

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 Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer and Jason W. Jones. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Public Works Director Bob Hawes, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Information Technology Director Tim Bain, other City staff, Jennifer Walker, Account Consultant from UpStream and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis.

ARSENAL GATEWAY PROJECT

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder advised that staff solicited proposals for the Arsenal Gateway project in May of this year. Mr. Eder advised that the scope of the project was to look at the area leading into the Arsenal and Arsenal bridge to help the City come up with a plan to revitalize that corridor in that area of the City.

Mr. Eder discussed the scope of work. Mr. Eder stated that staff was inquiring upon the consultants on how they would go through the planning exercise to obtain some ideas on redevelopment. Mr. Eder added that the ultimate product would have some land use recommendations in it, redevelopment opportunities, recommendations for properties that the City should think about acquiring, street improvements, traffic needs and how that relates to the traffic flowing in and around the community and job creation.

Mr. Eder advised that the City sent out request for proposals in May and the applications were due back on June 4th. It was noted that the advisory committee reviewed the applications and two finalists were interviewed. Mr. Eder added that the committee then brought forth a finalist to be the consultant, which is MSA Professional Services. Mr. Eder advised that there would be negotiations with staff on the final scope of services and final price, which would then be submitted for Council approval.

Council discussed MSA Professional Services' experience as it related to similar types of projects and customer satisfaction. Council discussed cost, grants, and funding sources as it related to this project. Council further discussed Mr. Eder's presentation. It was noted that this is Item #20, which is on the Agenda for Council consideration.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS AUDIO SYSTEM AND PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL

Information Technology Director Tim Bain updated Council on the audio and quality of the video for Council meetings in Council Chambers. Mr. Bain presented a standard gooseneck microphone for Council to look at, which will be similar to the new microphones that will be placed in Council Chambers.

Mr. Bain explained that over the years, some problems had occurred with the current microphones in which they would drop in and out in regards to the quality of sound. It was noted that the new microphones will eliminate that problem. Mr. Bain discussed updating the audio equipment (wiring) that goes along with the microphones and how to run the wiring.

Mr. Bain discussed the upgrading of the video system. Mr. Bain showed an illustration of the server and stated that it is intended to handle the recording and the broadcast of the public access channel. Mr. Bain stated that the meetings are recorded on Monday nights; the computer picks up the cable feed after it has been broadcast and it is played back on another computer. Mr. Bain acknowledged that the City is looking towards replacing these two dated computers with a new piece of hardware that is intended for this specific purpose. At the same time, the quality of the transmission signal will be upgraded.

Mr. Bain presented Council with another illustration of the typical implementation of the equipment. Mr. Bain advised that the device can be used for digital video messaging, which can provide much higher quality imagery on the public access channel. Mr. Bain added that this could also be used for emergency messaging, and it does have the ability to implement some dynamic video content, which the City has not had the ability to do in the past. Mr. Bain pointed out that this will be a platform for the City to build on in the future beyond the public access channel. Mr. Bain presented a final illustration of the overall system design.

Council discussed the new system as it related to the website concerning archived videos, and agendas and minutes of the Council meetings.

Jennifer Walker, Account Consultant from UpStream advised that when the new website was implemented, the decision was made to only archive a various amount of agendas and minutes due to the time consuming nature of importing all of the agendas and supporting documentation that would be needed. Ms. Walker added that the information still exists; it can be accessed through the City Clerk. Council also discussed the branding component as it related the marketing plan concerning the public access channel.

Mr. Bain reiterated that this new system is a platform for the City to fix a lot of past issues, bring it up to modern technology, and allow the City to build on this in the future. Mr. Bain commented that the system will become operational by the end of September or early October. It was noted that this is Item #17, which is on the Agenda for Council consideration. Council further discussed Mr. Bain's presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Jones; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 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 Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer and Jason W. Jones. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis.

Introductory Proceedings

Mayor Pauley called the meeting to order and called upon Boy Scout Troop 213 (QCCA Rock Island) to help lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Alderman Jones gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of August 13, 2012.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 13, 2012 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Jones; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that the 28th annual Rock Island Labor Day Parade is scheduled for Monday, September 3rd. The Mayor added that staging for the parade begins at 8:30 am in the area around Washington Junior High School, located at 33rd Street and 18th Avenue. Mayor Pauley advised that the parade starts promptly at 9:30 am and travels west along 18th Avenue, turns south at 24th Street, then west on 25th Avenue, and disbands into the Rock Island High School lots at 25th Avenue.

Mayor Pauley indicated that professional kart racing, food, beverages and family activities will take place during the Rock Island Grand Prix on September 1st and 2nd in The District in downtown Rock Island. The Mayor commented that activities run from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm. The Mayor added that this event is presented in conjunction with the Rock Island Grand Prix Athletic Association, Inc. It was noted that admission is free to all of the exciting races. For more information, go to www.rockislandgrandprix.com.

Mayor Pauley advised to get down with your bad self at Funky Fridays in Schwiebert Riverfront Park: See Crazy Bad take the stage on August 31, 2012. Mayor Pauley commented that the Great Lawn opens at 7:00 pm with adult beverages, soft drinks, food, dance lessons and groovy contests, and the free concert starts at 8:00 pm.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Rock Island Library will present Songs and Stories of the Mississippi River on Wednesday, September 5th from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Main Library Community Room at 401 19th Street. Mayor Pauley added that America's rivers have always been hard at work, a vast interstate water highway system for commerce, trade and exploration. Mayor Pauley commented that rivers like the Mississippi have become an important part of our

legends and folklore celebrated in story and song. It was noted that musician Chris Dunn and storyteller Roald Tweet will share a few of them.

Agenda Item #7

Presentation of the 2012 Citizen of the Year Awards by members of the Citizen of the Year Committee and Mayor Pauley.

Citizen of the Year Committee Co-Chairman Chuck Austin (Alderman 7th Ward) and Mayor Pauley approached the podium. Alderman Austin thanked the members of the 2012 Citizen of the Year Committee and City Clerk Aleisha Patchin for all of their efforts in the selection of the 2012 Citizens of the Year.

The winners in each category were introduced by a member of the current committee, which consisted of winners of the 2011 Citizen of the Year awards.

The winners of the 2012 Citizen of the Year are as follows:

Business: Jumer's Casino & Hotel - Introduced by Jeff Nelson, General Manager of MetroLink. President and General Manager Therrin Protze and Bill Renk, Director of Public Relations and Promotions accepted the award.

Professional: Dr. Jeff Maurus - Introduced by Janet Masamoto, President of JTM Concepts.

Education: Glenda Nicke - Introduced by Alderwoman Joy Murphy/Co-Chairman of the 2012 Citizen of the Year Committee.

Organization: Rock Island Kiwanis - Introduced by Nancy Hanna, 2011 Individual category winner. Tom Ketelaar President of the Rock Island Kiwanis accepted the award.

Individual: Bud Helpenstell - Introduced by Kristi Crafton of Habitat for Humanity.

City Employee: Amy Penry - Introduced by Grace Diaz Shirk, representative of the Labor Day Parade Committee.

Youth: Drew Brozovich - Introduced by Ed Hanna, 2011 Individual category winner. Michael and Kim Brozovich, parents of Drew accepted the award.

Honorary: Phil Ambrose - Introduced by Paul Fessler of Renaissance Rock Island.

Co - Chairman/ Alderman Chuck Austin announced that Jumer's Casino & Hotel was the overall winner of the 2012 Citizen of the Year award. President and General Manager Therrin Protze and Bill Renk, Director of Public Relations and Promotions accepted the award. Alderman Austin reviewed the reasons for Jumer's Casino & Hotel's nomination and selection by the committee. It was noted that Jumer's Casino & Hotel representatives will be the Grand Marshal of the Labor Day Parade.

Pictures were taken of the 2012 Citizen of the Year award winners with Mayor Pauley.

Agenda Item #8

Proclamation declaring Monday, September 3, 2012 as Labor Day.

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. Mr. Jerry Lack, Executive Director of ILLOWA Construction Labor & Management Council accepted the proclamation. Mr. Lack thanked the

Mayor and Council for the proclamation. Mr. Lack invited Council to attend the annual Labor Day Proclamation Breakfast to be held at the i-Wireless Center on Thursday at 7:30 am.

Agenda Item #9

Proclamation declaring September 7 to September 16, 2012 as East West Riverfest.

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. Jessi Black of Quad City Arts accepted the proclamation. Ms. Black thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation and stated that she would leave a stack of program guides with all of the information for the culture and heritage events taking place from September 7th to September 16th.

Agenda Item #10

Public Hearing on a request from Denise Hiner, owner of Hiner Co. doing business as Legend's Corner Bar & Grille for a waiver of the signature requirement to secure a liquor license at 3008 7th Avenue.

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting and opened a Public Hearing at 7:24 pm on a request from Denise Hiner, owner of Hiner Co. doing business as Legend's Corner Bar & Grille for a waiver of the signature requirement to secure a liquor license at 3008 7th Avenue.

Ms. Denise Hiner of 1636 21st Avenue stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Ms. Hiner.

Ms. Hiner stated that they are requesting to Council to waive the signature requirement to secure a liquor license at Legend's Corner Bar & Grille. Ms. Hiner advised that they were able to obtain all but two of the signatures. Ms. Hiner stated that the two residents gave verbal approval, but she didn't feel that it was correct in signing the petition on their behalf.

Alderman Foley inquired as to when they planned on opening. Ms. Hiner responded that they hope to be open by the end of September.

Alderman Austin inquired as to whether they were opening in the current footprint or would there be an addition. Ms. Hiner responded that there is an addition.

Alderwoman Murphy inquired as to whether the addition will be enclosed.

Ms. Hiner responded that the addition will be enclosed and there is an outdoor patio that will seat approximately 100 people. Ms. Hiner added that this is a bar and grille and they are hoping to make it more family oriented. Ms. Hiner stated that Legend's Corner Bar and Grille will be serving sandwiches, daily lunch specials, adult beverages and children's beverages. Ms. Hiner commented that the dining room is in the addition so that it is a little more family oriented.

After more discussion, Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was anyone that wished to speak in favor of the waiver of the signature requirement for a liquor license at 3008 7th Avenue. No one stepped forward.

Mayor Pauley then inquired as to whether there was anyone who wished to speak in opposition to the waiver of the signature requirement for a liquor license at 3008 7th Avenue. No one stepped forward.

With no persons present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the waiver of the signature requirement for a liquor license at 3008 7th Avenue, Mayor Pauley closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:29 pm.

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recommend to the Mayor/Liquor Commissioner to waive the signature requirement as requested and approve the liquor license. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Jones; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #11

A Special Ordinance amending a Special Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit for the Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum at 700 22nd Street.

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

Agenda Item #12

A Special Ordinance declaring certain City-owned vehicles and equipment as surplus and allowing for disposal.

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

Agenda Item #13

A Special Ordinance vacating a 65 foot dead end segment of 34th Avenue west of 8th Street.

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

Agenda Item #14

CLAIMS

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderwoman 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; Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman

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

- a. Report from the Finance Department (General Administration) regarding payment in the amount of \$22,500.00 to WebsEdge USA for production of a video on the City of Rock Island for presentation at the International City/County Management Association annual conference to be held on October 7 through October 10, 2012.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$66,015.72 to AJ Excavating, Inc. for services provided for the 3rd Avenue Extension west of 46th Street project. (185)
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 and final in the amount of \$80,067.00 to Langman Construction for services provided for the 34th Avenue Reconstruction and Sanitary Sewer Extension project. (186)

Agenda Item #15

Claims for the weeks of August 10 through August 16 in the amount of \$2,135,508.82 and August 17 through August 23 in the amount of \$231,695.66.

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

Agenda Item #16

Payroll for the weeks of August 6 through August 19 in the amount of \$1,260,306.41.

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

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Information Technology Department regarding the purchase of an audio system and content server for City Council Chambers from Electronic Communication Systems (ECS) in an amount not to exceed \$29,200.00.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to approve the purchase as recommended, authorize payment 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 Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Jones; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the Cross-town Bike Lane Sharrows project, recommending the bid be awarded to Peterson Parking Lot Striping, Inc. in the amount of \$15,246.00.

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

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2012 Asphalt Street Milling and Patching Program project, recommending the bid be awarded to Valley Construction Company in the amount of \$192,326.16.

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

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding proposals for conducting the Arsenal Gateway and Central Neighborhoods planning process, recommending the selection of MSA Professional Services in the amount of \$72,500.00.

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

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a loan agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for construction of the Mill Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the agreement as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Mr. Bill Conner of 2524 113th Avenue Court West stepped forward. Mr. Conner voiced concerns in regards to the expansion of the Mill Street Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Conner stated that it is unfortunate that the City is spending \$70 million dollars on a wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Conner added that he can go to Rock Island and still smell sewage from the grates by the curbs. Mr. Conner stated that millions of dollars are spent treating

millions of gallons of water a day that comes from the streets and not the sewage. Mr. Conner indicated that the sewage should be separated from rainwater runoff.

After more discussion, Mayor Pauley stated that the City has no choice in building the plant; it has to be done by 2018 or the City will receive very heavy fines.

Public Works Director Bob Hawes advised that the City did a Long Term Control Plan three or four years ago and one of the options was to finish the sewage separation in the City, which began in the 1960's. Mr. Hawes stated that the separation alternative was far more expensive than what the City is doing and due to that, the lower cost alternative was chosen. Mr. Hawes added that another problem with the sewer separation alternative is that a good share of the combined sewer comes from people's foundation drains. Mr. Hawes further discussed this issue.

Council further discussed this issue.

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

Agenda Item #22

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget, recommending increasing the Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$32,687.05.

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

Agenda Item #23

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget, recommending a budget transfer decreasing the 35th Street Resurfacing: 14th to 18th Avenue project in the amount of \$90,000.00 and increasing the 13th Avenue Reconstruction: 1st to 2nd Street project in the amount of \$90,000.00.

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

Agenda Item #24

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Elizabeth Jackson for the installation of a handicapped parking space at 1233 12th Street.

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

Agenda Item #25

Report from the Mayor regarding an appointment to the Fire and Police Commissioner's Board.

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

Ms. Vanessa Williams Trice was appointed to the Fire and Police Commissioner's Board. Ms. Trice will replace Gene Anderson, who has asked to step down from this commission, and she will serve until April 30, 2014.

Agenda Item #26

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Martinis on the Rock to hold an event outside on Sunday, September 2, 2012 from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm at 4619 34th Street.

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

Agenda Item #27

Report from the City Clerk regarding an Activity permit application for the 28th annual Labor Day Parade to be held on Monday, September 3, 2012 from 9:30 am to noon.

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

Agenda Item #28

Report from the City Clerk regarding a Sound Amplification application for St. George Greek Orthodox Church for Friday, September 21 and Saturday, September 22, 2012 from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm for their annual Greek Festival to be held at 2930 31st Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #29

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request for a Street Closing at 21st Street between 16th Avenue and 17th Avenue on Saturday, September 22, 2012 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm for the Highland Park Historic Neighborhood Association's block party.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the request as recommended.

Discussion followed with Alderman Tollenaer inquiring as to whether alcohol could be consumed at the locations of block parties.

Mayor Pauley stated that not without a permit. Mayor Pauley advised that to have alcohol, they would have to send a letter to the Liquor Commissioner along with dram shop insurance. The Mayor stated that someone has to be responsible.

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

Agenda Item #30

Other Business

Alderman Austin stated that on Thursday, September 6th, he will be hosting a community meeting at 6:30 pm at the First Church of the Nazarene at 29th Avenue and 38th Street, Rock Island. It was noted that this meeting will take place in the lobby just inside the doors on the south side of the building. Alderman Austin advised that this is an opportunity for anyone in the City to come and talk, listen or share. Alderman Austin added that City Manager Thomas Thomas, Public Works Director Bob Hawes and Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder will be present to listen to citizens' concerns and answer questions.

Alderman Conroy stated that several weeks ago, Terry Tilka had talked about the District and what a challenge it is to keep underage people away from the area. Alderman Conroy advised that he would like the City to look into an ordinance that would create an entertainment zone to where people would have to be 21 years of age to be inside the entertainment zone. Alderman Conroy offered suggestions as to what the entrainment zone would entail. Alderman Conroy advised that he would like to have a Study Session on this issue.

Alderman Jones announced that he will not be seeking reelection for the 5th Ward. Alderman Jones advised that it was a difficult decision, but at this time, it is best for his family. Alderman Jones stated that he is thankful for everything this position has given him.

Alderman Tollenaer thanked Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson and staff for a great job done for Funky Fridays.

Alderman Brooks thanked Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson for the arrangements and a job well done for the groundbreaking on August 24th for the new Martin Luther King Jr. Park that is across the street from the Martin Luther King Center.

Alderman Conroy stated that a thank you goes out to Senator Mike Jacobs for helping the City obtain some funds to build the park.

Alderman Conroy stated that this coming weekend is the last weekend to swim at Whitewater Junction.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that O'Melia's Restaurant at 29th Street on Blackhawk Road has a new expanded menu. It was noted that they have also added a new outdoor deck. Alderwoman Murphy advised that O'Melia's is a great place to go. Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local; Shop Rock Island.

Mr. Norm Moline of 3836 28th Avenue stepped forward. Mr. Moline stated that he was at the meeting on behalf of the planning committee for the 5th Annual Upper Mississippi River Conference, which will be held September 26th through September 28th. Mr. Moline presented background information to Council in regards to how the conference was formed and discussed sponsorship. Mr. Moline then distributed brochures in regards to the details of the upcoming conference and encouraged the elected officials to attend the conference. Mr. Moline further discussed the conference.

Agenda Item #31

Executive Session on Property Acquisition and Litigation.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Austin at 8:00 pm to recess to Executive Session on matters of Property Acquisition and Litigation. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Jones; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #32

Recess

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 8:29 pm. A motion was made by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderman Foley to recess to Monday, September 10, 2012 at 5:30 pm. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Jones; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 8:30 pm.