

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers at 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 City Manager John Phillips, Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne, Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Alan Carmen, Chief Building Official Tom Ayers, other City staff and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman Terry M.A. Brooks I was absent.

METRO ARTS PRESENTATION

City Manager John Phillips inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne to update Council on the Quad City Arts/Metro Arts Youth Program project for this year.

Mr. Champagne advised that the Metro Arts project this year was suppose to be a mural that would be painted on the side of a building at 17th Street and 2nd Avenue. Mr. Champagne indicated that the group would do the design and the design would be reviewed by the Arts Advisory Committee.

Mr. Champagne advised that the Arts Advisory Committee reviewed the design and felt that it was not exactly what was suggested. Mr. Champagne stated that the Arts Advisory Committee asked the group to take another look at a design that would be a little more conventional. Mr. Champagne noted that once the group meets again with the Arts Advisory Committee, staff will send the design to Council electronically for review before proceeding any further with the project.

Council discussed this issue.

City Manager Phillips stated that an Executive Session on Personnel would not be needed this evening.

CDBG AND CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Phillips stated that at an earlier study session, the issue of reductions in the Community Development Block Grant funding was discussed. At that time, there was also a request for more information regarding code enforcement and the rental inspection program. It was noted that with problems concerning reductions in the budget last year, staff had presented options to deal with that problem. Mr. Phillips advised that one of the recommendations from staff was to revisit the proposal of modifying the rental property licensing and inspection fees. Mr. Phillips added that this would have generated another \$76,500.00 in revenue for the General Fund to help support the rental inspection program to a larger extent.

Mr. Phillips then inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne to discuss the information that was included in the memo packet regarding Community Development Block Grant funding and the Rental Residential Property Program.

Mr. Champagne advised that the Rental Residential Property Program was put together several years ago. Mr. Champagne indicated that when the program was originally discussed, the idea was to make it self sufficient so that the costs of the program would be offset with fees generated by the program. Mr. Champagne added that at that time, the decision was made to not do that. Mr. Champagne indicated that earlier this year as part of the budget discussion, a proposal was made for changes.

Mr. Champagne pointed out that currently, there is a rental property annual licensing fee of \$35.00 and a per-unit inspection fee that is associated with the property only when an inspection is done. Mr. Champagne stated that it was suggested that a per unit inspection fee be instituted that would be part of that licensing process, which would be \$15.00 per unit and that would be charged as part of the licensing process on an annual basis. Mr. Champagne reiterated that the idea was to generate additional revenues to cover the costs incurred by providing the service. Mr. Champagne commented that there are approximately 1,800 licenses issued under this program, which cover about 4,200 units throughout the City.

Discussion followed in regards to other comparable communities as it related to the licensing fee structure and cost as it related to the proposal for an increase in the annual license fee to register each building (address) and per unit fee. Mr. Phillips advised that the proposal is to increase fees from \$35.00 to \$50.00 and to have a flat \$15.00 charge per unit, which would not be necessarily tied into the inspection.

Council discussed Community Development Block Grant funding reductions and carryover funds as it related to support for the rental property inspections program. Council also discussed continuing with the program and funding options to support the program, and Council discussed reducing the program to a level that could be supported financially.

Chief Building Official Tom Ayers discussed interior and exterior inspections and complaint driven inspections. Mr. Ayers also discussed fines as it related violations and compliance.

City Attorney Kutsunis discussed enforcement as it related fines, the code hearing process, the circuit court hearing process and bringing offending properties into compliance.

Council discussed expenses as it related to sustainability of the rental inspections program.

Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Alan Carmen discussed Community Development Block Grant funding reductions as it related to the budget and administration of the rental inspection program as it related to the future.

Mr. Champagne advised that the only steady stream of revenue coming into this program is the annual license fee. Mr. Champagne added that what staff is trying to do with this concept is to

stabilize the annual revenue so that there is some revenue that can be depended on and that can be budgeted for each year that will cover the cost of the program.

Council then discussed fees in regards to charging only one fee as it related to annual registration fees and per unit fees. Council also discussed habitual offenders as it related to legitimate complaints and fines.

After more discussion, it was determined that staff will compile additional information for Council review on fines and what the City generates on fines; per unit fees, which would be combined into one fee as opposed to a license and a per unit fee; issuing a notice of violation and charging an inspection fee based on legitimate code violations regarding complaints; and separating out code enforcement revenue and expenses from the rental property program revenue and expenses.

Council further discussed the ideas and options regarding rental property inspections and compliance.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Tollenaer 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, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 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. City Manager John Phillips was also present.

Introductory Proceedings

Mayor Pauley called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Alderman Conroy gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the Meeting of June 13, 2011.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of June 13, 2011. 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 advised that the City of Rock Island has upgraded its website making it more user-friendly. It was noted that the website has been completely redesigned with a new look and navigation. Mayor Pauley stated that the main changes to the website include; implementing a content management system which allows staff to easily and quickly update information; designing a fresh, more interactive home page and interior pages; using professional photos of the City; and improving and expanding the calendar.

Mayor Pauley stated that online services offered on the City's website include; online bill payment; option to have bills emailed; registration for Parks & Recreation programs and classes; eNewsletter sign up; employment applications; and service requests. It was noted that the website URL has not changed, it is still www.rigov.org.

Mayor Pauley indicated that the City of Rock Island was awarded two (2) awards for excellence in financial reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), a non-profit association serving over 17,600 government finance professionals.

The Mayor stated that GFOA recently awarded the City with a Certificate of Achievement in Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010, commonly called the audit. It was noted that this is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Mayor Pauley indicated that this marks the thirtieth year that the City has received this award.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Distinguished Budget Presentation award was also given for the City's budget document for Fiscal Year 2010/2011. Mayor Pauley commented that in order to receive the award, the budget must be proficient in all categories including; a policy document, a

financial plan, operations guide and a communications device. Mayor Pauley added that the City has received this award since 1987, or 24 years.

Mayor Pauley advised that the City of Rock Island announced today the retirement of Finance Director, William Scott effective August 26, 2011. It was noted that Mr. Scott has been with the City of Rock Island for 32 years and has served as Finance Director for the past 24 years.

Mayor Pauley noted that Bill has done an excellent job providing financial expertise and guidance for the City of Rock Island over the years. It was noted that during his tenure, the City has improved the budgeting and financial reporting systems of the City. Mayor Pauley advised that Rock Island has consistently received awards from the Government Finance Officers Association for the Rock Island City Budget and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Mayor Pauley stated that recruitment for Mr. Scott's replacement will begin in July, but the hiring decision will be one of the first tasks for the next City Manager.

Mayor Pauley advised that Red, White & Boom will be held on Sunday, July 3rd from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Schwiebert Riverfront Park. It was noted that admission is free. Mayor Pauley stated that there will be music, fireworks, children's activities and food and beverages for purchase. It was noted that the Children's Fun Zone activities begin at 6:00 p.m. In addition, other activities include writing a special thank you card to send to military personnel overseas, and live music on the main stage by USO of Illinois presenting Green Thirteen from 6:00 p.m. until the fireworks begin at 9:15 p.m.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Tri-City Jewish Center will celebrate its 75th anniversary this year during its second Jewish Feast-ival on Sunday, June 26th from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mayor Pauley stated that everyone can enjoy outstanding food (with a carry-out menu service), live entertainment, Israeli dancing, children's activities, cultural exploration - the history of the synagogue, release of a new cookbook and a Mah Jongg Marathon. It was noted that the fundraiser is hosted at the Tri City Jewish Center at 2715 30th Street. Mayor Pauley commented that admission is \$2.00 and children under 12 are free.

Mayor Pauley indicated that on Sunday, June 26th at 6:00 p.m., the Keystone Neighborhood Association will hold their annual picnic at Lincoln Park. Mayor Pauley added that meat, beverages and place settings will be provided. It was noted that residents are asked to bring a side dish to share. Mayor Pauley stated that the theme is Changing Faces: Refugees and Immigrants in our Rock Island Neighborhoods.

Mayor Pauley reversed the order of the Agenda for Items #7 and #8

Agenda Item #8

Proclamation declaring June 15 through June 22, 2011 as Navy Week.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring June 15 through June 22, 2011 as Navy Week. Lt. Dawn Stankus accepted the Proclamation. Lt. Stankus thanked the Mayor and Council for the Proclamation.

Agenda Item #7

Presentation on Navy Week.

Lieutenant Dawn Stankus, Public Affairs Officer, presented a Presentation on who the Navy is, why they are a global force for good and how they protect the United States of America. Lt. Stankus advised that the US Navy is the only service in the US Military that fights on the water, over the water and under the water. Lt. Stankus stated that the US Navy fights threats and provides humanitarian support all over the world.

Lt. Stankus explained the 70-80-90 Rule. It was noted that 70% of the world is covered by water; 80% of the world's population lives on or near a coast within 100 miles; and 90% of the world's commerce travels by sea. Lt. Stankus pointed out that this is why it is so important to maintain open and safe waters. Lt. Stankus further discussed the role of the US Navy.

Mayor Pauley thanked Lt. Stankus for the Presentation on the US Navy.

Agenda Item #9

Proclamation congratulating the cities of Rock Island and Davenport for their past accomplishments in celebrating their riverfronts.

Mayor Pauley made reference to the Proclamation. Mayor Pauley then inquired upon Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson to elaborate on this upcoming cooperative event with the City of Davenport on July 3rd, where Mayor Pauley and Mayor Gluba will read the Proclamation.

Mr. Nelson advised that this event will be held on July 3rd in Schwiebert Riverfront Park. It was noted that this is a combined event with Red, White and Boom and the City of Davenport. Mr. Nelson indicated that the goal is to promote and celebrate some of the successes with RiverVision on both sides of the river. Mr. Nelson advised that the intent is to have the City of Davenport's Council members and the City of Rock Island's Council members to help celebrate the successes. Mr. Nelson indicated that on July 3rd, the Davenport folks will come to Rock Island. Mr. Nelson added that at 7:30 p.m. on the stage in the park, the Proclamation will be read. It was noted that everyone will then go to Davenport and the Proclamation will be read again.

Mr. Nelson advised that it is really important for everyone to come together and celebrate these activities. Mr. Nelson mentioned other activities that will take place on July 3rd at Schwiebert Riverfront Park, which include; live music the by USO band called Green Thirteen; inflatables for the kids; face painting; a magician; and a simulcast of the symphony for the fireworks at about 8:30 p.m. or 9:00 p.m.

Agenda Item #10

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$8,874.00 to Godwin Pumps of America, Inc. for the rental of pumps that were used along the levee for the spring flood. (173)
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$5,050.00 to Tri City Blacktop, Inc. for asphalt street repair on 2408 4th Avenue, 1707 32nd Street and 1302 34th Street. (174).
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$4,226.31 to Martin Equipment, Inc. for repairs to a 2002 JD Wheel Loader. (175)

Agenda Item #11

Claims for the week of June 10th through June 16th in the amount of \$1,597,911.92.

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

Agenda Item #12

Payroll for the weeks of May 30th through June 12th in the amount of \$1,353,420.08.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of propane conversion equipment from AJ Automotive Group, Inc. in the amount of \$13,351.00.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the purchase as recommended.

Discussion followed with Alderman Tollenaer inquiring as to whether this will affect the manufacturer's warranty in regards to installing this system on the new vehicles and as to what type of gas mileage can be expected.

Public Works Director Bob Hawes stated that it would not affect the manufacturer's warranty.

Bill Woeckener, Fleet Services Director stated that currently, the City gets 10 miles per gallon with the Crown Vics. It is expected to go from 10 to 15 or 20 miles per gallon.

After more discussion regarding the time frame for recouping the \$13,000.00 on the two (2) vehicles and certification as it related to the installation of the equipment, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy,

Alderman Foley, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, Alderman Tollenaer.

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of two (2) double disk sludge pumps from Penn Valley Pump in the amount of \$101,859.00.

It was moved by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderman Conroy 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 #15

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the Turkey Hollow Bridge Replacement project, recommending the bid be awarded to General Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$617,553.74.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Public Works Department regarding an intergovernmental agreement for Sewer Rehabilitation/Lining.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the agreement as recommended and authorize the City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the contract documents.

Comments followed with Alderman Jones stating that this is another opportunity where the City is working with other governments to help all of our budgets.

After comments, 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 Public Works Department regarding an amendment to the agreement with Symbiont for additional engineering services related to the wet weather treatment system at the Mill Street wastewater treatment facility in an amount not to exceed \$2,272,526.00.

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the amendment as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed.

Alderwoman Murphy stated that this is a lot of money and inquired upon Public Works Director Bob Hawes as to whether this was part of the original agreement.

Mr. Hawes stated no. Mr. Hawes advised that when the City does a project, the design contract is done first. At that point in time, there is not enough information to know how to put together the construction observation. It was noted that this is the way it is typically done. Mr. Hawes pointed out that this is a lot of money, but it is a \$45 million dollar construction project with a three (3) year construction period.

Alderman Jones inquired as to whether the City is pursuing this as a LEED project.

Mr. Hawes stated that it is not; the street garage is a LEED project. However, this project will be LEED like.

After more discussion regarding this project, 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 Police Department regarding a Memorandum of Understanding for the 2011 Justice Assistance Grant.

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

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget, recommending increasing the State Drug Prevention Fund in the amount of \$4,415.00.

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Conroy 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 #20

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget, recommending increasing the Community and Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$127,200.00.

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

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a request for an ordinance prohibiting the drilling of potable water wells within the area of the City bounded by 18th Avenue to the alley between 18th Avenue and 19th Avenue and 17th Street to a distance of 280 feet east of 17th Street.

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

Agenda Item #22

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the stabilization of Old Lincoln School, recommending implementing SGM's recommendations of items one (1) through six (6) as stated in the report.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the implementation of items one (1) through six (6) as recommended.

Discussion followed with Mayor Pauley stating that citizens are at the Council meeting to speak on this issue.

Deb Kuntzi of 842 20th Street stepped forward. Ms. Kuntzi indicated that she was at the meeting on behalf of the Broadway Historic District Neighborhood Association. Ms. Kuntzi discussed background information in regards to past development and marketing opportunities in regards to Old Lincoln School. Ms. Kuntzi stated that Council should not vote to demolish the building that has been so vital to the fabric of the neighborhood. Ms. Kuntzi supported the stabilization of Old Lincoln School.

Mr. Vince Thomas of 1000 21st Street voiced concerns regarding the school administration closing Old Lincoln School and tax dollars being spent as it related to poor planning concerning past school closings as well as Old Lincoln School.

Barb Braun of 1038 21st Street stepped forward. Ms. Braun stated that she was at the Council meeting as a resident and also as Vice President of the Broadway Historic District Neighborhood Association. Ms. Braun discussed an anonymous e-mail survey that the association sent out in regards to Council considering the decision of stabilizing or demolishing Old Lincoln School. Ms. Braun advised that more than 100 responses came back from people all over the City. It was noted that 84% of 100 responses agreed that the City should spend the money to stabilize the

school. Ms. Braun encouraged Council to take the survey into consideration when voting on this issue.

Alderman Tollenaer inquired as to why this was an anonymous survey. Ms. Braun commented that they had very little time to put something together.

After more discussion regarding the survey, Alderman Brooks advised that he rather use the money to go into facilitating a grant program to improve the housing around Old Lincoln School rather than using the money to stabilize the structure.

Diane Oestreich of 816 22nd Street stepped forward. Ms. Oestreich stated that the money being asked for is not City money, it is TIF money. Ms. Oestreich advised that the money in the TIF fund is what the rest of the citizens pay to support City services dedicated to an area. Ms. Oestreich added that the TIF money could not be used to demolish the building. Ms. Oestreich inquired upon Council to please support the stabilization of Old Lincoln School.

Linda Anderson of 1718 21st Street stepped forward. Ms. Anderson stated that there are people that do not live in the neighborhood that would support saving Old Lincoln School. Ms. Anderson was in favor of stabilizing Old Lincoln School.

Anthony Heddlesten of 541 23rd Street stepped forward. Mr. Heddlesten discussed various trends that are taking place across the country to invest in Downtown areas. Mr. Heddlesten commented that not investing to save this building is a terrible idea.

Mayor Pauley advised that the City has invested heavily in the Downtown. It was noted that over 150 lofts have been added along with Schwiebert Riverfront Park, Jackson Square and many others. The Mayor commented that the City will continue to invest in the Downtown.

Alderman Foley discussed investing in the Downtown as it related to various projects including Sala Flats, McKesson, Goldman Lofts and other facilities.

Megan Quinn of 514 23rd Street stepped forward. Ms. Quinn stated that she has lived in the Broadway neighborhood for 30 years. Ms. Quinn supported the stabilization of Old Lincoln School.

David Cordes of 816 20th Street stepped forward. Mr. Cordes stated that the City of Rock Island has a far reaching reputation for historic preservation; it extends across the entire United States. Mr. Cordes advised that the City has had many successes in regards to historic preservation. Mr. Cordes encouraged Council to not make a decision that would cause harm to that reputation. Mr. Cordes strongly supported the stabilization of Old Lincoln school.

Jeff Dismer of 3401 South Shore Drive, Moline, IL stepped forward. Mr. Dismer stated that he is an architect and owns a business in Rock Island. Mr. Dismer advised that he looks very favorably on what the City has done to date regarding preservation, restoration and new construction. Mr. Dismer indicated that restoration takes time and encouraged Council to give it some time for the structure. Mr. Dismer supported the stabilization of Old Lincoln School.

Eric Mathis of 1320 20th Street stepped forward. Mr. Mathis stated that Old Lincoln School is an amazing structure. Mr. Mathis supported the stabilization of the building.

Alderwoman Murphy questioned as to whether the roof leaked when the City bought the property, and if it was leaking then why wasn't a tarp placed over it; why signage was not placed on the property to let people know that the building was available and what has the City done to market the structure.

Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Alan Carmen stated that there was some deterioration at the time of purchase, but not as significant as it is today. Mr. Carmen added that it was a matter of physical ability to put a tarp on the structure. Mr. Carmen noted that at that time, it appeared that there was a prospect for development to occur and that development interest would have resulted in the stabilization of the property in which the stabilization would not be done by the City. Mr. Carmen commented that three various marketing efforts were explored.

Alderwoman Murphy stated that the City did not succeed in protecting the structure when the City bought it, and adequate marketing efforts have not been explored. Alderwoman Murphy further discussed these issues along with maintenance of the property as it related to community support, and signage as it related to marketing efforts concerning the property.

Alderman Jones discussed the historical value of the property and stated that he supported the stabilization of Old Lincoln School.

Alderman Austin advised that the City is at the point where doing nothing is not an option and added that he would hate to take down something that could have options. Alderman Austin indicated that a couple of developers have stepped forward in the last week. Alderman Austin believed that a little bit more time should be given on this issue.

Alderman Austin then moved to defer action on Agenda Item #22 until July 25th, Alderman Tollenaer seconded.

Discussion followed with Alderman Conroy stating that he would like to speak on this item.

Alderman Tollenaer then removed his second.

Alderman Conroy stated that the City hasn't taken as good of care of the building as it should have. Alderman Conroy advised that a couple of developers have stepped forward and no one wants to take down the building unless there is no alternative, and no one wants to keep investing in the property if there are no options. Alderman Conroy stated that he didn't feel that July 25th was long enough and wanted to give the people that are coming forward now more time to speak to Council.

After more discussion, Alderman Austin then moved to defer Agenda Item #22 until Monday, August 22, 2011, Alderman Tollenaer seconded. 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.

Mayor Pauley stated that Council will then come back with a decision, and at that time, hopefully, information will have been gathered from the people that are looking to do some renovation.

Agenda Item #23

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a contribution in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the Employer Assisted Housing Program in support of Arsenal employees who are seeking to purchase a home in Rock Island.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the contribution 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 #24

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a TIF contribution in the amount of \$100,000.00 to Rock Island Economic Growth for environmental remediation on the former Illinois Oil site.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the contribution as recommended.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Tollenaer inquired that since the property is in private hands, and the City doesn't own it then why staff is asking for money from the City and why is the City liable.

Special Projects Manager Sally Heffernan stated that technically and legally, the City is not liable. Ms. Heffernan advised that there is a significant amount of contamination in the City right-of-way between the western edge of 25th Street and the property border. Ms. Heffernan added that it really should come out.

Ms. Heffernan further discussed cleanup of the property as it related to the original property owner that caused the contamination not being in business anymore.

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

Agenda Item #25

Report from the Mayor regarding reappointments to the Beautification Commission.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the

reappointments 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.

Jane Tschappat, Betty Moran, Sue McDevitt and Wanda Lambert were reappointed to the Beautification Commission for four (4) year terms ending on June 30, 2015.

Agenda Item #26

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request for a Street Closing at 13th Avenue between 5th Street and 6th Street; along with a Sound Amplification permit for a birthday party to be held on Saturday, July 2, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the requests 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 #27

Report from the City Clerk regarding a Sound Amplification permit for Broadway Presbyterian Church to hold a series of concerts on Sunday, July 17 and August 21, 2011 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at 710 23rd Street.

It was moved by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the sound amplification permit 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 #28

Items from the City Manager's Memorandum Packet.

City Manager John Phillips inquired upon Finance Director Bill Scott to update Council on the May Management Report.

Mr. Scott advised that the target for May is 17%. It was noted that in the General Fund, the revenue is reported at 12% and the expenditures are at 10%, which are below target. Mr. Scott stated that in regards to the revenue in the General Fund, the first property tax distribution has been deposited into the City's account. Mr. Scott commented that it is close to 40% of the property taxes that are received during the year. Mr. Scott indicated that the rest of the revenues shown in the report are ahead of budget by \$520,000.00, which is due to the income tax and replacement tax. It was noted that these are also the two (2) State shared revenues that the City is concerned about. Mr. Scott discussed the projection that was provided to the City from the Illinois Municipal League in April in regards to the income and replacement tax. Mr. Scott advised that the bottom line is that the City will have to closely monitor the income and replacement tax.

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 20, 2011
MINUTES**

Mr. Scott offered that the food and beverage tax increase went into effect on April 1st. It was noted that the first payments that the City received in April were from March sales, which was approximately \$40,000.00. Mr. Scott stated that May receipts were close to \$70,000.00, which was based on the April sales. Mr. Scott further discussed the May Management Report.

City Manager Phillips made reference to a follow-up report included in the memo packet on the Retail Grant Program. Mr. Phillips also made reference to an update included in the memo packet on First Army.

Alderwoman Murphy congratulated the Police Department on their community policing work.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that True Value is a full service hardware store. Alderwoman Murphy advised that they have a knowledgeable staff. It was noted that they provide truck and equipment rentals. Alderwoman Murphy indicated that True Value is located on 30th Street, and they are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Other Business

None

Agenda Item #30

Executive Session on Personnel.

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #31

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recess to Monday, July 11, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 8:51 p.m.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk