

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, 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, other City staff, Chief Judge Jeffrey O'Connor and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 5:42 pm.

### **ROCK ISLAND COUNTY REFERENDUM PRESENTATION**

Mayor Pauley advised that Judge O'Connor is at the Study Session to discuss the information on the April 9<sup>th</sup> Referendum.

Judge O'Connor advised that there has been a recent spur of activity with the Rock Island County Board; it has come to the realization of facing the problems with the 118 year old courthouse. It was noted that while the County Board has the legal duty to deal with county building issues, it is Judge O'Connor's job to make those whose duty it is to address the problems become aware of the extent of the problems.

Judge O'Connor advised that there is a major hurdle standing in the way of Rock Island County and that is the Public Building Commission. Judge O'Connor provided a brief history of the Public Building Commission. Judge O'Connor stated that the Public Building Commission was created by the Illinois legislature and specifically designed to be a tool for the use of 102 counties through the State of Illinois through their boards. Judge O'Connor added that the Public Building Commission's job is to build public buildings, facilities and structures, which are required in order to operate county government. Judge O'Connor explained that the Public Building Commission does not make policy; they do not do any projects unless they are given the mandate by the elected county board; the county board makes policy.

Judge O'Connor stated that in 1980, a new Public Building Commission was created but not with the general authority that was envisioned by the General Assembly; the powers of the Public Building Commission were limited for the purposes of just building jails. Judge O'Connor advised that the only way this can be fixed is to expand the Public Building Commission's power and that is to put it on a ballot question, which will be on the April 9<sup>th</sup> Ballot. Judge O'Connor pointed out that the courthouse has nothing to do with the content of the ballot question. Judge O'Connor added that the issue on the April 9<sup>th</sup> Referendum is: Shall the Public Building Commission be restored to the general powers that a Public Building Commission should have as envisioned by the General Assembly.

Judge O'Connor pointed out that Rock Island County is the only Public Building Commission in the State of Illinois with limited powers for building jails only. Judge O'Connor added that if the Referendum wins with the majority of yes votes, then you have the questions of what is going to be built; who is going to move in etc... Judge O'Connor pointed out that if the Public Building Commission is not restored to full authority then Rock Island County can't build anything.

Judge O'Connor and Council discussed concerns that the public may have in regards to taxes and the Public Building Commission and the condition of the Rock Island County Courthouse. Council and Judge O'Connor also discussed options as it related to whether or not the Public Building Commission is restored to full authority and whether or not the referendum passes on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **COLLEGE HILL DISTRICT BUSINESS PLAN PRESENTATION**

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder stated that the College Hill Plan was identified as one of Council's goals. Mr. Eder added that the College Hill District Business Plan will be put on the website tomorrow and the plan will be open for public comments.

Mr. Eder discussed the planning process as it related to College Hill. Mr. Eder advised that City staff and business owners initiated the planning process in the summer of 2010 for the College Hill District. It was noted that there were meetings held throughout the planning process and the College Hill District Organization was established in 2011. Mr. Eder indicated that a visual survey was conducted by the Lakota Group in September of 2011; the rest of the study was conducted in house by staff. It was noted there has been revisions to this plan.

Mr. Eder indicated that the College Hill District Organization adopted bylaws and officers were elected in May of 2011 and they were formally incorporated in early 2012. It was noted that there were 19 members in the first paid year of membership, which began in 2012. Mr. Eder stated they have applied for their 501(c)(6) non-profit status. Mr. Eder advised that the College Hill District Organization has already implemented a number of items outlined in the plan.

Mr. Eder stated that the plan has a vision statement in which the College Hill District is a vibrant, growing, sustainable business and neighborhood community that enhances the quality of life for residents and visitors. Mr. Eder advised that the goals for the College Hill District Organization include; project College Hill as a vibrant and growing district; promote sustainable businesses and support and enhance the neighborhood community.

Mr. Eder discussed various strategies to meet these goals. Mr. Eder advised that the College Hill District Organization is identifying audiences and trying to work together to create marketing materials. It was noted that they have held events. Mr. Eder pointed out that in the plan, there were some recommendations for streetscape designs and some of the identified items in the plan still need funding sources. Mr. Eder stated that some of the strategies to meet their business goals include; strengthen business to enhance the atmosphere for existing businesses, diversify the business mix to fill market gaps and eliminate vacant and underutilized properties. Mr. Eder stated that another strategy is how to encourage multimodal transportation. Mr. Eder added that the College Hill District is an urban area and it is a very walkable neighborhood. Mr. Eder also discussed strategies to meet the neighborhood community goal, which included; utilizing planning and zoning to ensure appropriate transitions and minimize land use conflicts between commercial and residential uses; and develop partnerships with institutions, business and neighborhood organizations. Mr. Eder further discussed these strategies.

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Mr. Eder advised that the plan implementation will be a multi approach with private investment and public entities. Mr. Eder pointed out that the College Hill District Organization will continue to complete the action strategies that were outlined in the plan and additional ones that the organization has come up with. Mr. Eder commented that the Community and Economic Development Department staff will continue to work with all stakeholders, which includes the ones that are partners of the College Hill District Organization as well as the other businesses that have chosen not to be part of this organization. Council and Mr. Eder further discussed this item as it related to other businesses that are not part of the organization.

Mr. Eder advised that this plan will be put on the website as a draft plan. Mr. Eder indicated that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on this plan, which is tentatively scheduled for April 2, 2013. It was noted that at the hearing, there will be an opportunity for public input. Mr. Eder advised that depending on the outcome of the Public Hearing, it is tentatively scheduled to come back to Council for adoption on April 15, 2013.

Council further discussed Mr. Eder's presentation on the College Hill District Business Plan.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion made by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Jones 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 6:20 pm.

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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 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 led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Alderwoman Murphy gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

**Minutes of the meeting of February 18, 2013 and Minutes of the meeting of February 23, 2013.**

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 18, 2013 and Minutes of the meeting of February 23, 2013 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 advised that a ground breaking and new business announcement for the 11<sup>th</sup> Street development will be held on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. The Mayor added that if there is inclement weather, it will be held inside City Limits for the announcement and then everyone will step outside for the ribbon cutting, which will be located on the west side of 11<sup>th</sup> Street at the intersection of Blackhawk Road at the former trailer court site. Mayor Pauley advised that the 11<sup>th</sup> Street development is a redevelopment of the former trailer court site; it is going to serve as a catalyst for the new development along 11<sup>th</sup> Street, which will preserve and expand jobs, increase the tax base and eliminate blight. Mayor Pauley commented that the development includes the movement of Blackhawk College and Chris Elsberg State Farm Insurance Agency from their current locations on 11<sup>th</sup> Street in order to prepare for the new Walmart. Mayor Pauley advised that another business will announce their move to the location at the press conference. It was noted that more information will be available at the event.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Army War College will bring experts to Augustana College. Students of the U.S. Army War College and members of the Eisenhower National Security Series will speak on current social issues and the impact on America's Armed Forces on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in Centennial Hall at 3703 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mayor Pauley stated that the event is free and open to the public. The Mayor added that this is an opportunity to hear high-ranking military officers discuss the military and how they help solve world problems of diplomacy. It was noted that for more information, please contact Keri Rursch, director of public relations at (309) 794-7721 or [kerirursch@augustana.edu](mailto:kerirursch@augustana.edu).

Mayor Pauley stated that the Rock Island Preservation Commission is a nine member city-wide commission appointed by the Mayor. Mayor Pauley offered that the commission is tasked with designating landmarks and historic districts as well as reviewing changes to designated historic properties. The Mayor stated that members can only serve two terms so every year there are openings. Mayor Pauley advised that right now, three members are needed for this commission. The Mayor commented that one of the commissioners who has completed two terms is from Broadway, so that at least one of the replacements should be a Broadway resident, since historic districts should be represented on the commission. It was noted that meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month, usually beginning at 4:00 pm. The Mayor advised that if you or someone you know is interested, contact Brandy Howe, Urban Planner II at [howe.brandy@rigov.org](mailto:howe.brandy@rigov.org) or 732-2903.

Mayor Pauley stated to join us for "Mrs. Lincoln Goes to Washington," featuring a special appearance by Mrs. Mary Todd Lincoln, during Women's History Month at 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Main Library Community Room at 401 19<sup>th</sup> Street. Mayor Pauley advised that actress Laura Keyes shares the first lady's side of the story in a one-woman drama set against the couple's first trip to Washington City in October 1847. It was noted that this event is sponsored by Friends of the Rock Island Public Library.

Agenda Item #7

**Proclamation declaring March 3 through March 9, 2013 as Women in Construction Week.**

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. Ms. Gina Jackson, Vice President of the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC), Chapter 50 accepted the proclamation. Ms. Jackson thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation. Ms. Jackson stated that their mission is to enhance the success of women in the construction industry through educational opportunities, networking and community industry service projects. Ms. Jackson further discussed the mission of the National Association of Women in Construction.

Agenda Item #8

**Proclamation declaring March 2013 as American Red Cross Month.**

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. Ms. Betsy Pratt, CEO of the American Red Cross of the Quad Cities area accepted the proclamation. Ms. Pratt thanked the Council and the Mayor for the proclamation. Ms. Pratt stated that March has been American Red Cross month since 1943. Ms. Pratt advised that American Red Cross Month is a time to honor people in the community that help the Red Cross, but also it is a call to action to ask the community to continue to support the Red Cross. Ms. Pratt added that since July in Rock Island, 2,600 youth have received life saving health and safety education programs. Ms. Pratt further discussed the services that the American Red Cross provides.

Agenda Item #9

**CLAIMS**

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Jones to accept the following report and authorize payment 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 Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$7,660.51 to Kutsunis and Weng P.C. for legal services rendered for the month of February 2013.

Agenda Item #10

**Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding General Liability Claim settlements for the properties at 1523 36<sup>th</sup> Street, 1527 36<sup>th</sup> Street and 1525 36<sup>th</sup> Street, recommending to offer the residents at 1523 36<sup>th</sup> Street and 1527 36<sup>th</sup> Street 50% of the property value and 50% of any damaged personal articles, and 50% to the resident at 1525 36<sup>th</sup> Street for the repair to their finished basement along with any damaged personal articles in the total estimated amount of \$114,056.00.**

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the general liability claim settlements as recommended for discussion purposes.

Discussion followed.

Brandon Foley of 1527 36<sup>th</sup> Street stepped forward. Mr. Foley stated that there was a water main break two houses down from his property. Mr. Foley explained that it caved in his basement wall and seven feet of water came into his house. Mr. Foley inquired as to how the City came up with 50% of the value of his house.

City Manager Thomas advised that this was an accident that occurred and the City tried to assist the residents that were affected through an assessment of the property damage combined with the history of the water main lines.

Mr. Foley commented that he lost his house; it is not livable and he has no money to fix it. Mr. Foley added that it seems like more could have been done.

Public Works Director Bob Hawes stated that when Public Works received the call, a repair crew was sent out immediately to shut it down. Mr. Hawes explained that this water main is about a block from a water tower. Mr. Hawes added that by the time the crew arrived, the water tower had drained. Mr. Hawes noted that this is the first time the water main had leaked; it was built in 1949.

Council discussed this issue. At this time, City Manager Thomas and City Attorney Kutsunis consulted.

City Attorney Kutsunis stated that as legal counsel for the City, he was advising Council that he would not recommend a public forum discussion at this time about prior inspections done on the system. City Attorney Kutsunis added that he would like the opportunity to discuss this issue first with staff and make a recommendation to the City Manager as to how to proceed as far as

these types of discussions. City Attorney Kutsunis pointed out that there are legal reasons for this.

Alderman Conroy inquired as to whether the City is required to pay for this type of incident under Illinois statutes. City Attorney Kutsunis advised that under Illinois law, the City is responsible for its property. Mr. Kutsunis stated that the water mains that are the City's are the City's property. Mr. Kutsunis explained that the City is responsible if the water main becomes a dangerous condition, but before the City can be held liable, there has to be proof by the person suing the City that the City had actual or constructive knowledge that there was a problem and that the City did nothing to take care of it.

Council further discussed this issue as it related to whether or not insurance companies take care of these types of incidents concerning floods.

Administrative Services Department Director John Thorson stated that all of the homeowners do have insurance but they don't have a rider for floods. Mr. Thorson added that this would be considered a flood because this was surface water that entered their homes. Council further discussed this issue as it related to the value of the properties.

Justin Anderson of 1525 36<sup>th</sup> Street stepped forward. Mr. Anderson voiced concerns in regards to the water coming into his house and creating damage to his property. Mr. Anderson stated that they never had a problem with the basement leaking when it rained before this incident occurred, and now the basement leaks every time it rains. Mr. Anderson commented that the insurance doesn't cover it because they are not in the flood zone.

Alderwoman Murphy had concerns in regards to not receiving inspection information. Alderwoman Murphy stated that when Council needs to make a decision, they need to receive the information. Alderwoman Murphy also had concerns in regards to the report on this item.

At this time, Alderwoman Murphy withdrew her motion and Alderman Tollenaer withdrew his second. Alderman Conroy encouraged Alderwoman Murphy not to withdraw her motion, but to defer this item for several weeks until Council receives more information because this deserves a vote.

Alderwoman Murphy stated that she would not withdraw her motion. Alderwoman Murphy then motioned to defer this item. Council discussed the time frame for deferment.

After discussion, Alderwoman Murphy moved to defer Agenda Item #10 for two weeks, Alderman Tollenaer seconded. 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

**Claims for the weeks of February 15 through February 21 in the amount of \$2,094,138.89 and February 22 through February 28 in the amount of \$480,842.42.**

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Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Foley seconded to allow the claims. 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

**Payroll for the weeks of February 4 through February 17 in the amount of \$1,231,361.09.**

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Foley to allow the payroll. 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

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of rehabilitation parts for primary clarifier #2 at the Mill Street wastewater treatment plant from Zimmer and Francescon, Inc. in the amount of \$37,907.00.**

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the purchase 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 #14

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the Quad City Botanical Center's Children's Garden, recommending the bid be awarded to Brandt Construction Company in the amount of \$962,979.50.**

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.

Discussion followed. Alderman Jones inquired upon Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson to explain this item.

Mr. Nelson stated that this is part of a grant that was received through transportation and tourism for the Scenic Byways. Mr. Nelson added that there is also a grant that the Botanical Center asked for through the Illinois Public Museum. Mr. Nelson further discussed the grants and project.

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 #15

**Report from the Finance Department regarding an intergovernmental agreement between the Illinois Office of the Comptroller and the City of Rock Island regarding access to the Comptroller's Local Debt Recovery Program.**

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Conroy 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 Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Jones; 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 proposed wet weather treatment system at the Mill Street wastewater treatment facility in the amount of \$77,330.00.**

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

Agenda Item #17

**Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget, recommending increasing the Capital Improvement Fund budget in the amount of \$239,184.00.**

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the budget adjustment as recommended. 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 Community and Economic Development Department regarding an amendment to an unrecorded ordinance vacating segments of 27<sup>th</sup> Street and a north/south alley for the Audubon School property.**

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance. 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 #19

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Ericka Mcelrath to apply for a Special Use Permit to operate a day care center at 621 23<sup>rd</sup> Street.**

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Jones seconded to allow for the application of the special use 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 #20

**Report from the Mayor regarding appointments to Neighborhood Partners.**

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the appointments 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.

Jim Braet, Patrick Doherty, Kurt Frank, Roxanne Nowinski and Steve Trainor were appointed to Neighborhood Partners for three year terms expiring in February 2016.

Agenda Item #21

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a Special Ordinance amending Chapter 8, Article XIII, Sec. 8-426 (b) Issuance; Fees; Display and Sec. 8-427 (a) Denial; Revocation as it relates to Transient Merchants.**

Alderman Conroy moved to pass Sec.8-426 (b) only and Alderman Foley seconded.

Mayor Pauley clarified the motion stating that the motion is to approve Sec. 8-426 (b) and do nothing with Sec. 8-427 (a).

Alderman Conroy stated; that is correct. Alderman Conroy advised that Council is adjusting the fees so that there can be a three month license and Council is not changing the other portion.

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.

Mayor Pauley stated as to whether there was a motion for Sec. 8-427 (a). No one motioned. The Mayor inquired for a second time as to whether there was a motion, no one motioned.

Alderman Conroy explained that the first part is for people that want to have a three month license to sell a variety of things. Alderman Conroy added that Council is not creating the second portion that changes who is eligible; that portion will stay as is.

Mayor Pauley inquired for a third time as to whether there was a motion. With no motion coming forward, Sec. 8-427 (a) died for lack of a motion.

Agenda Item #22

**Report from the City Clerk regarding an amendment to video gaming terminal fees, recommending to decrease the annual license fee of \$250.00 per video gaming terminal to \$125.00 per video gaming terminal, effective May 1, 2013.**

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the decrease in the annual license fee for video gaming terminals as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Austin stated that he wanted to make sure that the City is not comparing against someone else's pinball machines or other types of games.

Mayor Pauley stated that other communities have chosen to leave their video gaming machines at the same rate as they had for other games; the City chose to impose a \$250.00 fee for the video gaming terminals per machine. Mayor Pauley stated that City is comparing video gaming to video gaming.

Mr. Mike Mizeur owner of the Quarter Til Tap stepped forward. Mr. Mizeur stated that some of the owners in the last five years are struggling to make ends meet; business had gone down because of the no smoking ban, recession and a few other things. Mr. Mizeur advised that this is the last hope for keeping his doors open. Mr. Mizeur commented that he was requesting a lower fee to help the business out. Mr. Mizeur added that he would like the fee to go down lower than \$125.00. Mr. Mizeur commented that the fee for other kinds of games is \$65.00 and the City doesn't make anything off of them except for the yearly fee; where now with the video gaming, the City will receive 5% of what the businesses make on the machine and charge a fee.

Council discussed this issue as it related to the amount of video gaming terminals in Mr. Mizeur's establishment and estimated revenue that would be generated with the machines.

Mr. Butch Babinski owner of the Polish Pub stepped forward. Mr. Babinski stated that most of the surrounding cities are a lot cheaper than what Rock Island is. Mr. Babinski stated that he understood what the City did two years ago, but he was worried about what will happen when the newness wears off in regards to the video gaming terminals. Mr. Babinski stated that he wasn't objecting to fees, he would just like for it to be fair. Mr. Babinski added that he thought the fees should be lowered.

Mr. Troy Green, owner of Roosters Sports Bar and Grill stepped forward. Mr. Green stated that the other surrounding cities charge for their pool tables, dart machines etc. and there is no revenue collected on those machines except for the yearly fee. Mr. Green further discussed his establishment. Mr. Green commented that he has applied to the State for the video gaming

terminals. Mr. Green added that the City will be collecting 5% of the revenue on the machines and there shouldn't be a fee on the video gaming terminals.

After discussion, Alderman Tollenaer made a motion to table Agenda Item #22 and Alderman Conroy seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Jones.

**Agenda Item #23, Agenda Item #24 and Agenda Item #25**

Alderman Conroy moved 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 for Item #23 for Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, for Item #24, March 6<sup>th</sup> through April 28<sup>th</sup> for outdoor entertainment and Item #25 for May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014 for outdoor entertainment, Alderman Foley seconded. 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 City Clerk regarding a request from Martinis on the Rock to hold a fundraising event outside in their pavilion on Sunday, March 10, 2013 from noon to 9:00 pm at 4619 34<sup>th</sup> Street.**

Agenda Item #24

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Martinis on the Rock to hold live entertainment outside in their pavilion on Wednesday and Sunday nights beginning March 6 through April 28, 2013 from 8:00 pm to midnight at 4619 34<sup>th</sup> Street.**

Agenda Item #25

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Martinis on the Rock to hold live entertainment outside in their pavilion on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights beginning May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014 at 4619 34<sup>th</sup> Street.**

Agenda Item #26

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Kavanaugh's Hilltop Tavern to hold their annual Green Bucket Party outside on Saturday, March 23, 2013 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm at 1228 30<sup>th</sup> Street.**

It was moved by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the event as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor licenses 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

**Other Business**

Alderman Conroy stated that in regards to the video gaming item, this item should have been discussed prior to having it on the Agenda. Alderman Conroy advised that he would like a full report on the total estimated cost of what it costs to change this. Alderman Conroy stated that he also would like a report on demonstrating not just what other cities do but what the anticipated revenue is off of each machine in our market area. Alderman Conroy commented that he would like more information before a decision is made on this item.

Council further discussed this issue. Alderman Conroy added that he also would like a man hour report.

Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that recently there was a ribbon cutting at the Shoppes on 2<sup>nd</sup> in Downtown Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy added that the new addition is the Artful Office. Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to stop by the Artful Office and visit all of the other businesses at The Shoppes on 2<sup>nd</sup>. Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

Mr. Ralph Wunder of 2344 26<sup>th</sup> Street stepped forward. Mr. Wunder voiced concerns and objected to the City of Rock Island's plans to modify the levee and build a commercial development on Big Island.

Ms. Sue Pienta of 2116 24<sup>th</sup> Street stepped forward. Ms. Pienta voiced concerns and also objected to the City of Rock Island's proposal to modify the levee and build a commercial development on Big Island.

Agenda Item #28

**Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.**

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #29

**Recess**

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recess to Monday, March 11, 2013 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 7:47 pm.

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