

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:36 p.m. in the Human Resources Conference Room of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Mike Thoms presiding, and Aldermen Ivory D. Clark, Virgil J. Mayberry, James Spurgetis, Stephen L. Tollenaer, and Dylan Parker. Also present were City Manager Randy Tweet, Martin Luther King Center Director Jerry Jones, other City staff, City Attorney Dave Morrison and Attorney Hector Lareau. Alderman Joshua Schipp arrived at 5:52 p.m. Alderman Dave Geenen was absent.

MARTIN LUTHER KING CENTER: STRATEGIC PLAN 2016-2018 UPDATE

David Levin, Board Chairman of the Martin Luther King Center, began his presentation by noting that MLK Center Director Jerry Jones, MLK staff, and seven board members of MLK were present. The focus of the presentation is to discuss proposed by-law changes for future consideration and approval by Council. Mr. Levin reviewed the Martin Luther King Center strategic plan. Goal 1 is to sustain and expand the operations and presence of the King Center throughout the community and Rock Island. Strategy 1 is to generate a diversified revenue base. Tactic A is to develop and implement a plan for short and long term use of the southern portion of the Center. Tactic B is to develop a plan for resource development. One outcome that has been completed is the increased leases/rentals of the southern portion by \$6,200.00. Another outcome is a resource development plan with annual goals.

Goal 2 is to maximize the potential of the Board. Strategy 1 is to amend the by-laws to reflect best practices for a highly effective Board. Tactic A is to propose amendments to the by-laws to define Board Committees. Tactic B is to propose a Board recruitment, development and term based on identified needs. One outcome that has been completed is the establishment of Board Committees that improve governance, resource development, and volunteer engagement. A second outcome is a plan that builds and develops a diverse Board based on identified needs while serving defined term limits. A third outcome is a Board job description/contract defining roles and expectations which has also been completed.

Goal 3 is to expand the positive presence of the King Center on both local and regional levels. Strategy 1 is to create linkages to organizations, individuals and entities that support King Center interests. Strategy 2 is to approve a slate of special events and their measurable goals. Strategy 3 is to establish criteria and measurable goals for expanded programming. Tactic A is to recruit a volunteer marketing task force. Tactic B is to host semi-annual events with local, state, and federal legislators. Tactic C is to modify and/or eliminate MLK events and programs to align with the strategic plan. Tactic E is to develop a volunteer engagement plan. Outcomes for Goal 3 are: a marketing plan designed to raise revenue and improve awareness; engagement with the business community and methods to regularly inform constituents; an increased number of legislators well informed of the King Center; a slate of special events and their measurable goals; criteria and procedures to establish programming; and a volunteer engagement plan that cultivates relationships and leverages resources.

Mr. Levin then reviewed previously announced and approved by-laws changes related to Goal 2 (Maximize the potential of the Board) and Strategy 1 (Amend the by-laws to reflect best practices for a highly effective Board). The changes were: Board Meetings occur minimally 10 times annually; Board Members attend 75% of meetings (Mr. Levin said Board members now

have an attendance rate of 95% to 99%); Board Members shall annually provide 25 hours of volunteer service and/or make MLK one of their top three charitable donations; each Director term shall be three years; Directors will serve no more than two consecutive terms; (it was noted that terms will be scheduled to maintain a healthy duality of experience and fresh ideas); and the Board shall form three committees: Finance, Resource Development; and Buildings and Grounds. Mr. Levin stated that their legislative breakfast had 125 attendees including Congresswoman Cherie Bustos, State Representatives Mike Halpin and Tony McCombie, and other mayors and local people. He said they plan to continue the event on an annual basis.

Mr. Levin explained the proposed by-laws changes. The current by-law states “All Directors shall be residents of the City of Rock Island.” The proposed change is “No less than eight MLK Board Directors will have their primary residence in Rock Island and no more than three MLK Board Directors will have their primary residence in the Quad Cities.” Mr. Levin said they are also proposing a new by-law which states “Each committee of the Board will maintain no less than 60-65% of membership with primary residence in the City of Rock Island.”

