

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

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the Meeting of January 24, 2011.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of January 24, 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 thanked the citizens of Rock Island for their patience with the snow crews as they cleared the city streets. In addition, Mayor Pauley thanked the citizens that called and emailed thanking the City crews for all of their hard work. It was noted that because of the extreme snowfall, the City opted to remove snow from the downtown streets. Mayor Pauley advised that snow removal downtown has not been budgeted for several years, and the estimated \$50,000.00 expense will be taken from City reserves. Mayor Pauley added that it is important to clear the snow to allow for proper and safe on-street parking downtown. Mayor Pauley stated that for those residents whose garbage was not able to be picked up on Wednesday and Thursday due to the snow, please set out the garbage as usual and place any extra bags three (3) feet from the cart for pickup.

Mayor Pauley indicated that the City of Rock Island will host a Job Shadow Day for Frances Willard Elementary School for the fourth, fifth and sixth graders on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. It was noted that the City is an Adopt-A-School Partner with Frances Willard. The Mayor commented that the students will visit the 11 different departments within the City. It was noted that the City has hosted Job Shadow Day for several years. Mayor Pauley stated that this is a great opportunity for the students to get to know their city and see what we do; the City employees enjoy the day and we think the kids do as well.

Mayor Pauley stated that Rock Island Adopt-a-School Program is having its Third Annual Trivia Night on March 4, 2011 at the Rock Island VFW located at 3715 9th Street. It was noted that all proceeds will be used to buy holiday gifts and other items for students at Frances Willard Elementary School, the City's Adopt-A-School Partner. Mayor Pauley added that there will be plenty of games and prizes are awarded to the first, second and third place finishers. In addition,

snacks are allowed and drinks can be purchased there. Mayor Pauley stated that pre-registration is required before February 18th. It was noted that teams are 5-8 people, at \$10.00 per person. Mayor Pauley stated to please contact Andy Parer at parer.andrew@rigov.org or 309-732-2275 and just give the name of your table and it will be reserved.

Mayor Pauley advised that students from Rock Island High School will showcase their work in the first art show of 2011 at the Rock Island Main Library. It was noted that the student art show is sponsored by the Rock Island Art Guild, and runs February 1st through February 28th on the 2nd floor of the downtown library at 401 19th Street. It was noted that the show is open for viewing during regular library hours.

Agenda Item #7

Presentation of the fourth (4) quarter Employee Recognition award to Jill Doak of the Community and Economic Development Department.

Mayor Pauley stated that this award is given out every quarter to an employee that goes above and beyond what is expected.

City Manager Phillips inquired upon Ms. Jill Doak to step forward. Mr. Phillips stated that Ms. Doak is receiving this honor for her work with the School Community Task Force of Neighborhood Partners. It was noted that Ms. Doak was very much involved in the Safe Routes to School process in regards to working with the parents, neighborhoods, schools, Police and Public Works concerning the new Center for Math and Science and the changes in boundaries of Frances Willard and the Academy. It was noted that Ms. Doak has been with the City for 20 years; she is an Urban Planner and she is also the City's Historic Preservation expert. It was noted that Ms. Doak has also helped to obtain a lot of State and Federal grants to support the City's historic properties and historic neighborhoods.

Ms. Doak was then presented with the award.

Agenda Item #8

A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 3: Alcoholic Liquor, Sec. 3-11 subparagraph (m) of the Code of Ordinances.

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

Agenda Item #9

A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 8: Licenses and Business Regulations, Sec.8-8, Sec.8-97 subparagraph (a) and Sec.8-432 subparagraph (a) of the Code of Ordinances.

It was moved by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Austin to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Vince Thomas of 1000 21st Street stepped forward. Mr. Thomas voiced concerns regarding the consequences of the changes being proposed and how it will affect the general public in regards to increasing various fees.

City Manager Phillips explained the increases relating to the various fees and clarified the process in regards to the budget and how it was determined for various items such as cuts, fees and increases to be included to balance the budget and preserve the financial strength of the City.

Alderman Conroy discussed NSP1 and NSP2 funding as it relates to housing.

Alderman Brooks discussed housing as it relates to affordability. Alderman Brooks also discussed various items on the Agenda relating to the fee increases to assist in balancing the budget.

Mayor Pauley stated that in the last several weeks, numerous options have been looked at. The Mayor added that these items were chosen because they were the ones that were the least harmful to the citizens of Rock Island.

Alderwoman Murphy inquired as to whether or not the City prorates all of the licenses.

City Manager Phillips stated that the increases for the licenses would not begin until May 1, 2011; these are annual licenses.

After more discussion, it was noted that prorating is contingent upon that particular ordinance for each type of license.

City Manager Phillips offered that staff would take a look at the ordinances in regards to prorating licenses.

Alderman Austin commented that in regards to comparables and adjusting fees, the City is below many of the other communities that have a comparable fee for a comparable service.

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

Agenda Item #10

A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 8: Licenses and Business Regulations, Sec.8-28 of the Code of Ordinances.

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

Agenda Item #11

A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 9: Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Sec. 9-42 subparagraph (a) of the Code of Ordinances.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Austin 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 #12

A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 15: Taxation, Sec.15-108 of the Code of Ordinances.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Brooks seconded to consider the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Austin; those voting No, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy.

Note: Agenda Item #12 will be placed on the Agenda for Monday, February 14, 2011 for the second reading.

Agenda Item #13

A Special Ordinance establishing a “no parking” zone on the east side of 5th Street between 37th and 39th Avenues.

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

Agenda Item #14

A Special Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space at 1517 32nd Street.

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

Agenda Item #15

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$7,793.63 to Califf and Harper, P.C. for legal services rendered for the month of December 2010.
- b. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$9,318.08 to Konecky, Kutsunis and Weng for legal services rendered for January, 2011.
- c. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$2,759.74 to McCarthy, Callas, Church & Feeney, P.C. for legal services rendered for the months of November and December 2010.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,600.00 to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for the annual lease fee for land and water rights at the Hydroelectric Plant. (023)
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$35,028.21 to Hoerr Construction, Inc. for services provided for the 2010 Joint Sanitary/Storm Sewer Lining project. (026)
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #3 in the amount of \$4,668.00 to the Treasurer of the State of Illinois for the City's share of the IL92 resurfacing project. (027)
- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$57,166.51 to Pappas, Hubbard, O'Connor, Fildes, Secaras, P.C. for legal services related to securing property needed for the Mill Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion through eminent domain. (024)
- h. Report from the Martin Luther King Center regarding payment #7 in the amount of \$340,336.00 to Estes Construction for services provided for the Martin Luther King Center expansion and renovation project.
- i. Report from the Martin Luther King Center regarding payment #8 in the amount of \$292,923.00 to Estes Construction for services provided for the Martin Luther King Center expansion and renovation project.

Agenda Item #16

Claims for the weeks of January 21st through January 27th in the amount of \$523,364.23 and January 28th through February 3rd in the amount of \$355,964.87.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Tollenaer 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 #17

Payroll for the weeks of January 10th through January 23rd in the amount of \$1,204,483.37.

Alderman Austin 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 #18

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the Saukie Detention Basin Natural Area Maintenance, recommending the bid be awarded to Aunt Rhodie's, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$19,525.00.

It was moved by Alderman Foley, seconded by Alderman Tollenaer 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 #19

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a contract with Utility Service Company, Inc. for the maintenance of the 14th Street Water Tower and the initial payment in the amount of \$106,824.00 for primer inspection and application of the finish coats.

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

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Public Works Department regarding an amendment to the agreement with Symbiont for engineering services related to the proposed wet weather treatment system at the Mill Street wastewater treatment facility.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the amendment as recommended at an additional cost not to exceed \$7,200.00 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 #21

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a proposal from Symbiont for engineering services related to a water system leak monitoring evaluation in an amount not to exceed \$63,640.00.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Austin seconded to approve the proposal as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and authorize the Public Works Department to issue the notice to proceed immediately upon approval of the proposal. 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 #22

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an amendment to the development agreement with Spirit Partners/Mandus Group, recommending extending the date for completion of the building expansion until September 1, 2012.

It was moved by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the amendment 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 Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, Alderman Tollenaer.

Agenda Item #23

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a revised development agreement with Resso Group L.L.C.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the revised agreement as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed with Alderwoman Murphy inquiring upon the Requet gentlemen to provide information in regards to the agreement.

Mr. Benjamin Requet of 34 Wildwood Drive and Mr. David Requet Jr. stepped forward.

Mr. Benjamin Requet stated that the operation will be under three (3) businesses, which include Gendlar's Wine & Spirits, the Black Ram restaurant and the Grotto bar. Mr. Requet indicated that it is anticipated that sales will reach \$3.5 million dollars by 2015; employment is expected to reach 30 to 40 fulltime positions and it is anticipated that investment will reach \$2 million dollars with purchase, expansion, equipment and inventory. Mr. Requet mentioned that Gendlar's is anticipating an opening day of April 2011. It was noted that with the expansion beginning, it is estimated that the completion date for Gendlar's, the Grotto and Black Ram will be December 2011.

Mr. Requet acknowledged that without this agreement assisting in the financing of the expansion, financing would almost be impossible.

Alderman Conroy inquired to staff as to what assurances the City has in regards to the project getting started the second time around, and once the money is given, will that project be completed.

Community and Economic Development Department Director Greg Champagne advised that the loan is contingent upon securing of the bank financing. Once that happens, the building plans will be reviewed and the building permit will be issued. Mr. Champagne advised that this will be a forgivable loan; if the developer does not perform, the City will have the ability to not forgive the loan. In addition, there will be a mortgage position on the property as a result of the loan and the City will be subordinate to the senior financing. Mr. Champagne noted that the City will have a security interest in the property.

After more discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, Alderman Tollenaer.

Agenda Item #24

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a request for an ordinance prohibiting the drilling of potable water wells within the area of the city bounded by 12th Street, the Rock River, 37th Avenue extended to the Rock River and 48th Avenue extended to the Rock River.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an Ordinance.

Discussion followed with Alderman Conroy inquiring as to whether letters are sent out notifying residents about contaminated water.

Public Works Director Bob Hawes stated that no notification is sent out except to the county.

After more discussion regarding cleanup, leaks and contamination of the water, 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 #25

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 One Year Action Plan.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 One Year Action Plan as recommended, and authorize the City Manager to submit the plan and any comments that are received through February 7, 2011 to HUD for their review and approval. 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 #26

Items from the City Manager's Memorandum Packet.

City Manager Phillips made reference to the information included in the memo packet in regards to seeking Council input on dates for the 2011 Goal Setting Session.

Mr. Phillips indicated that information is included in the memo packet regarding a Request for Qualifications for recruitment for a firm related to the City Manager search.

Mr. Phillips discussed information included in the memo packet regarding the Police Station Plan study concerning statements of qualifications regarding firms with experience concerning space utilization/needs and design for Police facilities.

Mr. Phillips made reference to the 2010 Boaters Advisory Committee survey results regarding Sunset Marina. In addition, Mr. Phillips indicated that included in the memo packet are snow removal Thank You letters from citizens concerning the recent snowstorm.

Mr. Phillips then inquired upon Public Works Director Bob Hawes to provide some information related to the recent snow storm.

Mr. Hawes stated that during the actual storm, the City spent approximately \$120,000.00 with in-house crews and another \$5,000.00 with contractors that helped during the middle of the storm. Mr. Hawes advised that \$125,000.00 was invested in the storm, which has taken care of the rest of the budget for snow removal for this year. Mr. Hawes advised that due to the size of the storm, snow was hauled out of the Downtown area on Friday night into Saturday morning. It was noted that contractor costs were \$55,000.00 and another \$16,000.00 in City costs. Mr. Hawes stated that the total cost for the storm was approximately \$196,000.00.

Mr. Hawes advised that there is a possibility of the City receiving some money back due to the Governor declaring some counties in Illinois disaster areas in which Rock Island County was one of them. Mr. Hawes stated that preliminary numbers were submitted today, which is about \$88,000.00. Mr. Hawes further discussed this issue.

City Manager Phillips stated that the City still has a fairly good amount of salt left and the City will still respond to citizens' needs in case there are more storms.

Alderman Brooks voiced concerns regarding schools being in session last Thursday, which was the day after the storm. Alderman Brooks stated that he felt that the school district should work more closely with the City. Alderman Brooks indicated that it wasn't safe for kids that were walking to school on that day due to the sidewalks not being clean and the kids having to walk in the street. Alderman Brooks stated it was a safety issue.

Alderwoman Murphy commented on the sidewalks and discussed the sidewalk program as it relates to snow safety.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Papillon Flowers is located at 18th Avenue and 44th Street. Alderwoman Murphy advised that Papillon Flowers is family owned and operated. It was noted that their signature is a butterfly, which is a symbol of new life and is added to every arrangement they make. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Papillon Flowers also sells gift baskets, porcelain dolls, candles and candy. Alderwoman Murphy commented that their hours are Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It was noted that they are on call 24/7 for sympathy arrangements. Alderwoman Murphy offered that delivery to the Quad City metro area is free and they charge a nominal fee for delivering outside of the area.

Agenda Item #27

Other Business.

Ms. Dameion Watkins of 1907 5th Avenue formerly recorded as 429 19th Street stepped forward. Ms. Watkins voiced concerns regarding Roy Yelder, TIF violations, code violations and recent Freedom of Information request responses.

Mr. Vince Thomas of 1000 21st Street stepped forward. Mr. Thomas voiced concerns regarding comparable cities related to taxes, housing costs and economics in general.

Agenda Item #28

Executive Session on Litigation.

A motion was made by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy at 8:05 p.m. to recess to Executive Session on matters of Litigation. 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.

Agenda Item #29

Recess

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 8:19 p.m. A motion was made by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Austin to recess to Monday, February 14, 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 8:20 p.m.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk