

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 6:00 pm in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Joy Murphy, Terry M.A. Brooks I and David Conroy. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Public Works Director Bob Hawes, other City staff, City Attorney Ted Kutsunis and Consultant Craig Rapp. Aldermen Jason W. Jones and Charles O. Austin III were absent.

PRESENTATION BY CONSULTANT CRAIG RAPP - STRATEGIC PLANNING

City Manager Thomas advised that Mr. Craig Rapp from the Center for Governmental Studies at Northern Illinois University was at the session to present a proposal to Council for the annual Goal Setting retreat.

Mr. Rapp advised that the Center for Governmental Studies is part of the university but functions as a think and do tank. Mr. Rapp stated that it not only brings academic resources to the parties, but they are actually focused on achieving results. Mr. Rapp added that they work in four different areas, which include; Public Management and Training, Community and Economic Development, Workforce Development and Human Services and Association Management.

Mr. Rapp discussed his background, which included 12 years of consulting with local governments and a former city manager with 22 years experience in local government. Mr. Rapp then reviewed the strategic planning process. Mr. Rapp pointed out that the first step in the process is scanning the environment or SWOT Analysis, and then the next step would be to address any vision, mission or value statements that Council may have. Mr. Rapp added that the next step entails identifying strategic challenges facing the organization and community. It was noted that those strategic challenges will then form the identification and adoption of approximately four to six strategic priorities. Mr. Rapp pointed out that the key to all of this is the establishment of key performance indicators. It was noted that this step sets the table for developing strategic initiatives, which are supported by detailed action plans and goals.

Mr. Rapp discussed strategic challenges as it related to objectives and desired outcomes and provided examples of those challenges. Mr. Rapp pointed out that he views the broader scheme of strategic planning in three pieces, which include; strategic priorities, key performance indicators and strategic initiatives and actions plans. From a process standpoint, Mr. Rapp identified four work sessions that Council would engage in; three sessions would be with Council and one session with management. Mr. Rapp further discussed the strategic planning process as it related to work sessions, hours and outcomes.

Council discussed Mr. Rapp's strategic planning proposal presentation as it compared to the City's current planning process (Goal Setting). After discussion, Council came to a consensus to accept Mr. Rapp's proposal for strategic planning.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Conroy to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Brooks and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

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

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of May 14, 2012.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the Minutes of the meeting of May 14, 2012 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Brooks and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that fast action bicycle racing, food and family activities take place at the Quad Cities Criterium on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28th. It was noted that this event is presented by the District in conjunction with the Quad Cities Bicycle Club. Mayor Pauley advised that admission is free and for more information, visit www.quadcitiescriterium.com.

Mayor Pauley indicated that the Neighborhood Partners Spring Quarterly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 29th at Friendship Manor at 1209 21st Avenue. The Mayor added that agenda items will include task force reports, a report on Quad City Alliance for Immigrants & Refugees implementation, a report from attendees of the Neighborhoods USA Conference in Indianapolis, plus reports from the general membership. The Mayor stated that the meeting begins at 6:30 pm. It was noted that for more information, contact Jill Doak at (309) 732-2900.

Mayor Pauley advised that Whitewater Junction Family Aquatic Center's season opening is May 26th. The Mayor indicated that Whitewater Junction is a zero-depth to 9 feet deep pool featuring a body slide, tube slide, two drop-slides, tumble buckets, tea-cup, a tot slide and fun for the whole family. It was noted to call (309) 732-SWIM for more information or go to www.rigov.org.

Mayor Pauley offered that Movie Night Fridays start June 1st in Schwiebert Riverfront Park with fun and games, concession stand and pizza by Happy Joe's at 7:30 pm, with the feature presentation starting around 8:30 pm. It was noted that on June 1st watch "Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer" with summer camp games. Mayor Pauley stated that a \$1.00 donation is requested for each movie.

Mayor Pauley indicated that free tours of Locks & Dam 15 at the Mississippi River Visitor Center on Arsenal Island begin on May 26th. It was noted that the tours are held through September 3rd on Saturdays, Sundays & holiday Mondays (weather permitting). Mayor Pauley stated that the tours are at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm and last approximately one hour. It was noted that participants must wear shoes with enclosed toes and heels (tennis shoes are best). Mayor Pauley stated that walking is a part of the tour. It was noted that group sizes are limited and advance reservation is required. Call (309) 794-5338.

Prior to the Presentation of the Preservation Awards, Mayor Pauley slightly changed the order of the Agenda by beginning with Agenda Item #8

Agenda Item #8

Proclamation declaring May, 2012 as National Preservation Month.

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. Ms. Linda Anderson accepted the proclamation and thanked the Mayor and Council for acknowledging Preservation Month and supporting preservation in Rock Island.

Agenda Item #7

Presentation of the Rock Island Historic Preservation Awards.

Ms. Linda Anderson representing the Rock Island Preservation Society stated that May is National Historic Preservation Month. Ms. Anderson noted that the theme for this year is "Discover America's Hidden Gems."

Ms. Anderson inquired upon Mayor Pauley to join her at the podium for the award ceremony. Ms. Anderson and the Mayor then presented three New Life Awards. The first award was presented to The World Church/Immanuel Lutheran Church at 1923 5th Avenue. Mr. Roy Yelder accepted the award for adaptive new use. The next award was presented to Skellington Manor/Masonic Temple at 420 18th Street. Michael and Penni Steen accepted the award for reuse. The last New Life Award was presented to the Rock Island Fire Department for the Central Fire Station Bell restoration at 1313 5th Avenue. Rock Island Fire Chief Jim Fobert accepted the award.

A Certificate of Recognition was presented for the house at 2401 30th Street for a porch restoration. Mr. Robert Frink was unable to be at the meeting to accept the award.

Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation was presented with the Historic Preservation Award for three home restorations at 1216 17th Street, 821 21st Street and 850 22nd Street. Brian Hollenback accepted the award. Augustana College was honored with the award for the Old Main Dome restoration at 639 38th Street. Kai Swanson accepted the award. Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation was honored for the adaptive reuse and restoration of Jackson Square Apartments at 2411 4th Avenue. Brian Hollenback accepted the award.

Agenda Item #9

Proclamation declaring the week of May 21 through May 25, 2012 as Small Business Week.

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. No one was at the meeting to accept the proclamation.

Agenda Item #10

Proclamation declaring Friday, May 25, 2012 as Boetje Foods Incorporated Day.

Mayor Pauley stated that although everyone is encouraged to Shop Rock Island, this particular week provides an opportunity to pause and pay tribute to all the individuals who have started a company in Rock Island. Mayor Pauley stated that tonight in honor of National Small Business Week and as part of Rock Island's Business Recognition Program, Boetje Foods, Inc. will be presented with the business recognition award. It was noted that Boetje's has been in business for 123 years.

Mayor Pauley then read the Proclamation declaring Friday, May 25, 2012 as Boetje Foods Incorporated Day. Will and Jane Kropp who acquired the business in 1983 stepped forward and accepted the proclamation and the benchmark business award. Mr. Kropp thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation and award. Mr. Kropp stated that it has been a fun ride and a good learning experience. Mr. Kropp added that it has been amazing how well the brand has been supported in the Quad Cities.

Agenda Item #11

Claims for the week of May 11 through May 17 in the amount of \$538,701.90.

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

Agenda Item #12

Payroll for the weeks of April 30 through May 13 in the amount of \$1,275,498.48.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of fourteen (14) eleven foot snow plows, recommending the bid be awarded to Monroe Equipment Company, Inc. in the amount of \$87,668.00.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to award the bid as recommended, authorize purchase and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance declaring the current snow plows as surplus.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy inquired as to what is wrong with the snow plows that they need to be refurbished.

Public Works Director Bob Hawes stated that they are scheduled to replace the actual trucks on a 20 year cycle probably every 10 years. Mr. Hawes stated that the trucks are about 12 years old. Mr. Hawes added that they eventually have metal fatigue and they get very brittle.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Board of Local Improvements regarding a Special Assessment Ordinance for improvements to 35th Street from 14th Avenue to 18th Avenue.

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

Discussion followed.

Mr. Ed Schroeder of 1530 35th Street stepped forward. Mr. Schroeder stated that he walked the neighborhood and got signatures basically stating that the residents are not in agreement; the neighborhood thinks that the roads are in good condition and there are many other roads in greater need of repair than 35th Street. Mr. Schroeder then presented Council with a petition of those signatures. Mr. Schroeder further discussed this issue as it related to criteria used to make this decision in regards to resurfacing this road. Mr. Schroeder commented that the assessment is approximately \$1,900.00 per resident and that is a burden, and that is on top of the property taxes. It was noted that no other City in the area has special assessments. Mr. Schroeder reiterated that their road is in good shape and the residents do not want the special assessment.

Alderman Conroy stated that he tried to eliminate the special assessments five years ago due to a street being redone in the southwest area. Alderman Conroy had concerns that people that have already bought the street last year are paying this money, and to just drop it off is not fair to the people that have already paid it, but paying it is not fair either. Alderman Conroy indicated that some streets are fixed now before they get to the dilapidated point to where they have to be completely redone. Alderman Conroy added that it is less expensive to fix a road, maintain it and get it where it needs to be rather than fix one that is completely dilapidated. Alderman Conroy suggested that Council possibly look at a different method. Alderman Conroy further discussed this issue.

Alderman Tollenaer stated that they have 80% of signatures and Council would not force them to spend the money on the road.

Alderwoman Murphy stated that the issue is the special assessment process and agreed that the special assessments need to be eliminated.

After more discussion, Alderman Foley withdrew his second to the motion. Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was a second to the motion. With no second to the motion, the motion died for lack of a second.

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Board of Local Improvements regarding a Special Assessment Ordinance for improvements to 44th Street from 41st Avenue Court to Blackhawk Road.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance.

Discussion Followed. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Alderman Austin had a meeting with the residents of the neighborhood and they were in agreement for repairing the street and doing the work.

Alderman Tollenaer inquired as to whether there was something special in regards to this assessment. Mayor Pauley stated that all of the property owners are agreeing to split the difference.

City Attorney Ted Kutsunis advised that the road in question is the only way in and out of the neighborhood for all of the residents. City Attorney Kutsunis added that it was decided with the assessment that it could be done this way; everyone is in agreement and everyone will pay \$275.00 over 10 years.

After more discussion, the motion did not carry, it failed by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Foley, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Brooks and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, Alderman Tollenaer.

Mayor Pauley stated that this item cannot pass because it has to have five votes.

At this time, Alderman Conroy moved to consider the ordinance and Alderman Foley seconded. The motion carried with the Ayes prevailing.

Note: Agenda Item #15 will come back to Council for a second reading on June 4, 2012.

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Board of local Improvements regarding a Special Assessment Ordinance for improvements to 37th Avenue, east of 44th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Foley to consider the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Foley, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Brooks and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, Alderman Tollenaer.

Note: Agenda Item #16 will come back to Council for a second reading on June 4, 2012.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request for the installation of a handicapped parking space at 2534 15th Street Court.

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

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to ban parking in front of the home at 2514 20th Avenue.

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.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy inquired as to why they didn't want parking in front of 2514 20th Avenue.

Alderman Tollenaer stated that they are afraid that the sanitary sewer line will be crushed; it is a low curb and people are parking on that boulevard all of the time. Alderman Conroy stated that out of the whole block, one house doesn't want parking in front of it.

Mayor Pauley stated that they came to Council before and wanted the whole block, but couldn't get enough signatures. Now, the gentleman has come back to Council and wants no parking just in front of his yard.

After more discussion, the motion carried with three (3) Aldermen voting Aye and two (2) Aldermen voting No.

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a neighborhood petition requesting the removal of the residential parking zone on 23rd Street between 5th and 6th Avenues.

Alderman Brooks moved to not approve the request and Alderman Conroy seconded.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Pauley clarified that the request was for the removal of the residential parking and Alderman Brooks motioned to leave the residential parking as is for now.

Alderman Brooks advised that this issue has come up before when the residents on the street were complaining about the church congregation parking in front of their homes. Alderman Brooks stated that the residents then wanted no parking signs. It was noted that the Church would then come before Council to request permission for parking for special events. Alderman

Brooks advised that now, the Church has invested money and bought property so they can have parking so that they don't have to worry about this issue reoccurring. Alderman Brooks stated that for the residents to come back now and suggest to take parking off is not going to remedy the parking situation.

Alderman Foley inquired to Pastor Willie E. Jones of the People's Missionary Baptist Church as to whether the church bought two properties to the north. Pastor Jones responded that they bought one property to the north and one property to the east and that is where the parking would be.

Alderman Foley stated that he was disappointed that the gentleman requesting to remove the parking wasn't at the Council meeting. Alderman Foley stated that he supported the church.

Public Works Director Bob Hawes stated that the recommendation from the Traffic Engineering Committee is to eliminate the permit parking. Mr. Hawes added that the recommendation is to get rid of the ordinance then it would be open parking.

After discussion, Alderman Conroy removed his second and Alderman Brooks removed his first.

Alderman Brooks then moved to approve the request 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, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Brooks and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Mayor regarding reappointments to the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and Electric Code Board of Appeals.

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

Michael Creger, David Levin, Norman Moline and Berlinda Tyler-Jamison were reappointed to the Planning Commission for three year terms expiring on April 30, 2015.

Faye Jalloh was reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term expiring on April 30, 2017.

Randy Tacey, Jeff Thomas and Harlan King were reappointed to the Electrical Code Board of Appeals for three year terms expiring on April 30, 2015.

Agenda Item #21

Report from the City Clerk regarding an application from Christian Care and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes requesting to hold a 5K Road Race on Saturday, June 2, 2012 beginning at 8:00 am.

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

Agenda Item #22

Other Business

Alderman Conroy reminded everyone that the pool (Whitewater Junction) will be opening this weekend. Alderman Conroy added that it is a heated pool. Alderman Conroy stated that the Downtown Criterium will also be held this weekend and it is a lot of fun. Alderman Conroy stated that two great things are happening in the City of Rock Island and hoped that people would take part in both of them.

Alderman Foley stated that he has participated in the bike races for six years. Alderman Foley added that for the racers, it is great to see the spectators out there; the racers do appreciate it.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone that on Thursday at 6:00 pm, the Rock Island Public Library will be having their OverDrive e-book classes. It was noted that one can learn how to download books and audio books. Alderwoman Murphy indicated that these demonstrations are free, open to the public and no registration is required.

Alderwoman Murphy stated that it is National Emergency Medical Services Week (EMS). Alderwoman Murphy advised that the Rock Island Fire Department responds to over 3,500 EMS calls every year. It was noted that they have 44 paramedics, one pre-hospital registered nurse, 12 EMT's and two advanced lifesaving ambulances.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy commented on the businesses in Rock Island that sell paint. Alderwoman Murphy advised everyone that for their painting needs, shop local at Keim's Paint Center at 46th Avenue and 44th Street, M & M Hardware at 14th Avenue and 38th Street and Handy True Value at 14th Avenue and 30th Street. Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local; Shop Rock Island.

Rick Stevenson of 3529 12th Avenue stepped forward. Mr. Stevenson voiced concerns in regards to Old Lincoln School. Mr. Stevenson stated that it is an elaborate building and suggested that Council consider saving the building. Mr. Stevenson further discussed this issue.

Agenda Item #23

No Executive Session.

An Executive Session was not held.

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Agenda Item #24

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recess to Monday, June 4, 2012 at 5:30 pm. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Brooks and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:42 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk