

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, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were Acting City Manager Bob Hawes, Administrative Services Director John Thorson, Risk Manager Patrick Doherty, other City staff and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman Terry M.A. Brooks I arrived at 5:20 p.m. City Manager John Phillips was absent.

LIQUOR ORDINANCE PROPOSAL

Mayor Pauley reviewed the revisions to the liquor license ordinance proposal made last week. Mayor Pauley recommended establishing a 2:00 a.m. license option for those now eligible for the 3:00 a.m. extended hours option. It was noted that a number of establishments already have the extended hours option but routinely close before 3:00 a.m. The Mayor commented that this license option would be available for \$450.00 per year. The Mayor recommended increasing the annual charge for the 3:00 a.m. license option from \$900.00 to \$1,500.00 per year. Mayor Pauley advised that 50% of the calls for service in Rock Island on Friday and Saturday nights between 2:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. are for the downtown area where 10 of the City's 3:00 a.m. license holders are located.

Mayor Pauley recommended that all establishments (tavern owners and managers) with 3:00 a.m. licenses be required to attend annual training sessions hosted by the Liquor Commissioner and the Police Liaison in order to improve communications, provide updates on liquor license laws or procedures and offer training to encourage best practices. In addition, it was recommended that establishments that hold a 3:00 a.m. license be required to maintain a minimum of one (1) person designated solely for the purpose of security personnel on duty during evening hours of operation. The Mayor commented that this would be on Friday and Saturday nights from 9:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. It was noted that further minimum staffing levels will be researched by the Police Department and reviewed by the Liquor Commissioner for presentation to the City Council at a later date if so determined. The Mayor stated that this would be at next year's license renewal time.

Mayor Pauley further recommended that establishments holding a 3:00 a.m. license in The District be required to maintain a functioning video recording system inside and outside their business that can be made available to law enforcement. It was noted that starting with the 2012/2013 licensing year, the video recording system will be a requirement for all Class B and C liquor license holders (bars) in The District and all Class B and C license holders (bars) throughout the City with the 3:00 a.m. option. Mayor Pauley advised that it is recommended that the Police Department gather more information on the suggested ID Card Readers. It was noted that this item could possibly be phased in during the 2012/2013 licensing year after review.

Mayor Pauley discussed the Downtown Security Area. The Mayor recommended that changes be made to the charges for businesses within the Downtown Security Area to pay for the extra police officers assigned to that area. Currently, the charges do not cover the costs of the services provided by the City. It was noted that there has been no increase since 2005. Mayor Pauley advised that none of these charges would take effect until the 2012/2013 year. The Mayor stated

that this would have to come to Council for review before any charges are increased; the intent is to cover the costs of security.

Mayor Pauley advised that the objective is to provide a 2:00 a.m. license alternative at a reasonable cost for businesses that now must choose a 1:00 a.m. closing or a 3:00 a.m. closing; it allocates more of the costs on the businesses that choose to have a 3:00 a.m. license since this is where most of the costs are incurred; it offers suggestions to improve safety and security for patrons and enhance law enforcement; and it addresses the growing shortfall that exists in the payment of police officers in the Downtown Security Area by 3:00 a.m. license holders.

The Mayor also stated that questions were raised last week concerning occupancy. Mayor Pauley distributed a confidential document on this item. Mayor Pauley commented that this document shows a 4-Tier system instead of a 3-Tier system and any increase would not be implemented until the 2012/2013 license year.

In summary, the Mayor indicated that the only increase this year would be for the license; the establishments would have a security person on Friday and Saturday nights from 9:00 p.m. until closing; and the requirement for annual training sessions. The Mayor stated that the video recording system does not start until next year; and the initial charges for security would not begin until next year and that would be after review by the City Council.

Discussion followed.

Council discussed minimum security staffing as it related to the issue of establishments determining the amount of staff needed between 9:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.

Council also discussed licensing as it related to the cost of liquor licenses in general in regards to the implementation of the 2:00 a.m. license option and the \$450.00 fee and the increase for the annual charge of a 3:00 a.m. license option. Several Council members had concerns related to an increase in fees in general. Council also discussed the proposal for implementing the 4-Tier option verses the 3-Tier option as it related to occupancy/security fees.

Several Council members had concerns in regards to the proposal for security personnel as it related to restaurants or bars that have fewer than 100 patrons being required to pay for the security personnel. Most Council members supported the 2:00 a.m. license option that was discussed and the proposal for annual training sessions for bar owners and managers. Several Council members suggested that the increase in the annual charge for 3:00 a.m. licenses should be staggered over a two-year period so that the establishments do not have to absorb all the costs at one time. In addition, Council discussed the proposed requirement for 3:00 a.m. license holders in The District to maintain a functioning video recording system. Most Council members agreed that this requirement should be incorporated into the 2012/2013 licensing year.

After more discussion regarding security personnel, Jeff Rusk owner of Steve's Old Time Tap and Ken Auker owner of Poor Boys voiced concerns regarding this issue. Both owners did not support this proposal. Both owners along with several other establishment owners had concerns

with absorbing too many expenses at one time. In addition, Council discussed security personnel as it related to the job description for security staff and the fairness variable as it related to the size of establishments and costs concerning security personnel.

Mayor Pauley advised that he could continue to handle the security issue as Liquor Commissioner. The Mayor offered that he doesn't want anyone (establishments) appearing in front of the Liquor Commissioner. Mayor Pauley stated that he is trying to create the safest environment that can be created in Rock Island for everyone and the only way to do that is to make changes.

Police Chief Scott Harris and Council discussed loitering and minors as it related to late night hours in the Downtown.

After more discussion regarding changes to the liquor ordinance, Mayor Pauley concluded that there seems to be a consensus among Council for implementation of the 2:00 a.m. license and the \$450.00 fee; and for the 3:00 a.m. license fee increase, but instead of the increase of \$600.00 all at once, Council would like a \$300.00 increase per year for two (2) years. Mayor Pauley advised that there seems to be a consensus for the annual training sessions, but the proposal for security personnel is a real issue. It was noted that Council supported maintaining a functioning video recording system starting with the year 2012/2013. Mayor Pauley indicated that the ID Card Reader is eliminated for now until more information can be gathered by the Police Department on that system. The Mayor added that with the Downtown Security Area, there seems to be a consensus among Council to go to the 4-Tier system instead of the 3-Tier system and before any increases can be made, it would come to Council for review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Tollenaar to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel and Litigation. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaar, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 6:09 p.m.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to adjourn the meeting 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. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p. m.

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 Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, P. J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Acting City Manager Bob Hawes was also present. City Manager John Phillips was 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. Alderwoman Murphy gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the Meeting of March 14, 2011.

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of March 14, 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 on Sunday, he had the pleasure of attending the Fieldhouse with approximately 2000 other people honoring the victorious 3A champions; the Rock Island Rocks Basketball Team. Mayor Pauley advised that the Rocks played a fantastic game against the Centralia Orphans. Mayor Pauley stated that all of the Quad Cities' high schools have played in a state championship game. The Mayor added that Rock Island is the first Illinois Quad City high school to win a state basketball championship. Mayor Pauley congratulated all of the players and coaches for their fine efforts, fine season and fine win. The Mayor thanked them for bringing the trophy to Rock Island.

Mayor Pauley indicated that on March 25th through March 27th, the Flower and Garden Show returns to the QCCA Expo Center. Over 250 exhibitors will showcase the latest gardening techniques, supplies and equipment. It was noted that landscaping companies will be present, along with "do it yourself" project demonstrations. Mayor Pauley stated that the hours are Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Mayor added that the cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$1.00 for kids ages 6 -16. It was noted to call 788-5912 for more information.

Mayor Pauley advised that the KeyStone Neighborhood Association's annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 26th serving from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Rock Island Evening Lion's Club located at 4329 8th Avenue. It was noted that the KeyStone Neighborhood Association will be receiving the net profits from the fundraiser. Mayor Pauley stated that there will also be a 50/50 raffle. It was noted that tickets are \$5.00 per adult or child for pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee; eggs are available for \$.50 extra. Mayor Pauley stated

that for more information contact Terry Stimpson, President of KeyStone Neighborhood Association at 786-6917.

Mayor Pauley indicated that resident participants are being sought for a community-wide dialogue to work together to address the integration of refugees and immigrants into Rock Island neighborhoods. Mayor Pauley stated that the study circles will meet for five consecutive weeks from April 10th to May 13th. It was noted that a Kick-Off meeting is scheduled for April 7th with a special guest speaker. Mayor Pauley added that for more information or to register, call (309)732-2900 or visit www.rigov.org. It was noted that this is sponsored by the Neighborhood Partners of Rock Island.

Mayor Pauley stated that the City of Rock Island has been preparing for flooding for the past month and work continues. It was noted that with flood predictions showing the probability of flooding likely this year, the City is sharing what is being done to get ready. Mayor Pauley stated that annual preparations for a spring flood began in early February with inspections of all the levee gatewells and an inventory of flood protection supplies, equipment and portable levee closures. Mayor Pauley advised that according to the following information from the National Weather Service, the outlook for a flood is probable. The City of Rock Island is diligently planning and preparing for potential flooding this spring. The Mayor stated that Rock Island follows National Incident Management System procedures whenever faced with major weather challenges. It was noted that the team is meeting weekly. Mayor Pauley indicated that planning is underway for a procedure to share information with property owners within the area protected by the flood protection system. Once this has been determined, another news release will be issued.

Mayor Pauley advised that Town Hall Meetings are scheduled to discuss flood preparations. The Mayor stated that the first meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 23rd at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers; the second meeting will be held on Thursday, March 24th at 5:00 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, and the third meeting will be held on Friday, March 25th at 9:00 a.m. at the Main Library in the Community Room.

Agenda Item #7

Presentation by the Rock Island Fire Department.

Fire Chief Jim Fobert stated that this evening, we will be recognizing three (3) individuals for their life saving actions they performed on March 1, 2011 in the early afternoon at the Rock Island Fitness and Activity Center (RIFAC). Chief Fobert advised that early that afternoon, a call came in regarding an individual having a seizure at RIFAC. Chief Fobert stated that it was 12:53 p.m. and it took the fire crew five (5) minutes to respond from the time the call came in. It was noted that prior to the crew responding, three (3) individuals started CPR on the individual that fell in the weight room and was not responsive. Once the fire crew arrived, they took over care, continued CPR, started advanced life support for the individual, started an IV and used a defibrillator to revive him.

Chief Fobert then recognized Kay Stecher (RIFAC employee), Josh Mader and Rock Island County Sheriff's Deputy Steve Rusk as the individuals that started the initial treatment on the

individual. The fire and ambulance crew that responded to the call were then introduced. Chief Fobert then introduced Mr. Richard Parsons who is the individual that was helped on March 1st at RIFAC.

Mr. Parsons stated that it is terribly hard to express the depth of appreciation and gratitude for what these three (3) individuals and the firefighters did for me on that day. Mr. Parsons indicated that his life was saved on that day. It was noted that Ms. Stecher, Mr. Mader and Rock Island County Sheriff's Deputy Steve Rusk were presented with plaques for their lifesaving efforts.

Agenda Item #8

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 Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$9,170.02 to the Rock Island County Sheriff's Office for the consortium communications monthly maintenance. (029)
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$46,733.72 to Valley Construction, \$12,224.46 to Langman Construction and \$797.50 to Kodiak Site Contractors for snow removal assistance following the 2011 blizzard. (062)
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$7,141.82 to Valley Construction Company, Inc. for an emergency sewer repair at 2812 39th Avenue. (067)
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$5,817.97 to Flex-Pac, \$3,726.89 to Greenwood Cleaning Systems and \$2,908.81 to Great Western Supply for Janitorial supplies. (068)
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #4 in the amount of \$200,322.30 to General Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Public Works street garage project. (074)
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #3 and final in the amount of \$4,867.63 to Hoerr Construction, Inc. for services provided for the 2010 Joint Sanitary/Storm Sewer Lining project. (075)

Agenda Item #9

Claims for the week of March 11th through March 17th in the amount of \$901,896.22.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Austin 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 #10

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of 240 Floodline Baskets from HESCO Bastion USA, Inc. in the amount of \$112,258.40.

It was moved by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the purchase as recommended pending approval of the budget adjustment submitted by the Finance Department. 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

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of two (2) fuel dispensers at Sunset Marina, recommending the bid be awarded to Illowa Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$12,798.00.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Austin seconded to award the bid as recommended and authorize purchase. 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 Administrative Services Department regarding a contract renewal with AT&T for long distance telephone service.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the contract 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 an agreement with UpStream for website proofing services.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the agreement 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 Community and Economic Development Department regarding an amendment to the environmental consulting contract with EnviroNet, Inc. for the cleanup plan at the Jackson Square site.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Jones seconded 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 Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget, recommending increasing the Stormwater Utility Fund in the amount of \$112,258.40.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the budget adjustment 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.

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a work and cost sharing plan related to safety improvements to the 6th Avenue railroad crossing.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Austin seconded to approve the work and cost sharing plan as recommended and authorize the City Engineer to inform the Illinois Commerce Commission of this decision. 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

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the review of a two-lot minor final plat of Epperly Second Addition located at 1719 78th Avenue West.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer, seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the final plat as recommended, subject to submittal of a signed County Clerk certificate. 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 Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from A.D. Huesing Corporation at 527 37th Avenue to ban parking between the east and west entrance and exit points on both sides of 37th Avenue.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an 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 #19

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Aldi Foods for City Ordinance (section 9-42) control of the parking lot located at 1880 38th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer, seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an 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 #20

Report from the Mayor regarding a reappointment to the Fire and Police Commissioners Board.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to approve the reappointment 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.

Gene Anderson was reappointed to the Fire and Police Commissioners Board with a term to expire on April 30, 2014.

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Mayor regarding changes to the Liquor Ordinance.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy to make the following changes to the liquor license and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance: Establish a 2:00 a.m. license with a \$450.00 per year fee; increase the annual fees for 3:00 a.m. licenses for the year of 2011/2012 for an additional \$300.00 and an additional \$300.00 for the year of 2012/2013; that all tavern owners and managers attend an annual training session; and maintain a functioning video recording system starting with the year 2012/2013; recommend that the Police Department gather information on the ID Card Readers; and to implement the 4-Tier system for bar sizes referring to their annual service fees for the District area. Alderman Tollenaer seconded the motion.

Discussion followed with City Attorney Kutsunis stating that the motion on some of these as written is only for the 3:00 a.m. license.

Alderman Conroy stated that the first one was to establish a 2:00 a.m. license and the rest were in reference to the 3:00 a.m. license.

Alderman Tollenaer stated that the City should buy the ID Card Readers and require bars to maintain them.

Mayor Pauley stated that this issue could be discussed at Goal Setting.

Alderman Jones advised that he would not be supporting the fee increases, but will support the other changes. Alderman Jones stated that he was focusing on the safety component of it. Alderman Jones offered that The District has a lot of positive points including 11 new businesses, a grant for a transient boat dock and Schwiebert Riverfront Park.

Alderman Brooks inquired to Alderman Jones that if the item for fee increases could be separated from the other changes, could Alderman Jones vote on that. Alderman Jones stated yes.

City Attorney Ted Kutsunis advised that when the ordinance comes before Council on April 4th, a motion could be made to divide the question.

Alderman Conroy clarified that the recommendation for the Police Department to gather information on the ID Card Readers did not have to be part of the ordinance; it is just part of what Council would like staff to do.

Alderwoman Murphy indicated that a lot of business owners from the District and bar owners throughout the City attended the Study Session last week and this week. Alderwoman Murphy commented that Council engaged them in conversation. Alderwoman Murphy stated that security and safety in The District has been discussed for a long time. Alderwoman Murphy noted that she felt the City was moving in the right direction; there are a lot of great things happening downtown.

Alderman Foley applauded Mayor Pauley's efforts to establish a 2:00 a.m. license. Alderman Foley supported the fee increases.

After more 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 #22

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Hilltop Tavern to hold their seventh annual Green Bucket Party outside on Saturday, March 26, 2011 from noon to 5:00 p.m.

It was moved by Alderman Foley, seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the event for Hilltop Tavern 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.

Agenda Item #23

Report from the City Clerk regarding an application and Resolution for the Cornbelt Running Club to hold their Quad Cities Distance Classic Half Marathon and 5K Road Race on Sunday, May 8, 2011.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the application as recommended and adopt the Resolution. 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 #24

Items from the City Manager's Memorandum Packet.

Acting City Manager Bob Hawes inquired upon Finance Director Bill Scott to review the February Management Report.

Mr. Scott advised that the benchmark is at 92%. It was noted that in the General Fund, revenues are on target at 92% and expenditures are below target at 80%. Mr. Scott then highlighted several items on the table of taxes included in the report. Mr. Scott advised that the projections are based on sales tax, local option sales tax and telecommunications tax for revenue that has been or will be received in March. Mr. Scott then referred to the report and stated that it shows a \$190,000.00 surplus. It was noted that the surplus will be better than what is shown in the report. Mr. Scott further explained the projected surplus and the projected tax revenue including the sales tax and local option sales tax. Mr. Scott also discussed the monthly investment rates.

Alderman Brooks inquired upon Administrative Services Director John Thorson to update Council on the new City Manager selection process.

Mr. Thorson stated that Requests for Proposals were received last Friday. It was noted that Mr. Thorson is currently reviewing them. Mr. Thorson acknowledged that staff will have something available for Council on April 4th.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether the RFP's that went out were for choosing a particular organization to go out and do a search. Mr. Thorson responded yes.

Alderman Brooks had concerns in regards to the time frame. Alderman Brooks stated that this is a very important decision and Council would like enough time to choose a city manager that they feel comfortable with.

Mr. Thorson advised that the objective is to have a new city manager in place by September 1st.

After more discussion, Mayor Pauley stated that this item will be discussed at the April 4th Study Session.

Alderman Tollenaer inquired upon Acting City Manager Bob Hawes to update Council on the flood predications.

Mr. Hawes stated that the flood outlook that the National Weather Service distributes has not changed. Mr. Hawes stated that he talked with the National Weather Service this morning and the next outlook that is normally scheduled would be this Thursday. However, the Hydrologist has stated that they may wait until next week because of the storms that are coming in to the north of us. Mr. Hawes advised that they want to evaluate the impact first then they probably would issue another outlook at the end of the month.

Mr. Hawes indicated that there will be three (3) meetings held for the folks on the Mississippi River side. It was noted that the meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, March 23rd at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers; Thursday, March 24th at 5:00 p.m. at Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center and Friday, March 25th at 9:00 a.m. at the Main Library in the Community Room.

Mr. Hawes advised that staff had a meeting last week with businesses along Andalusia Road. Mr. Hawes added that lots of information was shared including instructions on how to build a sand bag wall, how to fill a sandbag and how to get access to the National Weather Service.

Mr. Hawes offered that a flood page has been created on the City website and Reverse 911 went out today inviting people to the meetings. Mr. Hawes advised that the City is getting in the needed materials in which a shipment of pumps is expected at the end of the week. Mr. Hawes stated that the forecast that came out this morning indicated that the river will be at 15.4 feet on Monday, March 28th. Mr. Hawes offered that the first pump will go in probably tomorrow. It was noted that the Quad City flood stage is 15 feet and Rock Island's is about 11 feet. It was noted that the gatewells at 18th Avenue and the river will probably be closed tomorrow or the day after. Mr. Hawes stated that as the river rises, more pumps will be installed and eventually the City will switch to round the clock shifts to man all of the pumps until the water goes down. Mr. Hawes further discussed the flood issue.

Alderman Austin stated that on Tuesday, March 22nd Saukie and Highland Springs golf courses will open for the season.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that D'Alessandro Italian Restaurant has wonderful Italian food. Alderman Murphy indicated that D'Alessandro's serves lunch and dinner. It was noted that they have banquet and party facilities available and catering services. It was also noted that D'Alessandro's is located at 1524 4th Avenue. Alderman Murphy stated that they are open Monday through Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Sunday they are closed.

Agenda Item #25

Other Business

None

Agenda Item #26

Executive Session on Personnel and Litigation.

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 21, 2011
MINUTES**

The Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #27

Recess

A motion was made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Jones to recess to Monday, April 4, 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 7:32 p.m.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk