

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, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager John Phillips, Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne, Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Alan Carmen, Special Projects Manager Sally Heffernan, Public Works Director Bob Hawes, Administrative Services Director John Thorson, other City staff and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman Terry M.A. Brooks I and Alderman Jason W. Jones were absent.

MISCELLANEOUS

City Manager Phillips advised that on the second Agenda, Item #10 would be withheld. Mr. Phillips added that this item was not quite ready for a recommendation. Mr. Phillips also reminded Council that everyone would break from the Study Session at 6:00 p.m. for photographs.

Mayor Pauley advised that on the first Agenda, Item #10 CLAIMS - #10c was incorrect; the balance due to Kutsunis and Weng is not \$11,748.37, it should be \$3,320.20.

PROCESS FOR CITY MANAGER SEARCH

Administrative Services Director John Thorson stated that he had a conversation last week with Voorhees and Associates and expressed that Council would be interested in getting started very soon after the approval of the contract, which is on the Agenda for Council consideration tonight.

Mr. Thorson advised that Ms. Voorhees plans to be in Rock Island on Monday, May 16th at noon and on Tuesday morning, May 17th. It was noted that Ms. Voorhees would like to meet with the City Council to discuss what Council is looking for in a new City Manager, such as traits and qualities that Council is seeking as well as residency and compensation. Mr. Thorson stated that these will be individual, one-half hour sessions. Mr. Thorson added that Ms. Voorhees also plans to attend the Study Session. It was noted that Mr. Morien from Voorhees and Associates will be in Rock Island on Thursday, May 12th to meet with department directors. Mr. Thorson stated that this process is moving forward with the assumption that the contract will be approved this evening.

Mr. Phillips stated that Council will be contacted to schedule a time when they can meet with Ms. Voorhees. Mr. Phillips commented that if Council members could not meet with Ms. Voorhees on one of those days, Ms. Voorhees had stated that phone interviews would be fine.

LEGAL ISSUES

(Special Use Permits)

Mr. Phillips stated that at last week's meeting, Council requested information regarding phone numbers for contacting people that apply for Special Use Permits. Mr. Phillips stated that when a traffic engineering report comes to Council from staff to change parking, it is not a problem in contacting residents before it is acted on. However, when there is a quasi-judicial procedure,

there is a distinction. Mr. Phillips then inquired upon City Attorney Ted Kutsunis to clarify the distinction.

Mr. Kutsunis stated that anytime Council will be voting to change or make an exception for any resident for property under a concurrent zoning classification, the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois of 2002 has indicated that Council will go into a quasi-judicial format where Council will act as the judge. Mr. Kutsunis explained that a hearing will be held with the Mayor leading the hearing; everyone has the opportunity to appear whether it is for or against the proposed change and they may testify under oath whether or not they are directly or indirectly affected.

City Attorney Kutsunis advised that it may be a violation if members of the Council who will be acting in a quasi-judicial capacity contact people that may be interested in the issue ahead of time before a hearing. Mr. Kutsunis commented that if the violation occurred, it may be subject to review by the court and it possibly could be overturned.

Council discussed this issue as it related to Council members contacting individuals that would be affected and as it related to individuals contacting Council members before a hearing.

Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Alan Carmen stated that staff has told the Board of Zoning District members that are acting in a quasi-judicial format that they may go and look at the property, but if the applicant comes to visit with them, they may state that they are sorry, but cannot respond; the applicant may raise any issues or concerns at the Public Hearing.

Council discussed the Special Use Permit process as it related to constituents.

LEGAL ISSUES

(Open Meetings Act)

City Attorney Kutsunis updated Council on changes to the Open Meetings Act.

Mr. Kutsunis stated that he is the official Open Meetings representative for the City of Rock Island. Mr. Kutsunis advised that when the State amended the Open Meetings Act, they wanted people designated to be familiar with the act and submit to a test annually.

Mr. Kutsunis stated that the only other change to the act includes the expansion of electronic contacting between members of the municipal body. It was noted that e-mail, instant messaging, texting and Facebook are all considered potential gatherings by members of the Council.

Mr. Kutsunis explained that the requirement is the majority of the quorum, which is four (4) and the majority here is three (3). Mr. Kutsunis pointed out that three (3) or more Council members talking in any format, which includes, verbally, electronically or by phone would be considered a meeting and it would be in violation of the act. Mr. Kutsunis added that this would be anything that directly or indirectly concerns the City of Rock Island that Council would possibly be considering at some point in time or voting on at some point in time.

Council discussed this issue.

City Attorney Kutsunis and Council also discussed closed session meetings as it related to making a motion on the record if final action is to be taken at the conclusion of coming out of a closed session.

EDA GRANT APPLICATION

Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne stated that in 2006, the City purchased a 32 acre tract of land in Southwest Rock Island. Mr. Champagne advised that one purpose for buying the land was to have a spot to do wetlands mitigation. Mr. Champagne indicated that the City had two (2) wetlands projects to do that were required by Federal law. It was noted that one project was the West Rock River Bike Trail and the second project was 30th Street and Blackhawk Road.

Mr. Champagne advised that another purpose was to create a small lot business park. Mr. Champagne advised that the City has lots ranging from about 2½ acres to 100 acres, but the City does not have lots of the smaller size. Mr. Champagne stated that the idea is to create a park where the City could foster small businesses such as warehouse, light assembly on some small retail counter space. Mr. Champagne added that the idea with this development is to build in some green or sustainable concepts. Mr. Champagne stated that it was discussed to possibly offer a discount on the land purchases for businesses that would build LEED or LEED like buildings in the park. Mr. Champagne explained that the City would establish a market value for the land and then discount the land based on the level of LEED certified buildings that would be built in the park. Mr. Champagne further discussed the proposed property development.

Mr. Champagne advised that the City commissioned Missman, Stanley & Associates to do the engineering for this project. Mr. Champagne stated that the idea was that if the opportunity arose to obtain some grant funding for the infrastructure improvements then the engineering part would be done and the process could move forward at a faster pace. It was noted that the engineering is about 90% to 95% completed. Mr. Champagne added that the estimate for all of the infrastructure improvements is approximately \$2.6 million dollars.

Mr. Champagne pointed out that staff was alerted to the potential for an EDA Grant Program that may help with 50% of the cost to do infrastructure improvements in the park. It was noted that there is a very short turnaround time for the grant; the deadline for submitting the grant is June 10th.

Council discussed the idea as to whether the City could support a \$1.3 to \$1.5 million dollar match for the grant. Mr. Champagne noted that the City would probably have to rearrange some priorities in the Capital Improvement Plan to make this work.

Public Works Director Bob Hawes and Council discussed this issue.

Council then discussed business parks as it related to the visibility of this proposed development and various business uses.

Special Projects Manager Sally Heffernan discussed lots as it related to size.

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After further discussion, Council came to a consensus to pursue Mr. Champagne's concept. Mr. Champagne stated that a possible resolution would come back for Council consideration in regards to support for matching the grant. It was noted that after the grant application is submitted, the EDA makes their decision within 90 days and if the City gets the funding, then there is a two year time frame allowed for the project to be completed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. Alderman Brooks and Alderman Jones were absent. The meeting was recessed at 5:40 p.m.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 5:50 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 Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 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, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. City Manager John Phillips was also present. Alderman Jason W. Jones 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. Alderman Brooks gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the Meeting of April 18, 2011.

Alderman Austin stated that he had pointed out to the City Clerk a correction that needed to be made regarding a motion that was stated in the minutes that was published as carried; the motion failed. It was noted that the change will be made.

It was then moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of April 18, 2011 as amended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Proclamation declaring Monday, May 2, 2011 as Rock Island Rocks Basketball Day.

Prior to Mayor Pauley reading the Proclamation declaring Monday, May 2, 2011 as Rock Island Rocks Basketball Day, Rock Island High School Basketball Coach Thom Sigel stated that it was an honor to be at the meeting to receive the proclamation. Coach Sigel then introduced several of the members of the 2010/2011 State Champion Basketball Team, which included Chasson Randle, Matt Jacobs, Tim Ryerson, Royce Muskeyvalley and Devon Jones.

The Mayor read the proclamation. Mayor Pauley then presented Coach Sigel and the team with keys to the City.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Mr. Troy Tallman, Vice President of Blackhawk Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. and Greg Doerr Sgt. of Arms accepted the Proclamation. Mr. Tallman thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation and for recognizing the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Agenda Item #8

A Special Ordinance vacating an east/west alley right-of-way north of 21st Avenue between 16th and 17th Streets.

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

Agenda #9

A Resolution opposing reduction of State collected revenues due to municipalities.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Foley to adopt the resolution.

Discussion followed.

City Manager Phillips stated that there has been a lot of conversation about ideas that are being discussed in Springfield in conjunction with their budget planning and it involves State collected revenues. Mr. Phillips advised that a few weeks ago, it was suggested that all State collected revenue that goes to local governments be considered for reduction.

Mr. Phillips indicated that it is 28% of the City of Rock Island's budget when sales tax, motor fuel tax, income tax, replacement tax and use tax is added. It was noted that these are revenues that the Cities in Illinois have received for over 50 years. Mr. Phillips advised that one proposal discussed would take \$23.40 per capita or \$928,000.00 from the City's share of State collected income tax that is received. It was noted that cities now receive 6.0% of the State income tax. Mr. Phillips added that for many years, the cities received 10%. This proposal would take 32% of the City's income tax. Mr. Phillips stated that this cuts into basic services, which include Police and Fire protection, street repair, snow removal and garbage collection. It was noted that everything that the citizens rely on everyday would be taken if the State follows through with this proposal. Mr. Phillips pointed out that this would be a dramatic impact on services and the workforce.

Mr. Phillips referred to the chart and further discussed this issue. Mr. Phillips noted that with the income tax increase, the State would enjoy a 54% increase from what they received in 2008. Mr. Phillips stated that the City's share is 20% less now than what was received in 2008. This proposal would take the City down to 45% less than what was received in 2008. Mr. Phillips stated that this proposed action could affect the City's current fiscal year's budget.

Mr. Phillips further discussed this issue.

Mayor Pauley advised that these State cuts are on top of some Federal cuts. The Mayor stated that last week, the City was told that 16% would be cut from the Community Development Block Grant funds.

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

Agenda Item #10

CLAIMS

Mayor Pauley advised that there was a change to Agenda Item #10c in which the amount should be \$3,320.20 instead of \$11,748.37. After Mayor Pauley's revision, it was moved by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderman Conroy 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, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

- a. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$26,000.00 to Katz, Huntoon & Fieweger for Nathan and Dorothy Johnson's General Liability settlement.
- b. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$2,506.64 to Tri-City Electric for relocation and repair of a camera in The District.
- c. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of ~~\$11,748.37~~ \$3,320.20 to Kutsunis and Weng for legal services rendered for April 2011.
- d. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$2,750.00 to Holmes-Murphy for actuarial services.
- e. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$5,456.12 to Califf and Harper P.C. for legal services rendered for the month of March 2011.
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$7,500.00 to Elliott Equipment for the rental of two refuse packers for the 2010 fall leaf collection. (107)
- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$2,932.04 to Electric Pump for repairs to one (1) hydromatic sewage pump at the Sunset Marina Lift Station. (110)
- h. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #5 in the amount of \$196,444.95 to General Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Public Works street garage project. (111)

- i. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #4 in the amount of \$61,264.26 to General Constructors, Inc. for services provided for improvements to Outfalls 011 and 012. (112)
- j. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$44,128.50 to Godwin Pumps of America, Inc. for the rental of pumps being used along the levee for the 2011 spring flood. (114)
- k. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #7 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. (122)
- l. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 and final in the amount of \$15,552.00 to Advanced Environmental for services provided for the street garage lead based paint abatement project. (123)
- m. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #3 and final in the amount of \$21,542.00 to Kelly Construction for services provided for the 2010 Mudjacking Program project. (125)
- n. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #5 and final in the amount of \$44,049.79 to McCarthy Improvement Company for services provided for the Turkey Hollow Road resurfacing project. (126)
- o. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,400.00 to Jacobs Trading Company for the emergency purchase of 20,000 sandbags for the 2011 spring flood. (127)

Agenda Item #11

Claims for the weeks of April 15th through April 21st the amount of \$803,241.28 and April 22nd through April 28th in the amount of \$669,434.23.

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

Agenda Item #12

Payroll for the weeks of April 4th through April 17th in the amount of \$1,289,060.39.

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

Agenda Item #13

Motion to adjourn the meeting Sine Die.

A motion was made by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to adjourn the meeting Sine Die. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

The meeting was adjourned Sine Die at 7:00 p.m.



City Clerk Aleisha L. Patchin administered the Oath of Office to the following: Alderman David Conroy, Alderman Stephen L. Tollenaer and Alderwoman Joy Murphy

Mayor Pauley called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley, presiding, and Aldermen Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, P. J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. City Manager John Phillips was also present. Alderman Jason W. Jones was absent.

Agenda Item #3

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for 25th Avenue reconstruction from 17th to 24th Streets, recommending the bid be awarded to Walter D. Laud, Inc. in the amount of \$558,644.15.

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

Agenda Item #4

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2011 Storm Water Outfall Program, recommending the bid be awarded to Brandt Construction in the amount of \$83,040.11.

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

Agenda Item #5

Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding an agreement with Voorhees and Associates for executive recruitment services.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the agreement as recommended in an amount not to exceed \$19,900.00 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, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a proposal from Missman, Inc. for engineering services for the final phase of the parking ramp renovations at an estimated total fee of \$14,140.00.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the proposal 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, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #7

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a grant amendment to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 1 agreement (NSP1).

It was moved by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the grant amendment as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and increase the budget in the amount of \$4,500.00. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #8

Report from the Mayor regarding a Resolution approving an amended employment agreement with the City Manager and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract documents.

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

Agenda Item #9

Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding the 2011/2012 Liability Insurance Program, recommending approval of the self-insurance package and brokerage fees, and recommending payment in the amount of \$330,020.00 to Cleveland Insurance for

insurance renewals and brokerage fees and payment in the amount of 16,061.00 to Crawford and Company for third party administration services.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the self-insurance package, insurance renewals and brokerage fees as recommended and authorize payments. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #10

Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding a three tier stipend policy for cellular phone use.

Note: The Mayor advised that Item #10 was pulled from the Agenda.

Agenda Item #11

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a banner marketing program for the downtown arts and entertainment district, recommending a contribution in the amount of \$25,000.00 to the Development Association of Rock Island to support printing and installation of banners.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Brooks to approve the contribution as recommended.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Pauley inquired upon Renaissance Rock Island President Brian Hollenback along with Executive Director Catherine Rodgers-Ingles and Executive Assistant Beth Payne to comment on the banners.

Mr. Hollenback advised that this is part of the Downtown Strategic Plan. It was noted that they are looking at a rebranding of The District. Mr. Hollenback stated that through these banners, 10 different types of businesses will be showcased, which include; Live in The District; Work in The District; Play in The District; Art in The District; Wellness in The District, Shop in The District; Theatre in The District; Music in The District; Nightlife in The District; and Dining in the District.

Mr. Hollenback advised that the first phase of the proposal is for 120 banners to be located along 1st Avenue to capitalize on the park and the banners will also be located on the posts from the Centennial Bridge to the Arsenal Bridge to capitalize on the strength of the traffic.

Ms. Payne stated that the larger banners will be located on 1st Avenue and the smaller banners will be on 2nd and 3rd Avenue. Ms. Payne offered that the banners are guaranteed for five years.

Ms. Rodgers-Ingles indicated that they are very pleased with the design and would like to incorporate this design into everything that is done in The District.

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

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to ban parking on one side of 45th Street between 11th and 14th Avenues.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Brooks seconded to approve the request to ban parking on the east side of 45th Street from 11th to 14th Avenue as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed.

Ms. Vickie Wetzel of 1325 45th Street stepped forward. Ms. Wetzel stated that parking has been a problem on several occasions on 45th Street. Ms. Wetzel stated that she would like the Traffic Engineering Committee to reconsider the east side parking ban from 13th Avenue to 14th Avenue. Ms. Wetzel explained that parking on the west side only presents problems when snow removal equipment only leaves three (3) feet from the curbing at her residence. It was noted that Ms. Wetzel also indicated that refuse trucks have trouble entering the narrow alley way between 13th and 14th Avenue. Ms. Wetzel stated that if the ban is approved, she would like to know the procedures to request a widening of the access to her driveway. Ms. Wetzel also voiced concerns in regards to not having access to her driveway if cars are parked on the west side of the street.

Alderman Foley inquired upon Public Works Director Bob Hawes to explain as to why ban parking on the east side of the street rather than on the west side of the street.

Mr. Hawes stated that a very small majority of people (8-7) wanted parking banned on the east side. Mr. Hawes explained that as far as to that particular block, banning parking on the east side would affect three (3) properties in which there are about six (6) properties. Mr. Hawes added that it is not a very strong argument for which side of the street the parking ban should be on. It was noted that typically, Public Works goes with what the neighborhood wants, but in this case, it is almost a draw.

Alderwoman Murphy inquired to Mr. Hawes in regards to snow removal equipment and the alley. Mr. Hawes stated that he would have to look into the issue with the refuse trucks. Mr. Hawes advised that in regards to the snow removal equipment, he didn't know why it would make any difference as to which side of the street the parking ban would be on.

Mr. Jason Koontz of 1150 45th Street stepped forward. Mr. Koontz stated that he was one of the organizers of the petition. Mr. Koontz indicated that it was to his understanding that when the recommendation came out that the City was looking as to where the fire hydrants were positioned on the street as to which side of the street the parking ban should be on. Mr. Koontz stated that he would appreciate a vote to support the parking ban on one side of the street.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to install four-way stop signs at the intersection of 37th Street and 12th Avenue.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the request 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, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Note: the original motion stated on the Agenda for Item #13 was to deny the request.

Agenda Item #14

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from City Limits Saloon and Grill to hold an outdoor event on Saturday, May 14, 2011 from noon to 10:00 p.m. at 4514 9th Street.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the event as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations and subject to being closed down early if noise complaints are received. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from VFW Post 1303 to hold an outdoor event on Saturday, June 4, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 3715 9th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Foley, seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the event as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations and subject to being closed down early if noise complaints are received. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #16

Report from the City Clerk regarding an application and Highway Resolution for the Quad Cities Marathon to be held on Sunday, September 25, 2011.

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

Agenda Item #17

Items from the City Manager's Memorandum Packet.

City Manager Phillips stated that included in the memo packet is information regarding a report on Goals that the City Council established last fall. Mr. Phillips indicated that various goals accomplished included; the passage of the balanced General Fund Budget in March; modifications to the Liquor Ordinance; implementation of a number of strategies to welcome civilians and military families of First Army; received a \$1.5 million dollar grant for the transient boat dock at Schwiebert Riverfront Park; City crews handled a very bad snowstorm; and several new businesses are either under way or have opened, including; D'Alessandro's, Rock Island Auction, Community Health Care, the relocation of Aldi's and several more. Mr. Phillips added that it has been a successful quarter.

Mr. Phillips advised that included in the memo packet is information regarding customer service suggestions.

Mr. Phillips indicated that also included in the memo packet is a report on motor fuel tax concerning modifications to the budget that are proposed to deal with the decrease of motor fuel tax that the City will receive this year.

Alderman Brooks voiced concerns in regards to an ordinance being developed or other suggestions concerning sidewalks in the City as it related to snow removal in the winter months concerning children walking to and from school.

City Manager Phillips stated that staff would follow-up and bring back information regarding this issue.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone that May is Stroke Awareness Month. Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to learn the warning signs of a stroke because strokes are preventable.

Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Pass The Seed is a new business located at DuMarche on 3rd at 2052 3rd Avenue. Alderwoman Murphy indicated that this business specializes in heirloom plants and seeds. They also sell seed startings, seed collecting supplies and organic garden related products. It was noted that Pass The Seed is open from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. Alderwoman Murphy commented that they are closed on Sunday.

Agenda Item #18

Other Business

Timothy Dooling of 832 14½ Street #1 voiced concerns regarding former State's Attorney Jeff Terronez and court issues.

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Agenda Item #19

Executive Session on Personnel.

The Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #20

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Conroy to recess to Monday, May 9, 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, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:35 p.m.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk