

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:00 p.m. beginning with a tour of Cascade Gardens. Study Session resumed in the City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall at 6 p.m. with discussion on the Nuisance Deer Report and a presentation from the consultant on the police department's Facility Needs Assessment Study. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen, Terry M.A. Brooks I, P.J. Foley, Jason Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were Acting City Manager Bob Hawes, Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne, Police Chief Scott Harris and Renaissance Rock Island President Brian Hollenback. City Manager John Phillips, Alderman David Conroy and Alderman Stephen Tollenauer were absent.

NUISANCE DEER REPORT

Mayor Pauley inquired upon Police Chief Harris to update Council on the Nuisance Deer Report. Chief Harris stated that the police department does a study approximately every 2 years regarding the nuisance deer in the city and review the previous findings. He stated that there was not any significant rise in deer related accidents or increases in Lyme disease in Rock Island County over the years. Chief Harris stated that the City could conduct a deer count from photographs taken in the winter from a helicopter, but that it was very cost prohibitive. DNR was contacted to see if they would do a deer count at Blackhawk State Park. They stated that they had in the past, but would not likely do so again soon again in the near future due to budget cuts. DNR was asked if they would control the deer in the State Park. They stated that even if they allowed a controlled hunt in the park and the City did not allow in the surrounding areas, the deer would just move to a surrounding area during the hunt.

Chief Harris stated that a private contractor could be contracted to remove the deer, but that it is also very costly. Another option would be public hunting. The only cities in the area that do subscribe to this type of removal are in Iowa.

Chief Harris provided a map in his report that showed that most of the deer related vehicle accidents occurred in the Southwest Rock Island area. Alderman Austin pointed out that if we were to do some type of controlled hunt in that area, the deer would most likely return from the surrounding county properties.

At this point, Mayor Pauley asked for direction from Council. Alderman Foley stated that he would like to think about this report a while longer to determine the best course of action and Alderman Murphy concurred. Mayor Pauley said we would come back to the issue at a later time then for possible further action.

Mrs. Sue McDevitt from the Beautification Commission requested permission to speak to council. Mayor Pauley stated that technically the Study Sessions are not open for the public to speak, but that he would allow it this time. Ms. McDevitt spoke regarding the letter sent by the Beautification Commission to the Mayor regarding a large number of free roaming deer in the city that are ruining their landscaped yards. Ms. McDevitt stated the members of the commission would like to have the Mayor form a task force to gather data to see if this is viewed as a nuisance by more citizens throughout the city other than just those in the Beautification Commission.

Mayor Pauley stated he would look into the matter further and consider the request for a task force. Alderman Murphy stated that she thought it was a good idea to see how widespread the deer nuisance problem was in Rock Island and Alderman Foley concurred.

At this time, Bob Towler also wished to speak. Mr. Towler stated that several people have told him that they are no longer putting new plantings in their landscape due to the damage the deer population cause. He stated that deer repopulate rapidly and a management system would be needed to keep the population at a manageable level. He also suggested that a number of people may be willing to pay for a bow and arrow permit to hunt within the city like they do in Davenport and Bettendorf. He stated that the deer have damaged several of the new trees planted in Chippiannock Cemetery already.

Mayor Pauley restated that he will consider the task force and be get back to the group.

POLICE DEPARTMENT FACILTY NEEDS STUDY

Mayor Pauley inquired upon Lt. Tim McCloud to update Council on the status of the study and to introduce the consultant.

Mr. Dean Roberts of McClaren, Wilson & Lawrie, Inc. stepped forward and advised that they are at the midpoint and his intent was to update Council on the status of the study. The members of the police department have completed surveys as to their functions and needs in their departments. The steering committee is looking at the facility size and will be looking at several newer police departments in the area to gain their insight and suggestions. He stated the current size of the police department is about 22,000 square feet and shared comparisons with Davenport, Milan and Moline, all of whom built new facilities in the past few years.

Mr. Roberts discussed the cost breakdown – construction costs (building construction and site construction) + soft costs (design, financing, furniture, technology, etc.) = project costs.

Mr. Roberts ended by saying the next step was completing the data and bringing it back to Council in a report sometime in September.

Alderman Jones asked how much time was spent looking at the current facility to see if it would be useable. Mr. Roberts advised that they have looked at that possibility, but it depends on amount the square footage that is determined to be needed and if an expansion or new site would best accommodate those needs. This part of the study is still ongoing Mr. Roberts said. Alderman Jones said that he was expecting that information out of this report, but it seemed quick to jump to relocating to a new location and he said he was glad to hear that it had not been decided yet.

Alderman Foley asked when they planned to be back to Council with a whole report and Mr. Roberts advised that it was scheduled for mid-September, then the public engage process can be initiated.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderman Conroy to adjourn the meeting 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 adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Linda K. Rutten, Deputy 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, Jason Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present was Acting City Manager Bob Hawes and Deputy City Clerk Linda Rutten. City Manager John Phillips, Alderman David Conroy, Alderman Stephen Tollenaer and City Clerk Aleisha Patchin were absent.

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the Meeting of July 11, 2011.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of July 11, 2011. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Jones, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley

The City of Rock Island was pleased to be a part of the First Army Color Uncasing Ceremony held on July 21, 2011 at Rock Island Arsenal. First Army has officially moved its headquarters from Ft. Gillem, Georgia to Rock Island Arsenal. First Army mobilizes trains, validates, and deploys Reserve Component units in accordance with Combatant Commander, Department of Army, and Forces Command directives. The City of Rock Island welcomes First Army soldiers and civilian employees. We look forward to calling you neighbors and friends.

The City of Rock Island will make available applications for CDBG and Gaming funds on Monday, August 1, 2011. Agencies interested in applying for funds should complete an application and return it to the City of Rock Island Planning and Redevelopment Division by 5:00 pm. Thursday, September 1, 2011. Please note that late applications will not be accepted. Applications from individual households are also not accepted. The actual amount available will not be known until the Fall of 2012. Applicants seeking funding to support housing, neighborhood, and economic development activities are encouraged to apply. This year the City is also allocating \$50,000 in gaming funds to support non-City social service agencies providing services to Rock Island residents. This is in response to the continuing reduction in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to Rock Island, where we have seen annual allocation decline from nearly \$1.6 million in fiscal year 2000-01 to \$953,108 expected in FY 2012-13.

All CDBG and Gaming-related information including applications, Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting times, and allocation policies may be obtained on the City website at www.rigov.org under "City Clicks" starting August 1. Applications will be available online in

WORD and PDF format starting August 1. Agencies wishing to receive a hard copy of the application or those with questions about the CDBG or Gaming process, may contact Trisha Griffin or Alan Carmen at 732-2900.

National Night Out Against Crime - Community Caring Conference's National Night Out Against Crime, in partnership with the Rock Island Police Department, will be held 5:30 to 7:30 pm, Tuesday, August 2nd in Longview Park. This 28th annual event includes a community picnic, activities and crime prevention awareness information, presentations, a light bulb giveaway and games. Also featured this year is a friendly competition between Chief Scott Harris and another Quad City police chief. Target is the National Night Out sponsor.

Starlight Revue Concert Series - The Starlight Revue Concert Series continues in Lincoln Park on Tuesday, July 26th with Main Ave. Jazz Band and dance lessons with QCSODA. Ice cream social and food by Hy-Vee begin at 6:00 pm and the concert starts at 7:00 pm. This event is free. Rain date is Wednesday, July 27th.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring Tuesday, August 2nd, 2011 National Night Out.

Ametra Carroll stepped forward to accept the proclamation and invited everyone to attend.

Agenda Item #8

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting at 6:53 p.m. and opened a Public Hearing on a request from Ashley Harris, 1627 14 ½ Street, Rock Island. Harris is the Manager for the G-5 Dance Club and is requesting a waiver of the signature requirement to secure a Youth Dance License at 502 11th Street.

Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. Harris and Mr. Harris proceeded to update Council on the status of his Youth Dance License. He stated that most of the code violations cited in the building that needed to be corrected before his license could be issued had been done. The remaining electrical box violation was scheduled to be repaired later in the week. Alderman Brooks stated that he believed that if Council approved the license, it could be on the condition that all violations are corrected before the license could be issued. Mayor Pauley asked Mr. Harris about the lack of signatures on the petition. Mr. Harris stated that it was just bad timing, that he couldn't make contact in the short amount of time given to get all the signatures, but in the first application he had all the signatures but one.

Alderman Austin asked if anyone had given any resistance when asked to sign the petition and Mr. Harris replied no. Alderman Austin also asked about the liability insurance and Mr. Harris stated that he would obtain this insurance and submit it with his application as soon as he has been approved. Alderman Austin asked about the fire code occupancy rate and Mr. Harris stated that as of right now it is 112 individuals. Alderman Austin reminded Mr. Harris that the amended ordinance stated that there must be one adult for every 20 minors and that any violations would not be taken lightly by staff or Council. Alderman Austin asked about the intended hours of operation and Mr. Harris advised they are Friday and Saturday 8 p.m. – 1 a.m. for those 17 – 20 and 8 p.m. – 11:30 (1/2 hour before curfew) for those 14 – 17 years of age.

Alderman Jones asked to clarify with staff the signatures received on the first application. Chief Harris advised that Mr. Harris had all the signatures on the first application, except they were not the signatures of the property owners, but the tenants.

Alderman Foley asked if there were to be any violations with this license, what recourse would the city have. Chief Harris answered that the way the ordinance is written, the Police Chief has the ability to suspend or revoke the license. Chief went on to state that Mr. Harris will have to do due diligence and strictly follow the ordinance.

Alderman Austin asked how much off street parking there was and Mr. Harris replied none, but that there is a parking lot in front and on the side of the building. Alderman Brooks cautioned that Mr. Harris will have to keep the parking lots patrolled frequently to avoid any problems.

Mayor Pauley asked if there was anyone wishing to speak in favor of this license – no one responded. Mayor Pauley asked if there was anyone wishing to speak against – no one responded.

Mr. Harris was called back to the stand and Alderman Murphy asked if there was any type of security measures in his plan to monitor the parking lot and Mr. Harris said he has three people outside, two at the door and one walking the perimeter. He also said he is there the next morning picking up the trash from the night before. Alderman Murphy stated that she has issues with the age differences allowed in the club and recommended the club be open different nights to different ages. Mr. Harris said he could open Friday nights for the younger youths and Saturday nights for the older set as that hasn't been decided yet.

Alderman Jones asked if ordinance stated the license could be re-evaluated after one year and Chief Harris confirmed this. Chief also stated they would like to meet with Mr. Harris and his staff before they open to get off on the right foot.

Alderman Murphy voiced concerns about the possibility of a capacity crowd inside and hundreds of people out in the parking lot. Chief Harris stated that it would be up to the license holder to make sure order was maintained both inside and outside of the property. Alderman Murphy stated that she could support this license if Mr. Harris was willing to open on separate nights for different ages groups as discussed early, otherwise she could not. Mr. Harris stated he would be willing to do this and Alderman Murphy said she would take Mr. Harris at his word that he would do this.

Mayor Pauley closed the Public Hearing at 7:19 p.m., and reconvened the regular meeting and entertained a motion. It was moved by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderman Brooks to approve the request, subject to completing the remaining work regarding code issues and submitting a certificate of liability insurance to the City Clerk listing the City as additional insured. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Jones, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, Alderman Foley.

Agenda Item #9

Mayor Pauley again closed the regular meeting at 7:21 and opened a Public Hearing on a request from Chris Thompson, owner of Ganson's Neighborhood Bakery and Café for an amendment to the Special Use Permit allowing for additional cooler and freezer space.

Mayor Pauley swore in Chris Thompson, 2819 – 47th Street Court, Rock Island who requested an amendment to her Special Use Permit to be able to replace their current cooler with a larger cooler.

Mayor Pauley asked if there was anyone who wished to speak either in favor or against this – no one came forward.

Alderman Murphy stated that it is great to have business come forward because of expansion needs.

Mayor Pauley closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting and entertained a motion. It was moved by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the amendment as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Jones, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #10

A Special Ordinance amending a Special Ordinance granting a special use permit for Ganson's Neighborhood Bakery and Café, 3055 38th Street.

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

Agenda Item #11

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011A to finance street improvement projects and the refunding of prior bonds.

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

Agenda Item #12

A Special Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space 1604 8th Street.

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

Mayor Pauley pointed out that there was an error in the ordinance as it was written – that it should read \$350 fine instead of a \$250 fine. Alderman Austin made a motion to amend the ordinance to read \$350. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones and the motion to amend carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Jones, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

The amended ordinance establishing the handicapped parking space carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Jones, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #13

A Special Ordinance removing a handicapped parking space at 1504 41st Street.

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

Agenda Item #14

A Special Ordinance establishing a stop intersection at 6th Street regulating northbound and southbound traffic at its intersection with 14th Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #15

A Special Ordinance establishing a restricted parking zone on the east side of 23rd Street from the driveway of 2300 18th Avenue north to 18th Avenue, restricting parking to 4-hours, Monday through Friday only.

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

Agenda Item #16

A Special Ordinance removing a handicapped parking space at 726 43rd Street.

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

Agenda Item #17

A Special Ordinance removing a school speed zone, school crosswalks and yellow flashing warning lights on 30th Street and 38th Street.

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

Agenda Item #18

A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 8 Article VII, Sec., 222 of the Code of Ordinances regarding definitions for vendor.

It was moved by Alderman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Jones to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance. Alderman Austin asked the City Attorney to explain what the purpose of this Special Ordinance was. City Attorney Ted Kutsunis explained that they were actually adding the definition of a non-food vendor to the ordinance to go along with the current food vendors who are already on the ordinance. This definition would then designate the two different types of businesses for this ordinance. With no further discussion the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Jones, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #19

A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 8 Article VII, Sec., 232 of the Code of Ordinances regarding the number of vendor permits.

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

Agenda Item #20

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

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #8 in the amount of \$284,214.82 to General Constructors, Inc. for Public Works Street Garage. (212)
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$262,824.98 to Walter D. Laud, Inc. for 25th Avenue Reconstruction; 17th Street to 24th Street. (215)
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #5 in the amount of

\$4,963.59 to Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities, Inc. for the 2010 50/50 Sidewalk, Curb and Tree Program. (216)

d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$48,348.00 to Maguire Iron, Inc. for the 14th Street and 42nd Avenue Water Tower Replacement. (219)

e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$33,940.90 to the Treasurer, State of Illinois, for the City's final payment for the Mill Street Rehabilitation Project. (222)

f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$342,793.93 to the Treasurer, State of Illinois, for the City's final payment for the 11th Avenue - Augustana Trail project. (223)

g. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$19,384.00 to Harris Computer Systems for the annual Govern (business license) software maintenance.

Agenda Item #21

Claims for the weeks of July 8th through July 14th in the amount of \$1,840,553.83 and July 15th through July 21st in the amount of \$330,654.82.

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

Agenda Item #22

Payroll for the weeks of June 27th through July 10th in the amount of \$1,320,819.51.

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

Agenda Item #23

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2011 Sod Replacement Program, recommending the bid go to Bush Sports Turf in the amount of \$30,700.00.

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

Agenda Item #24

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2011 Sewer Cleaning and Televising, recommending the bid go to National Power Rodding Corporation in the amount of \$35,032.33.

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

Agenda Item #25

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2011 Parking Ramp Renovations, recommending the bid go to Western Waterproofing in the amount of \$51,566.70.

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

Agenda Item #26

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a contract with Midland Davis Corporation for the Curbside Recycling Program.

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

Agenda Item #27

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a contract with Civil Constructors for the Mill Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the loan agreement with Illinois EPA, award the contract as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Alderman Austin asked Public Works Director Robert Hawes to explain what the Illinois EPA has done for us at this time for anyone who might not be aware. Mr. Hawes explained that the Illinois EPA has given the City a \$20 million loan, the maximum amount the City can borrow per year, at 1.25 % interest rate and a \$2.5 million principle forgiveness. He also explained that the City will apply again next year for another \$20 million low interest rate loan and then a smaller loan the third year to fully cover the \$45 million expansion project. Alderman Murphy made the comment that it is important that the citizens know the savings the City is getting because of these low interest loans and how important it is that we let them know that we are looking out for their tax dollars.

The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Jones, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none

Agenda Item #28

Report from the Police Department regarding a contract with the Joint Law Enforcement Training System.

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

Agenda Item #29

Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to FY 2012 budget, recommending increasing the Capital Improvements Fund by \$33,303.93.

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

Agenda Item #30

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an agreement with the Development Association for the establishment of a retail business incubator.

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the agreement as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Alderman Jones stated he wanted to thank Brian Hollenback and staff for giving him a tour of the site and that it is an exciting venture for the City of Rock Island. Alderman Murphy also commented that if there are any small business looking to get started, be sure to contact City staff or Renaissance Rock Island to learn more about this exciting program.

The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Jones, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none

Agenda Item #31

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an agreement with Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation for demolition of structures at 1620, 1622, and 1624 2nd Avenue and construction of a parking lot on the properties.

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Austin seconded to approve the agreement as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Alderman Murphy asked if this was the Goldman property were the roof caved in and if someone could step forward and explain to the citizens why we are looking at demolishing a building in the middle of the block. Brian Hollenback, Renaissance Rock Island, stepped forward and explained that the property was originally donated and while waiting for funding to redevelop the upper floor of this building into apartments, there was significant deterioration in the structure. He said this building has been vacant for at least ten years and is no longer habitable. He stated a parking area in that location would support further business growth in the downtown.

Alderman Jones stated that he has been contacted by several business owners in the downtown area and that some of the services provided downtown take longer than the two hour parking permits, especially if the patrons have lunch and do other shopping, and that changes in the parking situation is something that should be looked at.

Alderman Jones also asked Greg Champagne, Director of Community and Economic Development, about the funds for this project coming from the Transient Dock Grant received last winter and how this would be handled. Mr. Champagne stated that construction on the dock was delayed and would not take place until sometime next summer. If the City were to reallocate this year's money from the dock to the parking lot construction, it would have to be approved during next year's budget process to reallocate the money back into this fund for the boat dock.

Alderman Foley asked Mr. Hollenback if the parking lot would enter from 2nd Avenue and exit through the alley. Tom Ayers, Chief Building Official advised that he had reviewed the plans with the City Engineer and they agreed with the site specifications.

Alderman Murphy asked if the alley was in good enough condition that it could withstand the additional traffic. Mr. Hollenback stated that they would be coordinating deliveries to neighboring businesses and also working with them and City staff to make a better presentation.

Alderman Austin asked about a timeline for this project. Mr. Hollenback stated that the building would need to come down as soon as possible and explained the bid process that GROWTH uses for these projects. Greg Champagne advised that the agreement states that the demolition of the building and the construction of the parking lot must begin by August 1st, 2011 and be completed by the end of this year.

With no further discussion, Mayor Pauley called for a vote. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Jones, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none

Agenda Item #32

Report from the Board of Local Improvements regarding two Special Assessment Ordinances for improvements to 15th Avenue from 33rd Street to 38th Street and improvements to 16th Avenue from 33rd Street to 38th Street.

Alderman Murphy moved to defer this item until the next meeting because she had some questions she didn't get answered while she was out of town. Alderman Foley seconded. The motion to defer was approved 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 #33

Report from the Police Department regarding an amendment to an ordinance recommending adding Loitering as an offense that can be heard by the Administrative Hearing Officer.

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Mayor Pauley asked Chief Harris to explain the ordinance and its purpose. Chief Harris stated that there are some issues with people loitering in the parking ramp – specifically, sleeping and urinating in the stairwells. They could be cited per the current ordinance, but that goes through the circuit court and ties up the court system. He explained that by amending this ordinance, it would allow the Administrative Hearing Officer to hear these cases.

Alderman Jones said he supported the idea and asked Chief Harris if this was something that could also be utilized in the Parking Lot C when it comes to enforcing loitering in the District. Chief Harris said that it would be something they could look into.

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

Agenda Item #34

Report from Gerald Jones regarding a request from the Martin Luther King Jr. Center to hold an outdoor event on Saturday, August 6th, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the King Center, 630 9th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the event as recommended, 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 Foley, Alderman Jones, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #35

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Junior's Tap to hold an outdoor event on Saturday, July 30, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at 2536 5th Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #36

Report from the City Clerk regarding a revised Plaza activity application from RIBCO requesting an additional day as part of their annual outdoor Summer Concert Series for Saturday, July 30, 2011.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to approve the event as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor and Plaza regulations. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Jones, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #37

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Martinis on the Rock to hold a fundraising event outside on Sunday, August 7, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderwoman Austin to approve the event as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor and 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 Foley, Alderman Jones, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #38

Items from the City Manager's Memorandum Packet.

Acting City Manager Robert Hawes called Linda Johnson, Finance Department, forward and she spoke on the monthly management report.

Acting City Manager Hawes also advised that the status update report was included in the memo packet if the alderman had any questions.

Agenda Item #39

Other Business

Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne described the new Rock Solid Rock Island Business Recognition program. The idea is to recognize businesses for their long years of service in the City of Rock Island. At this point there are 7 "Pinnacle" businesses – those being in business for 100 years or more. For these businesses, the City would do things like prepare a proclamation, a trophy and a Key to the City, and do some other things to honor them in the community. A second level of business would be a "Cornerstone" business – those being in continuous operation from 50 – 99 years. Approximately 30 of such businesses have been identified. A third level of business would be a "Foundation" Business, those in operation for 25 – 49 years.

Alderman Jones wanted to thank all the City staff and volunteers who worked at this years train festival and helped to make it a huge success.

Alderman Murphy stated that she has had a few comments from citizens about the audio on the televised version of the City Council website and would like it checked to see if we can improve the sound quality.

Alderman Foley stated that on Thursday, July 21st he attended the 1st Army Uncasing Ceremony and me with several members of 1st Army who advised they are very excited to live here in the Quad Cities and to make Rock Island their home.

Alderwoman Murphy noted that she had been on vacation over the past week and didn't get to talk to any specific businesses for Shop Rock Island, but wanted to make another mention about the Retail Incubator program downtown and to remind everyone to Shop Rock Island.

Agenda Item #40

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderman Foley at 8:12 p.m. to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Foley, Alderman Jones, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #41

Recess

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 9:25 p.m. A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Brooks to recess to Monday, August 8th, 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 Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 9:26 p.m.

Linda K. Rutten, Deputy City Clerk