

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 11, 2011  
MINUTES**

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 Terry M.A. Brooks I, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager John Phillips, Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson, Special Projects Manager Sally Heffernan, Lynn Hunt from the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau, Administrative Services Director John Thorson, Risk Manager Patrick Doherty, Public Works Director Bob Hawes, Street Maintenance Superintendent and Technical Services Manager Randy Tweet and other City staff. Alderman David Conroy and Alderman Jason Jones were absent.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

City Manager Phillips referred to an invoice that was distributed to Council regarding a payment to Harris Computer Systems for GEMS that is included on the Agenda for Council approval. Mr. Phillips commented that the amount of the invoice was incorrect and this document shows the correct amount, which will be noted when the item comes up for approval this evening.

**TRAIN FESTIVAL 2011 UPDATE**

City Manager John Phillips inquired upon Lynn Hunt of the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau to update Council on the upcoming Train Festival.

Ms. Hunt stated that Train Festival 2011 will be held on Thursday July 21<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at Schwiebert Riverfront Park. Ms. Hunt commented that seven (7) trains have been committed for this event. Ms. Hunt added that there will be diesel engines and 14 various excursions, which include; trips in from Chicago; trips all day to Bureau IL. and Iowa City; two-hour trips to Walcott, IA; and riverboat cruises. Ms. Hunt indicated that a huge tent will be set up on the east side of the grounds for model train displays. In addition, there will be miniature railroads, railroad vendors and an activity area for the kids.

Ms. Hunt advised that this event will be open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. It was noted that admission into the festival is \$15.00 for adults and \$12.00 for kids. Ms. Hunt indicated that the Walcott train package is priced at \$28.00 for an adult and \$24.00 per child, which includes all four (4) days admission to the event and the two-hour train rides. It was noted that 3,967 tickets have been presold. Ms. Hunt advised that tickets can be purchased by visiting any of the Quad City Visitors Centers or go online to [www.trainfestival2011.com](http://www.trainfestival2011.com).

Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson discussed the layout of the festival grounds, and Special Projects Manager Sally Heffernan discussed sponsorship.

Ms. Hunt and Council further discussed the upcoming train festival.

**REVIEW OF PROPOSALS OF EXECUTIVE RECRUITMENT FIRMS**

City Manager Phillips suggested to Council that they decide on how many firms they wish to interview and what type of process they would like to follow for interviewing these firms. Mr. Phillips advised that the discussions with these groups could be scheduled for the next Study Session on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Phillips indicated that Slavin Management Consultants, Mercer Group and Voorhees Associates do most of the searches for City Manager positions in Illinois.

Council discussed executive recruitment firms as it related to national and regional firms.

Administrative Services Director John Thorson indicated that these executive recruitment firms bring in the ability to interest people that are in current jobs that have the qualifications that Council is seeking for this position.

Mr. Thorson discussed the evaluation criteria as it related to the recruitment firms. Mr. Thorson advised that there were eight (8) topics reviewed, which included; understanding of the project; cost of services; professional qualifications of the firm; professional qualifications of the principal; compliance with performance schedule; compliance with insurance requirements; ability to perform business in Illinois; and equal employment opportunity policy.

Council then discussed the number of firms to interview. After more discussion, it was a consensus among Council to interview the three (3) firms that City Manager Phillips had suggested, which included Slavin Management Consultants, Mercer Group and Voorhees Associates.

Council also discussed questions as it relates to standards when talking to the identified groups.

**FLOOD UPDATE**

Mr. Hawes distributed the latest action incident plan in regards to the flood. Superintendent and Technical Services Manager Randy Tweet discussed the checklist that was developed by the Corps of Engineers as part of the flood manual. It was noted that staff has added a lot of steps to the checklist. Mr. Tweet referred to the checklist and stated that it is set up to various river levels. It was noted that every time an elevation is met, staff goes to the next point on the checklist such as closing gatewells or bringing more pumps into operation. Mr. Tweet indicated that currently, six (6) pumps are running and 14 pumps will be running by this weekend. Mr. Hawes commented that at 18 feet, the levee will have to be checked.

Mr. Tweet advised that on Wednesday, staff will start putting in the flood panels at Schwiebert Riverfront Park and the vertical removable panels of the floodwall will also be installed. Mr. Tweet indicated that on Sunday night, the elevation will reach 18 to 18.5 feet. It was noted that staff is getting everything done this week to prevent overtime on the weekend. Mr. Tweet stated that the only overtime will be when the elevation reaches 18 feet and crews of two (2) will have to walk the levee each day to check for irregularities. Mr. Tweet added that if there is any rain in the forecast then two (2) people would be on duty to manually start the pumps.

Mr. Hawes advised that at 18 feet, all power will be shut off at Sunset Marina and all vehicle access will be closed to the marina. In addition, a security guard will be stationed at the marina. Mr. Hawes indicated that at the point where the elevation reaches 18 or 19 feet, a shuttle service will be started so that people can get to their boats at the marina.

Mr. Hawes and Council further discussed planning and procedures for the flood.

### **LONG TERM CONTROL PLAN UPDATE**

Mr. Hawes stated that construction has been completed on the store/treat basin project except for minor punch list items. It was noted that final testing and system calibration cannot be completed until the City has some major thunderstorms that trigger those basins to go into action. Mr. Hawes advised that the City received a \$500,000.00 low interest rate loan from the State of Illinois. It was noted that 25% of the loan will be forgiven.

Mr. Hawes indicated that the building is up and on schedule in regards to the street garage construction project. It was noted that the intention is that it will be ready for occupancy by the first of July. It was noted that the environmental work has been completed. Mr. Hawes offered that there are two (2) remaining bids to award for the project, which include landscaping and construction of the roll-off container site. Mr. Hawes commented that these bids should be ready for Council consideration by May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Hawes discussed the Mill Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion. It was noted that the plans and specifications for this project are out to 12 bidders across the Midwest. Mr. Hawes stated that if everything goes according to the plan, the bids will be presented to Council on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was noted that at that time, Council will be asked to approve a Notice of Intent to award the contract. Mr. Hawes advised that the only regulatory issue for the project is getting approval for a permit from the Corps of Engineers, which should be here this week. It was noted that once the approval from the Corps has been received, all of the paperwork will be submitted to the Illinois EPA for review, which will take about one month, and then final approval of the contract should come back to Council sometime in July.

Mr. Hawes advised that the loan program is capped at \$20 million dollars a year. It was noted that the project will be financed in two (2) or three (3) phases depending upon the construction schedule and cost. Mr. Hawes indicated that the initial loan will have a 1.25% interest rate and 25% principle forgiveness. However, there is a \$2.5 million dollar cap on that. Mr. Hawes further discussed the loan variables.

It was noted that the City has applied for a \$700,000.00 Illinois Green Infrastructure grant from the Illinois EPA. Mr. Hawes stated that this grant would pay for the costs of the green roof on the new pumping station, the reed beds and natural landscaping for the entire site.

Council further discussed the Mill Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion project.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recess to Executive Session on matters of Litigation. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 5:52 p.m.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:08 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion made by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 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 Terry M.A. Brooks I, P. J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. City Manager John Phillips was also present. Alderman David Conroy and Alderman Jason Jones 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 Austin gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

#### **Minutes of the Meeting of April 4, 2011.**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of April 4, 2011 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

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

Mayor Pauley advised to bring your bags and baskets to Lincoln Park at 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 38<sup>th</sup> Street on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> for the annual Easter Egg Hunt where there will be many colorful eggs hidden throughout the hunt areas. The Mayor commented that some eggs will contain special prizes, and there may even be a surprise visit from a very popular Bunny! It was noted that this event is free and festivities begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. SHARP! Don't be late as eggs are only available for a short time.

Mayor Pauley indicated that the City is providing free leaf collection for all residential refuse customers from Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> through Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that leaves must be placed in paper yard waste bags at the normal refuse collection location on the regular refuse collection day. The Mayor stated that bags may not contain anything other than leaves. It was noted that the City is also providing free leaf bags, which are available for pick-up during regular business hours at various locations throughout the City. Go to [www.rigov.org](http://www.rigov.org) for a listing of locations.

Mayor Pauley commented that the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Rock Island Fine Arts Exhibition continues through May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Augustana College Art Museum, located in the basement of Centennial Hall at 3703 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mayor Pauley stated to come and view the exhibit and support our region's lively visual artists.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Night of 1,000 Dreams will be held on Friday, April 15, 2011 at the Local 25 Plumber's & Pipefitters Hall at 4600 Blackhawk Road. Mayor Pauley advised that the evening includes a delicious meal and great fellowship, a huge silent auction and an exciting live auction. It was noted that one lucky attendee will win a dream vacation for two. The Mayor stated that doors open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. It was noted that for ticket information, go to [www.rockislandschools.org/risd](http://www.rockislandschools.org/risd).

Agenda Item #7

**Proclamation declaring April 10 through April 16, 2011 as National Library Week.**

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring April 10 through April 16, 2011 as National Library Week.

Library Director Ava Ketter accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Mayor and City Council for the Proclamation.

Agenda #8

**Public Hearing on a request from Mindy Diaz for an amendment to an existing Special Use Permit (for a retail custom and fine jewelry store at 1815 24<sup>th</sup> Street) to allow a second fascia type attached sign on the structure to be located at the northwest corner of the structure facing 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting at 6:50 p.m. and opened a Public Hearing on a request from Mindy Diaz for an amendment to an existing Special Use Permit (for a retail custom and fine jewelry store at 1815 24<sup>th</sup> Street) to allow a second fascia type attached sign on the structure to be located at the northwest corner of the structure facing 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Ms. Diaz of 3601 38<sup>th</sup> Street stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Ms. Diaz.

Ms. Diaz stated that she would like an amendment to the existing Special Use Permit so that she can add a sign to the north side of the business, which is located at 1815 24<sup>th</sup> Street. Ms. Diaz commented that the 4' by 6' foot sign would be internally lit and will be turned off by 10:00 p.m. each night.

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 person 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 6:53 p.m.

It was moved by Alderman Foley, seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the amendment to the Special Use Permit as recommended, subject to the stipulations that the sign will have an area of 25.26 square feet and be located near the roof line on the northwest corner of the structure; the sign be internally lighted and set on a timer to turn off at 10:00 p.m.; 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 Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #9

**Public Hearing on a request from Randy Schweickhardt for a Special Use Permit to operate a firearm and firearm accessory sales business (hand guns and rifles) out of his residence at 4504 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting at 6:54 p.m. and opened a Public Hearing on a request from Randy Schweickhardt for a Special Use Permit to operate a firearm and firearm accessory sales business (hand guns and rifles) out of his residence at 4504 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Mr. Schweickhardt of 4504 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. Schweickhardt.

Mr. Schweickhardt stated that he plans to start a small business to operate a firearm and accessory business out of his home. Mr. Schweickhardt indicated that 90% of the business will be firearm accessories. Mr. Schweickhardt offered that in order to sell accessories, he has to be approved for an FFL license. Mr. Schweickhardt pointed out that his wife has a home daycare and he is not allowed to sell guns. It was noted that no handguns or ammunition would be stored on the property. Mr. Schweickhardt commented that all firearms will be by special order, and the customers will be instructed to park in the driveway behind the residence. Mr. Schweickhardt added that the hours of operation will be from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Tollenaer inquired as to whether Mr. Schweickhardt currently has an FFL license.

Mr. Schweickhardt stated that he was approved for an FFL license, but will not receive it until he is granted the Special Use Permit.

Alderman Austin reviewed the stipulations for the Special Use Permit, and inquired as to whether Mr. Schweickhardt was aware of those stipulations that were recommended by staff.

Mr. Schweickhardt responded yes.

Alderman Austin then inquired as to whether there would be any fully assembled operable weapons in the home.

Mr. Schweickhardt stated that based on special orders, there would be some guns, but at no time more than (3) handguns. Mr. Schweickhardt explained that once a customer has ordered a firearm arm and it has been received, the firearm is immediately stored in a gun safe. The customer will have three (3) days to pick up the gun. Mr. Schweickhardt added that after the customer has completed the paperwork, he personally will put the gun in the trunk of the customer's vehicle.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was anyone who wished to speak in favor of the Special Use Permit application.

Ms. Susan M. Starr-Taylor of 4508 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Ms. Starr-Taylor.

Ms. Starr-Taylor stated that she is the Schweickhardt's next door neighbor. Ms. Starr-Taylor offered that the Schweickhardt's are a very responsible couple with two (2) small children. Ms. Starr-Taylor did not believe that the Schweickhardt's would do anything to jeopardize their family, neighbors or neighborhood.

Alderman Austin inquired upon Police Chief Scott Harris for comments on this item.

Police Chief Harris advised that his only concern was the impact on traffic in this neighborhood.

After more discussion, Mayor Pauley 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 other person 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 6:59 p.m.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the Special Use Permit as recommended, subject to the stipulations that the business operate by appointment only, between 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; only one resident employee will be allowed; no ammunition be allowed to be sold and/or stored on the property; guns to be picked up by customers shall be located in an approved gun safe; three rear yard parking spaces be provided and customers directed to park in this rear yard parking area; 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 Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, Alderman Brooks.

Agenda #10

**A Special Ordinance establishing a no parking zone on the south side of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 20 feet from the west edge of the driveway at 4508 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

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

Agenda Item #11

**CLAIMS**

Mayor Pauley advised that there was a change to Agenda Item #11d in which the amount should be \$41,970.00 instead of \$51,307.00. After Mayor Pauley's revision, 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 Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

- a. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$7,000.00 to Nomkus McCluskey LLC for subrogation claim settlement for Nicole Watson-Lam.
- b. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$32,643.45 to Crawford & Company (Attorney Amylee Hogan Simonovich) for Workers Compensation settlement for Andrew Bertelsen.
- c. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$34,699.51 to Harris Computer Systems for the annual software maintenance contract for the NorthStar system. (001)
- d. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of ~~\$51,307.00~~ \$41,970.00 to Harris Computer Systems for the annual software maintenance contract for the GEMS. (002)
- e. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$5,850.00 to NeoGov for the annual license agreements for applicant tracking software. (003)
- f. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,276.00 to CivicPlus for the annual website maintenance and support. (005)
- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$13,714.03 to Langman Construction for repairs made under the Sanitary Lateral Repair Program at 1834 9<sup>th</sup> Street. (086)
- h. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #6 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. (090)
- i. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$2,679.15 to Davenport Electric Contract Company for services provided for repairs to various street lighting circuits. (091)
- j. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$6,055.70 to Langman Construction for repairs made under the 2010 Sanitary Lateral Repair Program at 3312 26<sup>th</sup> Street and 2431 29<sup>th</sup> ½ Avenue. (093)

Agenda Item #12

**Claims for the week of April 1<sup>st</sup> through April 7<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$364,566.26.**

Alderman Foley 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 Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #13

**Payroll for the weeks of March 21<sup>st</sup> through April 3<sup>rd</sup> in the amount of \$1,239,088.93.**

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

Agenda Item #14

**Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding the purchase of annual computer replacement equipment from the Hewlett-Packard Company in the amount of \$50,000.00 and from CDW-G in the amount of \$25,000.00.**

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

Agenda Item #15

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of 42 automatic vehicle location units (AVL) from Compass Com Software Corporation in the amount of \$36,771.00.**

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

Agenda Item #16

**Report from the Fire Department regarding a proposal for the purchase of three (3) Stryker Power-Pro Ambulance Hydraulic Cots from Stryker Sales Corporation in the amount of \$37,997.10.**

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Austin seconded to accept the proposal as recommended, authorize purchase 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 Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #17

**Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding bids for temporary employee service, recommending the bid be awarded to Quality Controlled Staffing at the quoted rates of 27% for payrolling and full placement from April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2014.**

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

Agenda Item #18

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2011 Sidewalk, Curb and Tree 50/50 Program, recommending the bid be awarded to Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities in the amount of \$54,495.00.**

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

Agenda Item #19

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2011 Catch Basin and Manhole Program, recommending the bid be awarded to Langman Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$91,900.00.**

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

Agenda Item #20

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2011 PCC Street Patching Program, recommending the bid be awarded to Langman Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$177,320.00.**

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

Agenda Item #21

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the Rock Island Parkway Improvements, recommending the bid be awarded to Valley Construction Company in the amount of \$604,606.10.**

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

Agenda Item #22

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding a proposal from EnviroNet for sampling and testing of the window paint, glazing and caulk and pipe insulation at the existing wastewater treatment plant building as part of the wet weather treatment system project.**

It was moved by Alderman Foley, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the proposal as recommended at an estimated cost of \$3,225.00 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 Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #23

**Report from the Finance Department regarding a financial policy for actuarial assumptions, recommending adopting 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.**

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Austin seconded to approve the financial policy as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #24

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget, recommending an adjustment in the amount of \$439,805.00 to revenues and \$459,492.00 to expenditures to the Neighborhood Stabilization Fund.**

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

Agenda Item #25

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a Special Ordinance ceding the City's 2011 private activity volume bonding cap to the Quad Cities Regional Economic Development Authority.**

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

Agenda Item #26

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the sale of the City owned lot at 1042 17<sup>th</sup> Street to Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation in the amount of \$1,042.50.**

It was moved by Alderman Foley, seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the sale of property as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents 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 Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #27

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from the Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation for a Riverfront Corridor Overlay District site plan review for a proposed freestanding sign at 110 19<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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

Agenda Item #28

**Report from the Martin Luther King Jr. Center regarding a request for an allocation of \$150,000.00 from TIF District #3 over two years (FY2012 and 2013) to Fund 212 in support of the expansion and renovation of the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center.**

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

Agenda Item #29

**Report from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding a Resolution for closing 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue for Train Festival 2011 at Schwiebert Riverfront Park.**

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to adopt the resolution as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #30

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Keep Rock Island Beautiful for permission to hang a banner for their 2011 annual Downtown Cleanup.**

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the request as recommended and authorize staff to hang and remove the banner. The motion carried by the

following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #31

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a Plaza activity event application from Quad Citians Affirming Diversity requesting to hold their Day of Silence/Night of Noise event on Friday, April 15, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and a request to waive the \$35.00 permit fee.**

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the event as recommended and waive the permit fee. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #32

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Kavanaugh's Hilltop Tavern to hold an outdoor benefit (Ride with Kelly Foundation Charity Motorcycle Ride) on Saturday, May 7, 2011 from noon to 10:00 p.m. at 1228 30<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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

Agenda Item #33

**Report from the City Clerk regarding two revised race route alternatives for the Cornbelt Running Club's Quad Cities Distance Classic Half Marathon and 5K Road Race to be held on Sunday, May 8, 2011.**

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the revised race route alternatives as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #34

**Report from the City Clerk regarding an activity application and Resolution for the annual Ride the River event to be held on Sunday, June 19, 2011.**

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

Agenda Item #35

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

City Manager Phillips stated that included in the memo packet is information from the City Clerk regarding the Citizen of the Year process. Mr. Phillips indicated that several volunteers would be needed to assist in the process.

Mayor Pauley inquired upon Council for two (2) volunteers to assist with the Citizen of the Year process. Alderman Austin and Alderwoman Murphy volunteered.

City Manager Phillips inquired upon Finance Director Bill Scott to provide Council with an update on the latest revenue projections of state collected revenues.

Mr. Scott advised that the City relies on projections from the Illinois Municipal League for budgeted state collected revenue. Mr. Scott stated that the revenues that are affected include; the income tax, replacement tax, use tax and motor fuel tax. It was noted that all of these taxes impact the General Fund. Mr. Scott indicated that the Illinois Municipal Leagues' revenue projection shows that the use tax is going to increase by approximately \$60,000.00. Mr. Scott offered that the motor fuel tax is not as bad as indicated. It was noted that the budget for the motor fuel tax is \$1,167,419.00 and that amount included an annual distribution of over \$172,335.00 from the capital bill dollars. Mr. Scott stated that \$172,335.00 can be subtracted out of the budget and that leaves \$995,000.00, which leaves the City with approximately \$68,000.00 more than what the revised Illinois Municipal League projected, which was \$240,741.06.

Mr. Scott indicated that the income and replacement tax projections are very disappointing. It was noted that the income tax is down \$273,000.00 and replacement tax is down \$527,000.00. Mr. Scott advised that the Illinois Municipal League is basing these revised projections on four (4) factors, which include; the Tax Amnesty Program that occurred late last calendar year; unpaid income tax refunds; the delay in the start time for the new increases in the tax rate and therefore the distribution for the Local Government Distributive Fund; and the change in the ability of corporations to take their debt off of any losses against the corporate tax liability. Mr. Scott stated that the unpaid income tax refunds appear to be the primary reason for the dismal revenue forecast. Mr. Scott further discussed these projections.

Mr. Scott concluded that the state collected revenues will be monitored very closely this year and adjustments will be made as necessary.

City Manager Phillips inquired upon Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Alan Carmen to provide highlights in regards to Rock Island neighborhood housing investments.

Mr. Carmen advised that there is widespread activity that has occurred within the City's housing programs as well as the GROWTH Corporation's housing programs within the last 10 years. Mr. Carmen referred to the map projection and discussed the impact of housing investments. It was noted that the programs and activities fall into categories, which include; City demolition, City rehab, GROWTH purchases and rehab (NSP) and GROWTH homebuyer (IHDA). Mr. Carmen

commented that all of these activities and programs represent in excess of \$18 million dollars invested throughout the City.

Mr. Carmen advised that in the last four (4) years on the City's side of things, services have been delivered for approximately 85 cases per year. Various services include; roof emergency programs, demolition activities and the Lead Abatement Program. Mr. Carmen offered that these programs and services afford the citizens the opportunity to continue to live in their homes.

Mr. Carmen discussed block grant funding cuts as it relates to these programs. Council further discussed the Rock Island neighborhood housing investments.

Alderman Foley advised that he attended a press conference today in regards to the issue that was discussed earlier by Finance Director Bill Scott. Alderman Foley stated that the officials need to keep letting their constituents and residents of Rock Island know that this could lead to a significant decrease in funding sources from these revenues that the City receives.

Alderwoman Murphy stressed the importance of the citizens of each community in contacting their representatives in Washington and Springfield to voice their opinion on the state sending the cities the money that is owed to them in regards to state collected revenues.

Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone of all the places to eat in Downtown Rock Island, which include; Mama Compton's, Subway, the Hotdog Lady, Huckleberry's, Blue Cat, Steve's Old Time Tap, Le Figaro, Chinese Kitchen, Bennigan's, El Patron, RIBCO, D'Alessandro's, Atlante's, Theo's, Circa, Gus' Koffee Break and Erawan's.

Alderman Brooks congratulated all of the winners in the recent municipal election.

Alderwoman Murphy discussed water bill payments as it relates to the City providing options.

City Manager Phillips stated that staff would follow up on this issue.

Agenda Item #36

**Other Business**

None

Agenda Item #37

**Executive Session on Litigation.**

The Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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Agenda Item #38

**Recess**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Austin to recess to Monday, April 18, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:30 p.m.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk