

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, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager John Phillips, Finance Director Bill Scott, Budget Coordinator Don Reichert, Public Works Director Bob Hawes, Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne, Chief Building Official Tom Ayers, Fire Chief Jim Fobert, Police Chief Scott Harris and other City staff. Alderman Terry M.A. Brooks I arrived at 5:15 p.m. and Alderman David Conroy arrived at 5:04 p.m.

## **BUDGET OPTIONS**

City Manager John Phillips stated that a lot of progress has been made since the 2011/2012 budget process began. Mr. Phillips added that it started with a \$2.4 million dollar shortfall. It was noted that after last week, the shortfall was reduced to \$418,399.00. Mr. Phillips stated that some of the Council members during some of the discussions worked to try to avoid layoffs as much as possible.

Mr. Phillips offered four recommendations to Council, which include; food and beverage tax increase from 1.0% to 1.5%; keep one firefighter position vacant; implement the CED rental inspection fees that have been recommended; and keep the one building inspector position unfilled for FY 2011-2012.

Mr. Phillips advised that if Council considers these actions, it would eliminate the \$418,399.00 shortfall in the budget and would allow for a slight reduction in the property tax levy. Mr. Phillips added that these options would result in no layoffs of personnel. Mr. Phillips advised that if there is interest from Council in reducing the property tax levy from the amount that was approved in December, other options could be selected from the list of budget options.

Council then continued their discussion on the budget options. Council discussed layoffs and retirements as it related to various budget options and future budgets. Council discussed the option regarding increasing the food and beverage tax from 1.0% to 1.5%. Finance Director Bill Scott explained that the change will increase the bill for a \$50.00 meal in a restaurant by \$0.25. Several Council members had concerns in regards to recommending the increase. After more discussion, Council came to a consensus on this recommendation.

Council discussed the option of reducing the Fire Department staff from 60 to 59 sworn officers. Fire Chief Jim Fobert advised that the department now has 58 sworn officers but usually budgets for 60. In addition, Chief Fobert stated that this position has been vacant for a year. After more discussion, Council agreed to Mr. Phillips' recommendation of keeping one firefighter position vacant.

Council also discussed the option of reducing the number of Animal Control Officer positions from two (2) to one (1). Police Chief Scott Harris stated that the reason the position is vacant is due to the individual assigned to it is off work because of an injury/illness. In addition, Council discussed the option of increasing the Community Economic Development rental property

inspection fees from \$35.00 to \$50.00 and institute a \$15.00 per unit per year licensing fee. Several Council members had concerns in regards to increasing the rental fees. After further discussion, Council agreed to this recommendation. Council also discussed the option of keeping the combination mechanical inspector position vacant and agreed to this recommendation. Council also discussed other options including; reducing the weed mowing service; reducing the electrical maintenance staff from three (3) to two (2); increasing the refuse service charges; and eliminating free yard waste bags.

After more discussion, most Council members supported to move forward with the agreed upon budget options, which included increasing the food and beverage tax from 1.0% to 1.5%; keeping one (1) firefighter position vacant; implement the rental inspection fees there were recommended above and keeping one (1) building inspector position unfilled for fiscal year 2011/2012.

Mr. Phillips stated that with these identified actions, the tax levy will be slightly reduced. Mr. Phillips added that modifications of the tax levy will need to be approved because pensions have been modified; there has been a change in parks and library; and the overall levy has been lowered from what was approved in December. Mr. Phillips advised that staff will come back to Council with a modified levy to make those adjustments. Mr. Phillips further commented that staff will be putting together the details of the actions for Council approval and the budget will be presented to Council on February 21<sup>st</sup>, followed by budget reviews on the last Saturday in February and first Saturday in March.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 5:51 p.m.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:11 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion made by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderman Austin to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p. m.

Rock Island City Council met in regular session at 6:45 p.m. in Council Chambers of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley, presiding, and Aldermen Terry M.A. Brooks I, P. J. Foley, David Conroy, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. City Manager John Phillips was also present.

### **Introductory Proceedings**

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

Agenda Item #5

#### **Minutes of the Meeting of January 10, 2011.**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of January 10, 2011 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

#### **Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.**

Mayor Pauley stated that earlier this evening at the Study Session, the budget was worked on. Mayor Pauley advised that Council had to come up with about one million dollars in reductions or fees to help bridge the gap in the budget. It was noted that this was accomplished and this would come back to Council at another meeting. Mayor Pauley stated that he would also like to recommend no general wage increase for management employees in 2011. The Mayor commented that the dollars are not there. Mayor Pauley stated that he could not say what would happen with the unions because that is under negotiations.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center hosted its 28<sup>th</sup> annual Memorial Service and Awards celebration honoring the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on January 17, 2011. This year's theme was "Intelligence Plus Character – That is the Goal of True Education," which was accentuated by the keynote speaker, Tia-Farrar Rice who is a Rock Island School Teacher. In addition, the Mayor noted that several awards were given including the "I Have A Dream" Community Service Award, Tia Rice Youth Service Award and a scholarship to Black Hawk Community College.

Mayor Pauley indicated that the City of Rock Island and the Midland Davis Corporation have agreed to extend the City's curbside recycling contract until December 31, 2013. Mayor Pauley stated that the City's Curbside Recycling Program is a subscription service available to businesses and residents. It was noted that the program currently has 2,300 subscribers. The Mayor commented that subscribers pay \$2.00 per month for curbside collection every two weeks and may choose between 48 and 96 gallon recycling carts. It was noted that if anyone desires

additional information about the City's recycling program, they may call the Public Works Department at 732-2200 or visit the City's website at [www.rigov.org](http://www.rigov.org).

Mayor Pauley stated that on January 7, 2011, the City of Rock Island made available a draft of the FY 2011-2012 One Year Action Plan for public review. It was noted that the One Year Action Plan serves as an update to the 2008-2013 Consolidated Plan, which is an effort by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to simplify the planning process and increase community participation by combining four HUD grant applications into a single document. Mayor Pauley stated to please view the One Year Action Plan at the City's website at [www.rigov.org](http://www.rigov.org). Visit the "Important Links" section on the homepage.

Mayor Pauley advised that the 2011-2012 One Year Action Plan describes how funds will be used to address the City's needs and priorities. It was noted that the plan also identifies the federal, state and local resources that are expected to be available during 2011-2012 to address the priority needs and objectives identified in the City's 2008-2013 Consolidated Plan. The Mayor added that it also serves as the City's annual funding application for the Community Development Block Grant program.

Mayor Pauley indicated that the City is interested in hearing public comments in regards to the contents of the 2011-2012 One Year Action Plan. It was noted that a Public Hearing is scheduled for January 20, 2011 at 5:30 pm at Rock Island City Hall in Council Chambers. It was noted that the City will be accepting all verbal and written comments in reference to the One Year Action Plan until February 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. In addition, all comments and views will be considered and included as part of the final draft of the plan. It was noted that written comments may be sent to the Planning and Redevelopment Division at City Hall.

The Mayor stated that the Rock Island Center for Math & Science is now accepting applications for enrollment for the 2011-2012 school year. It was noted that any child who lives in the Rock Island-Milan School District may apply at the Rock Island Center for Math & Science at 2101 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Island. It was noted that there are openings in all grade levels - Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The Mayor added that currently, those children who are on the waiting list will receive priority. It was noted that the deadline is Tuesday, March 1, 2011. Parents will be notified by April 8<sup>th</sup> if their child is accepted. The Mayor stated that for more information, visit [www.rockislandschools.org](http://www.rockislandschools.org) or call 309-793-5995.

Agenda Item #7

**A Special Ordinance extending a no parking zone on the north side of 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue, 45 feet from the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> Street.**

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Foley to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaar, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #8

**A Special Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit at 200 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer, seconded by Alderman Foley to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #9

**CLAIMS**

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

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$14,542.67 to Brandt Construction Company for an emergency sewer main repair at 12<sup>th</sup> Street and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. (010)
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$30,219.50 to Kelly Construction for services provided for the 2010 Mudjacking Program project. (012)
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$126,974.54 to General Constructors, Inc. for services provided for improvements to Outfalls 011 and 012. (013)
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$346,171.13 to General Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Public Works street garage project. (014)
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$4,668.00 to the Treasurer of the State of Illinois for the City's share of the IL.92 Resurfacing project. (015)

Agenda Item #10

**Claims for the week of January 7<sup>th</sup> through January 13<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$740,986.73.**

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

Agenda Item #11

**Payroll for the weeks of December 27, 2010 through January 9, 2011 in the amount of \$1,216,847.65.**

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

Agenda Item #12

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the abatement of lead based paint at the former Watts building at the new street garage site, recommending the bid be awarded to Advanced Environmental Testing and Abatement, Inc. in the amount of \$7,445.00.**

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

Agenda Item #13

**Report from General Administration regarding a legislative consultant contract extension with the Ferguson Group, recommending a twelve month extension beginning January 2011 at a rate of \$4,350.00 per month plus expenses.**

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Austin seconded to approve the contract extension 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 Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #14

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding a lease agreement for the Sunset Marina apartment.**

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the lease agreement as written 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 Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

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

City Manager Phillips stated that information is included in the memo packet regarding a follow-up on a request that the City received regarding the process that the City follows concerning customer payments of utility bills.

Mr. Phillips stated that a Public Hearing will be held in regards to the Mill Street Wastewater Treatment Plant project concerning the environmental aspect and financing in regards to the Long Term Control Plan. Mr. Phillips inquired upon Public Works Director Bob Hawes to comment on this item.

Mr. Hawes advised that this is the next step in securing the low interest loan from the State. Mr. Hawes stated that the Public Hearing is a process that the City needs to go through. It was noted that all comments will be gathered from the Public Hearing and will be sent to the IEPA. It was noted that after the IEPA reviews the comments and finds everything in order then the City can proceed to the next step. Mr. Hawes advised that the only remaining step in the process is to obtain final construction permit permission from the Army Corps of Engineers to break through the levy. Mr. Hawes stated that once that is done and the final papers for the loan are completed, the bids can be opened. Mr. Hawes stated that the bids will have to be held for 60 days until the State has reviewed all of the paperwork. Council will then be asked to make a conditional award. It was noted that once the State approves everything, it will then come back to Council for a final award for the contract and construction may start as early as June.

Mr. Phillips advised that the Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

City Manager Phillips made reference to information included in the memo packet regarding an update from UpStream on the First Army promotion steps.

City Manager Phillips stated that information was included in the memo packet from the Illinois Municipal League regarding the General Assembly's increase in the income tax and how it may impact cities.

Alderman Brooks commented on the recent memorial service celebration at the Martin Luther King Center and thanked Second Baptist Church for the use of their facility.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that last week, she had the opportunity to attend the Ribbon Cutting for City Limits Saloon and Grill at 4514 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Alderwoman Murphy advised that since 1961, City Limits is the Quad Cities oldest family owned and operated bar and grill. Alderwoman Murphy indicated that City Limits is open Monday through Saturday from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. and Sundays from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. It was noted that they serve breakfast, Monday through Saturday from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to noon. Alderwoman Murphy commented that City Limits serves lunch, Monday through Saturday starting at 11:00 a.m. and Sunday starting at noon; and they serve dinner, Monday through Saturday from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Sunday from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. It was noted that City Limits also has weekly specials.

Agenda Item #16  
**Other Business**

Mr. Timothy Dooling of 832 14½ Street stepped forward. Mr. Dooling voiced concerns regarding the recent tragedy in Arizona and discussed Iowa and Illinois firearm laws.

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 17, 2011  
MINUTES**

Agenda Item #17

**Executive Session on Personnel.**

The Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #18

**Recess**

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to recess to Monday, January 24, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:10 p.m.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk