Google, Inc. for the annual renewal of the E-Mail SPAM Filtering Service.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$73,017.57 to New Coat Sealing and Paving for services provided for the 2009/2010 Street Joint and Crack Sealing Program project. (361)
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 and final in the amount of \$106,408.89 to Tri-City Blacktop for services provided for the 2010 Asphalt Street Milling and Patching Program project. (362)
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 and final in the amount of \$17,078.45 to Brandt Construction for services provided for the 106th Avenue West Road Edge Repair to the East of 35th Street West project. (363)
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 and final in the amount of \$62,052.35 to Langman Construction for services provided for the 2010 Catch Basin and Manhole Program project. (364)
- f. Report from the Martin Luther King Center regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$41,233.10 to Paragon Commercial Interiors, Inc. for interior furnishings for phase one of the expansion/renovation project.

Agenda Item #12

Claims for the week of December 3rd through December 9th in the amount of \$2,061,605.62.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderwoman Murphy 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

Report from the Police Department regarding bids for the purchase of an Automated Fingerprint & Palm Print Identification System and Livescan Palm Print/Fingerprint Workstation Equipment, recommending the bid be awarded to AFIX Technologies in the combined amount of \$69,000.00.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Austin seconded to award the bid as recommended and authorize purchase.

Alderman Brooks inquired upon Police Chief Scott Harris to explain the nature of the system.

Police Chief Harris stated that the AFIS system is a system that allows the Police to take a fingerprint that may be recovered from a crime scene and it will be scanned into the automated system. Chief Harris indicated that it will search the data bases that the Police Department is connected to and the system will compile a list of four (4) or five (5) possible names. Chief Harris advised that it is the intent to be connected to the Rock Island County Sheriff's Department for all of Rock Island County and to Scott County. Chief Harris further discussed the automated fingerprint system along with the Livescan palm print equipment.

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 #14

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of sign posts and materials, recommending the bids be awarded to Allied Municipal Supply, Tapco and US Standard Sign in the combined amount of \$22,858.32.

It was moved by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy 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 #15

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the Bi-State Air Quality Pledge.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the pledge and authorize the Mayor to execute the pledge documents 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 Finance Department regarding an Ordinance providing for the levy, assessment and collection of taxes for the City of Rock Island for Fiscal Year April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Brooks seconded to consider the ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy stated that more discussion is needed on this issue; the City has not gone through the whole process yet. Alderman Conroy indicated that a lot more people want to hear about this issue. Alderman Conroy advised that another public meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. tomorrow evening at the Main Library. Alderman Conroy indicated that he wants to hear what other people have to say about this issue.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to defer Agenda Item #16 for one week (December 20, 2010). The motion carried by the majority vote of six (6) in favor with one (1) Alderman in opposition.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the Economic Development Strategic Plan.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Jones to adopt the plan as recommended. 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 #18

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a request from D'Alessandro Italian Restaurant to use the Right-of-Way at 1524 4th Avenue to install an awning adjacent to the front door of the establishment and over the sidewalk with two supports posts placed behind the curb.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the request as recommended, subject to the stipulations as stated in the report. 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 the Rock Island Housing Authority for a Riverfront Corridor Overlay District site plan review for a proposed freestanding sign at 2129 3rd Avenue.

It was moved by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderman Foley 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.

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Mayor regarding an appointment to the Sunset Marina Boater's Advisory Committee.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded 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.

Mr. Paul DeDoncker was appointed to the Sunset Marina Boater's Advisory Committee as an At-large member.

Agenda Item #21

Report from the City Clerk regarding an application and Resolution for the Center for Active Seniors (CASI) to hold their 5K Road Race on Saturday, March 12, 2011.

It was moved by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the application as recommended and adopt the resolution.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Conroy was concerned as to whether or not there would be a conflict with the CASI event and the St. St. Patrick's Day Parade due to both events being held on the same day.

Mayor Pauley inquired upon Mr. John Scally to step forward.

Mr. Scally, a representative of the St. Patrick's Society and residing at 3209 29th Avenue stepped forward. Mr. Scally inquired upon Council to deny the request from CASI. Mr. Scally had concerns regarding the CASI 5K Road Race event being held on the same date as the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Mr. Scally stated that the St. Patrick's Society has 37 entries from Davenport to Rock Island this year. It was noted that they start lining up in the staging area around 8:30 a.m. in the morning. Mr. Scally indicated that CASI had stated that they would be in Rock Island from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. for their 5K Road Race. Mr. Scally was concerned that with all the runners and with the St. Patrick's Day Parade starting at 11:30 a.m. that the streets would be tied up beyond the 9:15 a.m. time and there could be a disruption of traffic flow.

Mr. Tom Bahls, CEO of CASI and residing in Bluegrass, Iowa stepped forward. Mr. Bahls explained that he understood Mr. Scally's sentiments in regards to the longevity of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Mr. Bahls indicated that for 29 years, CASI has had the 5K Road Race in Davenport. It was noted that CASI received public input from race participants in the community to incorporate this event into more of an all day event centering around the parade. Mr. Bahls

stated that CASI would really like to build upon the day's event for the combined communities, and enhance what the parade is already doing along with what CASI is already doing. Mr. Bahls further discussed this event.

Council discussed the Arsenal as it relates to the requirements for CASI obtaining access to the Island. In addition, Council discussed the race route as it relates to Davenport, Rock Island and the St. Patrick's Day Parade and dates as it relates to both events occurring on the same day.

After discussion, Alderman Conroy withdrew his second and Alderman Austin withdrew his motion. With no motion stated, Agenda Item #21 died for a lack of a motion.

Agenda Item #22

Items from the City Manager's Memorandum Packet.

City Manager Phillips did not have any items to discuss.

Alderman Conroy stated that last week, the City had meetings in regards to the budget issue. It was noted that forms were given out at the meetings to get citizen input on what the citizens think the City can do to resolve the budget issues. Alderman Conroy encouraged everyone to look at the form and come up with \$1.2 million dollars to narrow the budget gap. In addition, Alderman Conroy encouraged everyone to attend one of the upcoming public meetings, which will be held on Tuesday, December 14, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the Rock Island Public Library. Alderman Conroy commented that he was looking forward to citizen input.

City Manager Phillips stated that so far, there has been some good and effective feedback from the people that have attended the meetings. Mr. Phillips encouraged everyone to attend the next set of meetings this week.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy also reminded everyone about the 350 project. It was noted that all Rock Island residents are asked to spend \$50.00 a month in three (3) Rock Island businesses. Alderwoman Murphy indicated that for every \$100.00 spent in a locally owned independent store, \$68.00 passes through the community through taxes, payroll and other expenditures. Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop Rock Island businesses during the holiday season.

Agenda Item #23

Other Business

Ms. Dameion Watkins of 429 19th Street formally 1907 5th Avenue stepped forward. Ms. Watkins voiced concerns regarding a response from the City regarding several complaints Ms. Watkins had made at an earlier date. Ms Watkins also voiced concerns regarding a TIF project and court proceedings.

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 13, 2010
MINUTES**

Agenda Item #24

No Executive Session.

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #25

Recess

A motion was made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Jones to recess to Monday, December 20, 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 7:29 p.m.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk