

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were Public Works Director Bob Hawes, Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne, Land and Development Programs Coordinator Mary Chappell, Administrative Services Director John Thorson, Risk Manager Patrick Doherty, other City staff, City Attorney Ted Kutsunis and Dave Cahill from Eide Bailly. City Manager John Phillips was also present. Aldermen Terry M.A. Brooks I and David Conroy were absent.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to recess to Executive Session on matters of Property Acquisition, Personnel and Litigation. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 6:01 p.m.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:32 p.m.

### **AUDITOR'S COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

City Manager John Phillips inquired upon the City's Auditor, Dave Cahill from Eide Bailly to review the financial report and explain various sections of the report to Council.

Mr. Cahill explained that the financial section of the report begins with the Independent Auditors Report. It was noted that this report gives an unqualified opinion that the financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects in conformity with all general accounting principles.

Mr. Cahill indicated that the Management Discussion and Analysis is the next section of the report, which is helpful information. The analysis contains a condensed format of an explanation of the financial statements. Mr. Cahill offered that the next part of the report contains the financial statements, which includes the Government Wide Financial Analysis and consists of two (2) statements; the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities. Mr. Cahill stated that the Government Wide Financial Statements are recorded on a full accrual basis; all assets and liabilities of the City are recorded. These are the financial statements that would include all of the capital assets. Mr. Cahill mentioned that the police and fire pension funds were not included in the Government Wide Financial Statements.

Mr. Cahill advised that in the area of the Fund Level Statements, each governmental and enterprise fund is recorded separately. It was noted that governmental funds are presented using a modified basis of accounting and current financial resources management focus in which the capital assets and long term debt are not seen; it is more of a current focus.

Mr. Cahill also discussed Financial Statement Notes, Required Supplementary Information, Special Revenue Funds and a variety of other funds.

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Mr. Cahill explained that the Compliance section of the report is referred to as a single audit requirement. Mr. Cahill discussed the Federal funds that are expended by the City. Mr. Cahill stated that for the year ending March 31, 2011, the City spent \$5.7 million dollars of Federal funds compared to \$2.9 million spent last year.

Mr. Cahill further discussed the financial report as it related to the Statement of Net Assets, Capital Assets, Fund Level Statements and Enterprise Funds.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Jones to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

Rock Island City Council met in regular session at 6:45 p.m. in Council Chambers of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen P. J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present was City Manager John Phillips. Aldermen Terry M.A. Brooks I and David Conroy were absent.

### **Introductory Proceedings**

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

Agenda Item #5

### **Minutes of the Meeting of August 22, 2011 and Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 2, 2011.**

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of August 22, 2011 and Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 2, 2011. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being 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 stated that the appointment of Mr. Thomas Thomas as the City of Rock Island's new City Manager was approved at a special City Council meeting on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was noted that Mr. Thomas is currently the Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Macon, Georgia and will begin his duties on Monday, October 24, 2011.

Mayor Pauley stated that the hiring of a new City Manager is a process that the City took very seriously. It was noted that 60 candidates applied for the position. The Mayor commented that after an intense review process, seven candidates were chosen to interview. It was noted that after narrowing the field to three, the Council conducted additional interviews as did the department heads and a panel of Rock Island citizens. Mayor Pauley stated that all three finalists were extremely qualified. It was noted that Mr. Thomas was chosen as Rock Island's next City Manager.

Mayor Pauley commented that Mr. Thomas is an excellent choice with a strong background in city government. It was noted that Mr. Thomas will be in town to attend the Goal Setting sessions on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Pauley stated that Governor Pat Quinn was joined by local officials on August 30<sup>th</sup> to break ground on a new MetroLink Transit Maintenance Facility at 4501 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Island. It was noted that the \$34 million dollar project will consolidate the agency's administrative operations and maintenance functions, and it will serve as the cornerstone of a new riverfront development. Mayor Pauley stated that MetroLink estimates that the project will create 125

construction jobs. Mayor Pauley advised that the 140,000 square foot facility will increase efficiency and improve operations consolidating a number of functions in one sustainable space.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Rock Island County NAACP Community Celebration will be held at the Martin Luther King Center on Saturday, September 17, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 630 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Island. Mayor Pauley added that this will be a fun event and an opportunity for people to come together and socialize.

Agenda Item #7

**Presentation of the “Best Rain Garden” Awards by the Beautification Commission.**

Beautification Commission member Bob Towler stepped forward and joined Mayor Pauley at the podium to present the “Best Rain Garden” awards. Mr. Towler stated that this is the sixth annual “Best Rain Garden” contest. The purpose of the contest is to recognize residents who show pride in their homes and neighborhoods by keeping neat and well maintained rain gardens.

Mr. Towler then named the recipients of the Residential Beautification Award. The winners are as follows; Patty Trapp, Westgate Condominiums - East, Paul & Barb Parker, Ellen & Angelo Anderson, John Wright, Marion & Beverly Strickler, Dan & Sue Carothers, Wheelan Pressly Funeral Home, William Long, Heather & Scott Culver, Todd Linscott, Joseph Boland, Richard Yerington and Keith Smith.

Patty Trapp and Wheelan Pressly Funeral Home were the overall winners.

Agenda Item #8

**Presentation of the “Best Community Garden” Awards by the Beautification Commission.**

Beautification Commission member Bob Towler stepped forward and joined Mayor Pauley at the podium to present the “Best Community Garden” awards. Mr. Towler stated that this is the second “Best Community Garden” contest. The purpose of the contest is to recognize organizations that show pride in their neighborhood by keeping remarkably neat and well maintained community gardens.

Mr. Towler then named the recipients of the organization Beautification Award. The winners are as follows; Positive Empowerment, West End Neighborhood Association, South Rock Island Township, Women of Destiny Baptist Church, QC Resettlement Group, St. Joseph the Worker House, and Effie Hathaway-Franklin Field.

Agenda Item #9

**Proclamation declaring Friday, September 9, 2011 as Regalia Manufacturing Company Day.**

**Note:** The Proclamation’s date was incorrect. The correct date is Friday, September 16, 2011.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring Friday, September 16, 2011 as Regalia Manufacturing Company Day. Ms. Patricia Jahn accepted the Proclamation. Ms. Jahn thanked the Mayor, and stated that the Regalia Manufacturing Company has been in Rock Island for many years, and they hope to continue to be in Rock Island for many more years. Mayor Pauley then presented a plaque and a key to the City to Ms. Jahn for Regalia Manufacturing Company being in business for over 100 years.

Agenda Item #10

**Public Hearing on a request from Clayton Peterson for a Special Use Permit to have his tenant operate a tailor, quilting and alteration business out of the downstairs dwelling of his duplex at 1202 21<sup>st</sup> Street.**

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting at 7:01 p.m. and opened a Public Hearing on a request from Clayton Peterson for a Special Use Permit to have his tenant operate a tailor, quilting and alteration business out of the downstairs dwelling of his duplex at 1202 21<sup>st</sup> Street.

Mr. Peterson of 1202 21<sup>st</sup> Street stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson stated that his tenant would operate this low impact business out of the downstairs dwelling. Mr. Peterson added that this business would operate three days a week, which will be on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Mr. Peterson indicated that his tenant works at the Quilt Basket on Mondays and Wednesdays, and they will provide the handicapped accessibility component. Mr. Peterson advised that the ordinance requires five parking spaces. Mr. Peterson stated that his neighbor granted permission for the business to use one of parking spaces behind his property. It was noted that Mr. Peterson lives on a corner lot, where five parking spaces will be available beside his house and three spaces in front of his house. Mr. Peterson indicated that the parking spaces are not currently being used by anyone in the neighborhood.

Alderman Austin inquired as to what components of the business would take place at this address. Mr. Peterson responded that the operation of the business would include tailoring, quilting and alterations.

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

Alderwoman Murphy inquired as to whether Mr. Peterson understood that if he decided to change the hours of operation that he would need to come back to Council for approval. Mr. Peterson stated yes.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was anyone who wished to speak in favor of the Special Use Permit application. No one stepped forward.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was anyone who wished to speak in opposition to the Special Use Permit application. No one stepped forward.

With no person present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the Special Use Permit application, Mayor Pauley closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:06 p.m.

It was moved by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the Special Use Permit as recommended, subject to the stipulations that one full-time non-resident employee and one occasional assistant be allowed; a minimum of two off street parking spaces be provided on site and one off-site parking space at 1206 21<sup>st</sup> Street be provided; hours of operation shall be 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays with occasional Saturday and Sunday work times; a one square foot unlighted attached sign be allowed; that the use shall meet all other applicable codes and ordinances and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #11

**Public Hearing on a request from Teresa and Julius Thornton to amend an existing Special Use Permit for a daycare center to replace an existing freestanding sign with a new larger and lighted freestanding sign at 1012 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue.**

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting at 7:07 p.m. and opened a Public Hearing on a request from Teresa and Julius Thornton to amend an existing Special Use Permit for a daycare center to replace an existing freestanding sign with a new larger and lighted freestanding sign at 1012 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

Mr. Thornton of 1012 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. Thornton.

Mr. Thornton stated that he wanted to update the sign at the daycare center and wishes for the sign to be larger and lighted. Mr. Thornton indicated that the new proposed sign to be erected is going to be better and look more professional than the existing wooden sign. Mr. Thornton advised that he is asking the City's permission to erect a lighted sign. Mr. Thornton stated that his original request for the sign dimensions was 4 foot by 6 foot. However, he is willing to erect a 3 foot by 4 foot lighted sign.

Alderman Austin stated that sometimes neighborhoods have concerns with the lighting component in regards to the signs. Alderman Austin inquired as to whether Mr. Thornton felt that his ability to advertise the location would be compromised if he was asked to turn the lighted sign off during the overnight hours. Mr. Thornton stated that another option he was pursuing was to set a timer for the sign.

Alderman Austin and Mr. Thornton further discussed the hours for the illumination of the sign.

Alderman Foley stated that the only concern he had was that the sign would be lit overnight. Alderman Foley commented that if the sign was turned off by 9:00 p.m. or 9:30 p.m. and then turned back on at 6:00 a.m., he did not have a problem with it.

Council further discussed the hours for the lighted sign and the sign dimensions.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was anyone who wished to speak in favor of the Special Use Permit application. No one stepped forward.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was anyone who wished to speak in opposition to the Special Use Permit application. No one stepped forward.

With no person present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the Special Use Permit application, Mayor Pauley closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:15 p.m.

It was moved by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the request for the Special Use Permit for a single 3 foot by 4 foot internally illuminated freestanding sign; that the illumination be turned off between the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.; and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

**Note:** the original motion for this item was to deny the request.

Agenda Item #12

**A Special Ordinance authorizing the acquisition of property at 624 10<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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

Agenda Item #13

**CLAIMS**

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy 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 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 \$12,038.47 to Kutsunis and Weng for legal services rendered for the month of August.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$11,132.25 to Kelly Construction for services provided for the 2011 Mudjacking Program project. (261)
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #3 in the amount of \$157,606.02 to Langman Construction, Inc. for services provided for the 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue Reconstruction from 32<sup>nd</sup> to 34<sup>th</sup> Streets project. (262)

- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$84,895.20 to Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities, Inc. for services provided for the 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue Court Reconstruction east of 12<sup>th</sup> Street project. (264)
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #11 in the amount of \$4,668.00 to the Treasurer of the State of Illinois for the City's share of the IL 92 Resurfacing from 38<sup>th</sup> Street to the Moline border project. (265)
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 and final in the amount of \$76,954.20 to New Coat Sealing & Paving for services provided for the 2011 Street Joint and Crack Sealing Program project. (266)

Agenda Item #14

**Claims for the weeks of August 19 through August 25 in the amount of \$708,670.93, August 26 through September 1 in the amount of \$358,270.93 and September 2 through September 8 in the amount of \$1,212,497.49.**

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

Agenda Item #15

**Payroll for the weeks of August 8 through August 21 in the amount of \$1,234,654.73 and August 22 through September 4 in the amount of \$1,255,114.27.**

It was moved by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to allow the payroll. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being 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 the purchase of 40 tons of Anthracite Coal from Unifilt Corporation in the amount of \$13,800.00.**

Alderman Foley moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the purchase as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being 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 a lease agreement with Verizon Wireless to lease antenna space on the City's water tower.**

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the agreement as recommended as entered into for a public purpose 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 Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

**Report from the Mayor regarding the appointment of Robert Hawes to serve as Interim City Manager for the period from October 1, 2011 through October 23, 2011.**

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

Agenda Item #19

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Cabana's to extend their schedule for outdoor entertainment through January 1, 2012, requesting Thursday evenings from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Friday and Saturday nights from 5:00 pm to midnight, and requesting outdoor entertainment for one night only on Saturday, December 31, 2011 from 5:00 pm until 2:00 am on Sunday, January 1, 2012 for New Year's Eve.**

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the requests as recommended, subject to complying with all other 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 Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #20

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from VFW Post 1303 to hold an outdoor event on Sunday, September 18, 2011 from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm at 3715 9<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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

Agenda Item #21

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Martinis on the Rock to hold a fundraising event outside on Sunday, September 18, 2011 from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm at 4619 34<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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

Agenda Item #22

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request for an Activity permit from Rock Island High School for their Homecoming Parade to be held on Friday, September 23, 2011 from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm.**

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

Agenda Item #23

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Reverend Willie E. Jones of the People's Missionary Baptist Church for parking to be permitted at the curbside along the east and west sides of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues on Monday, September 26, Tuesday, September 27, and Thursday, September 29, 2011 from 5:30 pm until 9:00 pm for their annual Fall Revival Services.**

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

Agenda Item #24

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

City Manager Phillips did not have any items to discuss.

Alderman Austin reminded everyone that he will host a Ward meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene located at 38<sup>th</sup> Street and 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Alderman Austin stated that residents of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward as well as everyone else in the community are invited to attend the meeting. It was noted that the meeting will give residents an opportunity to ask questions, offer ideas, share concerns and learn about issues regarding the City. Alderman Austin added that City Manager Phillips and Public Works Director Bob Hawes would be in attendance on that date.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Regalia Manufacturing Company is located at 2018 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the company has been in business for over 100 years. It was noted that they are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Alderwoman Murphy advised that Regalia sells flags, award ribbons, rosettes, banners, pageant supplies, trophies, plaques and advertising specialty items. It was noted that Regalia has been a major part of the fair industry. Alderwoman Murphy stated that the Regalia Manufacturing Company offers quality products and services for a reasonable price.

Agenda Item #25  
**Other Business**

None.

Agenda Item #26  
**Executive Session on Property Acquisition, Personnel and Litigation.**

The Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #27  
**Recess**

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recess to Monday, September 19, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:27 p.m.

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