

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, Charles O. Austin III, Terry M.A. Brooks I and David Conroy. Also present was Interim City Manager Bob Hawes.

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the Meeting of September 19, 2011, Minutes of the meeting of September 23, 2011 and Minutes of the meeting of September 24, 2011.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of September 19, 2011, Minutes of the meeting of September 23, 2011 and Minutes of the meeting of September 24, 2011. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley advised that the City of Rock Island announced the results of the annual strategic planning session conducted on September 23 & 24, 2011. It was noted that the Mayor and City Council reviewed and agreed on a vision statement, goals, and policy and management agendas for the coming year.

Mayor Pauley stated that Rock Island's two day goal setting session is an intense process that sets priorities for the next year and establishes a framework for the next five years. Mayor Pauley added that Rock Island's new City Manager, Thomas Thomas participated in this year's session. It was noted that Mr. Thomas's attendance and participation gives him a head start on transitioning to the Rock Island City Manager position. Mayor Pauley commented that the main goals for the year target the budget and economic development. All of the goals can be found on the website.

The Mayor stated that the City of Rock Island is providing free leaf collection for its residential refuse customers from Monday, October 10, 2011 through Friday, December 2, 2011. It was noted that residents do not have to be participants in the Yard Waste Subscription Service to use this leaf collection service and they do not have to place a yard waste sticker on the bags of leaves. Mayor Pauley advised that in addition to providing free leaf collection, the City will also furnish bags for this program at no cost. It was noted that the free bags will be available beginning on Monday, October 3rd. Mayor Pauley stated to please visit the City's website at www.rigov.org for information regarding leaf bag distribution locations and the regulations associated with the Free Leaf Collection Program.

Mayor Pauley advised that Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation (GROWTH) invites all local contractors interested in participating in its community development work to participate at an informational meeting and networking event on October 11, 2011. The Mayor added that this free event will focus on how to become an approved contractor for GROWTH's multiple housing and redevelopment programs. It was noted that this event will be held at the Daiquiri Factory, 1809 2nd Avenue, Downtown Rock Island from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm. The Mayor stated that light snacks will be provided.

Mayor Pauley advised that contractors who are interested in doing construction work with GROWTH in the future are urged to attend this meeting. Mayor Pauley added that GROWTH anticipates having more than \$5,000,000.00 available in the next 18 months to support activities including new infill housing construction, housing rehabilitation, demolition, and multifamily redevelopment. It was noted that rehabilitation contracts range from approximately \$25,000.00 to \$80,000.00 per contract. Mayor Pauley commented that RSVP is encouraged, but not required. For more information, please call GROWTH's office at (309) 788-6311.

Mayor Pauley advised everyone to bring their pooch to Schwiebert Riverfront Park on October 8th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. It was noted that this free event will have products and services for every dog, demonstrations, costumes, dog disc and talent contests. The Mayor stated that vendor space is still available.

Mayor Pauley offered that "Rotten to the Core" will be presented on Friday & Saturday, October 14th and 15th at 6:30 pm at the Hauberg Civic Center. The Mayor stated that it's a musical murder mystery where you help solve the crime as you wine & dine. It was noted that a delicious dinner by Bridges; wine, beer & soft drinks will be available for purchase. The Mayor added that Halloween costumes are encouraged but not required. Mayor Pauley stated to register for either night by calling (309) 732-7275. It was noted that the fee is \$45.00 per person and pre-registration is required.

Mayor Pauley advised everyone to Think Pink! The Mayor stated that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and encouraged everyone to do everything they can to be sure that they are cancer free.

Agenda Item #7

Presentation of the 2011 Labor Day Parade Awards.

Grace Shirk, who is a member of the Labor Day Parade Advisory Board and Mayor Pauley stepped to the podium for the 2011 Presentation of the Labor Day Parade Awards.

Ms. Shirk stated that the parade theme for this year's Labor Day Parade was "Rock Island's Historic Images & Icons." Ms. Shirk commented on the highlights of the parade. Ms. Shirk stated that there were over 150 entries this year. Ms. Shirk thanked everyone involved with the parade for making it safe and successful.

Ms. Shirk along with Mayor Pauley presented the 2011 Labor Day Parade Awards to the winning recipients.

The following are the winners of the 2011 Labor Day Parade Awards:

The Citizen's Choice Award winners were selected by various citizens watching the parade. The winners included; US Navy Seabees, Bennett 1931 Fire Truck, QC PAWS: RI County Animal Care & Control, Close Family Fire Truck, Denkmann Elementary School and Rock Island Horticulture Club.

The Council's Choice Award winners included; Coast Guard Auxiliary, Pedalmania, Longfellow Liberal Arts Elementary School, Cool Beanz Coffee House, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Recycled Doll-Fins of the 8 a.m. Swim Class and the Rock Island Futbol Club.

Blackhawk Chapter, A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois was the recipient of the Parade Committee's Choice Award. Rock Island Center for Math & Science received the Marshal's Choice Award for the best theme-related entry, and American Bank & Trust Company was the recipient of the Mayor's Cup Winner. All winners had their pictures taken with the Mayor.

Mayor Pauley congratulated all of the winners and everyone involved with the parade.

Agenda Item #8

Public Hearing on the Citizen's Advisory Committee recommendations for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) monies and Gaming Funds.

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting at 7:05 p.m. and opened a Public Hearing on the Citizen's Advisory Committee recommendations for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) monies and Gaming funds.

Mayor Pauley inquired upon Chairman Kevin Hird of the Citizen's Advisory Committee to present the committee's recommendations for allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) monies and Gaming funds.

Mr. Hird thanked the Mayor, the members of the committee, City staff and the organizations (that petitioned for the funds) for participating in the process. Mr. Hird stated that due to the information that is coming from the Federal Government and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, it appears that it will be a smaller allocation again this year. Mr. Hird stated that the committee budgeted for a 10% reduction in which the Block Grant funds totaled \$953,114.00. Mr. Hird noted the Social Service portion of that, which is at 15%, is at a funding level that comes to \$142,967.00.

Mr. Hird then read the recommendations from the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the Community Development Block Grant Funds. The recommendations included; in the area of Neighborhood Activities, \$208,731.00 to City of Rock Island - Inspections Division (code enforcement), \$199,346.00 to City of Rock Island Planning and Redevelopment Division (housing programs), \$112,500.00 to Planning and Redevelopment Division (staff and support costs - housing programs) and \$2,835.00 to the Arc of Rock Island County (exterior accessibility improvements). In the area of City Administration in the Community and Economic

Development Department (general administration) \$43,405.00 was the recommended allocation. The Planning and Redevelopment Division recommendation (planning administration) was \$142,530.00. In the area of Economic Development (administration), \$100,800.00 was the recommended allocation. In the area of Social Services, \$142,967.00 was the recommended allocation to the Martin Luther King Community Center for operating and administrative support.

Mr. Hird then stated that in the area of the Gaming dollars, the City allocated \$50,000.00 out of Gaming to assist social service agencies in providing programming within the City. Mr. Hird read the Citizen's Advisory Committee recommendations for allocation of Gaming Funds. Various recommendations included; \$1,500.00 to Alternatives for the Older Adult, \$2,000.00 to the American Red Cross of the Quad Cities, \$3,000.00 to Boys and Girls Club of the Mississippi Valley, \$1,500.00 to Christian Care, \$2,000.00 to Family Resources, \$1,000.00 to Humility of Mary Housing, Inc., \$2,500.00 to The Salvation Army and \$1,500.00 to Quad Citizens Affirming Diversity.

Mr. Hird stated that the Citizen's Advisory Committee also recommends spending \$200,000.00 in carryover CDBG funds for Fiscal Year 2011/2012. Mr. Hird advised that with the increasing amount of Gaming revenues that the City has experienced since the start of the Gaming revenue fund program, the CAC would like to see a revision in next year's policy. Mr. Hird stated that the CAC would like to see the \$50,000.00 figure amended to 1.5% of the gaming revenue. Mr. Hird further discussed this matter.

Alderman Conroy and Alderwoman Murphy thanked Mr. Hird for his service in the last 20 years.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was anyone that wished to speak on any of the recommendations from the Citizen's Advisory Committee. No one stepped forward.

With no persons present to speak on the Citizen's Advisory Committee recommendations for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) monies and Gaming funds, Mayor Pauley closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Pauley stated that Gaming allocation decisions will be made on Monday, October 10, 2011 at the regular Council meeting and decisions on CDBG allocations will be made at a later date.

Agenda Item #9

A Special Ordinance authorizing the acquisition of 13 residential properties in the City of Rock Island in the amount of \$14,472.50.

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

Agenda Item #10

A Special Ordinance providing for the sale of property at 1319 6th Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #11

A Special Ordinance providing for the sale of property at 917 5th Avenue and 431 9th Street.

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

Agenda Item #12

A Special Ordinance providing for the sale of property at 1023 3rd Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #13

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

- a. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$4,699.06 to Kutsunis and Weng for legal services rendered for the month of September.
- b. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount \$142,298.80 to Katz, Huntoon & Fieweger for General Liability settlement for Rock Holland.
- c. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount \$30,000.00 to Crawford & Company (Attorney Jim M. Vainikos) for Worker's Compensation settlement for Quincy Steele.

- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #10 in the amount of \$224,404.45 to General Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Public Works street garage project. (278)
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 and final in the amount of \$16,339.40 to Advanced Environmental for services provided for the street garage lead based paint abatement project. (279)
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$169,206.47 to Walter D. Laud, Inc. for services provided for the 46th Street, 29th Avenue and 47th Street Court reconstruction project. (280)
- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 and final in the amount of \$83,437.60 to Brandt Construction for services provided for the 2011 Storm Water Outfall program project. (281)

Agenda Item #14

Claims for the weeks of September 16 through September 22 in the amount of \$1,204,928.65 and September 23 through September 29 in the amount of \$558,741.88.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Foley 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, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks and Alderman Conroy, those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

Payroll for the weeks of September 5 through September 18 in the amount of \$1,227,880.19.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for 25th Street Reconstruction from 4th Avenue to 5th Avenue, recommending the bid be awarded to Walter D. Laud, Inc. in the amount of \$116,438.00.

It was moved by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Foley to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #17

Report from General Administration regarding the Strategic Marketing Plan for the City of Rock Island.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the plan as recommended and authorize staff to begin implementation.

Discussion followed. Alderman Jones inquired as to whether the larger items would come back to Council for approval.

Jennifer Fowler, Account Consultant from UpStream stated that anything that would go out for bids would follow normal Council procedure and would be brought back to Council for consideration. Ms. Fowler added that as the plan progresses, Council will be informed and updated.

Alderman Brooks discussed the King Center as it related to being part of the marketing plan. Alderman Brooks stated that it would be to the King's Center's advantage to give them as much exposure as possible.

Ms. Fowler discussed the first goal of the Strategic Marketing Plan regarding external City wide communications as it related to resources for the King Center concerning a marketing intern.

Alderwoman Murphy inquired as to whether Highland Springs would be the only golf course that the marking plan will focus on.

Ms. Fowler responded yes, that the marketing of Highland Springs will be a two year goal.

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

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Troy Lueth to apply for a Special Use Permit to continue to operate a lawn care business during warm weather months and begin a snow plowing business during cold weather months at 8001 10th Street West.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to not allow for the application of the Special Use Permit.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy stated there are certain businesses that should be in residential neighborhoods, but a lawn care business should not be in residential neighborhoods. Alderman Conroy commented on the numerous complaints received in regards to this business. Alderman Conroy discussed 10 foot trailers and 12 foot trailers as it related to people going to the business to load the vehicles in the day and unload them at night. Alderman Conroy advised

that this residential neighborhood is not made for this type of traffic. It was noted that Alderman Conroy would not be supporting this special application.

Mr. Troy Lueth of 8001 10th Street West stepped forward. Mr. Lueth stated that he is putting together a business structure for his small business and that within a month the trailers would be moved to a storage area, and he would then only have two snowplow trucks in his driveway.

Alderman Murphy stated that the best formula for success is communicating with the neighbors. Alderman Murphy stated to Mr. Lueth that if he were to come back with a different proposal, make sure he talks with his neighbors to address any concerns that they may have.

After more discussion, Alderman Conroy advised that utility trailers are getting to be common in neighborhoods and in the future, he would like to see an ordinance that limits this.

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

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to restrict parking on the west side of 15th Street from 13th Avenue to the turnaround in front of 18th Avenue.

Alderman Brooks moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to approve the request.

Discussion followed. Alderman Jones inquired to staff as to why the recommendation was to deny the request.

Interim City Manager Hawes advised that not enough signatures were obtained to approve the request; the ordinance would have to be changed. Mr. Hawes stated that the ordinance that was passed requires two-thirds of the persons representing the properties. Interim City Manager Hawes further discussed this item as it related to obtaining the required signatures.

After more discussion, Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Jones seconded to defer Agenda Item #19 for two weeks until October 17th. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to extend the current no parking zone located on the south side of 16th Avenue from 20 feet to 40 feet from the west edge of the driveway at 4508 16th Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request for removal of a handicapped parking space at 1001 20th Street.

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

Agenda Item #22

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request for City ordinance control of a parking lot at 1228 30th Street.

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

Agenda Item #23

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Kavanaugh's Hilltop Tavern to hold an outdoor fundraising event on Saturday, October 8, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

Agenda Item #24

Items from the City Manager's Memorandum Packet.

Interim City Manager Hawes inquired upon Finance Accounting Supervisor Linda Johnson to review the August 2011 Management Report.

Ms. Johnson stated that in the General Fund, the benchmark for revenues and expenditures is 42% of the budget. It was noted that in the General Fund, revenue is reported on target at 42% and expenditures are at 35%. Ms. Johnson advised that there is a slight shortfall of approximately \$62,000.00 for projected General Fund tax revenue.

Ms. Johnson added that delays in state income tax revenue continue to run about three months behind. It was noted that the local options sales tax has a shortfall of approximately \$69,000.00.

Ms. Johnson advised that it is expected that the shortfall in the food and beverage tax will be eliminated due to the increase, which became effective on April 1st of this year. It was noted that the use tax shows a projected surplus of about \$120,000.00 due to a recalculation of the projection by the Illinois Municipal League after the budget was adopted. Ms. Johnson indicated that as of this reporting period, 50% of the budgeted properly tax revenue has been received. Ms. Johnson further discussed the report.

Mr. Hawes made reference to information included in the memo packet in regards to the City receiving approximately \$56,000.00 from FEMA for the blizzard this past year.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Sultan Mediterranean Restaurant is a new restaurant located on 38th Street and Blackhawk Road. Alderwoman Murphy indicated that they sell Persian stew, steak and chicken shish kabobs, soups, salads and sandwiches. It was noted that Sultan Mediterranean Restaurant is open Monday through Saturday from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm.

Agenda Item #25

Other Business

Mr. Jason Hayes of 1330 15th Street stepped forward. Mr. Hayes voiced concerns in regards to Agenda Item #19. Mr. Hayes stated that in regards to obtaining two-thirds of the signatures, some of the properties that are being counted are either vacant houses or empty lots.

Council discussed this issue as it related to obtaining two-thirds of the required signatures, where the letters were sent and changing the ordinance.

Mr. Hayes inquired as to whether the petition could be changed to only include 13th to 15th Avenue.

Mayor Pauley stated that this item will be looked at closely, and it will come back to Council in two weeks.

Alderwoman Murphy discussed trailers parking in residential neighborhoods as it related to Agenda Item #18.

Interim City Manager Hawes stated that the topic of trailers parking in residential neighborhoods will be an item for discussion at an upcoming Study Session.

Agenda Item #26

Executive Session on Personnel.

An Executive Session on Personnel was not held.

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 3, 2011
MINUTES**

Agenda Item #27

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Conroy to recess to Monday, October 10, 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, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:41 p.m.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk