

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:45 pm in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen 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, City Attorney Ted Kutsunis, Kathy Wine, Executive Director of River Action and Brian Hollenback, President of Renaissance Rock Island. Alderman Stephen L. Tollenaer was absent.

RIVER ACTION UPDATE

Kathy Wine of River Action provided an update to Council on River Action. Ms. Wine stated that River Action has been doing Rock Island projects since 1998. Ms. Wine added that ongoing projects include Floatzilla and Ride the River.

Ms. Wine stated that River Action has been working on the Rock River water trails. Ms Wine indicated that this past winter, River Action worked with crews to clear Pettifer Slough, which is the Rock River back door to Potter Lake. Ms. Wine stated that trees have been cut and volunteers have removed the trees to get the area ready for canoeing and kayaking season. Ms. Wine added that they secured a grant for \$2,900.00 for the tree cutting project. Ms. Wine noted that these things are being done to improve the water trails in the Quad Cities and also to market them.

Ms. Wine commented that River Action is in the process of doing Floatzilla planning with the Parks Department. It was noted that Floatzilla will be held on August 18th.

Ms. Wine also discussed the Mississippi River, Mayors, Cities and Towns Initiative as it related to river improvements, economics and environmental components.

Council then discussed the Centennial Bridge lights as it related to management and maintenance of the lights.

Ms. Wine stated that their budget is approximately \$550,000.00 per year, and the cities and counties provide about 10% to River Action. It was noted that Rock Island's amount is \$7,744.00 per year. Ms. Wine commented that the City has contributed to River Action for as long as they have been doing the River Way Program. Ms. Wine stated that she hoped in the next fiscal year, that Council would put that amount in the budget so that River Action can continue the work in Rock Island.

RENAISSANCE ROCK ISLAND UPDATE

Mr. Brian Hollenback provided an update to Council on Renaissance Rock Island. Mr. Hollenback stated that they work in this private-public partnership to rebuild this community a block at a time. Mr. Hollenback advised that they are a HUD approved housing counseling organization and a community housing development organization in good standing. Mr. Hollenback added that to date, 538 home buyers have been welcomed to Rock Island. Mr. Hollenback noted that they also serve as a national model for Live-Work Rock Island. Mr.

Hollenback advised that over \$150 million dollars has been leveraged in housing activity. Mr. Hollenback pointed out that 189 units of downtown housing has been created with the most recent being Jackson Square, which is the largest and most visible adaptive reuse development in GROWTH's history.

Mr. Hollenback stated that GROWTH is serving as an approved housing counseling provider for the Hardest Hit Fund. It was noted that they are assisting 55 households in foreclosure prevention. It was noted that to date, \$80,000.00 has been directly invested in preventing four homeowners from foreclosure. Mr. Hollenback further discussed the process for preventing foreclosure. Mr. Hollenback commented that \$10 million dollars of Neighborhood Stabilization (NSP1 and NSP2) has been directly invested in Rock Island.

Mr. Hollenback discussed Renaissance Rock Island's budget as it related to City support, project income, business support and state and federal support. Mr. Hollenback discussed strategic planning as it related to objectives, implementation, succession planning, staff development, media and public relations. Mr. Hollenback also discussed economic development as it related to direct benefits and results.

Mr. Hollenback provided Council with an update on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Mr. Hollenback advised that they have completed 21 homes. It was noted that 14 homes are under construction, 16 are sold/occupied, the sale is pending on one home and there are two letters of intent to purchase. Mr. Hollenback referred to the PowerPoint presentation and showed Council the before and after pictures of various renovated homes.

Mr. Hollenback commented on the local impact of NSP activity. Mr. Hollenback indicated that for every \$1.00 invested yields \$2.00 in local investment. Mr. Hollenback further discussed the local impact of NSP activity as it related to measuring the local impact and reinvesting dollars.

Mr. Hollenback discussed NSP infill housing developments as it related to new infill housing in the Broadway Historic District and new infill homes in the New Old Chicago redevelopment subdivision.

Mr. Hollenback advised that they are in partnership with Wells Fargo in launching a very comprehensive engagement from the social perspective. Mr. Hollenback added that on June 27th at the Martin Luther King Center, they will be promoting homeownership and financial literacy. It was noted that this Home Ownership Fair will be open to the community, where people can come and talk to bank representatives concerning checking, savings and what they can do to enhance their credit scores. In addition, this fair will also have one-on-one mentoring with the children at the Martin Luther King Center.

Mr. Hollenback discussed Downtown activity as it related to the Shoppes on 2nd (Downtown Retail Incubator). Mr. Hollenback stated that there are six independent retail units between 280 and 594 square feet. It was noted that the rent will be subsidized for the first three years. Mr. Hollenback stated that there are three applications approved for suites 1, 2 and 3 subject to their business report. Mr. Hollenback discussed the Goldman Family Block. Mr. Hollenback noted that there will be a ground breaking towards the end of the month for the Goldman Family

Block. Mr. Hollenback advised that this will complete another million dollars worth of investment, which adds to the \$11 million dollars previously invested along this block.

Mr. Hollenback discussed the 24th Street properties. Mr. Hollenback commented that they are closing on the duplex and the small house on 7th Avenue on June 15th and progressively working on relocation so that they can attempt to get as many properties down while the reconstruction is going on.

Mr. Hollenback also discussed the Community Housing Development Pilot Program as it related to 2347 29th Street and 8123 10th Street West. Mr. Hollenback discussed the Single Family Owner Occupied Rehab Program. It was noted that this program provides financial assistance to Rock Island homeowners needing to bring their homes up to minimum housing quality standards. Mr. Hollenback added that to date, GROWTH has assisted approximately 70 homeowners through this program. Mr. Hollenback advised that applications are now available and a lottery drawing will be held on June 27th in conjunction with the Home Ownership Fair.

Mr. Hollenback then discussed the Hardest Hit Fund, which is a program designed to assist in making temporary mortgage payments for Illinois homeowners who are unemployed or underemployed, but are working to regain sufficient income to keep their homes. Mr. Hollenback further discussed this program.

Mr. Hollenback further discussed his presentation as it related to homebuyers, education, activity, pipeline projects in predevelopment, veterans and special needs housing and phase two of the New Old Chicago Neighborhood Plan. Mr. Hollenback referred to the PowerPoint presentation and discussed the aerial views of downtown developments, expansions and new starts.

Mr. Hollenback concluded by stating the direction for 2012, which included new partnerships, memorandum of understandings, pilot programs and new market tax credit transactions.

Council discussed Mr. Hollenback's presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to adjourn the meeting 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. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 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 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. Alderman Stephen L. Tollenaer was absent.

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 June 4, 2012.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the Minutes of the meeting of June 4, 2012 as printed. The motion 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.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that on Tuesday, June 12, 2012, the southbound lanes on 15th Street from 4th to 5th Avenue and the northern eastbound lanes on 5th Avenue between 14th and 15th Streets will be closed due to a pavement repair. The Mayor added to please follow all posted detours. Mayor Pauley advised that it is estimated that this area will reopen by June 15, 2012. Thank you for your patience during this repair.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether you have ever seen a flock of flamingos in a front yard? How would you like to be the one responsible for flocking a friend's yard with flamingos? Mayor Pauley stated that the Quad City Botanical Center will do just that as part of their Flamingo Follies celebration. The Mayor noted that for a \$50.00 fee, the "Flocking Crew" will put 50 plastic flamingos in the yard of a friend, relative or neighbor. It was noted that they will stay there for 48 hours before they "fly" to their next location. Mayor Pauley stated that this fun opportunity will last from Monday, June 11, 2012 until Friday, August 3, 2012. It was noted to call now to sign up at the Quad City Botanical Center at (309) 794-0991 ext. 29.

Mayor Pauley stated that with trees fully leafed out, it is the perfect time to take a free, self-guided tour through Chippiannock Cemetery at 2901 12th Street, Rock Island. Mayor Pauley advised that this National Register-listed, 157-year-old cemetery has brochures locating the most outstanding monuments or associated historical themes, such as gangster John Looney, the Grand Excursion or the Civil War. The Mayor added that the cemetery grounds are a forester's dream, with one of the most diverse collections of specimens in the region. It was noted that for more information call (309) 788-6622.

Mayor Pauley advised that each Thursday from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm throughout the summer, join Whitewater Junction at 17th Street & 18th Avenue for a day of relay races, contests and other fun-filled activities. The Mayor added that the June 14th theme is Holiday Party Day. It was noted that admission is \$7.00 and children 2 and under are free with a paid adult.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring Saturday, June 30, 2012 as Rock Island County NAACP Day.

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. Berlinda Tyler-Jamison accepted the proclamation and thanked the Mayor and Council for their recognition of the work of the local branch of the NAACP of Rock Island County. Ms. Tyler-Jamison also thanked the Council for serving the community.

Agenda Item #8

CLAIMS

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Jones 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 Jones, Alderwoman 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 \$2,303.69 to John Wiedner for General Liability Claim
- b. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,031.35 to MidAmerican Energy for General Liability Claim.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #8 in the amount of \$1,340,811.87 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Wet Weather Treatment System project. (122)
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$134,040.48 to Crafton Railroad, Inc. for services provided for the Southwest Railroad Crossing Repairs project. (123)
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 and final in the amount of \$191,061.90 to Langman Construction for services provided for the Southwest Business Park Street Improvements project. (124)
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #5 in the amount of \$25,598.17 to General Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Turkey Hollow Road Bridge Replacement project. (129)
- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$64,055.54 to Brandt Construction for services provided for 15th Avenue Resurfacing: 33rd to 38th Streets project. (130)

- h. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$17,067.31 to Langman Construction, Inc. for an emergency sewer main repair at 3311 34th Avenue Court. (132)

Agenda Item #9

Claims for the week of June 1 through June 7 in the amount of \$303,455.68.

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

Agenda Item #10

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the joint purchase of utility supplies, recommending the bids be awarded to Zimmer & Francescon, Utility Equipment Company and Ferguson Waterworks in the combined amount of \$29,091.22.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Conroy to award the bids as recommended and authorize purchases. The motion 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.

Agenda Item #11

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a proposal from Quad City Arts for the 2012 Metro Arts Summer Youth Employment Program for the creation of a mural on the west wall of the Stern Center at 1721 3rd Avenue.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the proposal as recommended and authorize support of the program in the amount of \$7,000.00.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin stated that when Council approved the move of the sculpture from the bank to the area near the parking ramp, there was \$20,000.00 in that budget. Alderman Austin inquired as to whether the \$7,000.00 is coming out of that same budget.

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder stated that the funds do come out of that same budget, but it was \$13,000.00 to remove that sculpture and the \$7,000.00 is the remaining amount in that budget.

Alderman Austin commented that he noticed that Rock Island was the only city listed among those that were supporting the effort. Alderman Austin inquired as to whether other cities have been approached and if they have given favorable responses.

Jessi Black of Quad City Arts stepped forward. Ms. Black stated that the City of Davenport supports Quad City Arts through the Downtown Partnership, which is part of the Chamber as opposed to city funds. Ms. Black added that Davenport was approached for city funding and they

denied Quad City Arts this year. Ms. Black indicated that in the past, the city of Bettendorf has supported the program, but they declined to support the program this year. Ms. Black added that typically, when Quad City Arts gets city support, it is associated with a particular project. It was noted that Quad City Arts is not doing any projects in Bettendorf this year.

Ms. Black indicated that other projects being undertaken is a mural painting project in Davenport that is being supported through downtown funds; comedy improv being done in Rock Island and dance being done by Ballet Quad Cities.

Alderman Austin inquired as to whether Rock Island residents are part of the pool of students that have been selected.

Ms. Black responded that Rock Island always has a reasonable representation of students in the program. It was noted that this year, approximately 18% of participants are from Rock Island.

Alderman Conroy stated that he hoped that the design concept complements the mural downtown on the side near Steve's Old Time Tap.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there is a design concept.

Ms. Black responded not yet. Ms. Black stated that design concepts will be presented to the Arts Advisory Committee when they are completed and then a design concept will be selected.

After more discussion, Council requested that they would like to see the final design concept.

After more discussion, the motion 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.

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Augustana College to vacate a "turn-around" segment of 9½ Avenue east of 34th Street and dedicate a 20 foot wide area to the west of the existing drive to connect 9½ Avenue to an east/west alley to the north and west of the site.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for a vacation ordinance and dedication ordinance.

The motion 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.

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the review of a two-lot minor Final Plat of the Paulsgrove Addition located at 4626 12th Street.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the final plat as recommended. The motion 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.

Agenda Item #14

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 9½ Avenue to 10th Avenue; and 9½ Avenue from 34th to 35th Street for the hours of 7:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday for the duration of construction of the Augustana College Center for Student Life project.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the request as recommended and pass the amended ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy inquired as to what the fines would be and is towing allowed.

Public Works Director Bob Hawes advised that the fine is \$10.00 and there is a \$15.00 late payment. Mr. Hawes stated that towing can be done for any violation; typically, the City does not tow unless the City puts tow away placards up to warn people.

Alderman Conroy inquired as to whether Augustana College is willing to allow anyone to park on their property during that time.

Kai Swanson representing Augustana College stated that Augustana College's track record has been to be as accommodating as possible. Mr. Swanson added that the college would be very happy to talk to the neighbors on a case by case basis.

Alderwoman Murphy inquired as to when the construction would be completed. It was noted that construction would be completed in the middle of November.

Alderwoman Murphy stated that some of the dormitory houses have off-street parking, but it isn't used because they have to buy permits. Alderwoman Murphy was concerned that students are not purchasing the passes so those parking spaces are sitting vacant and students are parking on the street. Alderwoman Murphy stated that the residents will not be parking there and they are concerned that this will be a problem.

Mr. Swanson stated that 60% to 80% of the stickers are being purchased for the off-street spaces that had been previously discussed. Mr. Swanson stated that Augustana College has started a communication blitz with the students to encourage them to buy a parking permit. Mr. Swanson added that the students were told that street parking is going to be restricted and it will be enforced by the City. Council further discussed this issue.

Mr. Paul Inman who lives on the corner of 10th Avenue and 30th Street stepped forward. Mr. Inman voiced concerns in regards to whether all Augustana students parking on the street have been notified.

Mr. Swanson stated that the college is communicating with all Augustana students.

After more discussion, the motion 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.

Agenda Item #15

Report from the City Clerk regarding a Sound Amplification application from the Tri City Jewish Center for their third annual Jewish Feast-ival to be held on Sunday, June 24, 2012 from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm at 2715 30th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the sound amplification permit as recommended. The motion 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.

Agenda Item #16

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Moses Robinson Jr. for a Street Closing at 6th Street between 9th Avenue and 11th Avenue; along with a Sound Amplification permit for a birthday block party to be held on Saturday, June 30, 2012 from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Brooks seconded to approve the requests as recommended. The motion 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.

Agenda Item #17 and #18

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the requests as recommended for Agenda Item #17 and #18. The motion 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.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from the Greater Antioch Church for a Street Closing at 10th Avenue between 14th Street and 14½ Street, along with a Sound Amplification permit for an Evangelistic Community Event to be held on Saturday, July 7, 2012 from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from the Greater Antioch Church for a Street Closing at 10th Avenue between 14th Street and 14½ Street, along with a Sound

Amplification permit for Friday, August 3, 2012 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm for a Vacation Bible School block party.

Agenda Item #19

Other Business

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

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone as they are doing their spring and summer cleaning to take the time and donate used items to the Goodwill thrift store on Blackhawk Road and the Salvation Army thrift store on 11th Street. Alderman Murphy advised that this is an opportunity for people to buy gently used items at a significantly reduced price. Alderman Murphy added that this is a great opportunity for people to support these great nonprofit organizations. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local; Shop Rock Island.

Agenda Item #20

No Executive Session.

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #21

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Conroy to recess to Monday, June 18, 2012 at 5:30 pm. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Jones, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:10 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk