

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, David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones and Joy Murphy. Also present were City Manager John Phillips, Finance Director Bill Scott, Budget Coordinator Don Reichert, Public Works Director Bob Hawes, Administrative Services Director John Thorson, other City staff and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Aldermen Terry M.A. Brooks I and Charles O. Austin III were absent.

## **BUDGET OPTIONS**

City Manager John Phillips inquired upon Finance Director Bill Scott to review the Budget schedule.

Mr. Scott discussed the budget schedule and commented that if Council doesn't make any final decisions on the budget changes this week, it could be pushed ahead to next week. Mr. Scott further discussed the schedule and noted that the adoption of the budget is scheduled for March 21, 2011.

City Manager Phillips discussed the budget process and stated that the City began this process with a \$2.4 million dollar shortfall. It was noted that after much work, the shortfall was then reduced to \$1.1 million dollars. Mr. Phillips further discussed the process for the public meetings that were held and the online survey to gather ideas for options to further reduce the gap in the budget. Mr. Phillips advised that through the budget process, the City is guided by three (3) main principles, which include; maintaining the City's financial health; do the best to keep a high level of services to the public; and minimize the impact on the workforce.

Mr. Scott then reviewed various revenue adjustments. Mr. Scott advised that the City was able to reduce the shortfall by \$117,000.00. It was noted that by decreasing telecom infrastructure revenue; increasing state income tax revenue; increasing use tax revenue; increasing food/beverage license revenue and increasing state highway maintenance revenue, the City was able to decrease the budget deficit from \$1,119,877.00 to \$1,002,832.00.

Mr. Scott discussed the property tax levy adjustment for pensions as it related to new legislation that was recently passed that changes the benefits, investment authority and municipal funding of the Police and Fire pension plans. Mr. Scott further explained the new legislation. Mr. Scott then discussed several recommendations for Council to consider regarding this issue, which include; amending the December 2010 property tax levies for the Police and Fire pension funds to reflect an 8.0% interest rate assumption by reducing the levies for the Police and Fire pension funds and increasing the levies for the library, park and general funds; and adopt a financial policy that sets the interest rate assumption for the actuarial calculation of the Police and Fire pension property tax levies at 7.5% and the 2040 funding percentage at 100% beginning with the December 2011 property tax levy.

Council discussed Mr. Scott's recommendation and tentatively agreed to the change of the City's pension interest assumption to 8.0%.

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Council then discussed the specific budget options for further reducing the gap in the budget. After much discussion on many of the budget options, Council tentatively agreed to decrease professional development for City Council members; increase various license fees; increase various parking fines and fees; reduce the Public Works Department fleet; and extend the service lives of most City vehicles and equipment.

After more discussion, it was determined by Council to continue discussion on the specific budget options for narrowing the shortfall in the budget until Monday, January 17, 2011 when all Council members will be present.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Conroy to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel and Litigation. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 6:05 p.m.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Jones to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p. m.

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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 David Conroy, P. J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones and Joy Murphy. City Manager John Phillips was also present. Alderman Terry M.A. Brooks I and Charles O. Austin III were absent.

### **Introductory Proceedings**

Mayor Pauley called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Alderman Foley gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

#### **Minutes of the Meeting of December 20, 2010.**

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of December 20, 2010 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

#### **State of the City Address by Mayor Dennis E. Pauley.**

Mayor Pauley gave the State of the City Address; the contents of which follow:

### **State of the City Address - January, 2011**

I want to thank the members of the City Council for their time and dedication towards making the tough decisions needed to help Rock Island grow and prosper and a hard working city staff led by City Manager John Phillips. Combine the efforts of a hard working staff with dedicated City Council members and you have a team that works to continuously improve Rock Island. Recently, John announced he plans to retire in October after 24 years as Rock Island's city manager and with a total of 30 years in the business. A national search process will begin in the first quarter 2011, but John is the best city manager anywhere and he will be a tough act to follow. With the retirement of our police chief and the fire chief in 2010, the city manager appointed two well experienced individuals to serve. Chief Scott Harris began his duties in May 2010 as police chief and Chief Jim Fobert began serving as fire chief in November 2010.

As I am sure you all know, we started our last fiscal year planning with over a \$2 million deficit. The department heads were able to cut the deficit by \$1 million, but the City Council had to make some difficult decisions to balance the budget. At that time, the library eliminated the purchase of supplies and additional books, the parks department put off repair and maintenance of some of their facilities and public works put off the replacement of the vehicles and left positions vacant. All city departments did whatever possible to reduce their budgets.

We are now in the process of the planning of another challenging fiscal year. This year, we held a series of public meetings to get ideas from the citizens on the budget. For the first time, we offered people a chance to register their opinions on the specific budget balancing options by

attending a meeting or completing an on-line survey on the City's budget. We are carefully analyzing this information as we prepare the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. We continue to fully fund our pension obligations, maintain reserves in city funds and pay obligations on time. The City sold bonds on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to finance water, sewer and street projects. It also included refinancing of outstanding debt to save interest expense due to lower interest rates. The City reaffirmed its solid credit rating with Moody's Investor Services at AA2.

Even with the necessary budget cuts, we were able to make a lot of good projects happen. We celebrated the grand opening of Schwiebert Riverfront Park - and I do mean grand - the weather on July 3<sup>rd</sup> was outstanding and the dedication of the park and remarks by Mark Schwiebert were perfect. The audience listened to the music by the United States Navy band and enjoyed the Red, White and Boom fireworks on the riverfront. After a great fireworks display, people stayed and enjoyed the evening. The park was financed with Tax Increment Financing funds generated by property owners in the downtown area. This new facility has received very positive reactions from visitors and has been nominated for and received a number of awards. Most importantly, it has become a desired recreation destination by people in the Quad Cities, a point of pride for residents of Rock Island and has boosted business in our downtown.

During the summer we had the ground breaking for the \$3.6 million expansion of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center. This project used a combination of federal, state and local dollars and over \$1 million was raised from private donations to fund the expansion. Look for the grand opening in the spring of 2011. We also had the grand opening of the renovated hydropower plant during the summer of 2010. The updated plant provides about one third of the power needed for all of the City of Rock Island owned facilities.

This fall we had the ribbon cutting ceremony for the expansion of Rock Island Fitness and Activity Center. The Parks Department saved \$1 million and sold bonds for the additional \$2.5 million. These bonds are to be paid back by offering additional programs and fees at RIFAC.

In 2010, the city was able to spend approximately \$7.7 million on street and road repairs, substantially more than past years. An \$875,000 grant from a federal program funded the resurfacing of 30<sup>th</sup> Street from 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue to Black Hawk Road. A state grant of \$877,000 funded the resurfacing of Turkey Hollow Road and \$235,000 remained to resurface the bridge in 2011. The remaining repairs and upgrades were funded through gaming dollars. Projects included 14<sup>th</sup> Street from 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 14<sup>th</sup> Street to Hawthorne, the 38<sup>th</sup> Street Patching project, 14<sup>th</sup> Street south of Black Hawk Road and many more.

The Safer Community Task Force was created in 2010 and met for several months before preparing a report of their recommendations. One such recommendation was the increased use of technology by the police department. Chief Harris reported that cars have now been equipped with video cameras, we have added a new finger print identification machine with state of the art technology and we are working with Moline to obtain a firearms training simulation machine.

Earlier this morning, I received an update on crime statistics.

Part I Crime: Comparing 2010 to 2009

- There was an overall decrease of 23%
- Part I Crimes are at the lowest level since 2001
- 2010 was the third consecutive year where we have seen a decrease in Part I Crime

Part I Violent Crime: Comparing 2010 to 2009

- There was an overall decrease of 18%
- 2010 was the third consecutive year in which we have seen a decrease in Part I Violent Crime

As indicated in the mid year 2010 crime statistics, reported crime continues to decrease which is attributable to many variables to include the support of the Mayor & City Council, the support of the Safer Community Task Force, and our continued partnership with grass roots organizations like the Community Caring Conference, churches, and block club organizations.

We continue to partner with other criminal justice agencies including the State's Attorney's Office, The United States' Attorney's Office, QCFGTF, ATF, and MEG in pursuing violent and often times drug related crime. To that end, we continue to dedicate manpower towards drug investigations and in aggressively pursuing State Forfeiture efforts. And finally, the employee's of the Rock Island Police Department continue to diligently work towards addressing violent crime and utilizing every tool at our disposal.

Jerry Jones, Executive Director of the Martin Luther King Center is working on additional steps we can take when working with our youth per the recommendations of the Task Force. Stricter enforcement of the codes for rental property owners who are chronic offenders was also a recommendation. Another item recommended by the Task Force was to amend the closing times for bars to increase safety in The District and I have put together a proposal on the closing hours that will be presented to the council in the first quarter for their review and action. Once these items are implemented, we will ask the task force to reconvene to review the actions to determine if we are headed in the right direction.

An Economic Development Strategic Plan was adopted by the city. The City of Rock Island has been a friend to business in the past, but this strategy calls for a more focused effort on helping small businesses grow in Rock Island and also will look at how we can take advantage of the proximity of the Rock Island Arsenal to help businesses in our city to work for the arsenal. The City of Rock Island also has some great partners. Renaissance Rock Island, headed by Brian Hollenback and his team, partnered with Greg Champagne and his staff on numerous projects. I will be talking about a lot of the projects through this presentation. I wanted to bring special attention to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grants 1 & 2. This program brings \$14.9 million into Rock Island to increase demolition of some of the worst housing, rehabilitation of abandoned properties, and allow new housing to be constructed. The programs will touch 140 housing units at a minimum including the redevelopment of the former Illinois Oil property, Jackson Square, into 30 housing units and future retail.

Just prior to this meeting, I had the privilege of presenting Mr. Stanley Goldman with the Mayor's Civic Service Award and a proclamation naming today as Stanley Goldman day in Rock Island. Mr. Goldman is truly a Rock Solid Rock Islander.

The downtown or "The District" has been an area where we have seen continued investment and new business:

- A. Spirit Partners/Mandus Group. At full development, this will entail \$3.5 million investment and 60 new jobs.
- B. Jackson Square. This adaptive reuse of the Illinois Oil property will create 30 new housing units and involves an \$8.5 million investment.
- C. Comedy Sportz. The city assisted this 20 year old comedy club business in relocating into the vacant Rocket Theatre. This new venue, now called "The Establishment Theatre," will support Comedy Sportz and other performing arts groups.
- D. Longley Systems, Inc. This 50 year old Quad City business moved to downtown Rock Island in the Argus Building.
- E. Realm Wellness Spa – Opened a new business at 1629 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.
- F. Great River Productions announced plans to produce a digital film in Rock Island called "Troll". A lease has been signed for space in the Argus Building and hiring is underway on this "digital movie factory".
- G. Other projects in the downtown area:
  - 1. El Patron Mexican Restaurant
  - 2. D'Alessandro's Italian Restaurant
  - 3. Light House Home Care
  - 4. Kevin Walker Photography
  - 5. Dyce's Sport's Bar and Grill
  - 6. Keller – Williams Real Estate
  - 7. Jarvis Construction
  - 8. Renaissance Construction
  - 9. Speakeasy
  - 10. Three new residential units in upper floor of 1706 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue
- H. There are also plans for a Train Festival 2011 at Schwiebert Riverfront Park for July 21<sup>st</sup> through July 24<sup>th</sup>. This will be a huge national train event that will attract people from throughout the country.

Work has progressed on the design of a \$45 million expansion of the City's Mill Street Waste Water Treatment Plant. This project is being required by the USEPA. Construction will start in 2011. We hope to receive a low interest loan with some principal forgiveness to pay for this large

project. Although the economy remains “soft”, we have experienced considerable investment in a number of projects in Rock Island during the past year.

- A. Rock Island Lubricants Expansion – 15,000 square foot addition – a \$500,000 project.
- B. Watchtower Plaza Façade. City assisted with façade program for painting of the exterior, parking lot improvements and repair of tenant spaces.
- C. City Limits Saloon and Grill expansion. City supported with the CIRLF loan for the facade and landscape to accommodate this investment.
- D. Cascade Gardens is a \$12 million special needs housing project at 9<sup>th</sup> Street and 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue by the Rock Island Housing Authority that will provide 70 units of housing.
- E. Rock Island Auction purchased the former Coca Cola Distribution Facility in the business park in Southwest Rock Island and has invested \$3 million in renovations.
- F. Beaver Landing. Construction started on a 90 unit condo project at 30<sup>th</sup> Street and Blackhawk Road. One four unit building has been completed.
- G. Rock Valley Plaza. The city assisted in the upgrade to the exterior of this center on Blackhawk Road. The total project cost was \$187,000. (City investment was \$30,000)
- H. The city has been successful in obtaining state and federal grants to clean up properties that have environmental contamination. During the past year, the city participated in the cleanup of the 9<sup>th</sup> Street trailer park property, the property at 24<sup>th</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the Quad City Industrial Center, Jackson Square, and the Quad City Botanical Center Children’s Garden site.
- I. The city is very pleased to see continued investment by Augustana College in their beautiful campus. This year they started a \$13 million renovation of Old Main.
- J. Funding is in place and design is underway for the new \$35 million mass transit facility at 46<sup>th</sup> Street in Columbia Park. Utilities have been relocated and construction will begin in 2011.
- K. Aldi. Aldi has plans to move into the larger facilities across 38<sup>th</sup> Street in the former ACE Hardware property. Renovations will soon begin and they are planning to complete their project by May, 2011.

Casino area development is another important priority for the city. We are very pleased with the 100,000 visitors per month and the \$5.5 million in gaming revenue per year the casino is generating. It has helped us finance and expand street construction and our street maintenance program. We are continuing to study the possibility of gaining access to the northeast quadrant of the IL92 and I-280 interchange to open this property up for new development and we hope to gain approvals to make the changes to this interchange that will be necessary this year.

We also recognize that our current police facility does not meet the needs of our department. The City Council agreed to have the staff do some preliminary planning for a new facility. This project will not be done quickly and we will need to develop a plan to finance the project, but we want to start the process with the goal of building a facility that will meet the current and future needs of the police department.

In education this year, improvements were completed on the elementary schools and we had the grand opening of the Rock Island Center for Math and Science on the former Villa de Chantel site.

Unfortunately, not all news is good news. Earlier this year we were informed about the closing of the Norcross boot manufacturing facility. We met with two of the company's corporate representatives and asked what we could do to change their minds. We were informed they had excess capacity at their plant in China and production would be moved to that facility.

Rock Island continues to support Quad City wide initiatives to help our entire region. We continue to be part of the Rock Island Arsenal Development Group. We serve on the Board of Quad Cities First Initiative and work closely with the United Chamber on business connection visits with Rock Island businesses.

We are proud of our city and we think that the civilians and uniformed personnel from the First Army that will be coming from their current home in Georgia will find Rock Island a great place to live. We have implemented a number of actions to showcase our city, including a special internet web page, print ads and website banner ads, brochures, and even a special video that will be provided to visitors looking at Rock Island as a place to live.

Rock Island is home to numerous organizations that have grown and prospered over the years. In Rock Island, we first had St. Anthony's Hospital, then Franciscan Medical Center, which later became Trinity Medical Center. Trinity traces its history back to the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and has grown to have three campuses here in the Quad Cities with their headquarters located in Rock Island. Augustana College moved to Rock Island in 1875 and over the years they have continued to grow and provide a high quality of education to their enrollment of 2,500 students and have developed great partnerships with the elementary schools in Rock Island. KJWW Engineering was founded in 1961 and has grown to over 450 employees; Modern Woodmen moved their corporate offices to Rock Island in 1897 and in 2009 they surpassed \$9 billion in assets; Arthur J. Hass bought his first piece of equipment in 1925 and 85 years later, Valley Construction is still family owned and continues to grow. These are just a few examples of the fine companies that call Rock Island home and hold our community to be a great place to live, work and play.

While these are challenging times, Rock Island is no stranger to a challenge. Our city and our employers are well prepared to succeed beyond the Great Recession. As I noted, during these difficult times we have made major investments in important city facilities that will serve citizens for many years. We have witnessed and facilitated investments by employers that have added jobs and will supplement our tax base.

For all of these reasons, I remain encouraged as Rock Island's Mayor and expect our future to be bright.

Thank you,

Dennis E. Pauley  
Mayor  
City of Rock Island

January, 2011

Agenda Item #7

**Presentation of the Midwest Construction's Best of 2010 Construction and Design Award for Schwiebert Riverfront Park to the City of Rock Island.**

Mayor Pauley inquired upon Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Alan Carmen to present the award.

Mr. Carmen stated that Schwiebert Riverfront Park was nominated for several different awards over the last six (6) months, and this award in which the City is the recipient of is from the Midwest Construction Group of McGraw Hill Publications. Mr. Carmen advised that Schwiebert Riverfront Park was nominated by Stanley Consultants with the support of the design team Schreiber/Anderson Associates, Gere/Dismer Architects, KJWW Engineering, the staff of the City of Rock Island and the construction managers Valley/Williams Construction. Mr. Carmen advised that the City was the recipient of the 2010 award for the project of the year in the government public building category. Mr. Carmen advised that this award not only recognizes the public/private partnership of the project, but also the unique design as well as recognizing the need for flood protection. Mr. Carmen added that this award will be displayed in the trophy case in the lobby on the first floor of City Hall.

Agenda Item #8

**Presentation of the 2010 Commercial Beautification and Holiday Lights Awards.**

Beautification Commission member Bob Towler and Mayor Pauley presented the 2010 Commercial Beautification Awards. The Rotary Trophy winner was presented to Quad City Prosthetics located at 4730 44<sup>th</sup> Street. The Mayor's Award was presented to Lundgren Family Chiropractic located at 2965 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Beautification Commission Award was presented to St. James Lutheran Church located at 3145 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue, and the City Council Award was presented to Steve's Old Time Tap located at 223 17<sup>th</sup> Street. In addition, 8 businesses were awarded with Honorable Mention Certificates.

Beautification Commission member Bob Towler and Mayor Pauley then presented the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Lighting Awards to three (3) residential and three (3) commercial winners. The first place residential winner was Mark and Debby Russell of 1443 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. The second place award winner was Darrell and Nancy Bush of 2411 38<sup>th</sup> Street, and the third place award winner was Kenneth and Dorine Boyer of 1312 25<sup>th</sup> Street. Commercial winners were Modern

Woodmen of America located at 1701 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, which won first place. The second place winner was Cool Beanz Coffeehouse located at 1325 30<sup>th</sup> Street, and the third place winner was Jackson's Antiques located at 1310 30<sup>th</sup> Street.

Agenda Item #9

**Proclamation declaring Monday, January 10, 2011 as Alleman Football Day.**

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring Monday, January 10, 2011 as Alleman Football Day. Members of the Alleman Football Team accepted the Proclamation.

Agenda Item #10

**Proclamation declaring January 17, 2011 as Martin Luther King Jr. Day.**

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring January 17, 2011 as Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Martin Luther King Center Director Jerry Jones stepped forward and accepted the Proclamation. Mr. Jones stated that he wanted to invite everyone to the 28<sup>th</sup> annual memorial service of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., which will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 17, 2011 at Second Baptist Church across the street from the Martin Luther King Center. Mr. Jones offered that the "I Have A Dream" award will be presented on that day, which recognizes a Rock Island citizen who has given exemplary service to Rock Island and the Quad City community. In addition, Mr. Jones stated that an award will be given to a young individual for similar reasons. Mr. Jones advised that the keynote speaker will be Tia Rice.

Agenda Item #11

**Proclamation declaring January 2011 as National Mentoring Month.**

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring January 2011 as National Mentoring Month. Several members from Big Brothers/ Big Sisters accepted the Proclamation.

Agenda Item #12

**Public Hearing on a request from William C. Jetter Jr. for a Special Use Permit to operate a used car lot with a parts locator service at 200 - 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting at 7:24 p.m. and opened a Public Hearing on a request William C. Jetter Jr. for a Special Use Permit to operate a used car lot with a parts locator service at 200 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Ms. Kathryn Plein (representing Mr. Jetter) of 836 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue A Ct. in Silvis stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Ms. Plein.

Ms. Plein stated that Mr. Jetter owns the old E & J Scrap Metal property and wishes to operate a used car lot with a parts locator service at 200 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Ms. Plein advised that the vehicles would be contained inside the fence and the old office building will be used as the office. Ms. Plein noted that Mr. Jetter will locate any parts that are needed by the customer and have them shipped in for delivery.

Alderman Conroy inquired as to why a Special Use Permit is needed. Ms. Plein explained that it is due to the area being an industrial zoning district.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was anyone who wished to speak in favor of the Special Use Permit application. No one stepped forward.

Mayor Pauley then inquired as to whether there was anyone who wished to speak in opposition to the Special Use Permit application. No one stepped forward.

With no one present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the Special Use Permit application, Mayor Pauley closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:27 p.m.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the Special Use Permit as recommended, subject to the stipulations of up to six employees be allowed; a minimum of 14 off street parking spaces be provided; hours of operation shall be 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; no vehicle parts shall be stored outside; and that the use shall meet all other applicable codes and ordinances and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #13

**CLAIMS**

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderman Foley 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 Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

- a. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding 3rd and final payment in the amount of \$4,890.00 to the City of Davenport for the Interoperability Grant Match.
- b. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$9001.64 to DLT Solutions, Inc. for the AutoDesk Annual Subscription Maintenance.
- c. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$6,658.58 to Konecky, Kutsunis and Weng for legal services rendered during December, 2010.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,271.92 to Itron, Inc. for the annual software maintenance agreement on the water meter services handheld computer. (372)

- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$6,158.23 to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for services at the JL Watts Company site – April, 2010 through September, 2010. (375)
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 and final in the amount of \$3,424.95 to Tri-City Blacktop for the 2010 Asphalt Street Milling and Patching Program, Project #2434. (001)
- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #4 in the amount of \$14,968.03 to Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities, Inc. for the 2010 50/50 Sidewalk and Curb and Tree Program, Project #2142. (004)
- h. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payments #2 and final in the amount of \$7,361.01 to Langman Construction for the 20<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Installation, East Side, Project #2480. (005)
- i. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #19 in the amount of \$27,925.23 to Williams / Valley Construction Management for services provided on Schwiebert Riverfront Park, Project #2511, during November, 2010. (006)
- j. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$4,668.00 to the Treasurer, State of Illinois for the City's share of the IL 92 Resurfacing, Project #2656. (007)
- k. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$2,909.49 to Langman Construction for the Sanitary Lateral Repair Program, project #2564 at 2607 – 31<sup>st</sup> Street Court. (008)
- l. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$16,987.33 to Califf and Harper, P.C. for the legal services rendered for the month on November, 2010.
- m. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,549.50 to Midland Paper for the purchase of copier paper.

Agenda Item #14

**Claims for the weeks of December 17<sup>th</sup> through December 23<sup>rd</sup> in the amount of \$1,657,133.01; December 24<sup>th</sup> through December 30<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$662,669.19; and December 31<sup>st</sup> through January 6<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$970,243.07.**

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to allow the claims. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

**Payroll for the weeks of December 13<sup>th</sup> through December 26<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$1,233,052.03.**

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Foley seconded to allow the payroll. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #16

**Report from the Fire Department regarding bids for carpet for the Central Fire Station basement project, recommending the bid be awarded to Flooring Xpress in the amount of \$3,066.42.**

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #17

**Report from the Public Works Department recommending a three-year contract for Curbside Recycling with Midland Davis Corporation.**

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the agreement as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Jones inquired upon Public Works Director Bob Hawes as to what would be done with the glass products in regards to the contract.

Mr. Hawes advised that Midland Davis has agreed to accept glass from Rock Island citizens at their facility, which is near Riverside Park in Moline. Mr. Hawes noted that the City of Rock Island does not accept glass in the curbside recycling collection nor can it be deposited at the recycling center at the water treatment plant.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, recommending that Council approve the reallocation of \$55,000 in gaming funds from the legislative consultant to contract street maintenance; to Plan for FY 2012-2016; to authorize staff to implement the FY2012 projects (except for the bicycle path improvements) and to begin the design of the FY2013 projects.**

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan and direct staff to begin implementation and engineering as

recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #19

**Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget, recommending increasing the Wastewater Operation and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$16,609.69.**

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

Agenda Item #20

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Sylvia Runkle to apply for a Special Use Permit to operate a hypnosis business out of her residence at 2107 17<sup>th</sup> Street.**

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Conroy to allow for the application of the Special Use Permit as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #21

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to extend the No Parking Zone on the north side of 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue 45 feet from the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> Street instead of the standard 20 feet.**

Alderman Foley moved to deny the request as recommended. Mayor Pauley inquired if there was a second to the motion. With no Alderman seconding the motion, the motion died for lack of a second.

Ms. Becky Johnson of 1114 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue stepped forward. Ms. Johnson stated that she was the one that requested that the no parking to corner zone be extended to 45 feet instead of the standard 20 feet. Ms. Johnson explained that her granddaughter lives with her and the child has mental disabilities and attends a school in East Moline. Ms. Johnson stated that the street is very narrow and the bus cannot get to the house from 12<sup>th</sup> Street with the cars parked on both sides.

It was then moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the request and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Foley stated that he would be in favor of the request.

Alderman Conroy stated that he would like to hear input from other people if they come to the Council meeting next week. Alderman Conroy advised that this was the first stage of the

approval process; this item will be referred to the City Attorney and next week, it will come back as an ordinance to be voted on.

Mayor Pauley suggested that Ms. Johnson attend next week's Council meeting.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #22

**Report from the Mayor regarding appointments to the GROWTH Board and Liquor Commission.**

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

Alderman P.J. Foley was appointed to the GROWTH Board for a three year term to expire on March 31, 2013. Mr. Alan Kruse and Jane Schneider were reappointed to the GROWTH Board for a three year term to expire on March 31, 2013.

Alderman Stephen L. Tollenaer was appointed to the Liquor Commission with a term to expire on April 30, 2011.

Agenda Item #23

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

City Manager Phillips made reference to the status report included in the memo packet on City Council Goals that were established in September 2010.

Mr. Phillips commented on the issue related to Andalusia Road and Mill Creek. Mr. Phillips advised that a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. It was noted that the businesses in that area will be invited to come to the meeting to get an update on the status of the study by the Foth Group in which the City has hired to look at how some of those properties may be protected.

City Manager Phillips made reference to the Ehler's Market Commentary article included in the memo packet regarding bonds and interest rates.

Alderwoman Murphy discussed litter in the alleys downtown.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop Keim's Paint Center for their painting needs. It was noted that Keim's Paint Center is located at 4661 44<sup>th</sup> Street and has a large variety of Benjamin Moore paints.

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Alderwoman Murphy advised that Keim's Paint Center also sells wood finishes, industrial coatings and wallpaper.

Agenda Item #24

**Other Business.**

Mr. Timothy Dooling of 832 14½ Street stepped forward. Mr. Dooling voiced concerns regarding civil and police issues.

Agenda Item #25

**Executive Session on Personnel and Litigation.**

The Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #26

**Recess**

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recess to Monday, January 17, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:51 p.m.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk