

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 Pro Tem Charles O. Austin III presiding, and Aldermen, Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer and Joy Murphy. Also present were Acting City Manager Bob Hawes, Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne, other City staff, Renaissance Rock Island President Brian Hollenback and Jeff Nelson, General Manager of MetroLink. Alderman Jason W. Jones arrived at 5:10 p.m. Mayor Dennis E. Pauley and City Manager John Phillips were absent.

NSP PROGRAM UPDATE, RETAIL INCUBATOR AND 2nd AVENUE DEMOLITION

Mayor Pro Tem Austin inquired upon Renaissance Rock Island President Brian Hollenback to update Council on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

Mr. Hollenback discussed who Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation is and what they do. It was noted that GROWTH is a HUD approved housing counseling agency. Mr. Hollenback indicated that GROWTH has leveraged more than \$140 million dollars in housing activity. Mr. Hollenback commented that the first Green roof in the Quad Cities was incorporated into the Downtown McKesson development. It was noted that GROWTH started the first employer assisted housing program in the State, serving as a national model for live-work housing and has provided more than \$1 million dollars in direct financial assistance to employees.

Mr. Hollenback updated Council on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Mr. Hollenback stated that of this three year program, 75 units of the 122 are already in the pipeline and 36% of the funds have been spent with 88% of the funds committed. It was noted that several marketing efforts are underway.

Mr. Hollenback discussed subsidized and low income housing. Mr. Hollenback explained that 75% of NSP funds are targeting those that earn 20% more than the average income in all of the Quad Cities. Mr. Hollenback then discussed community impact as it related to the impact on single family homes. It was noted that for every \$100,000.00 spent on a single family home, approximately \$30,000.00 in government revenue is generated.

Mr. Hollenback discussed activities as it related to challenges concerning the purchase and rehab of single family homes. It was noted that the trend on costs is upwards. Mr. Hollenback advised that the main focus of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program is to stabilize neighborhoods, communities and create jobs. Mr. Hollenback indicated that some opportunities include positive relationships with neighborhood groups and long term improvements to address affordability.

Mr. Hollenback discussed new infill construction as it related to the New Old Chicago neighborhood and the Broadway area. Mr. Hollenback commented that Wells Fargo Housing Foundation invited GROWTH to make an application for \$300,000.00 for infill within the New Old Chicago neighborhood.

Mr. Hollenback then discussed progress on the Jackson Square development. It was noted that of the 30 residential units, 22 units are at 20% above area median income and eight (8) units are

restricted at 50%. It was noted that of the 30 units, 61 people are on the waiting list. Mr. Hollenback discussed demolition activities as it related to the Jackson Square development. It was noted that marketing efforts will begin in August.

Mr. Hollenback then discussed marketing and community outreach efforts as it related to Lunch and Learn and the Broadway Sampler and Open House regarding NSP homes and opportunities.

Mr. Hollenback discussed the Retail Incubator at 1700 2nd Avenue. Mr. Hollenback advised that this is a significant corner; it will provide an attractive layout internally, but also with the location; it is coming into the heart of The District. Mr. Hollenback explained that the intent of the retail incubator is to provide someone space where they pay for the space and within the first year, provide the business with coop marketing and possibly some venues. Mr. Hollenback stated that this is not a mall concept; it will have six (6) individual stores all under one roof.

Mr. Hollenback updated Council on the Goldman Family Block. It was noted that the Goldman Family donated six (6) buildings, three (3) of the buildings were designated to be the retail incubator, but the buildings are not salvageable. Mr. Hollenback stated that the idea is to take the building down and provide additional parking. This would not only support the retail incubator, but also support the various businesses Downtown. Mr. Hollenback advised that the demolition would cost \$131,000.00 and the concrete parking lot would be replaced. It was noted that it would be GROWTH's intent to convey title to the City to be used as a City parking lot.

Mr. Hollenback also discussed the CHDO Pilot Program and Funding opportunities and the Hardest Hit Fund Program as it related to preventing someone from going through the foreclosure process. In addition, Mr. Hollenback commented that GROWTH would be moving to the first floor of the McKesson building on September 1, 2011.

METROLINK UPDATE

Mayor Pro Tem Austin inquired upon Jeff Nelson, General Manager of MetroLink to update Council on several major MetroLink projects.

Mr. Nelson stated that the new transit maintenance facility is about a \$30 million dollar project and will be approximately 140,000 square feet. It was noted that this new facility will enable MetroLink to consolidate all of their services into one building. It was noted that the new facility will be at the old Case site in the new Columbia Park area. Mr. Nelson commented that this will be an anchor for redevelopment in that area.

Mr. Nelson advised that the site is fully graded out. It was noted that the new facility will be located near 2nd Avenue between 44th and 46th Street. Mr. Nelson stated that the project proposal really moved forward when the Federal Government came out with new greenhouse ideas for projects. Mr. Nelson commented that the new facility will take advantage of green technology. Mr. Nelson advised that solar cells will be located on the roof, which will generate electricity and pass it back to the grid. Mr. Nelson added that the ground source will be water heat pumps (geo thermal). It was noted that a solar thermal system will generate hot water for the building. Mr.

Nelson indicated that some green elements will be incorporated outside of the building, which will include rainwater collection in retention areas and native grasses. It was noted that this will give a landscape look to the facility that will match the environment that has been created along the Mississippi River. Mr. Nelson stated that the targeted completion date for the facility is set for November of next year.

Mr. Nelson advised that the funding sources for this project included a \$50 million dollar investment from the State of Illinois, \$10 million dollars from MetroLink and \$5 million dollars from the Federal Government.

Mr. Nelson then discussed the 2nd Avenue and 20th Street Transportation Hub project. It was noted that this project is moving along at a rapid pace. Mr. Nelson stated that this will be located at the northwest corner of 2nd Avenue and 20th Street. Mr. Nelson advised that the building will have about 1,600 square feet with a lobby, restrooms and potential for retail space. It will accommodate up to 14 buses. Mr. Nelson stated that public transit is growing at a rapid pace and this will be an ideal location.

Council discussed the new facility and hours of operation as it related to bus routes.

Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne stated that this is on the Agenda for this evening in relation to the Memorandum of Understanding with GROWTH, the Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District and the City and the contribution towards the project. Mr. Champagne indicated that when the item comes up, it will probably be suggested that Council defer action on the contribution. Mr. Champagne explained that staff is having further discussions on the proposal. Mr. Champagne further stated that the idea of that item is to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as a way to present the project to some of the funding sources. It was noted that staff will come back to Council with a proposal.

Council then discussed bike lanes as it related to 1st Avenue to 7th Avenue and along 20th Street. Council further discussed bike lanes as it related to shared lanes, striping and pavement markings.

CDBG BUDGET AND CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Austin inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne to update Council on the Community Development Block Grant funding budget and code enforcement.

Mr. Champagne discussed CDBG funding as it related to code enforcement activities. Mr. Champagne advised that additional information was requested from Council on code enforcement activities, assessment and licensing in regards to inspections based on number of units, complaint inspection fees and fines.

Mr. Champagne advised that code enforcement is actually an umbrella under which the City provides a variety of property maintenance code activities. Mr. Champagne explained that

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currently, properties offered for rental are required to pay an annual \$35.00 licensing fee per property. It was noted that there are approximately 1,800 properties registered through the program, which represents revenue of \$63,000.00. Mr. Champagne indicated that Council had inquired upon an alternative that would assess the fees based on the number of units.

Mr. Champagne advised that currently, there are 4,200 units in properties licensed under the program. It was noted that to fund all code enforcement activities at \$315,635.00 (block grant support), would require a per unit fee of \$75.00. Mr. Champagne explained that an adjustment in fees to generate the \$76,500.00 that was originally recommended by staff, and the existing \$35.00 rental property licensing fee (\$63,000.00) would need to be set at \$33.00 per unit.

Mr. Champagne then discussed inspection fees as it related to complaints. It was noted that it was suggested that a fee be assessed to cover the cost to perform a complaint based inspection. Mr. Champagne commented that the charge for the inspection would only be levied if the inspector found that the complaint had a valid code violation. It was noted that between 2005 and 2009, an average of 500 notices of violation were issued and the average cost of an inspection is \$50.00. Mr. Champagne indicated that based on those numbers, this would yield approximately \$25,000.00 in revenue.

Mr. Champagne discussed fines as it related to assessing and collecting fines for code violations. It was noted that collecting fines for code violations can be challenging due to pursuing the violator by seeking a Circuit Court judgment, which takes time and involves a legal process. Mr. Champagne commented that approximately \$4,500.00 in fines have been collected this year. However, the numbers have not been refined.

Council then discussed the licensing fees as it related to per unit fees, inspection fees as it related to complaints and fines as it related to code violations.

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.

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 Pro Tem Charles O. Austin III, presiding, and Aldermen Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, P. J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones and Joy Murphy. Also present was Acting City Manager Bob Hawes. Mayor Dennis E. Pauley and City Manager John Phillips were absent.

Introductory Proceedings

Mayor Pro Tem Austin 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 June 20, 2011.

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of June 20, 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

A Special 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 Tollenaer and 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 Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #7

A Special Ordinance providing for the sale of property at 2425 5th Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #8

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$30,000.00 to Crawford & Company for Workers Compensation settlement for Ricky Hitchcock.
- b. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$5,332.97 to Kutsunis and Weng for legal services rendered for the month of June.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$27,080.66 to Brandt Construction Company for an emergency water main repair on 17th Street and 31st Avenue. (184)
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,948.96 to KONE, Inc. for the annual maintenance agreement for the elevator at City Hall. (192)
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$71,000.00 to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for the annual NPDES fees. (193)
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 and final in the amount of \$25,063.34 to Settle, Inc. for services provided for the 2011 Seal Coating Program project. (196)
- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #6 in the amount of \$539,860.19 to General Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Public Works Street Garage project. (197)
- h. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$26,968.50 to Langman Construction, Inc. for services provided for the 26th Avenue Reconstruction from 32nd to 34th Streets project. (198)
- i. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 and final in the amount of \$90,415.45 to Langman Construction for services provided for the 2011 PCC Street Patching project. (199)
- j. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$205,917.75 to Walter D. Laud, Inc. for services provided for the 25th Avenue Reconstruction from 17th Street to 24th Street project. (200)
- k. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 and final in the amount of \$75,537.80 to Walter D. Laud, Inc. for services provided for the 2011 Brick Street Patch Program project. (201)

- l. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #6 in the amount of \$40,355.55 to General Constructors, Inc. for services provided for improvements to outfalls 011 and 012. (202)
- m. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$172,553.17 to Valley Construction for services provided for the Rock Island Parkway Improvements project. (203)
- n. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #9 in the amount of \$4,668.00 to the Treasurer of the State of Illinois for the City's share of IL. 92 Resurfacing from 38th Street to the Moline border project. (205)

Agenda Item #9

Claims for the weeks of June 17th through June 23rd in the amount of \$441,213.17, June 24th through June 30th in the amount of \$362,890.93 and July 1st through July 7th in the amount of \$235,977.41.

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 #10

Payroll for the weeks of June 13th through June 26th in the amount of \$1,328,480.90.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy 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 #11

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the joint purchase of utility supplies, recommending the bids be awarded to Ferguson Waterworks and Utility Equipment Company in the combined amount of \$43,680.50.

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

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a contract with Utility Service Company for the Reservoir Water Tower Repair project.

Mayor Pro Tem Austin stated that Agenda Item #12 has been deleted from the Agenda.

Agenda Item #13

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

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Brooks seconded to defer Agenda Item #13 for two (2) weeks (July 25th). 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.

Note: Item #13 will be on the July 25th Agenda for Council consideration.

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the lease for Custom Covers Upholstery Shop, recommending releasing the business from its lease effective June 30, 2011 and accept delinquent lease payments in the amount of \$500.00 per month.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Jones seconded to approve the release and accept the delinquent payments as recommended, and authorize the City Attorney to prepare the necessary documents for signature by the business owner and the City Manager. 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 Community and Economic Development Department regarding a Memorandum of Understanding with Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation and the Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District and contribute an amount not to exceed \$9,000.00 towards the development of a project planning document.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the memorandum of understanding and the contribution as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy advised that Council just discussed that they did not want to make the \$9,000.00 contribution at this time. Alderman Conroy then withdrew his second.

Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne stated that Council may want to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and defer action on the contribution for the plan until July 25, 2011.

It was then moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the Memorandum of Understanding, authorize the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding and defer action on the contribution in an amount not to exceed \$9,000.000 until Monday, July 25, 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 #16

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation (GROWTH) for a USEPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund subgrant in the amount of \$300,000.00 for remediation of soil and construction of an engineered barrier on the portion of the site housing the Jackson Square development.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to approve the subgrant from the City's USEPA-funded Revolving Loan Fund as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the RLF agreement.

Discussion followed with Alderman Conroy inquiring as to whether there are any other areas in the City that have brownfields that could use the funds.

Special Projects Manager Sally Heffernan stated that she was not aware of any areas at this time.

Alderman Conroy and Special Projects Manager Sally Heffernan discussed the Revolving Loan Fund as it related to nonprofits and eligible funds as it related to TIF funds concerning brownfields.

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

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget, recommending increasing the Riverboat Gaming Fund in the amount of \$3,500.00, which will be transferred to the General Fund.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy 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 #18

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 Conroy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinances.

City Attorney Ted Kutsunis stated that there has to be two readings on these special assessment ordinances. The rules cannot be suspended.

Alderman Conroy then motioned to consider the ordinance and Alderman Foley seconded.

Discussion followed with Alderwoman Murphy inquiring as to why the City is doing these streets; they are not that bad. There are a lot of other streets that are in worse condition.

Acting City Manager Bob Hawes stated that the City has two (2) programs; one is financed by Gaming funds, which is this one and that was specifically set up for one-half million dollars per year to go and do the streets before they deteriorate to the point where they would have to be completely reconstructed. Mr. Hawes advised that the other category is a little bit larger, which is about \$500,000.00 to \$600,000.00 a year. It was noted that this category is almost exclusively done by petition and they are complete reconstructions.

After more discussion regarding the special assessment programs, the amended motion reads as follows: Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to consider the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenauer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Note: A second reading will be held on Monday, July 25, 2011 for final consideration.

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a revised Resolution that includes the release of all City liens on properties purchased by tax buyers at the County's annual tax sale.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Conroy to adopt the revised resolution.

Discussion followed with Alderman Conroy inquiring as to what the City is getting for giving the liens up.

Land and Development Programs Coordinator Mary Chappell stated that the City is doing this to bring properties back on the tax roll sooner. Ms. Chappell advised that at the end of the year, the County has a tax sale that tax buyers participate in. The properties that are not purchased by the tax buyers go to the County's fall tax auction where the City purchases some of these properties. Ms. Chappell advised that some of the tax buyers that purchase the back taxes are hoping to get the liens released because it mirrors the policy that the City also has on those properties that are offered in the fall auction. It was noted that anyone that purchases a property at the fall auction can have the City's municipal liens released.

Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne stated that one of the things that the City gets from this is that if the tax buyer petitions for a tax deed and gets the deed to the property; the City now has somebody to go after through the property maintenance code.

After more discussion on the process and revised resolution, 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 #20

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a request from the Mandus Group for permission to reconstruct the existing loading dock that is currently within the 25th Street right-of-way at 2435 5th Avenue.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to approve the request as recommended, subject to that within 30 days upon being granted permission, a certificate of liability insurance be submitted 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 Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a request from Cool Beanz Coffeehouse at 1325 30th Street to use the Right-of-Way in front of their business for cafe style chairs and tables.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the request 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 #22

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding parking and signage for Train Festival 2011, recommending allowing free parking for Train Festival attendees in Lot C, Lot D and the City parking ramp from July 21 through July 25, 2011, and allow placement of temporary directional signs and festival banners.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer 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 #23

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to remove the designated Horace Mann School crossings on 30th and 38th Streets along with numerous signs associated with the crossings and removal of the yellow flashing lights.

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

Agenda Item #24

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request for the installation of a handicapped parking space at 1604 8th Street.

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

Agenda Item #25

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to remove the handicapped parking space at 726 43rd Street.

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

Agenda Item #26

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request for the installation of stop signs at the intersection of 6th Street and 14th Avenue.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Brooks seconded to approve the request and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Note: the original motion on the printed Agenda was to deny the request.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Pro Tem Austin stated that in the petition submitted by the neighbors, it stated a stop sign at the intersection and the action stated stop signs. Mayor Pro Tem Austin inquired as to what should be included in the ordinance; a stop sign or a full stop intersection.

Rachele Teague of 507 14th Avenue stepped forward. Ms. Teague stated that some type of stop sign or yield sign is appropriate due to children playing in the area.

Council then discussed as to where the stop sign or signs should be placed. After discussion, the motion reads as follows:

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Brooks seconded to approve the request and install stop signs at 6th Street for north and south bound traffic at its intersection with 14th Avenue and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #27

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to restrict parking to 4-hours on the east side of 23rd Street from the driveway at 2300 18th Avenue to 18th Avenue.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the request to restrict parking to 4-hours on Monday through Friday on the east side of 23rd Street from the driveway at 2300 18th Avenue to 18th Avenue and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Dr. Julie Hahn of 67 Crosswood Terrace stepped forward. Dr. Hahn stated that the neighborhood would like this special parking because of the school in the neighborhood and the children crossing 23rd Street and 18th Avenue. Dr. Hahn stated that there is also a permanently parked vehicle (truck with trailer) there and it becomes a safety issue. Dr. Hahn also advised that they would like the parking due to neighborhood property needs.

Council discussed this issue of the permanently parked vehicle as it related to complaints on visibility and safety.

Alderman Conroy inquired upon staff to look into how long a vehicle can be parked on the street with or without a trailer attached.

After more discussion, Acting City Manager Bob Hawes advised that the neighborhood is currently circulating a petition to get residential parking for the whole block except for Dr. Hahn's property. It was noted that residential parking used to be there.

After more discussion regarding the residential parking, 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

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to remove the handicapped parking signs at 1504 41st Street.

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

Agenda Item #29

Report from the Mayor regarding appointments to the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals, and reappointments to the Electrical Code Board of Appeals and Stormwater Board of Appeals.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the appointments and 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.

Carlo Milani, Andy Boswell, Sister Bobbi Bussen and Paul Noe were appointed to the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals for three year terms ending on April 30, 2014.

Harlan King was reappointed to the Electrical Code Board of Appeals for a three year term ending on April 30, 2014.

Kevin Koski and Chuck Oestreich were reappointed to the Stormwater Board of Appeals for two year terms ending on July 1, 2013.

Agenda Item #30

Report from the City Clerk regarding a Plaza Ordinance change, recommending that one additional night time vendor be created for the Plaza area.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Conroy inquired as to how many vendors the City currently has and how many more vendors are being asked for.

City Clerk Aleisha Patchin advised that the City currently has three (3) nighttime vendors and two (2) daytime vendors. It was noted that staff is recommending one more nighttime vendor for a total of four (4) nighttime vendors. It was noted that the vendors are stationed in specific areas on the Downtown Plaza.

Alderman Conroy had concerns that there were too many food vendors already.

Alderman Jones stated that this would not be a food vendor.

Mayor Pro Tem Austin inquired upon the business owner that is interested in being a Downtown vendor to step forward.

Mr. Mark Ross of Davenport, Iowa stated that he started a business called Tipping Point, Inc. that provides local breathalyzer services to places where there are establishments providing

alcohol. Mr. Ross stated that Tipping Point has been doing this throughout the country at different localities. Mr. Ross advised that his business would like to do this in Downtown Rock Island. Mr. Ross indicated that the business would like to provide this service on Friday and Saturday nights from 11:30 p.m. to 2:00 or 2:30 a.m.

Council discussed this issue as it related to providing the breathalyzer service as a tool to let people know if they have consumed too much alcohol.

Mr. Ross stated that they charge \$3.00 per test and \$1.00 per retest. Mr. Ross added that the business does provide taxi phone numbers to individuals.

Police Lt. Rich Landi stated that the Police Department is in support of anything that will reduce the chances of impaired drivers. Lt. Landi added that the only concern is that if someone blows below the limit, they may think that they are safe, but that may not be the case. Lt. Landi advised that it will be up to the business to thoroughly educate people.

Council discussed as to whether or not it would be required for the business to have a designated area. It was noted that there seemed to be a consensus among Council that the business would not have to be in a specific area. However, they would not go into the businesses unless they were invited in.

After more discussion regarding the breathalyzer service, Alderman Conroy stated that he would like to see this as a non-food vendor license.

After more discussion, Alderman Conroy moved to amend the motion to make it one nighttime non-food vendor license. Alderman Jones 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.

The final amended motion reads as follows:

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to amend the Rock Island City Ordinances to allow one nighttime non-food vendor permit in the Plaza and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #31

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from the Greater Antioch Baptist Church for a Street Closing at 10th Avenue between 14th Street and 14½ Street including the alleys between the parking lot and in back of the church, and a Sound Amplification permit for Friday, July 29, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Tollenaer 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 #32

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from the Fraternal Order of Eagles to hold an outdoor event for St. Jude Children's Cancer Research on Saturday, July 30, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at 5103 11th Street.

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

Agenda Item #33

Report from the City Clerk regarding a modification to a Plaza event application from RIBCO, recommending revising the original scheduled set up time for the River City Beer Festival from August 27, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to noon, to Friday, August 26, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the modification 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 Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #34

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request for a Street Closing at 21st Street between 16th Avenue and 17th Avenue on Saturday, September 10, 2011 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for a block party.

It was moved by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the request 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 #35

Items from the City Manager's Memorandum Packet.

Acting City Manager Bob Hawes advised that included in the memo packet is a report regarding natural gas purchases. Mr. Hawes stated that the City takes advantage of the consortium and wheels in natural gas to the City's larger facilities. Mr. Hawes stated that the City received a report several weeks ago. It was noted that the City saved approximately \$10,000.00 on the natural gas at the larger facilities, which represents about \$14,700.00.

Mr. Hawes advised that included in the memo packet is a letter that was sent to the Office of the Attorney General regarding pedestrian access on the west side of 11th Street concerning ADA compliance. Mr. Hawes indicated that the lady came and did a number of inspections throughout the City. It was noted that she agreed to allow the City to build into the Capital Improvement Plan for next year, the 11th Street project concerning sidewalks. It was also agreed that the City can upgrade its transition plan by the fall of next year. Mr. Hawes stated that 174 miles of sidewalk throughout the City has to be inspected. Mr. Hawes further discussed the inspection process for the sidewalks.

City Attorney Ted Kutsunis welcomed Attorney David Morrison to the firm of Kutsunis and Weng.

Mayor Pro Tem Austin discussed the upcoming Train Festival 2011.

Alderman Jones stated that six (6) new businesses have opened in the Downtown area, which include; Pass The Seed, Tapa's Yoga Shala, The Grape Life, Speed Attic, The District Theater and Jarvis Property Restoration.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Moxie's Retail Shop is located on the corner of 2nd Avenue and 16th Street next to the YWCA. It was noted that this is a program of the YWCA. Alderwoman Murphy advised that Moxie's is an upscale retail boutique. They sell casual and dress clothes, jewelry and small furniture pieces. Alderwoman Murphy added that the funds are used to support the programs and benefit women in the community.

Agenda Item #36

Other Business

Mr. Jason Hayes of 1330 15th Street discussed issues in his neighborhood. Mr. Hayes stated that he has had problems with people hanging out late at night in the park and on his street. Mr. Hayes presented a picture of litter in and around his home that people have left behind from previous nights. Mr. Hayes stated that a petition was presented to Alderman Brooks in which the majority of neighbors had signed the petition asking for residential permit parking only from 13th Avenue to the turnaround at 18th Avenue. Mr. Hayes indicated that the residential parking will help to alleviate some of the neighborhood's problems.

Council discussed this issue. Alderman Brooks stated to Mr. Hayes that he would contact him for a meeting in the neighborhood.

Agenda Item #37

No Executive Session.

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #38

Recess

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**July 11, 2011
MINUTES**

Mayor Pro Tem Austin advised that two weeks from tonight, Council will begin with a tour of Cascade Gardens at 5:00 p.m. and then meet back in Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recess to Monday, July 25, 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 8:07 p.m.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk