

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 David Conroy, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Terry M.A. Brooks I. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Public Works Director Bob Hawes, Interim Police Chief Jason Foy, Lt. Tim McCloud of the Office of Professional Standards, Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson, other City staff and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 5:45pm. Alderman Charles O. Austin III was absent.

DOWNTOWN ENTERTAINMENT ZONE

City Manager Thomas advised that this presentation is the first step in dealing with some issues in regards to loitering and security related issues concerning the downtown area.

Interim Police Chief Jason Foy advised that a proposed ordinance has been put together for the downtown area that would prohibit 17 to 20 year olds from being on the Plaza from 11:00 pm to 3:00 am; this is to address the loitering issue. Interim Police Chief Foy stated that there are some eating establishments that may involve the 17 to 20 year olds, but it would be a very limited reason as to why the 17 to 20 year olds would be there.

Interim Police Chief Foy referred to the document that was distributed to Council and discussed the statistical data that the Police Department compiled using the defined CAD reporting area for the District, which included 16th to 20th Street and 1st to 5th Avenues. It was noted that the data included arrests, City ordinance citations and incidents that have involved minors. Interim Chief Foy pointed out that minors have become somewhat of an issue in regards to loitering and at times, subject to arrest and ordinance tickets.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether this would be legal in regards to prohibiting the 17 to 20 year olds from being on the Plaza during those times.

City Attorney Ted Kutsunis advised that it could be subject to constitutional challenge: Freedom of Assembly. City Attorney Kutsunis stated that it was of his opinion that the limitations for the hours with the exceptions that have been included in the ordinance would far outweigh whatever potential constitutional problems the City may have. City Attorney Kutsunis advised that he couldn't guarantee that someone wouldn't challenge it.

Council discussed District events as it related to time and the loitering component. It was noted that the proposed ordinance makes reference to activities, which implies district events. Council also discussed the proposed ordinance as it related to the zoned areas. After more discussion, City Attorney Kutsunis stated that it was his understanding that when discussions were held with some of the District bar owners, the real problem were people over the age of 17 and not subject to curfew, but were not old enough to get into the taverns, and were congregating outside the tavern and causing problems to patrons lawfully going in and out of these establishments. Council further discussed this issue.

Council discussed the designated zones as it related to the Plaza and parking lots.

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder stated that he had concerns in regards to the proposed ordinance and Parking Lot C because that is where the transfer station will be; kids will be catching the bus.

Lt. Tim McCloud advised that the main reason in dealing with the Lot C ordinance is for people that are congregating and/or drinking in cars and partying there before they get to the District and then causing fights.

Mayor Pauley stated that this ordinance is mainly for people loitering on the Plaza; the parking issue will come back at a later date.

Alderman Conroy stated that he would like to see the zoned areas subject to this proposed ordinance expanded. Council discussed this issue.

City Attorney Kutsunis stated that Zones 1 and 2 are patterned after the ordinance that states that all individuals have to be out of the Plaza by 3:15 am so that cleaning activities can be undertaken. City Attorney Kutsunis added that these are the areas that the proposed ordinance is paralleled to along with the addition of the parking lots as it relates to loitering. Council further discussed this issue.

City Manager Thomas advised that a map will be submitted to Council in a few days to make sure the areas are covered, will try to build a consensus, finalize it and bring it back to Council.

Alderman Jones inquired as to whether input will be obtained from the business owners downtown.

Executive Director Catherine Rodgers-Ingles (from the District) stated that the downtown business owners have wanted this situation addressed. Ms. Rodgers-Ingles added that she wasn't sure if they are familiar with this particular plan.

Alderman Conroy stated that a letter should go out to the establishments asking for their input. Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder stated that a possible meeting could be held with the business owners to get their input. Council agreed that before an ordinance comes to Council, they would like input from the business owners. Ms. Rodgers-Ingles stated that she could facilitate the meeting.

Council further discussed the loitering issue and signage as it relates to the proposed ordinance.

PARKS UPDATE

Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson advised that this is a record setting year for attendance and revenues at Whitewater Junction with almost all weekends rented for private parties. Mr. Nelson stated that there has been an increase in revenue for Saukie Golf Course that has

exceeded last year by over \$90,000.00, and 50 golf events were scheduled at Highland and Saukie golf courses. Mr. Nelson advised that RIFAC has enjoyed a greater membership attendance than in any other time in the past. It was noted that there has also been an increase in recreation sport programming due to the expansion of the facility. Mr. Nelson commented that Schwiebert Riverfront Park has enjoyed a dramatic increase in rentals and special events.

Mr. Nelson pointed out that while weather plays a big part in the increase of the daily fees for the pool and golf courses, the rentals, memberships and special event activities are dependent upon experience or benefits that the customers are receiving. Mr. Nelson advised that at the beginning of the budget year, staff worked with UpStream to identify some primary goals for golf, Whitewater Junction and RIFAC. It was noted that there was also the question of how to increase attendance on questionable days at the pool and golf courses. Mr. Nelson commented that for Whitewater Junction, two primary groups were identified, which included mothers between the ages of 30 to 50 and younger elementary school age children. Mr. Nelson advised that marketing dollars were spent to reach these two targeted groups by radio and television advertisements.

Mr. Nelson stated that in the area of golf courses, previous specials worked well for Highland but not for Saukie. It was noted that the target group for Saukie were men between the ages of 35 to 75 who were looking for a value on a quality course. Mr. Nelson commented that the Parks Department bundled a round of golf with a rental of a cart for a play time after 10:00 am. Mr. Nelson noted that this provided a higher value for the golfer, increased cart rentals significantly and brought in new golfers.

Mr. Nelson indicated that the expansion of RIFAC allowed for the consolidation of staff, an increase in programming and allowed for additional services and experiences for the customers. Mr. Nelson commented that most of the members are fairly well off economically, active and consist of families and comfortable adults. Mr. Nelson further discussed programming as it related to the expansion.

Mr. Nelson offered that Schwiebert Riverfront Park has been very successful as a special events location and a rental facility for weddings and private functions. Mr. Nelson further discussed Schwiebert Riverfront Park as it related to generating revenues.

Mr. Nelson commented that the Recreational Division continues to move towards its operational goal of offsetting expenses with revenues and building new opportunities for participation by youth and adults. It was noted that the addition of the gymnasium has allowed for the return of the adult basketball program, a new youth volleyball program and rental times for private groups. Mr. Nelson offered that programming is changing to shorter experiences and one day events to fit into the highly scheduled calendars of participants. Mr. Nelson further discussed recreation as it related to sports and the Hauberg Civic Center as it related to events.

Mr. Nelson indicated that Parks is one of the greatest assets based upon surveys and comments made about the City. It was noted that high marks have always been received for the landscaping of the parks, the downtown area, entryways and the Centennial Bridge.

Mr. Nelson advised that the Parks Division maintains 25 playgrounds throughout the City, 55 building structures and 105 landscape features including entryways, park entrances, downtown

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planting beds and others. It was noted that this division operates the equivalent of three aquatic facilities, and miles of irrigation at all of the facilities and landscape areas. Mr. Nelson stated that mowing is performed weekly on over 200 acres not including the golf courses.

Mr. Nelson pointed out that their future goals are to continue to develop experience based programming and improve the yield management of their facilities and services. Mr. Nelson added that the department is committed to identifying benefits that provide positive experiences to the community.

Council discussed Mr. Nelson's presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 6:15 pm. Alderman Charles O. Austin III was absent.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:29 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

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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 David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Terry M.A. Brooks I. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman Charles O. Austin III was 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 November 5, 2012.

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 5, 2012 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center is delighted to invite the community to the Thanksgiving Holiday Dinner on Sunday, November 18, 2012 at Second Baptist Church at 919 6th Avenue (across the street from the King Center). The Mayor added that they look forward to serving guests from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm. Please come enjoy a hot holiday meal and mingle with the neighborhood community. It was noted to please call (309) 732-2999 for more information.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Augustana Veterans Support Group will host an event to honor veterans of World War II on Thursday, November 15th at 7:00 pm in Larson Hall within Bergendoff Hall of Fine Arts at 3701 7th Avenue. Mayor Pauley indicated that the World War II veterans in attendance will be announced and all veterans will be recognized. Mayor Pauley added that Lt. Herb Wood, a World War II veteran who flew Hellcat fighters off the U.S.S. Yorktown will be sharing his memories with the audience. Mayor Pauley advised that following, there will be a reception with light refreshments. The event is free and open to the public. It was noted that for more information, please contact Keri Rursch at (309) 794-7721 or kerirursch@augustana.edu.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center invites you to the Executive Director's Meet & Greet. Come and network, meet the staff, tour the building, and hear the vision for the future on Thursday, November 15, 2012 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center. Mayor Pauley added to please R.S.V.P. your attendance to (309) 732-2999.

Mayor Pauley advised that Neighborhood Partners School Community Task Force is holding a public meeting on November 15, 2012 at 5:30 pm at the Rock Island Academy at 930 14th Street to discuss a "Safe Porches" strategy for students walking and biking to school to Rock Island Academy and Frances Willard Elementary. The Mayor commented that parents and community members in those school areas are invited to help with the planning. Mayor Pauley indicated that the Safe Porches strategy is a new component of the Safe Routes to School Travel Plans that was developed in 2010 by the schools, parents and community members. It was noted that for more information visit www.rockislandschools.org or call Holly Sparkman 309-793-5900 x281.

Agenda Item #7

A Special Ordinance allowing "head in" parking rather than parallel parking on 15th Street Court, and banning parking on Mondays between the hours of 7:00 am and 3:00 pm for refuse and yardwaste collection.

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

Agenda Item #8

A Special Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space at 1104 12th Street.

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

Agenda Item #9

A Special Ordinance establishing Type B residential permit parking only area on the east side of 31st Street between 14th and 15th Avenues.

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

Agenda Item #10

A Special Ordinance removing a handicapped parking space at 1100 6th Street.

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

Agenda Item #11
CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$10,740.00 to Azteca Systems, Inc. for the Cityworks System annual update and support maintenance.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$149,403.03 to Walter D. Laud, Inc. for services provided for the 44th Street Reconstruction, 41st Avenue Court to Blackhawk Road project.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$177,643.12 to Walter D. Laud, Inc. for services provided for the 37th Avenue Reconstruction, East of 44th Street project.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #3 in the amount of \$114,254.96 to Brandt Construction for services provided for the 16th Avenue Resurfacing: 33rd Street to 38th Street project.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$24,679.00 to Newt Marine for services provided for an emergency dredge at Sunset Marina.
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$13,721.40 to Peterson Parking Lot Striping, Inc. for services provided for the Bike Lane Sharrows Program project.

Agenda Item #12

Claims for the week of November 2 through November 8 in the amount of \$573,940.73.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the purchase of four properties (Klemmer) at 606, 608, 614 and 618 10th Street in the amount of \$65,000.00.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the purchase as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents, authorize staff to make a budget adjustment for purchase and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the purchase and donation of property at 600 12th Street in the amount of \$8,000.00, and the donation of the City-owned property at 610 12th Street to Forest Siding Supply, LLC.

It was moved by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the purchase and donations of property as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a Truck Access Route Program agreement with the State of Illinois for the 5th Street Reconstruction project.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Public Works Department regarding an amendment to the agreement with Symbiont for additional engineering services related to the wet weather treatment system at the Mill Street wastewater treatment facility in the amount of \$473,800.00.

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

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Rock Island and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency as it relates to the use of local groundwater or water well ordinances as environmental institutional controls.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the memorandum of understanding as recommended and authorize the City Engineer to execute the document. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

Other Business

Alderman Tollenaer thanked the Community and Economic Development Department for working with the business on 11th Street in regards to Agenda Item #14.

Alderman Brooks commented on the fashion show that was recently held at the Martin Luther King Center.

Alderman Brooks inquired upon Martin Luther King Center Director Dr. Dwight Ford to comment on the highlights of the upcoming event at the King Center.

Dr. Ford stated that he will have another opportunity to greet the community and for the community to ask questions concerning the King Center on November 15th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Dr. Ford added that on that night, it will also include the partnership with the University of IL Extension Center and 4-H for grades five through eight as the King Center will be hosting the Eco-Bot Challenge. Dr. Ford offered that this challenge will include people designing robots, which are capable of cleaning up the environment. Dr. Ford added that the King Center will also bring in a master flutist to play Asian music on the flute.

Alderman Jones thanked the Arsenal Gateway Steering Committee for walking around the businesses on October 29th, and thanked all of the business owners and citizens that came to the meeting that night to give input. Alderman Jones commented that there will be another meeting on Wednesday.

Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that the Christmas season is coming up and when everyone is doing their Christmas shopping, don't forget to start in Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy added that a great place to start is Santa's Pro Shop at Saukie Golf Course.

Mr. Vince Thomas of 1000 21st Street stepped forward. Mr. Thomas voiced concerns in regards to a State law where no elected alderman or board of trustee member of any city can be appointed by the mayor to serve on a board or commission unless the alderman or board of trustee member is granted an absence from such office or resigns from that position. Mr. Thomas stated that Mayor is in violation of that law. Mr. Thomas further discussed this issue.

Mr. Thomas also discussed the issue of upgrading the Human Rights Ordinance as it related to this City's Human Rights Commission not having subpoena powers. Mr. Thomas further discussed this issue.

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Mayor Pauley advised that in regards to subpoena powers and the Human Rights Commission, there will be an upcoming study session in several weeks; at that time, the Human Rights Commission will be discussed.

Mayor Pauley stated that in regards to Council members being on a board or commission, the City's attorney has gone through that whole statute and he has stated that Council members can be on boards or commissions. The Mayor added that the City is not breaking the law.

Agenda Item #19

Executive Session on Personnel if needed.

The Executive Session on Personnel was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #20

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Foley to recess to Monday, November 19, 2012 at 5:30 pm. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:05 pm.

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