

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:32 p.m. in the Human Resources Conference Room of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Mike Thoms presiding, and Aldermen Virgil J. Mayberry, James Spurgetis, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Dylan Parker, and Dave Geenen. Also present were Human Resources Director John Thorson, Community and Economic Development Director Chandler Poole, other City staff, and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Alderman Ivory D. Clark arrived at 5:33 p.m. Alderman Joshua Schipp was absent.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES: IMRF RULES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Human Resources Director John Thorson explained why there needs to be a recertification for IMRF. He will be bringing to Council on July 24 a memo recommending approval of a resolution affirming the 1,000 hours standard for elected officials. It must be filed by September 1. Recertification must be done every two years. IMRF participation is limited to employees and elected officials who work at least 1,000 hours in a 12-month period. The 1,000 hour standard was established in April 12, 1993; prior to that, it was 600 hours. Employees and elected officials may not enroll in IMRF if they are not meeting the 1,000 hour standard. Mr. Thorson said that for elected officials, hours spent at meetings, preparing for meetings, in the office, working with professional staff and conferring with the public regarding City Council business, all count towards the hourly standard. Being on call or being informally available to constituents does not qualify as time to be counted towards the standard. Those elected officials who are currently participating complete Form 6.21.

Mr. Thorson explained that if an elected official chooses to participate in IMRF, that official must always participate while holding that same office, including all subsequent terms in office. An elected official cannot go in and out of IMRF. Once participation is elected, the member is obligated to continue until retirement or if they lose their position. After IMRF participation begins, an elected official is eligible to apply for a maximum of 50 months of retroactive service credit. So for those who were just elected to office this year, after re-election in 2021, they can apply for retroactive service credit. Mr. Thorson said that under the current rules, the City (including elected officials) may be audited by IMRF to ensure compliance with the hourly standard. He recommended elected officials keep a diary or log documenting their City work hours just in case they are audited by IMRF.

Mr. Thorson reviewed Public Act 099-0900 which went into effect in August 2016. This law is driving the change in IMRF. IMRF requires all units of government with elected positions participating in IMRF to pass a resolution affirming the positions meet the hourly standard (1,000 hours per year). A resolution must be filed with IMRF by September 1, 2017. If the resolution is not passed and filed, elected officials will no longer be allowed to participate in IMRF. The law requires elected officials participating in IMRF to recertify every two years that the elected official meets IMRF's hourly standard. Mr. Thorson explained if the City Council passes the resolution, IMRF auditors will rely on the certification without requiring additional documentation. The IMRF Board rule was adopted because of issues related to the difficulty of determining how many hours an elected official actually served. IMRF finds the recertification process will give governing bodies the opportunity to review eligibility rules and will aid the City in compliance and avoid enrollment mistakes. IMRF finds the recertification will streamline their audit process.

Mr. Thorson stated that for the next City Council meeting on July 24, Human Resources will prepare a memo recommending approval of the resolution relating to the continued participation of elected officials in IMRF. He also said if the resolution is not approved by City Council prior to September 1, 2017, current and future elected officials will no longer be able to participate in IMRF.

Alderman Mayberry asked if it was on the honor system for the people who qualify now. Mr. Thorson replied yes; and said that 2015 elected officials can elect to join at any time and once you're in, you're in for good; additionally, you can purchase 50 months of past service. Alderman Spurgetis asked if you purchase the retroactive time, do you have to pay the employee contribution at that time. Mr. Thorson said yes; IMRF will prepare an estimate of how much is due; there are different ways to pay back the service contribution credit plus the interest, for example, a lump sum or monthly payments. Alderman Parker asked if it was IMRF trying to get municipalities to commit that elected officials are working 1,000 hours. Mr. Thorson responded it is state law to certify the 1,000 hour standard and to review it every two years. Alderman Mayberry asked what the penalty is if you don't qualify. Alderman Tollenaer said the resolution certifies that elected officials put in the 1,000 hours. Mr. Thorson explained further what activities qualify for the required hours. Mayor Thoms commented that he believes Rock Island County opted out of IMRF for County board members. Mr. Thorson said elected officials have been allowed to participate in IMRF since 1946.

**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: DEVELOPMENT OF  
STREETSCAPE STANDARDS**

Community and Economic Development Director Chandler Poole presented information about streetscaping and their proposed process for developing standards for City streetscaping for all departments. Mr. Poole explained they want a uniform look and feel or standards for streetscaping for development projects.

Mr. Poole explained that streetscaping is designing a street as a usable space; it is not just how you move along the street, but what you do along the street. Streetscape elements can be trash cans, benches, street lights, planters, and more. They want to end up with an intentional and uniform set of elements. So in the future, Public Works will know exactly what street light to purchase. It will also make budgeting easier for streetscape elements. Mr. Poole showed the map with four different zones within the downtown area. The higher density inward zones will have more streetscape elements. He also noted there are many gateways or entryways into the city, some with welcoming signs. They will need to find ways to signify the entrances to the downtown area.

Streetscaping elements include crosswalks, sidewalk stamping, lighting and banners, bump-outs, furniture such as benches and chairs, trees and plantings, signs and way finding, gateways and art. Mr. Poole said the goal is to create a uniform look and feel for the streets of downtown using a design theme. They want to establish standards for future Public Works projects, for the Parks and Recreation Department, and for CED projects. They are trying to define specific streetscape elements for use in such projects.

Mr. Poole reviewed the process of how they will achieve their goal starting with a condition analysis. The map has a current inventory of the streetscape elements for the core of the high density downtown area. They will need to complete the inventory analysis for the entire downtown area. What streetscape elements are there currently and where are they located? Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments will assist with performing a condition analysis and determining where the existing problems are. Morton Arboretum has been contacted who will send a certified arborist to do a tree survey about the kinds of trees that are downtown and the health and longevity of existing trees and create a plan for replacing trees.

They will establish a streetscape task force. The task force will organize the public meetings and engagement of the community. Critical City partners will be members of the task force: four business owners, four residents who live in the downtown area, one alderman, a member from DARI (Erik Reader), and Public Works, Parks and Recreation, and CED staff. The task force is charged with the following responsibilities: leading the discussion; assisting in engaging the public with the two public meetings; helping with research, both with vendors for products and historical research; selecting element options for the city; working with staff on the presentation to Council; and remaining available for future revisions as the program continues to grow.

Mr. Poole said the purpose of the first public meeting is determining the theme they want to bring to downtown. Even though each zone will have its own functions and number of elements, downtown should have a unified theme and that theme should be carried through with all of the elements. Existing design features could be continued. The public meeting will help determine if the public supports existing design features or if other themes are possible. Mr. Poole emphasized that public participation is critical to the success of the streetscaping standards program. He gave an example of a visioning exercise to be done at the first public meeting: "When I walk down the street, I want the street to be . . ." Examples Mr. Poole gave might be welcoming, artistic, or green. He further explained theme options and what they might look like through examples: River and Rail; Eco Friendly (green); Future Industry; Art; Historic Revival; and Lock and Dam. Attendees will vote for their preferred theme.

At the second public meeting, the focus will be on the streetscape elements. Mr. Poole said the second meeting will also rely heavily on public participation. Options for various streetscape elements will be presented; for example, pavement types; bump-outs; lighting and banners; signs and way finding; trees and plantings; furniture; gateways; and art. They will conduct a visual preference survey with several options and the task force will vote on what they think the best ones are for the theme. The top three choices of the selected element options will then be presented to the city for consideration and selection of the best option. A matrix will also be prepared of the cost of each of the three choices for the element options. Implementation of streetscape elements can be phased in through gradual replacement or repair or through entire zone upgrades. Mr. Poole gave an example of when a light pole needs replacing; the Public Works Department will know which light to purchase because of the standards that have been selected.

Mr. Poole reviewed the schedule for the process. They hope to have the first public meeting in September with another Council study session in October and then a second public meeting in

October. Mr. Poole said the goal is to select the streetscape elements and have Council adopt the streetscape design standards by December at the end of the year.

Mayor Thoms said with the IL 74 bridge project which will increase traffic to the downtown area, perhaps they should think about prioritizing those travel ways because of the detours. Construction of the bridge will last at least three years, 2018 through 2020. It would be an opportunity to show the city. Alderman Tollenaer said that besides touch, taste, and feel; they should also consider smell. He said especially on summer nights, there are issues with odors. Public Works Director Larry Cook said that is the result of the combined sewer system and due to the downtown being at bedrock, it does not move at a fast pace. Alderman Spurgetis asked if they would be getting examples from other communities; Mr. Poole said yes, that would be part of the research. Alderman Geenen asked how they will engage citizens who can't attend the public meetings. Alderman Parker suggested using Survey Monkey to get additional input. He asked if they could do this for other neighborhoods in Rock Island in the future. He also hoped they would consider turning one way streets into two way streets.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

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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 Virgil J. Mayberry, James Spurgetis, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Dylan Parker, Dave Geenen, and Ivory D. Clark. Also present were Assistant City Manager/Human Resources Director John Thorson and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Alderman Joshua Schipp arrived at 6:48 p.m.

#### Introductory Proceedings

Mayor Thoms called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Thoms asked everyone to remember former Alderman Chuck Austin and his family in their thoughts. Mr. Austin was a great volunteer to the city and to the schools and he gave a lot of his personal time to the community. A moment of silence was held.

#### Agenda Item #5

##### **Minutes of the meeting of June 19, 2017.**

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

#### Agenda Item #6

##### **Update Rock Island by Mayor Mike Thoms.**

Starlight Revue – Lincoln Park and the City’s Parks and Recreation Department will continue its concert series this Tuesday, July 11, 2017 with musical act, Coupe De Ville. Dance lessons in the Rumba discipline will start at 6:30 p.m. with the concert at 7:00 pm. Hy-Vee Grill will provide food and drink for purchase starting at 5:00 p.m. For event status, please call (309) 732-7246 in case of inclement weather.

World War 1 History Series – The Main Library will be hosting a World War One series called “Over There” through November of 2017. Army Sustainment Command Historian, George Eaton will chronologically go through the USA’s entry into the war, looking at the triggers that led to US involvement, the experience of soldiers and key battles. Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at the Main Library from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. will be the first program, which covers Submarine Warfare. Please see the library calendar for the entire series and the dates. For more information please call (309) 732-7323.

Backwater Gamblers Water Ski Show – Summer means it's time to catch a free show by the Backwater Gamblers Water Ski Show Team. The team consists of approximately 150 members ranging in age from 3 to 60. Skiing members perform acts such as jumping, bare footing, pyramids, swivel, strap doubles, and others. Watch them on their home surf at 44th Street and the Rock River. Shows are Wednesdays and Sundays at 6:30 p.m. For more information, go to [www.backwatergamblers.com](http://www.backwatergamblers.com).

Sunset Marina Slips – It's officially summer and time to enjoy the river with family and friends. Beginning Friday, July 14, 2017 the seasonal slip rates at Sunset Marina will be half price. Call the marina office at (309)732-2282 or stop by; located at 10 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

Agenda Item #7

**Proclamation declaring July 13, 2017 as Summer Learning Day.**

Mayor Thoms read the proclamation. Dan McNeil, Executive Director of Spring Forward Learning Center, accepted the proclamation. He thanked the Mayor and Council for acknowledging the work being done to stop the summer learning loss. The summer enrichment program began with the Doris and Victor Day Foundation and continues today with Spring Forward's many partners in the community. Mr. McNeil said nine out of ten children in their camps maintained or gained at their reading level. On July 13, there will be a celebration of the children's achievements at the iWireless with 800 children and fifty partners providing games and activities. Mr. McNeil invited Council to attend the event. Mayor Thoms said it is remarkable to see the kids enjoying the program which is play time and learning time. Alderman Geenen asked how many children were enrolled. Mr. McNeil said there are six sites through Spring Forward with 350 children and an additional 150 children at the King Center with five teachers. Alderman Mayberry said the Rock Island school district was the first to go year round and the Spring Forward Learning Center takes it another step forward. Mr. McNeil emphasized that the program is a community partnership with many partners. The program is free to attendees.

Agenda Item #8

**A Special Ordinance removing a loading zone on the east side of the 100 block of 19<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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

Agenda Item #9

**Claims**

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$20,357.03 to Dave Morrison of Rock Island, IL for legal services rendered for the month of June 2017.
- b. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$10,881.15 to Broadspire of Atlanta, GA for Worker's Compensation settlement.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$151,365.96 to Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities, Inc. of Moline, IL for the 2017 Sidewalk and Pavement Patching Program for services provided from May 2, 2017 through May 24, 2017.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #3 and final in the amount of

\$41,922.66 to Legacy Construction of East Moline, IL for the 2015/16 Stormwater Outfall Program for services provided from January 1, 2017 through March 30, 2017.

e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$347,834.99 to Langman Construction, Inc. of Rock Island, IL for the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Resurfacing: 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue to 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project for services provided from May 31, 2017 through June 30, 2017.

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

Agenda Item #10

**Claims for the weeks of June 16 through June 22 in the amount of \$686,406.21, June 23 through June 29 in the amount of \$590,888.33, and June 30 through July 6 in the amount of \$507,739.94; and payroll for the weeks of June 5 through June 18 in the amount of \$1,504,328.68 and June 19 through July 2 in the amount of \$1,510,292.41.**

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Spurgetis to allow the claims and payroll.

Alderman Schipp wanted the audience at home to know the number of claims and the dollar amounts are because the Council has not met in several weeks to approve these items.

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

Agenda Item #11

**ACH Payments for the month of May in the amount of \$811,768.15.**

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

Agenda Item #12

**Purchase Card Claims for the period of April 27, 2017 through May 26, 2017 in the amount of \$65,174.37.**

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

Agenda Item #13

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the Old Mill Street Reconstruction, south of 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project, recommending the bid be awarded to Valley Construction of Rock Island, IL in the amount of \$327,749.65.**

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 Geenen asked if this item will also be coming up later in the agenda. Yes, under item #19.

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

Agenda Item #14

**Report from the Police Department regarding a one year contract with the Rock Island School District for the services of the School Resource Officer for the school year 2017/2018.**

Agenda Item #15

**Report from the Police Department regarding a one year contract with the Rock Island School District for the services of the High School Resource Officer for the school year 2017/2018.**

It was moved by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the contracts as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents for items #14 and #15.

Alderman Clark said he would be abstaining since he works for the school district. Alderman Mayberry said it is the Rock Island-Milan School District 41.

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

Agenda Item #16

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding a loan agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for construction of the Water Treatment Filter Facility in the amount of \$22,198,433.77 and recommending the bid for the project be awarded to Civil Constructors, Inc. of East Moline, IL in the amount of \$18,496,550.00.**

It was moved by Alderman Spurgetis and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the loan agreement and award the bid as recommended; and authorize the City Manager to execute all required documents.

Alderman Spurgetis commented that 1.64% is a good interest rate for a twenty year loan.

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

Agenda Item #17

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding a loan agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for construction of the Relocation of Outfall 007 and Separation of Outfall 006 Basin Projects in the amount of \$8,368,015.79 and recommending the bids be awarded to General Constructors, Inc. of Bettendorf, IA for the CSO007 Project in the amount of \$5,392,890.00 and to Langman Construction, Inc. of Rock Island, IL for the CSO006 Project in the amount of \$2,731,397.17.**

It was moved by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Parker to approve the loan agreement and award the bids as recommended; and authorize the City Manager to execute all required documents. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Geenen, and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding a contract amendment to the agreement with Symbiont of Milwaukee, WI for additional engineering services related to construction inspection services for the Relocation of Outfall 007 and Separation of Outfall 006 Basin Projects in the amount of \$465,300.00.**

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

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Mayberry seconded to table the item until after the goal setting sessions are finished.

Alderman Tollenaer said it was a non-debatable motion. City Attorney Dave Morrison explained that first the vote must be on whether or not to table the item.

The motion to table the item failed by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No; Alderman Parker, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Geenen, and Alderman Clark.

Discussion followed. Alderman Schipp asked Public Works Director Larry Cook for clarification regarding item #18 and item #17; does it make sense to not approve the contract amendment, but still proceed with the construction project? Mr. Cook said the two items go hand in hand; you can't proceed with the construction projects if item #18 is not approved. Mr. Cook also said there is a USEPA deadline of March 18, 2018 for completion of the projects. Alderman Parker asked Alderman Tollenaer why he wanted to table it. Alderman Tollenaer responded that it is a half million dollar project for extra engineering going to Wisconsin when there are engineering firms

such as IMEG (they just purchased Missman Engineering) right in Rock Island. The money should be spent in Rock Island. Alderman Tollenaer thinks the policy should be part of the goal setting discussion. Alderman Parker asked if the project was bid out. Mr. Cook responded that Symbiont has had the contract for the Long Term Control Plan since the inception of it in 1998. Alderman Tollenaer disagreed and said that it is not part of the Long Term Control Plan. Alderman Geenen said this is an amendment to the 2014 contract. Mayor Thoms agrees that Rock Island contractors should be discussed at another time.

The original motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Parker, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Geenen, and Alderman Clark; those voting No; Alderman Mayberry and Alderman Tollenaer.

Alderman Mayberry said IMEG and Missman are in the second ward. The City should be spending Rock Island money in Rock Island as much as possible. He hopes that IMEG grows even bigger with their purchase of Missman.

Agenda Item #19

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding allocation of HUD-CDBG funds in the amount of \$370,000.00 for the Old Mill Street Reconstruction Project.**

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

Agenda Item #20

**Report from the Finance Department regarding pension assumption changes for the Firefighters Pension Fund and the Police Pension Fund.**

It was moved by Alderman Spurgetis and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the pension assumption changes as recommended.

Alderman Schipp asked if the Fire Chief and the Police Chief had been briefed on the matter and were they supportive of the changes. Fire Chief Yerkey said the union has more of a stake in the changes, but he has not heard anything from them about it. Police Chief VenHuizen said he has not been briefed by the local pension board on the issue, but he trusts they would vote for the best interest of the retirees and police department employees.

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

Agenda Item #21

**Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the CY 2017 budget recommending increasing the Community Development Block Grant Fund (242) budget by \$247,484.00.**

It was moved by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve the budget adjustment as recommended.

Alderman Spurgetis said he asked the Finance and Community and Economic Development Departments why two items didn't get a budget increase like the other categories. He stated they would be getting back to him with the information.

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

Agenda Item #22

**Report from the City Clerk regarding requests from Anthony Sconyers on behalf of the Quad Cities Jazz & Heritage Festival, Ltd. for a street closing at 9<sup>th</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and sound amplification for the annual Bill Bell Jazz and Heritage Festival to be held on Friday, August 18 and Saturday, August 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Park at 601 9<sup>th</sup> Street.**

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Mayberry to approve the street closing and sound amplification requests as recommended.

Alderman Spurgetis said it is good music and excellent food. He noted the applicants were from East Moline and Colona and bringing their event to Rock Island which he thinks is wonderful. Alderman Clark said it is a wonderful event and hopes everyone will be able to attend.

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

Agenda Item #23

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a Plaza Activity/Event application from The Daiquiri Factory requesting to hold an outdoor event, "Rock the District," including concerts on the Plaza stage on Friday, August 18 and Saturday, August 19 from 6:00 p.m. to 12:30 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 Tollenaer 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.

Alderman Spurgetis said the streets will not be closed for this event.

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

Agenda Item #24

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a Sound Amplification Permit application from First Baptist Church for Saturday, July 15, 2017 from noon to 2:30 p.m. for an event at 3020 30<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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

Agenda Item #25

**Other Business**

Alderman Tollenaer thanked Mayor Thoms for his kind words about Alderman Austin. Alderman Tollenaer said he served with Mr. Austin for ten years. Alderman Austin was and is Mr. Rock Island. He was a numbers guy, always prepared and impressive as an educator, a mentor and a rock solid Rock Islander. Alderman Tollenaer has memories of Chuck Austin's former students and their stories of how he taught them and helped them work through formulas. Alderman Tollenaer will miss him walking down 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Alderman Tollenaer's thoughts are for his family and his lovely wife Ann. Alderman Mayberry said Mr. Austin was an Illinois High School Association official and he was always fair in those duties and in his Council duties. Alderman Schipp said he served with Alderman Austin for two years and called him a gentle statesman. Alderman Geenen said the residents of the seventh ward will miss Chuck Austin. Alderman Austin was very attentive to his constituents.

Alderman Mayberry reported that on July 24, the Council will vote to add three non-residents to the Martin Luther King Center board. He recommends that there be a community meeting before July 24 to get their input. Mayor Thoms said having such a meeting would be up to the King Center board. Alderman Clark who serves on the King Center board said they could discuss it at their meeting on Wednesday, July 12.

Resident Jim Brandmeyer of 2324 29½ Street asked Council to consider creating off-street parking on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. There are many businesses at 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 30<sup>th</sup> Street and 38<sup>th</sup> Street that generate a lot of sales tax. He suggested tearing down the vacant old Ritz Theater/Apartments building on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Alderman Schipp said he was approached by Mr. Mulkey's son and Alderman Schipp has reached out to the Community and Economic Development Director. Alderman Schipp thinks it's a great idea.

Agenda Item #26

**Executive Session: 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.**

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

Agenda Item #27

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Parker to adjourn the meeting to 6:45 p.m., Monday, July 24, 2017. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Geenen, and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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Judith H. Gilbert, City Clerk