Mr. Levin explained the rationale for the proposal: The King Center serves and is utilized by the Quad Cities, not just the west side of Rock Island or Rock Island; think macro not micro; the King Center has donors and supporters from the entire Quad Cities including United Way, The Amy Helpenstell Foundation, The Moline Foundation, The John Deere Foundation, The Bechtel Trust, The Hubbell Waterman Foundation, The State of Illinois, Bettendorf Rotary, and 26 individuals in FY 17; enhances the resource development pool; enlarges the talent pool for the MLK Board; and aids in achieving Strategic Plan Goals 1 and 3. Mr. Levin stated the Rock Island Kiwanis is a big supporter of the King Center.

Discussion followed. Alderman Tollenaer asked if they were helping children from the entire Quad Cities and what demographic. MLK Center Director Jerry Jones responded that 30% of the banquet room rentals are outside of Rock Island. The children in after school programs and the summer day camp target Rock Island residents; about 5% come from outside of Rock Island. The Family Advocacy Center targets the county of Rock Island with 50% of clients from Rock Island and 50% from the rest of the county. Mr. Jones explained the Family Advocacy Center’s mission is to keep families intact and making sure children are healthy and safe. Mr. Jones said the bulk of their work in serving children is through the Advocacy Center which is funded by DCFS. Alderman Tollenaer said the MLK Center is a Rock Island department; it troubles him to have outsiders on the Board. Mr. Levin responded that when the building was improved, there was a fundraising campaign that went beyond Rock Island; they raised a substantial amount of money outside of Rock Island. Many boards and non-profits have board members that sit outside the city where they are located. Alderman Tollenaer said he would like to see the numbers from that fundraising campaign; he remembers the funding sources differently.

Mayor Mike Thoms stated the strategic plan brings the King Center into the 21st century and makes it inclusive for all of the Quad Cities; as well as the term limits help to bring fresh ideas into the organization. Many non-profits are doing the same thing. Mayor Thoms gave the example of the Bettendorf Museum, now the Family Museum with city employees and board members from outside of Bettendorf. The need is not just in Rock Island. The MLK Center also serves adults. It is sharing an asset that Rock Island has. Mr. Levin said they have two tenants in

the building now. Alderman Tollenaer said the rents are low compared to the overall budget. Mr. Levin responded the rents are in line with other small rentals around the area. Alderman Tollenaer commented that people pay to use the Bettendorf Children's Museum; no one pays at the MLK Center.

MLK Board member Terry Brooks gave the example of people who grew up in Rock Island, but who no longer live in the city and still want to be a part of the MLK Center and give more opportunities to the King Center Board. He also said outside MLK Board members will bring connections. Alderman Clark stated it would still be a majority Rock Island Board. Alderman Spurgetis asked if they had specific people in mind for the Board who could make significant contributions (time, money or resources) to improve the King Center. Mr. Brooks says he does. Mr. Levin said the process would still be the same; the MLK Board would make recommendations to the Mayor for appointment to the MLK Board. Mr. Brooks gave the example of the Boys and Girls Club expanding beyond Moline to bring in more resources and revenue.

Alderman Parker asked what percentage of the Center's revenue is from Rock Island taxpayers. Mr. Jones said \$167,000 of a \$980,000 revenue budget is from the General Fund. City Manager Randy Tweet said 20% of the MLK Center budget is coming from the City of Rock Island. Alderman Parker asked what efforts are being made to locate talent in Rock Island. Mr. Levin explained they are looking at the makeup of the Board and evaluating the strengths of ten or twelve traits that each Board member brings; they are also looking at longevity; and what the Board is missing or needing. Alderman Clark stated Reverend Ford and Mr. Jones actively recruited Board members.

Alderman Mayberry asked if they do this for the MLK Center, does that open it up for other Rock Island City Boards. City Attorney Dave Morrison responded he doesn't know; he would have to research it. He said it's in the by-laws of each individual organization. Alderman Mayberry said he has a problem with this change. There are plenty of people in Rock Island who could serve on the Board.

Mr. Levin said they are a not-for-profit Board; they are a 501(c)3 and need to meet regulations to continue operations. Alderman Tollenaer said he has never received a financial report from the MLK Center. They are not separate from the City of Rock Island. Mr. Brooks said they are asking how they could expand operations and serve more people and make sense financially. There are some people outside of Rock Island who could bring more resources to the King Center to keep programs going. Alderman Spurgetis asked how many Board members there were. Mr. Levin responded there are eleven Board members; 72% would still be Rock Island residents. Mayor Thoms said a City alderman also serves on the Board. In response to a question from Alderman Spurgetis, they are not interested in expanding the number of board members. Mayor Thoms said the problem is not finding Board members, but broadening the base of the Board with financials and resources and connections with potentially less revenues that have to come from the General Fund. Alderman Mayberry stated there is now competition from Davenport with the opening of their MLK Center. Alderman Clark responded that is why the Rock Island MLK Center needs to be more regionally focused. Mayor Thoms said funding is also on a project basis from many donors. Mr. Jones said the Davenport MLK Center will be a

museum. Mayor Thoms said financially, the MLK Center must need to survive on a long-term basis. Alderman Schipp asked who will vote on this change. Mayor Thoms said it would be a change in the ordinance and Council must approve it. The process of appointment of Board members would be the same as it is now.

Alderman Schipp stated that the MLK Center has always brought well thought out ideas to Council and he will support them on this issue. Mr. Tweet asked what additional information the staff could provide to Council besides year-to-year funding sources. Alderman Parker asked what they were looking for in Board members. Alderman Spurgetis asked what they meant by Tactic C for Goal 3. Mr. Levin said they are eliminating programs that don't make money. MLK Director Jones can provide detail about those programs.

CITY ATTORNEY: NUISANCE PROPERTIES AND MUNICES

City Attorney Dave Morrison said nuisance properties tend to become more prevalent in the summer. He said there are no perfect solutions with nuisance properties, but there are various tools to be used. Mr. Morrison reviewed the current ordinance in Chapter 4, Article VI in the Code of Ordinances which lists all of the felonies for which a property can be shut down. Properties can be shut down for felonies such as drug offenses, robberies, other felonies, and countless other crimes such as repeated misdemeanors. The process starts when the Police Chief has a suspicion about a property and sends a notice to the owner of the property and then waits for a response. The next step is to ask a district judge for imposition of a fine (\$50 per day). The judge is reluctant to impose a fine and this process is costly. Mr. Morrison said one proposal is to change the process by moving it into the MUNICES realm with notification by the Police Chief after reasonable suspicion; response or no response; appear at the hearing/don't appear; and then fines are levied for an ordinance violation. Fines are the only remedy with MUNICES. The current ordinance language has some due process conflicts with the Constitution which must be addressed. The notification process is an issue. A finding of probable cause versus reasonable suspicion would be the new standard; it's a slightly higher finding. It is very difficult though to get fines paid by people who don't have resources to pay. Another alternative is criminal enforcement in the case of controlled substances or other felonies. Mr. Morrison said that requires getting the State's Attorney interested; but the State's Attorney is more likely to prosecute the more serious charges such as possession of a controlled substance. This does not abate the nuisance property issue for the City.

Mr. Morrison is proposing a hybrid process to clean up the ordinance and put it in a new code section. Using MUNICES procedures and remedies for landlords and homeowners might be effective. Another tool is the use of requesting injunctions which are orders to stop doing something. The City would have to ask the district judge in the case of chronic nuisance properties for an injunction; an order to cease and desist; there would also be the threat of contempt. Injunctions can become permanent; however, they take more time and are more costly with legal fees; and the process is labor intensive. Alderman Clark asked how compliance is defined. Mr. Morrison said the current code has the owner come up with a plan or proposal for remedying the situation. It could also be changed to give authority to the Police Chief to make the decision on compliance.

There is no one perfect solution. They are proposing a combination of enforcement tools depending on the situation. Alderman Tollenaer asked if someone owes the City money on their water bills is that considered a nuisance property. Mr. Morrison responded that is not what they're looking at under this ordinance. He said nuisance properties are problem properties for the Police Department with criminal activities and frequent calls for response. Mr. Morrison explained how the original ordinance came into being at the request of the Attorney General; and now the Attorney General's office has backed off on enforcement of these issues.

Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen explained these complaints typically come up at ward and block club meetings. They used to send out warning letters to property owners when there was a violation putting them on notice. But there was a high standard for a penalty to deprive someone of the use of their home that the courts would never enforce it. They need a way to hold property owners accountable for ongoing criminal activity occurring on their property. Mr. Morrison said this does not involve a lot of properties. Chief VenHuizen said the most common violation is drug activity. A notice is sent to the owner and there is usually no response. The Police Department often has to go back multiple times. Chief VenHuizen would like something stronger for enforcement purposes. Alderman Tollenaer said to make it as tough as you can.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the Study Session adjourned at 6:22 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 Mike Thoms presiding, and Aldermen Ivory D. Clark, Virgil J. Mayberry, James Spurgetis, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Dylan Parker, and Joshua Schipp. Also present were City Manager Randy Tweet and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Alderman Dave Geenen participated remotely in the Council meeting via electronic means (telephone conference).

Introductory Proceedings

Mayor Thoms called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of June 5, 2017.

City Clerk Judith Gilbert stated Alderman Spurgetis alerted her to a typo in the minutes which she has corrected. It was moved by Alderman Spurgetis and seconded by Alderman Parker to approve the Minutes as corrected. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, Alderman Schipp, and Alderman Geenen; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Mike Thoms.

Starlight Revue Summer Concerts – The Parks and Recreation Department free concerts at Lincoln Park series returns for its 61st year. Concerts are every Tuesday Night throughout the summer. Tomorrow night the Tailfins will perform at 7:00 p.m. along with a dance lesson in East Coast Swing starting at 6:30 p.m. Make a night of it and enjoy food and drink for purchase from Hy-Vee Grill starting at 5:00 p.m. Call the rain line at (309) 732-7246 after 3:30 pm on Tuesday to check status of event and inclement weather.

Reading by Design – The City of Rock Island Libraries are kicking summer off with over 70 free events planned for children, teens, adults and families at all locations. Events like Pokémon Walk, Interactive Movie Night, Play & Grow, Absolute Science Program and so much more will be available throughout the summer. For a full list and for more information visit www.rockislandlibrary.org or call (309) 732-7323.

Family Fun Night – On Saturday, June 17, 2017 the Rock Island Fitness and Activity Center will hold a Family Fun Night with activities from Pee Wee Golf and Bean Toss to Swimming and a Bouncy House. The cost is \$20.00 for families or \$5.00 for individuals. There will be food available for purchase, face painting, adult putting contest, 50/50 raffle and much more. The event is sponsored by the RIHS Class of '61 Scholarship and all proceeds will go towards scholarships for RIHS graduates. For more information please call Patrick at (309) 781-2181.

Community Crime Prevention Partnership Meeting – Please join the City of Rock Island Police Department on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 for their monthly crime prevention meeting. This

month's topic will focus on Police technology and its use. These educational meetings are intended to strengthen the partnerships with the citizens of Rock Island and the Police Department. Meeting is scheduled to start at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Room of the Police Department at 1212 5th Avenue in Rock Island.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring June 24, 2017 as Rock Island County NAACP Day.

Mayor Thoms read the proclamation. Alderman Mayberry, as the founding President of the Rock Island NAACP chapter, accepted the proclamation on behalf of the current President, Berlinda Tyler-Jamison.

Agenda Item #8

Claims for the week of June 2 through June 8 in the amount of \$923,702.76 and payroll for the weeks of May 22 through June 4, 2017 in the amount of \$1,519,458.41.

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

Agenda Item #9

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the Fiber Optic Cable Phase 9, Glenhurst Court Cameras Project, recommending the bid be awarded to Tri-City Electric Co. of Davenport, IA in the amount of \$26,244.30.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Schipp to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Alderman Clark thanked the Police Chief and Community Caring Conference for the meetings that were held to get input from the residents. Alderman Mayberry concurred. Alderman Tollenaer said that Community and Economic Development staff had many hours on the project along with the Police Department.

The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, Alderman Schipp, and Alderman Geenen; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #10

Report from the City Attorney regarding amendments to Ordinance No. 004-2013, an Ordinance Authorizing a Loan Agreement with the Water Pollution Control Loan Program, and Ordinance No. 047-2016, as amended by Ordinance No. 055-2016, an Ordinance Authorizing a Loan Agreement with the Public Water Supply Loan Program, as it relates to language required by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency regarding maintenance of reserve accounts.

It was moved by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinances. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, Alderman Schipp, and Alderman Geenen; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #11

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the funding allocation for the Glenhurst Court Safety Cameras in the amount of \$60,000.00 from HUD-CDBG program income.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Mayberry to approve the funding allocation as recommended and direct CED, Public Works, Police, and IT staff to move the project forward.

Alderman Clark thanked Community and Economic Development Director Chandler Poole and his staff for their participation in the many meetings on this project.

The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, Alderman Schipp, and Alderman Geenen; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Missy Gasiorowski of Hodge Construction Company, Inc. (for HLG, LLC) to vacate a segment of River Heights Road right-of-way located east of 24th Street and south of the Rock Island Fitness and Activity Center for a development project and vehicular movement; and thereafter quit claim the entire vacated segments of River Heights Road to clean up the title to said property.

It was moved by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Geenen to approve the requests as recommended, subject to the stipulations in the report, and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Alderman Schipp asked the City Attorney to explain more about the request. City Attorney Dave Morrison said the property owners are looking at a development project that is south of the RIFAC parking lot. There is a small rectangular piece of property that is not being used and is part of an old right-of-way. This section would make the other parcel larger and easier to develop, thus making it a more marketable property.

The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, Alderman Schipp, and Alderman Geenen; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #13

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from the Rock Island Moose Lodge #190 for an outdoor event with live entertainment and sound amplification on Saturday, June 17, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at 4410 9th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Spurgetis to approve the event and request as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations, and subject to being closed down early if noise complaints are received. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, Alderman Schipp, and Alderman Geenen; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #14

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from the IL/IA Center for Independent Living for the ADA's Annual Block Party on Friday, July 21, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 501 11th Street; with a street closing at 5th Avenue between 11th Street and 12th Street; a resolution for temporary closure of 5th Avenue (US 67) from 11th Street to 12th Street; a request for sound amplification; and a request for utilization of the City-owned lot on the north side of 5th Avenue.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Mayberry to approve the event and requests as recommended and adopt the resolution. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, Alderman Schipp, and Alderman Geenen; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

Report from the City Clerk regarding a Plaza Activity/Event application from The Arena requesting to hold an outdoor concert on the Plaza stage on Sunday, July 2, 2017 from 8:00 p.m. until 12:15 a.m. with sound amplification; and the consumption of alcohol in the fenced-in area.

It was moved by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Parker to approve the event and requests as recommended, subject to complying with all Plaza and liquor license regulations, and subject to being closed down early if complaints are received. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, Alderman Schipp, and Alderman Geenen; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #16

Other Business

Alderman Schipp said he attended the home dedication for Habitat for Humanity. It was the 102nd home in the Quad Cities. He said it was beautiful and emotional to see. Church organizations gave quilts and things for the home to the family. Although required to put in 500 hours of sweat equity, the couple put in over 700 hours. Alderman Schipp said it was an honor to

be at the ceremony as a representative for Mayor Thoms and Alderman Spurgetis who could not attend.

Alderman Mayberry stated that males, ages 18 to 24 years, must register for Selective Service (the draft). It is a federal law.

Randy Snook, resident of Davenport, said he owns property at 11th Street and 15½ Avenue. After the house on the lot was torn down, the City added gravel measuring approximately three feet by 150 feet to his lot. He went to the Public Works Department a year and a half ago and was told they couldn't do anything about it. He has had a private survey done. City Manager Randy Tweet told Mr. Snook he should speak with Interim Public Works Director Larry Cook in the audience to get the matter resolved.

Agenda Item #17

Executive Session: 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(12) The establishment of reserves or settlement of claims as provided in the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act

A motion was made by Alderman Spurgetis and seconded by Alderman Clark to go into Executive Session for the exception cited. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, Alderman Schipp, and Alderman Geenen; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

Adjourn

Mayor Thoms reconvened the meeting at 7:14 p.m. A motion was made by Alderman Parker and seconded by Alderman Schipp to adjourn the meeting to 6:45 p.m., Monday, June 19, 2017. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Judith H. Gilbert, City Clerk