

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 6:15 pm in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy and P.J. Foley. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Public Works Director Bob Hawes, other City staff and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis.

CITY WIDE BIKE LANE PROJECTS

City Manager Thomas advised that Public Works Director Bob Hawes will discuss the Bike Lane Projects, which is on the Agenda for Council consideration.

Mr. Hawes stated that the City has looked at improvements to the bike lanes for two years. Mr. Hawes added that several designs were reviewed, which included; completely separated trails and designated trails on the streets. Mr. Hawes commented that there have been problems with these designs mainly due to cost. Mr. Hawes pointed out that on-street trails require eliminating parking.

Mr. Hawes advised that the project is really a cross; to the north from 1st Avenue where the trail picks up to RIFAC and then to the east/west portion of the cross going from Sunset Park to 38th Street where it turns and goes further south and works its way to Ben Butterworth Park. Mr. Hawes stated that there are places along that area where parking is in demand.

Mr. Hawes advised that the compromise was to approach this with sharrows except for the first block, which is 20th Street from 1st to 2nd Avenue where the new bus terminal will be located. Mr. Hawes stated that in that area, there will be a separated trail; the rest of the way will be on-street with sharrows.

Mr. Hawes referred to the first page of the report, which depicted what sharrows look like. Mr. Hawes commented that for the most part, parking will be retained and the sharrows will be approximately 11 feet out from the curb. It was noted that the sharrows indicate to people to be on the lookout for bicyclists. Mr. Hawes pointed out that the cost to the City will drop dramatically. Mr. Hawes added that \$221,000.00 was budgeted from Gaming funds; the City's cost will drop to \$67,000.00. In addition, the grants will be turned back in. Mr. Hawes indicated that the Safer Route to Schools portion was added to the project, which is 9th Street from 13th to 31st Avenue. Mr. Hawes added that the street is wide enough to have designated bike lanes and parking will be kept.

Council discussed the City Wide Bike Lane projects as it related to the cost for the sharrows to be put on the selected streets and the estimated upkeep of the sharrows, which was noted to be \$500.00 per year.

Alderman Austin discussed several safety concerns he had, which included; 31st Avenue going west towards Sunset Park; bicyclists crossing Blackhawk Road at 44th Street and bicyclists coming down 38th Street and making a left turn across two lanes of traffic onto 45th Avenue.

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Alderman Austin inquired upon Mr. Hawes to check with IDOT to see if a push button could be activated or another alternative as it related to Blackhawk Road and 44th Street traffic.

Council also discussed sharrows as it related to the spacing of the sharrows. In addition, Council discussed this project as it related to turning the grant back in to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Council further discussed the City Wide Bike Lane projects.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Conroy to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 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, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy and P.J. Foley. 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 Conroy gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of May 21, 2012.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the Minutes of the meeting of May 21, 2012 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley welcomed Jeff Eder to the City. Mr. Eder is the new Community and Economic Development Director.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Rock Island Parks & Recreation Department is proud to present its 56th annual Starlight Revue concert series in Lincoln Park beginning Tuesday, June 5th featuring River City 6 with Starlight magnets for the first 100 guests. The Mayor advised that food is available for purchase from the Hy-Vee Grill, an ice cream social, and popcorn and soft drinks served up by the Parks Department at 6:00 pm, followed by the concert at 7:00 pm. It was noted that the rain date is Wednesday of the same week. Mayor Pauley stated to call the rain line at 732-RAIN (7246) after 3:30 pm on Tuesday.

Mayor Pauley advised that on Tuesday, June 5th at 6:00 pm, noted musician and public radio performer Chris Valillo will present a Senior Series session on "Stephen Foster and the Rise of American Music" at the Rock Island Main Library Community Room.

Mayor Pauley stated that Mardi Gras in The District returns for its 20th year on Friday, June 8 at 5:00 pm and Saturday, June 9, 2012 at 4:00 pm. The Mayor commented that Gumbo Ya Ya is held on the Great River Plaza on 2nd Avenue between 17th and 19th Streets in Downtown Rock Island. It was noted that admission is \$8.00 for a one-night ticket; \$12.00 for a two-night ticket and children 12 and under are free. Mayor Pauley indicated that the festival features two nights of Zydeco, New Orleans jazz and a bit of Louisiana style music. It was noted that a variety of foods will be available, including Cajun and Southern cuisine. Mayor Pauley stated that street vendors, huge bead tosses, French Quarter atmosphere and some surprising characters add to the

fun! Mayor Pauley noted that for more information, please call (309) 788-6311 or visit www.gumboyayafestival.com and www.ridistrict.com.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Rock Island Public Library is cooking up a summer stacked high with fun and reading with food-themed reading contests and more than 103 events for children, teens and adults at the library's three locations. It was noted that the library's eight-week summer program begins Monday, June 4th. Mayor Pauley stated that reading logs and entries are due back to the library by 5:00 pm, Friday, July 27, 2012. It was noted that for a full list of events, pick up the Reading is so Delicious program brochure at any Rock Island Library, or visit the library website at www.rockislandlibrary.org. The Mayor added that reading logs and entry forms will be available at the Rock Island Main Library, 30/31 Branch and Southwest Branch starting June 4, 2012.

Mayor Pauley noted that Rock Island Parks and Recreation is offering a youth track and cross country clinic for ages 6 and up, hosted by Augustana Track and Field Coach Fred Whiteside. The Mayor stated that this program is held at Augustana PepsiCo Center June 11-15, 2012 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. It was noted that each child will learn fundamental track skills such as competitive running and sprinting, field events, conditioning and sportsmanship. Mayor Pauley advised that each child will have a chance to participate in a track meet held at the PepsiCo Center on Friday, June 15th. It was noted to register now by calling Rock Island Parks and Recreation at (309) 732-7275 or stop by at 4303 24th Street. The fee is \$40.00 and includes a t-shirt.

Mayor Pauley advised that Ballet Under the Stars, a free performance of Ballet Quad Cities, will take place on June 8th, 9th and 10th at 8:00 pm in the Lincoln Park Classic Theater.

Agenda Item #7

A Special Ordinance declaring 14 current City-owned snow plows as surplus and allowing for disposal.

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

Agenda Item #8

A Special Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space at 2534 15th Street Court.

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

Agenda Item #9

A Special Ordinance establishing a no parking zone at 2514 20th Avenue.

Alderswoman Murphy moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy advised that he didn't know any place else in the city of Rock Island where there is no parking in front of one person's house. After more discussion, Alderman Conroy stated that he would be voting no to this item.

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

Agenda Item #10

A Special Ordinance removing a residential only parking zone on 23rd Street between 5th and 6th Avenues.

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

Agenda Item #11

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$13,212.15 to Califf and Harper P.C. for legal services rendered for the month of April.
- b. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$5,874.80 to Kutsunis and Weng P.C. for legal services rendered for the month of May.

Agenda Item #12

Claims for the weeks of May 18 through May 24 in the amount of \$749,062.31 and May 25 through May 31 in the amount of \$247,622.33.

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 Tollenaer, Alderman

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

Agenda Item #13

Payroll for the weeks of May 14 through May 27 in the amount of \$1,268,431.76.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the Rock Island Parkway Improvements maintenance contract with Valley Construction, recommending extending the contract for one year in the amount of \$402,000.00.

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Public Works Department regarding an intergovernmental agreement for the 2012 Joint Pavement Marking Program.

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

Agenda Item #16

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

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

Agenda Item #17

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 Austin and seconded by Alderman Conroy to pass the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Tollenaer,

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

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Public Works Department regarding five Motor Fuel Tax Audit Resolutions for the projects as stated in the report.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to adopt the resolutions as recommended, authorize the City Clerk to provide signed and sealed copies to the City Engineer and authorize the City Engineer to file the resolutions with the Illinois Department of Transportation. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget in the amount of \$1,875,784.32 to the funds as stated in the report.

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

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a modified plan for the Bike Lane projects.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the modified plan as recommended, authorize staff to undertake construction and decline the grants offered for the original design.

Discussion followed. Alderman Jones inquired upon Public Works Director Bob Hawes as to why the City will be declining the grants. Alderman Jones also asked Mr. Hawes to discuss sharrows and the education component.

Mr. Hawes advised that the City's cost for doing it this way is less than the City share would have been if the grants were accepted and the original design was done. Mr. Hawes added that the sharrows will essentially be a stencil painted on the pavement. It was noted that the sharrows will warn drivers and bicyclists that they are sharing the road. Mr. Hawes advised that no plan has been developed as of yet in regards to the education component.

Alderman Austin stated that it would be a perfect opportunity to involve the Bicycle Task Force to be part of the education component.

Mr. John Phillips stepped forward. Mr. Phillips stated that he is involved with the Pioneering Healthy Communities effort. Mr. Phillips noted that this is a YMCA initiative to work with the

community to improve the health of people by making it easier for people to eat better and be more physically active. Mr. Phillips noted that they have a community leadership team that represents people who live or work in Rock Island. Mr. Phillips added that the team is focusing on access to fresh and healthy foods, increasing physical activity in children and making the environment more encouraging for people to walk, ride bicycles and be more active in their lives. Mr. Phillips stated that he was somewhat disappointed that the City couldn't have designated bike lanes, but understood the reasoning for that. Mr. Phillips added that this proposal is moving the City in the right direction.

Mr. Dan Osterman of 61 Hawthorne stepped forward. Mr. Osterman stated that he is a bicycle enthusiast and has worked with the Bicycle Task Force for six years. Mr. Osterman indicated that he is concerned about economic development and living in a community that is a healthy environment for him and his family. Mr. Osterman noted that he has done research on smaller communities that are designated as bicycle friendly communities. It was noted that from 2000 to 2009, these communities grew at an average rate of 11.2%. Mr. Osterman commended Council for moving ahead with the sharrows.

Council further discussed bicycle lanes and bicycle usage. After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a request from Douglas Stock to install bollards and landscaping within the public right-of-way at 2832 5th Street.

Alderman Conroy moved to allow Mr. Stock to install landscaping and bollards; and provide proof of insurance with the City listed as additional insured to hold the City harmless for any liability due to the presence of the bollards and landscaping within the ROW; and to provide a recordable agreement with the City to maintain the bollards and landscaping; and in addition, the agreement should recognize that the City will not replace the bollards and landscaping if it is necessary to remove them in order to maintain or install any existing or future utilities or facilities. Alderman Tollenaer seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #22

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a request from Dave Requet to construct a retaining wall within the alley right-of-way at 1407 30th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Conroy to deny the request as recommended for discussion purposes.

Alderman Austin stated that he needed an explanation as to why the planter needs to extend in the alley right-of-way.

Mr. Dave Requet - property owner and with the Resso Group stepped forward. Mr. Requet stated that they have been doing reconstruction of the secondary entrance to the Black Ram property at 30th Street and 14th Avenue. Mr. Requet indicated that this is a secondary entrance to the facility and for beautification purposes, would like to install a planter on the back end of the building. Mr. Requet added that the block is secured and the City already is listed as additional insured on the insurance policy. Mr. Requet offered that they will put the beautification in whether or not the City wants to leave one foot of dirt between the City alley and the front block of the property.

Alderman Austin clarified that it would come out to the edge of the alley as it exists today. Mr. Requet responded yes and stated that they will stair step the row of block back. Mr. Requet stated that this is being done for beautification and it is just whether or not the City wants dirt between the edge of the alley and the planter.

Mr. Requet referred to the drawing and further explained this item. Council further discussed this issue.

After discussion, Alderman Conroy withdrew his second and Alderman Austin withdrew his motion.

Alderman Murphy then motioned to approve the request; and that Mr. Requet provide proof of insurance with the City listed as additional insured to hold the City harmless for any liability due to the presence of the retaining wall within the ROW; and to provide a recordable agreement with the City that the property owner will maintain the wall; and in addition, the agreement should recognize that the City will not replace the wall if it is necessary to remove it in order to maintain or install any existing or future utilities or facilities. Alderman Conroy seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #23

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request and a Special Ordinance to ban parking on 10th Avenue from 30th Street to 34th Street; 34th Street from 9 1/2 Avenue to 10th Avenue; and 9 1/2 Avenue from 34th to 35th Street for the duration of construction of the Augustana College Center for Student Life project.

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Austin seconded to approve the request as recommended and consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Paul Inman who lives on the corner of 10th Avenue and 30th Street stepped forward. Mr. Inman stated that he was at the meeting on behalf of his neighbors. Mr. Inman stated that he had talked to Public Works and he was told that the cost to the City would be minimal.

Mr. Inman voiced concerns that the street was already in bad shape because MetroLink has been driving back and forth on it for the last two years. Mr. Inman added that the street has deteriorated and will deteriorate more in the next six months due to the heavy oversized truck traffic going over 10th Avenue. Mr. Inman also had concerns in regards to cost. Mr. Inman was very concerned that when it comes time for 10th Avenue to be repaired, the property owners would have to pay a portion of it when they did not cause the damage. Mr. Inman suggested a minor modification to the ordinance, which would be that MetroLink shall be notified to suspend bus service on the street until the end of the construction period.

Council discussed Mr. Inman's concerns. Council also discussed the ordinance as it related to time limits and whether the residents could park on the street at night and on weekends. Council also discussed parking on 10th Avenue as it related to traffic safety.

Alderman Murphy stated to Mr. Inman that MetroLink would be contacted to find out if they drive that route in the summer and if it needs to be adjusted in the fall. Alderman Murphy stated that the residents have a very valid concern; if there are big trucks on 10th Avenue, which is not in good shape, the trucks will do a lot of damage to that road. Alderman Murphy added that after the construction is complete, is the City going to assess these property owners and make them pay for part of it. Alderman Murphy stated that she didn't think the City should do that. Alderman Murphy indicated that assessing the property owners in the future is the big issue along with MetroLink. Alderman Murphy noted for the record that when this comes back and after construction is over, she hoped that the Council would not assess these residents to redo that street (10th Avenue) because they didn't tear up the street.

Alderman Murphy then moved to amend the Special Ordinance to restrict the hours to ban parking on 10th Avenue from 30th to 34th Street, 34th Street from 9½ Avenue to 10th Avenue, and 9½ Avenue from 34th to 35th Street for the duration of construction of the Augustana College Center for Student Life project between the hours of 7:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Alderman Foley seconded.

Discussion followed, Alderman Foley commented that he was disappointed that Augustana College and Russell Construction were not at the meeting this evening; when they make a request, they should be at the meeting. Council then discussed ticketing and towing as it related to the parking issue.

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

The main motion follows:

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Austin seconded to approve the request as recommended and consider, suspend the rules and pass the amended ordinance. The main motion did not pass by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Jones, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley.

It was noted that the rules cannot be suspended; it takes the majority of five votes.

At this time, Alderman Austin motioned to approve the request as recommended and consider the amended ordinance. Alderman Brooks seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley.

It was noted that Agenda Item #23 will come back to Council for a second reading on Monday, June 11, 2012.

Agenda Item #24

Report from the Mayor regarding designation of the Mayor Pro Tem.

Alderman Foley nominated Alderman Stephen L. Tollenaer to be Mayor Pro Tem for 2012-2013, which nomination was seconded by Alderman Brooks. Nominations were then closed. Alderman Tollenaer was elected as Mayor Pro Tem. The nomination carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none. Alderman Tollenaer abstained.

Agenda Item #25

Report from the City Clerk regarding a Resolution approving the full release of the listed Executive Session Minutes.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to approve the full release of the listed executive session minutes as recommended and adopt the resolution. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #26

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Martinis on the Rock to hold outside entertainment for one time only on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 from 8:00 pm to midnight.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the outdoor entertainment as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations and subject to being closed down early if noise complaints are received.

Discussion followed. Alderman Foley inquired as to why this request is being made. City Clerk Aleisha Patchin stated that is a one time opportunity for Martinis to get a nationwide act.

Alderman Foley commented that if a request is made, the people making the request should show up to the meeting.

Alderwoman Murphy commented to the City Clerk that when applications are made; strongly encourage the applicants to attend the City Council meeting.

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

Agenda Item #27

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request for a Street Closing at 29 ½ Street between 15th Avenue and 16th Avenue; along with a Sound Amplification permit for a block party to be held on Saturday, June 16, 2012 from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

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

Agenda Item #28

Other Business

No one signed up to address Council to speak on a topic.

Alderman Austin reminded everyone that the clock is ticking for nominations for Citizen of the Year. Alderman Austin added that the deadline to submit nominations is one week from today. Alderman Austin added that this is the chance to nominate somebody in all of those categories.

Alderwoman Murphy stated that a 6th Ward resident had called her about billing for weekly garbage pickup. Alderwoman Murphy advised that she looked into the customer's questions and concerns. Alderwoman Murphy indicated that the water bill also has monthly garbage fees on it, but the statement does not list the dates of the service for garbage pickup; the bill does list water service dates, but they are not the same as garbage service dates so the customer is confused. Alderwoman Murphy indicated that the customer also wanted to know if the billing for garbage pickup is at the beginning of the quarter or after the quarter. Alderwoman Murphy stated that since the service dates are not listed, the customer does not know the answer. It was noted that garbage pickup is billed at the end of the quarter.

Alderwoman Murphy advised that Council first voted to implement a \$2.00 monthly garbage fee in February 2010. It was noted that Council then increased the garbage fee to \$4.00 per month, which was passed on March 19, 2012 and approved March 20, 2012. Alderwoman Murphy offered that even though it was passed on March 19th, it was the intention of Council to begin the increase on April 1st of the new fiscal year because this was to balance the budget for the new fiscal year. It was noted that by ordinance, the City can begin billing the \$4.00 rate starting March 20th but not prior to March 20th.

Alderwoman Murphy noted that the problem is that the City did not use the correct billing date for the rate increase as stated in the ordinance. Alderwoman Murphy added that the customers

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who were billed in April were over billed \$6.00, customers that received their bill in May were over billed \$4.00, and customers that received their bill in June were over billed \$2.00. It was noted that the City has over billed its customers about \$64,000.00 since March 19th.

Alderman Murphy stated that the City needs to apologize to the citizens for not giving them the correct information when they requested it and give them an immediate credit. Alderman Murphy also advised that the garbage billing period should be listed on the statement. Alderman Murphy added that in all future ordinances when a rate increase is involved, the specific date of effectiveness should be listed.

Alderman Murphy then requested a Study Session with staff to have them explain the billing practices for water, sewer, stormwater and refuse services.

City Manager Thomas stated that a Study Session will be scheduled on this issue. Mr. Thomas added that the City will be looking to credit the customers that are involved. It was noted that it will be a manual process that may take approximately two months. Mr. Thomas added that the amount will be between \$63,000.00 and \$64,000.00. Mr. Thomas apologized for the discrepancies.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to go to Gumbo Ya Ya this weekend downtown.

Agenda Item #29

No Executive Session.

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #30

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to recess to Monday, June 11, 2012 at 5:30 pm. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:50 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk