

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 Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Terry M.A. Brooks I and P.J. Foley. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Public Works Director Bob Hawes, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Ben Griffith, other City staff and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman David Conroy arrived at 5:35 pm.

ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder advised that this Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing document was presented to Council several months ago. Mr. Eder indicated that this is a required document by HUD for all communities that receive Community Development Block Grant funds.

Planning and Redevelopment Administrator Ben Griffith advised that HUD requires that entitlement communities prepare and adopt an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing every five to seven years. Mr. Griffith added that the study was last adopted in 2006. It was noted that the cities of Moline and Davenport have already adopted the study. Mr. Griffith commented that the study generally identifies barriers to fair and affordable housing. Mr. Griffith explained that in every cycle, there are different topics that HUD likes to emphasize; in this cycle, it is affordable housing for the handicapped, disabled and non-English speaking populations. Mr. Griffith added that HUD suggests general solutions to the impediments.

Mr. Griffith indicated that there are three entitlement communities in the Quad Cities, which include Davenport, Moline and the City of Rock Island. It was noted that the potential impediments are generally the same for all three cities. Mr. Griffith discussed the impediments. It was noted that the Rock Island Housing Authority has a three year waiting list for public housing and a five year waiting list for Section-8 vouchers. Mr. Griffith discussed the limited amount of affordable housing for the disabled and handicapped. In addition, Mr. Griffith addressed the impediments concerning the specific verbiage needed for publications and policies and the minimal amount of properties zoned for multi-family residential uses.

Council discussed comparables as it related to Davenport and Moline in regards to waiting lists for public housing. In addition, Council discussed handicapped and disabled populations as it related to affordable housing.

Mr. Griffith pointed out that the city of Rock Island is far ahead of the other cities. Mr. Griffith indicated that the percentage for Rock Island concerning minority households that are more likely to be homeowners was almost double of Moline and Davenport. Mr. Griffith commented that one of HUD's main tasks is to push for home ownership. It was noted that Rock Island has fewer complaints of Fair Housing Act violations. Mr. Griffith advised that the City has better racial and ethnic representation on housing authority boards and the Human Rights Commission. Mr. Griffith added that policies and land use regulations are much more favorable to group homes for the disabled. Mr. Griffith discussed the creation of the Quad Cities Alliance for

Immigrants and Refugees (QCAIR) and noted that none of the other communities have organizations to address issues related to immigrants and refugees in the community. It was noted that the City created QCAIR to address these issues. Mr. Griffith advised that the City allows building on original footprints to stimulate investment in older neighborhoods and issues re-build letters to banks and other lenders for non-conforming lots. Mr. Griffith added that Rock Island has a higher utilization of minority contractors for Fair Housing Act projects and contracts.

Mr. Griffith then discussed the specific areas of improvement for the City. Mr. Griffith commented that the City needs to formally adopt the Analysis of Impediments study. Mr. Griffith advised that Rock Island is the only city that has not adopted the study. Mr. Griffith explained that the City has a collection of neighborhood plans and some of those plans will be re-examined, revised and updated to assist with the development of a city-wide comprehensive plan. Another area of improvement discussed was the encouragement of multi-family residential zoning, especially for infill projects. Mr. Griffith acknowledged that this could be done through the Board of Zoning Appeals for special uses and rezoning of a property through the Planning Commission.

Council discussed the development of a City wide comprehensive plan. Council also discussed the definitions of multi-family residential housing and single family residential housing.

Mr. Griffith stated that the last two areas of improvements to be addressed include; reviewing and revising the definition of family and incorporate the revised Fair Housing Act language in all publications and other policy documents. Mr. Griffith concluded that Rock Island has a lot more positive things than the initial study presented especially compared to the other cities.

Council discussed approval of the study as it related to specific actions in the study. After more discussion in regards to the adoption of the study, Mr. Eder advised that the document will be ready for Council consideration next week.

Council further discussed the presentation on the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Jones to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel and Litigation. The motion carried on a roll call 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 recessed at 5:55 pm.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Foley 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 6:30 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

Rock Island City Council met in regular session at 6:45 pm in Council Chambers of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen 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 Foley gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of January 14, 2013.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 14, 2013 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 stated that Public Works Director Bob Hawes has announced his retirement after 31 years of service. It was noted that his last day with the City will be March 15, 2013. Mayor Pauley congratulated Mr. Hawes after 31 years of excellent work here in Rock Island.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Rock Island Public Library Board of Trustees will host a public reception to introduce new library director Angela Campbell to the community. The Mayor added that the reception is Wednesday, January 30th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Community Room of the Main Library at 401 19th Street. Mayor Pauley stated that the reception is open to the public, with RSVPs encouraged by Friday, January 25th; to RSVP, please call the library business office at (309)732-7305. Mayor Pauley commented that Ms. Campbell began her duties at the Rock Island Public Library today, Monday, January 21st. It was noted that she is relocating to Rock Island after two years as director of the Glenwood Public Library in Glenwood, Iowa. Mayor Pauley commented that before accepting the Glenwood directorship, Ms. Campbell worked at the Davenport Public Library. It was noted that previous Rock Island library director Ava Ketter retired in May 2012 after 14 years as director, interim director and assistant director. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Campbell to the City of Rock Island.

Mayor Pauley indicated that a new tree-house themed playground has been installed in upper Longview Park to replace the old playground equipment. The Mayor added that this update is part of the Rock Island Parks and Recreation ongoing playground replacement program utilizing the Amanda Beck playground fund and Gaming revenue. Mayor Pauley stated that the users of the new playground will enjoy small and large slides, climbers and a rope bridge. It was noted that Longview Park is over 100 years old and is about 40 acres large. Mayor Pauley stated that notable features of the historic Longview Park, located at 18th Avenue and 17th Street include a

greenhouse and conservatory, scenic views, an 18-hole disc golf course, historic lion figures and an outdoor ice skating rink. The Mayor added that additional features in the summer include picnic shelters, sand volleyball, basketball courts, tennis courts, flower gardens, a water fountain, and the popular Whitewater Junction Aquatic Center.

Mayor Pauley stated to celebrate the artistic and musical talents of Augustana students at the opening of the sixth annual Augustana Sights and Sounds exhibition at Bucktown Center for the Arts (225 E. 2nd St., Davenport) on Friday, January 25th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The Mayor commented that the free event will feature distinctive photography from both Augustana students and Quad-Cities high school students, in addition to video narratives by the Augustana Video Bureau. It was noted that the exhibition will run through Friday, February 22nd. Mayor Pauley advised that Augustana Photo Bureau students will display a series of photographs that highlight student life on the Rock Island campus, experiences in the Quad Cities and personal interests. It was noted that live music will be performed by Augustana music students.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Augustana College Office of International Programs will celebrate cultural diversity through cuisine at the International Food Festival on Saturday, February 2nd from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the College Center dining room at 3703 7th Avenue. Now in its 11th year, the festival attracts more than 500 guests who enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet of dishes from around the world. Mayor Pauley advised that to reserve tickets, go online to www.augustana.edu/tickets or call (309) 794-7306. It was noted that tickets are \$15.00 for one adult, \$26.00 for couples, \$7.00 for children under 10, and five meal points for Augustana students. No reserved seating available.

Agenda Item #7

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$17,622.73 to Active Network, Inc. for the annual maintenance fee for Park and Recreation software.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 and final in the amount of \$1,774.60 to Peterson Parking Lot Striping, Inc. for services provided for the Bike Lane Sharrows Program project.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 and final in the amount of \$17,481.90 to Langman Construction, Inc. for services provided for the 2012 Catch Basin and Manhole Program projects.

Agenda Item #8

Claims for the week of January 11 through January 17 in the amount of \$805,194.37.

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

Agenda Item #9

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the 2013 PCC Patching Program and 2013 Catch Basin/Manhole Program maintenance contracts, recommending to extend the maintenance contracts with Langman Construction in order to perform the required maintenance.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the extensions 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 #10

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget, recommending budget transfers decreasing two (2) Gaming Fund supported projects in the Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$113,291.08 and increasing five (5) Gaming Fund supported projects in the Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$113,291.08.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Foley 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 #11

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget, recommending budget transfers decreasing five (5) Gaming Fund supported projects in the General Fund in the amount of \$54,251.09 and increasing two (2) Gaming Fund supported projects in the General Fund in the amount of \$54,251.09.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer 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 #12

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from LaTonya Terrell to apply for a Special Use Permit to operate a day care center at 1740 9th Avenue.

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to allow for the application of the special use permit as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Jones inquired upon Ms. Terrell to step forward.

Alderman Jones stated that he has been contacted by some of the residents in that area. Alderman Jones recommended that Ms. Terrell reach out to the neighbors and discuss with them as to what she is proposing in regards to the day care center.

Alderman Jones inquired as to whether this will be a State licensed day care center. Ms. Terrell responded yes. Ms. Terrell stated that she is preparing a petition for the neighbors and she will be talking to the residents in regards to the proposed day care center.

After more discussion, 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 #13

Report from the Mayor regarding an appointment to the Quad Cities Alliance for Immigrants and Refugees Board of Delegates (QCAIR).

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the appointment as recommended. 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.

Dwight Ford (City Staff) was appointed to the QCAIR Board to fill a vacant three year term expiring in February 2015.

Agenda Item #14

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

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the City Clerk regarding an event for the Lucky Shamrock Irish Pub, requesting utilization of the alley way between 3rd and 4th Avenue on the east side of 20th Street, permission to have live music and a beer station outside and a request to set up a canopy on Saturday, March 16, 2013 at 313 20th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the event with music, utilization of the alley way and the setup of a canopy and beer station as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations. 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

Other Business

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

Alderman Brooks inquired upon Martin Luther King Center Director Dwight Ford to give a brief overview of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Service that was held earlier today.

Dr. Ford thanked everyone for their support. Dr. Ford stated that this was the 30th anniversary of the memorial service and it was a great turnout. Dr. Ford advised that the program began at 9:00 am and it was a full house; a number of people received scholarships and awards. Dr. Ford further discussed the memorial service and celebration.

Alderman Brooks discussed the memorial service as it related to this country's past events concerning civil rights and how far this country has progressed.

Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that places to go for a good hamburger on Blackhawk Road include; Checkers, Martinis on the Rock, O'Melia's and City Limits, which is just a little ways off Blackhawk Road. Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

Agenda Item #17

Executive Session on Personnel and Litigation.

The Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #18

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to recess to Monday, February 4, 2013 at 5:30 pm. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman

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Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:01 pm.

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