

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:30 pm in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Charles O. Austin III, David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones and Joy Murphy. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Police Chief Scott Harris, Public Works Director Bob Hawes, other City staff, City Attorney Ted Kutsunis, Quad Cities Chamber CEO Tara Barney, Chamber Board member Ken Massey and representative Mat Pruitt. Alderman Terry M.A. Brooks I arrived at 5:38 pm.

### **QUAD CITIES CHAMBER PRESENTATION**

Mr. Ken Massey stated that he is on the Board of Directors with the Chamber. Mr. Massey indicated that a lot of great things have been done with the combining of the Chambers. Mr. Massey added that this is a great initiative of refocusing all energies and representing all of the Quad Cities.

Tara Barney, CEO of the Quad Cities Chamber discussed the business attraction effort and what the Quad Cities Chamber is doing with existing businesses.

Ms. Barney stated that the Chamber focuses its efforts in three lines of work; the business of attracting ideas and projects to the region; working with existing businesses to help them expand; and working actively with small businesses to help them grow and provide them with the services to do so.

Ms. Barney indicated that there are 1900 member businesses in the Quad Cities Chamber and 209 of those businesses call the city of Rock Island home and they employ more than 11,000 people. Ms. Barney offered that of the largest investors, approximately 20% of them are anchored in the city of Rock Island and they make up about 15% of the total funds that are invested in the work of economic development from the private sector side.

Ms. Barney advised that Quad Cities First is very much focused on attracting businesses to the region and presenting the region as an appealing market to businesses that are interested in location or expansion. It was noted that their budget is just under one million dollars annually in which \$360,000.00 comes from the public sector and \$600,000.00 is allocated from the private sector.

Ms. Barney discussed partnership as it related to engaging with a company to provide services on the Chamber's behalf concerning attracting projects to the Midwest. Ms. Barney discussed opportunities as it related to visiting businesses and targeted prospects. In addition, Ms. Barney discussed the defense market as it related to the Rock Island Arsenal and other business attraction development opportunities.

Mr. Mat Pruitt, Vice Chair of Regional Business Development stated that he works with local businesses in a program called Business Connections, which is a detailed process of visiting with businesses, understanding these businesses and how these businesses affect the local economy. Mr. Pruitt commented that last year, 100 businesses were visited and 12 of them were in Rock

Island. Mr. Pruitt offered that the city of Rock Island has been the best at visiting businesses with their company over the years. Mr. Pruitt discussed neighborhood meetings as it related to businesses connecting with one another and providing feedback.

Mr. Pruitt discussed business retention in local regional business. Mr. Pruitt advised that they help companies file their city or state applications and offer free data bases to the public in general (business and personal) to help businesses accurately understand their business plan and fulfill that business plan. Mr. Pruitt added that they also help businesses gain access to capital. Mr. Pruitt stated that they recently started the Edge Entrepreneurial Series, which is a series of meetings to help define a culture for entrepreneurs and inventors. Mr. Pruitt added that they also offer a Quad Cities business resource guide.

Ms. Barney and Council discussed minimum wage and workers compensation as it related to existing businesses and businesses seeking alternate sites. Council further discussed Ms. Barney's presentation.

### **CORA AND CURFEW DISCUSSION**

Chief Harris discussed CORA and curfew laws. Chief Harris advised that the CORA Ordinance was drafted in 1996 in response to problems that the city of Rock Island was having at that time. It was noted that in 1998, the ordinance was amended to include sound amplification, and later on, additional violations were added that included; no valid driver's license, driving while license is suspended/revoked and driving under the influence (DUI).

Chief Harris discussed the issue of curfew. Chief Harris explained that curfew is one of the initial CORA violations. Chief Harris indicated that in order for the CORA ordinance to take effect, there has to be a minor under the age of 17 out after curfew. Chief Harris noted that no minor under the age of 17 can be out past 11:00 pm on Sunday through Thursday and midnight on Friday and Saturday. It was noted that once a minor is out after these hours, there are seven exemptions in the City ordinance that state that a minor can be out after curfew, which include; being accompanied by the minor's parent or guardian; running errands with the permission of the parent or guardian; engaged in an employment activity, or going to or returning home from an employment activity; involved in an emergency; attending an official school, religious, or other recreational activity supervised by adults; exercising first amendment rights; or married or is an emancipated minor. Chief Harris pointed out that if a minor is covered by one of these exemptions then CORA does not apply.

Chief Harris advised that another issue that came up was whether or not curfew is a big problem in Rock Island. Chief Harris commented that in the overall scheme of crime, curfew is not a big problem. Chief Harris then referred to a chart in the document that was distributed to Council in regards to the number of curfew violations. Chief Harris reiterated that CORA only applies if the minor is out after curfew driving a vehicle and none of the seven exemptions are present. Chief Harris further discussed curfew as it related to CORA violations concerning minors out after curfew in regards to non-valid driver's licenses.

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Chief Harris stated that other jurisdictions are now being given the option to not do CORA, but to have an Administrative Tow Fee, meaning that if a vehicle is stopped and the driver has a suspended license, then the vehicle can be towed. It was noted that in order for a driver to get the vehicle back, towing and storage fees have to be paid, and \$500.00 has to be paid to the Police agency for their time and effort. Chief Harris discussed Public Act 097-0109 that became effective January 1, 2012 in regards to allowing non-home rule municipalities the right to create an ordinance to deal with various violations including DUI violations and cannabis violations.

Council discussed similarities as it related to the Administrative Tow Fee and CORA, and the impoundment of vehicles and fines.

City Attorney Kutsunis advised that he has been prosecuting these types of cases for the City and the majority of cases are driving while on a suspended license. City Attorney Kutsunis further discussed costs and fines as it related to impoundment and the individual getting their vehicle back.

Council then discussed curfew as it related to being a minor offense in regards to other major offenses. Council discussed the possibility of amending the ordinance concerning the seven exemptions for curfew. In addition, Council discussed CORA and curfew as it related to Police Officers using discretion in regards to whether or not to issue a citation concerning first time offenders and vehicle impoundment.

Chief Harris discussed the possibility of amending section 9-21 of the Code of Ordinances regarding the impoundment of fleeing vehicles.

Mr. Tim Sparkman of Rock Island stepped forward.

Mayor Pauley reminded Mr. Sparkman to not provide any details because this case is still pending in court.

Mr. Sparkman voiced concerns regarding curfew and CORA laws in the City of Rock Island. Mr. Sparkman stated that no other cities handle curfew like the city of Rock Island does.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm.

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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, Charles O. Austin III, Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, P. J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones and Joy Murphy. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis.

### **Introductory Proceedings**

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

Agenda Item #5

#### **Minutes of the Meeting of January 23, 2012.**

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of January 23, 2012. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

#### **Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.**

Mayor Pauley advised that Police Officer testing for the city of Rock Island is open and accepting applications on line. It was noted that applicants must have completed a city of Rock Island Police Officer application by the required deadline to be eligible to take the agility test. Mayor Pauley stated that applications must be completed online at [www.rigov.org](http://www.rigov.org) in order to be considered. It was noted that applications will be accepted through February 24, 2012 at 5:00 pm. It was noted that if there are any questions, please call (309) 732-2058. The Mayor offered that the physical agility test will be held on March 3, 2012 at the PepsiCo recreation center in Rock Island.

Mayor Pauley stated that Rock Island's Adopt-a-School Bowl-O-Rama is scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Milan Lanes from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. It was noted that proceeds will benefit Frances Willard School and students. Mayor Pauley offered that the cost is \$15.00 per person for three hours of unlimited bowling and shoe rental. Also, enjoy worst and best bowler awards, 50/50 raffle and other fun games. Mayor Pauley stated no outside food or drinks, but snacks and beverages are available for purchase. It was noted to register by contacting Andy Parer at (309) 732-2275.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and AARP Tax-Aide sites will again help reach families and individuals in Rock Island and other communities who need free tax preparation during the tax season. The Mayor stated that tax preparation sessions are offered at the Rock Island Main Library Community Room on February 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm and on April 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm. Mayor Pauley added that the volunteer-based program offers free preparation services for taxpayers with low to moderate incomes. It

was noted that for more information about tax sites and requirements and to make an appointment, call the United Way at (563) 355-9900.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Quad City Alliance for Refugees & Immigrants is kicking off with more than two dozen organizations represented on the inaugural board of directors. Don't miss your chance to be part of this emerging organization. It was noted that applications for Individual At-Large Delegates are being solicited now. The Mayor stated that applicants will be selected and appointed by the QCAIR Executive Committee after February 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was noted to call Jill Doak at (309) 732-2900 to get an application.

Agenda Item #7

**A Special Ordinance establishing a no parking zone on the east side of 21<sup>st</sup> Street between 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

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

Agenda Item #8

**A Special Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space at 1005 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

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

Agenda Item #9

**CLAIMS**

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

- a. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$1,275.00 to Ethan Simmons for General Liability claim.
- b. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$30,360.00 to Ronnie Waddle and Attorney Andrew Bell of James Ridge and Associates for Worker's Compensation settlement
- c. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$11,186.77 to DLT Solutions, Inc. for the AutoDesk annual subscription

maintenance for AutoCAD and Civil Engineering modules licenses. (021)

- d. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$8,757.88 to Kutsunis and Weng for legal services rendered for the month of January
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$14,838.45 to Langman Construction for an emergency sewer main repair at 2701 35<sup>th</sup> Street. (019)
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 and final in the amount of \$62,680.00 to Valley Construction for services provided for the Aerobic Aeration Unit Cleaning at the Southwest Treatment Plant. (020)
- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #6 in the amount of \$131,271.00 to Maguire Iron, Inc. for services provided for the 14<sup>th</sup> Street and 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Water Tower Replacement project. (021)
- h. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #4 and final in the amount of \$46,716.59 to Valley Construction for services provided for the Rock Island Parkway Improvements project. (022)
- i. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #13 in the amount of \$69,108.76 to General Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Public Works Department Street Garage project. (023)
- j. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #4 in the amount of \$762,792.05 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Wet Weather Treatment System project. (024)
- k. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 and final in the amount of \$57,240.56 to Miller Trucking & Excavating, Inc. for services provided for the 2011 Ditch Cleaning and 106<sup>th</sup> Avenue West Road Edge Repair to the East of 35<sup>th</sup> Street West project. (025)
- l. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$106,823.68 to Utility Service Company, Inc. for the 14<sup>th</sup> Street and 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Water Tower annual maintenance. (026)
- m. Report from the Martin Luther King Center regarding payment in the amount of \$4,921.55 to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for repayment of unused grant funds.

Agenda Item #10

**Claims for the weeks of January 20 through January 26 in the amount of \$503,996.88 and January 27 through February 2 in the amount of \$592,581.33.**

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

Agenda Item #11

**Payroll for the weeks of January 9 through January 22 in the amount of \$1,238,739.82.**

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

Agenda Item #12

**Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding the purchase of parking hardware/software from Duncan Parking Technologies in the amount of \$25,875.00 and in the amount of \$2.17 per ticket and \$150.00 per month for cloud computing, and a five year contract with Duncan Parking Technologies for hosting services.**

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Austin seconded to approve purchase and authorize payment as recommended, approve the contract and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy inquired as to whether fines would be increased to pay for the additional tickets; where is the money coming from to give the \$2.17 per ticket and is the City currently giving any money to any agencies for these tickets.

Administrative Services Director John Thorson advised that the City is not giving any money to any agency to pay for these tickets.

Alderman Conroy stated that the City will have a loss of revenue of about \$15,000.00 a year to pay for this plus the upfront cost of \$25,000.00.

Mr. Thorson advised that the upfront cost is the hardware/software. Mr. Thorson added that part of the reason for this purchase and contract is due to the system being no longer supported and the City needs to have an upgrade.

Alderman Tollenaer inquired as to how much revenue is generated per year concerning the parking tickets.

Mr. Thorson advised that typically, Public Works issues about 6,000 tickets, and approximately \$70,000.00 to \$80,000.00 is generated in terms of ticket revenue.

After more discussion regarding ticket revenue, Public Works Director Bob Hawes advised that parking essentially breaks even in regards to revenue. Mr. Hawes explained that there are two parking attendants, one which spends most of the time outside and the other attendant spends

most of the time inside. Mr. Hawes stated that this software will allow the inside person to be outside on the street half of the time.

Mr. Hawes advised that the purpose for doing this is that the system will soon be inoperable. Mr. Hawes noted that the upfront cost is built into this year's budget; the ongoing increase is the \$2.17 per ticket.

Mr. Hawes and Council discussed parking tickets as it related to the proposed services to be provided by Duncan Parking Technologies concerning administrative and maintenance services.

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

Agenda Item #13

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an amendment to the agreement with Stanley Consultants for an additional mussel survey, soil borings and engineering services for the proposed transient boat dock.**

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

Discussion followed. Alderman Jones inquired as to what is actually being proposed.

Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Alan Carmen advised that the proposed dock will be moved approximately 300 to 500 feet up river.

Alderman Tollenaer stated that he did not receive enough information to determine whether the City is buying something that has already been bought.

Mr. Carmen advised that the City has already bought and paid for the additional soil borings that were done last year. Mr. Carmen added that the analysis was done last year based on the earlier location of the boat dock. It was noted that the mussel survey was also bought and paid for, which was just short of \$25,000,00 and that survey was done based on the original location. Mr. Carmen advised that the City is not duplicating the work that has already been done; this is additional soil borings and this is an additional mussel survey that must be done to proceed with this project.

Council discussed this issue as it related to the City receiving a letter from the Corps of Engineers stating that they were not satisfied with the original location.

After more discussion regarding the Corps of Engineers' recommendations as it related to objections to the original project location and project costs as it related to the budget, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, Alderman Foley.

Agenda Item #14

**Report from the Finance Department regarding utility bill pay options.**

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Brooks seconded to approve the payment options as recommended and authorize staff to process utility bill modifications to allow payment options at an estimated annual cost of \$26,000.00 and initial cost of \$2,000.00.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy advised that he has a hard time voting for this item due to the City not having any way to pay for the \$26,000.00 a year. It was noted that until Alderman Conroy sees a report stating the costs and how the City is paying for the \$26,000.00 a year, he will be voting against this item.

City Manager Thomas advised that any modifications or changes will come with some costs. Mr. Thomas added that a plan was developed to try and minimize the costs as much as possible for Council to consider.

Alderman Jones stated that he would like to know where the estimated \$26,000.00 is coming from.

Finance Director Cindy Parchert advised that the increase includes items going for a lock box at \$.25 per item; and an increase in the number of items that are actually deposited, which is \$.07 per item. There is also an increase in the utilities data that will be printed. Ms. Parchert stated that because of the additional option, there will be a two page statement and that is an additional \$.06 per statement. Ms. Parchert indicated that if the user chooses the payment option after they make the first payment, they will receive a late notice, which will show the late fee, which is 5%. Ms. Parchert added that this will be an increase in past due statements. It was noted that staff calculated all of those increases to come up with the \$26,000.00.

Council discussed late notices as it related to citizens taking advantage of the options and late charges as it related to being included on the invoice.

Mr. Hawes advised that the delinquent notice tells if there is a penalty. Mr. Hawes explained that the landlord and tenant will receive the same bill. If the tenant chooses to pay the three installments, they can. However, the landlord will not know that the tenant has chosen to pay the three installments so the late fee will be added. Council and Mr. Hawes further discussed this issue as it related to the late fee charges and the issue of the landowner being responsible for the bill and not the tenant.

Mr. Hawes advised that the \$26,000.00 will be spread between sewer, water, storm water and the General Fund because there is a refuge charge too. Mr. Hawes advised that if this becomes remotely popular, the City will take in plenty of extra money for the late charges to pay for the \$26,000.00.

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

Agenda Item #15

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the Fiscal Year 2012/2013 One Year Action Plan.**

Alderman Austin moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the plan as recommended, and authorize the City Manager to submit the plan and any comments that are received through February 9, 2012 to HUD for their review and approval.

Alderman Austin commented that the number of non-profit agencies that are out there to support and assist the community is impressive.

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

Agenda Item #16

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the sale of City owned property to Precision Holdings and Del's Metals, and the vacation and dedication of a right - of - way and establishing a water main easement in the area of 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 1<sup>st</sup> Street.**

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the sale, vacation, dedication and water main easement as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for ordinances for those items listed in the report. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #17

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an application for the Small Rental Properties Program.**

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Brooks seconded to approve the application as recommended and authorize the City Manager to submit the application to the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

Discussion followed. Alderman Tollenaer inquired upon Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Alan Carmen as to how much this will cost the City.

Mr. Carmen advised that the City will be receiving administrative and program delivery costs from the State that will help deliver the program directly. Mr. Carmen noted that this will offset any costs relative to Block grant or General Fund dollars.

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

Agenda Item #18

**Report from the Mayor regarding appointments to the Fire Pension Board and the Police Pension Board.**

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

City Manager Thomas Thomas was appointed to the Fire Pension Board with a term to expire in April, 2014. Finance Director Cindy Parchert was appointed to the Fire Pension Board with a term to expire in April, 2014. Ms. Parchert replaces retired Finance Director, Bill Scott.

Finance Director Cindy Parchert was appointed to the Police Pension Board with a term to expire in May, 2014. Ms. Parchert replaces retired Finance Director Bill Scott.

Agenda Item #19

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Kavanaugh's Hilltop Tavern to hold their eighth annual Green Bucket Party outside on Saturday, March 24, 2012 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm at 1228 30<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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

Agenda Item #20

**Other Business**

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Fanth Curry Home Improvement Company is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> year in business this year. It was noted that they are located on 45<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and they are locally owned and operated. Alderwoman Murphy advised that Fanth Curry offers services in roofing, windows, siding, sunrooms and entry doors. Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to Shop Rock Island.

Mr. Kevin Nolan of 3400 20<sup>th</sup> Street Ct. stepped forward. Mr. Nolan voiced concerns regarding an insurance claim related to a bicycle accident his son had on November 23, 2011 due to potholes on a City street (35<sup>th</sup> Avenue). Mr. Nolan commented that his claim was denied by the City due to the Tort Immunity Act, which is a State law that protects municipalities from paying out of pocket expenses for this type of claim. Mr. Nolan asked Council for an exception to this rule and to be reimbursed for \$384.99.

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**Executive Session on Personnel.**

An Executive Session on Personnel was not held.

Agenda Item #22

**Recess**

A motion was made by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recess to Monday, February 13, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:40 pm.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk