

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 11, 2013  
MINUTES**

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 and Stephen L. Tollenaer. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Public Works Director Bob Hawes, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Executive Assistant Linda Rutten, other City staff, Bill Martin, President of Quad Cities First, Paul Rumler, Executive Vice President of the Quad Cities Chamber, Scott Vandewoestyne, Government Affairs Director of the Quad Cities Chamber and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman P.J. Foley and Alderman Jason W. Jones were absent.

**PROPOSED LIQUOR ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS**

Mayor Pauley advised that there were a lot of small issues in the liquor ordinance that needed some clarification. Mayor Pauley added that Linda Rutten will update Council on those changes.

Executive Assistant Linda Rutten advised that all fees will remain the same; more categories were added to the ordinance to fit the licenses more accurately. Ms. Rutten referred to the document that was distributed to Council and stated that under hours of operation in regards to types of licenses and fees, the only thing that was changed were the classes (F & G) to reflect the new restaurant classification, which was formally Class H. Ms. Rutten referred to the next paragraph and stated that Class A originally included all grocery stores, convenient and liquor stores. It was noted that Class A; packaged sales only-primary business will be for liquor stores. It was noted that for primary business, there is only one liquor store in the City. Ms. Rutten advised that no one under 21 years of age is allowed to go into a liquor store.

Council discussed this stipulation as it related to package sales and minors being allowed to go into the store.

Ms. Rutten indicated that Class B; packaged sales only-secondary business would be issued when less than 25% of the square footage of the building is dedicated to alcohol. Ms. Rutten added that this classification will be for all convenient and grocery stores. Ms. Rutten commented that under this classification, no minors would be allowed in that section unless accompanied by an adult. It was noted that Hy-Vee has their own liquor area so anyone under 21 could not be in that area unless accompanied by an adult.

Ms. Rutten discussed the new Class C category, which is packaged sales only - beer and wine. It was noted that this is currently a Class E license.

Council discussed state statutes as it related to alcohol laws concerning municipalities. City Attorney Kutsunis advised that the City's local liquor commissioner is vested with the authority to enact all laws that the Council passes as long as they are reasonable and for the public's good and welfare. Council further discussed this issue.

Council discussed the issue of minors under age 21 not being allowed in a dedicated (alcohol) section of a store unless accompanied by an adult as it related to Hy-Vee and this being a

fineable offense. Council also discussed this issue as it related to an individual being 18 years of age and going into that same area to purchase cigarettes. Alderman Conroy firmly stated that this is not a liquor store; it is a grocery store that has many entrances and someone should not have to be 21 years of age to walk into this establishment. After more discussion, it was a consensus among Council that number one under Class B; packaged sales only-secondary business be taken out of the ordinance. It was noted that number one under Class B states that minors are allowed in a Class B licensed premises, except that where a Class B licensee has a specific section or department dedicated to the sale of alcoholic liquor, no minor shall be permitted in said section or department unless accompanied by an adult aged twenty-one (21) or older. It was noted that number one of Class C (packaged sales only-beer and wine) that refers to minors would also be taken out of the ordinance.

Ms. Rutten indicated that another category change is a Class D license; tavern with packaged sales primary. Ms. Rutten explained that Bent River Brewery fits into this category; they have a large percentage of retail sales along with consumption on the premises. It was noted that this is currently a Class C license. The next category Ms. Rutten discussed was Class E; tavern with packaged sales secondary. It was noted that this classification will be held by the majority of the bars in the City. Ms. Rutten indicated that the Class F category is a restaurant in which the only change is the classification; it is currently a Class H license. Ms. Rutten pointed out that Class G is a new category; it is for a restaurant with beer and wine only. Ms. Rutten further discussed this category. It was noted that the Class H category is for a theater/bowling center; this class fits a family type venue such as Circa 21 and Comedy Sportz. It was noted that Class I is for a hotel/motel and this is currently a Class D license.

Ms. Rutten advised that the Class J category is for banquet facilities; this is more of a family type venue where the facility is rented. Ms. Rutten added that this is used exclusively for private functions. It was noted that minors are allowed to be on the premises, but no minor is allowed to sit at the bar. Ms. Rutten pointed out that language was added to all of the classifications, which is that if anyone has a certain class and they want to change that classification, it would need to be considered by the liquor commissioner and he can treat it as a new license application or approve it.

Ms. Rutten discussed the Class K category, which is for clubs and fraternal organizations. It was noted that this classification splits off of the current bar classification to better fit licenses for establishments like the Eagles, Elks Club, etc. Ms. Rutten indicated that Class L; City owned facilities is currently a Class G license for Parks. Ms. Rutten added that the language was changed to include all City owned facilities.

Ms. Rutten stated that the options only changed to reflect the new classifications. It was noted that the license holders in the classifications that currently have the options available will still be able to have them even though their classifications may have changed. Ms. Rutten discussed the catering option. It was explained that the catering option is for the catering of alcohol and is available to the ones that currently have this option. Ms. Rutten added that with the catering option, it has to be a food and alcohol package. Council and Ms. Rutten further discussed this item.

Ms. Rutten pointed out that there was a change for the 2:00 am and 3:00 am license options for both the downtown security area and the rest of the City in which full restaurants and wine and beer only were included. It was noted that this would allow these businesses to obtain a 2:00 am or 3:00 am license. Mayor Pauley advised that for these establishments to have a license, they have to have a menu; they cannot close and just have a bar; they have to have a defined late hour menu. Council further discussed this option.

Council discussed alcohol as it related to block parties. After more discussion, Ms. Rutten stated that the licenses are due May 1<sup>st</sup> and renewals go out after April 1<sup>st</sup> in the new fiscal year. It was noted that the ordinance will be on the March 18<sup>th</sup> Agenda for Council consideration.

### **QUAD CITIES CHAMBER UPDATE**

Mr. Paul Rumler, Executive Vice President of the Quad Cities Chamber stated that in December, they launched their new Quad Cities First website. Mr. Rumler provided a video presentation in regards to logistics to give Council an idea on what the Chamber is marketing in the Quad Cities.

Mr. Rumler advised that the Chamber was recognized several months ago as being one of the top 25 metro areas in the country for the growth of hi-tech jobs. Mr. Rumler discussed logistics and growth as it related to the Quad City area.

Mr. Bill Martin, President of Quad Cities First updated Council on their economic development program. Mr. Martin discussed the Chamber's five year goals. Mr. Martin advised that they want to grow the gross domestic product or the economic impact of the community by \$2.8 billion dollars. Mr. Martin added that the Chamber wants to facilitate in the creation of 5,000 primary jobs and the Chamber wants to improve the economic strength policom ratings. Mr. Martin added that currently, the Quad Cities is at 178 in the economic strength ratings and the goal is to get the region into the mid 90 rankings.

Mr. Martin indicated that since July of 2010, the Chamber has assisted in the completion of 24 projects in the Quad Cities. Mr. Martin advised that those projects have resulted in the creation of about 2,800 new, secondary and retained jobs with an average annual wage of just over \$37,000.00. Mr. Martin added that those 24 projects had an economic impact of \$1.26 billion dollars. Mr. Martin indicated that various examples of those projects in Rock Island include; Alter Barge, Crawford Company and Mandus Group. Mr. Martin indicated that the Chamber's services include existing business retention and expansion. Mr. Martin offered that since July of this past year, the Chamber has helped celebrate 77 major events (ribbon cuttings & ground breakings) with local businesses in the Quad City area. Mr. Martin commented that these companies have invested almost \$110 million dollars and created 850 new jobs.

Mr. Martin pointed out that since July of 2010, the Chamber has worked on 196 economic development projects. Mr. Martin added that almost 75% of these projects are generated by the Chamber's marketing activities. Mr. Martin added that 12½ % come from the State of Illinois and 12½% come from the State of Iowa. Mr. Martin advised that 137 of these projects were

attraction projects, 18 projects were new business creations, 9 were retention projects and 32 were expansion projects.

Mr. Martin explained that the Chamber is on track to meet or exceed last year's work in visits with site location consultants. Mr. Martin added that projects are a little down compared to last year, which is due to the state of the economy. Mr. Martin indicated that they have had close to 10 prospect visits. It was noted that last fiscal year, the Chamber submitted 25 sites and buildings in Rock Island to clients and for this year, there has been four building sites submitted. Mr. Martin added that the Chamber has had 10 hot projects this week and three are considering Rock Island.

Mr. Martin advised that the Chamber has several new initiatives that they are working on; one of the initiatives is the Certified Site Program. Mr. Martin commented that the first phase would be to identify large sites above 250 acres and use a site location consultant to help the Chamber rank the top five sites in Illinois and the top five sites in Iowa. Mr. Martin further discussed this initiative.

Mr. Rumler discussed the Innovation Services initiative. Mr. Rumler advised that they were in Washington D. C. last week discussing innovation and manufacturing and the concept of the Department of Commerce helping communities focus on manufacturing, and how to create an eco system between academic and public/private institutions to help businesses or startups develop new processes or product improvements. Mr. Rumler pointed out that the Chamber of Commerce is very involved in this process and the Chamber looks forward to seeking some grant opportunities to help the region advance in these types of innovation services.

Mr. Rumler discussed integration as it related to the Quad Cities region and the Rock Island Arsenal and global logistics. Mr. Rumler further discussed this item. Mr. Rumler commented that on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 pm at the Figge Art Museum, General Wharton will give the State of the Arsenal address.

Mr. Rumler advised that the Chamber's advocacy efforts continue. Mr. Rumler commented that the Chamber will be in Springfield next week to discuss the overall business and budget climate in Illinois.

Council discussed the Chamber's presentation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Conroy to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

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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 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 and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman P.J. Foley was absent.

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 March 2, 2013 and Minutes of the meeting of March 4, 2013.**

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 2, 2013 and Minutes of the meeting of March 4, 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 Tollenaer and Alderman Jones; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

**Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.**

Mayor Pauley advised that the 2013 St. Patrick's Day Parade will be Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Rock Island. The Mayor stated that parade floats, bands, vehicles and walkers will head through downtown Rock Island, across Centennial Bridge and continue its course through downtown Davenport. It was noted to visit [www.ridistrict.com](http://www.ridistrict.com) for updates.

Mayor Pauley stated that after the St. Patrick's Day Parade has concluded, stay in Rock Island and enjoy the post parade festivities. Mayor Pauley added that some of the various outdoor festivities include the Lucky Shamrock Irish Pub at 313 20<sup>th</sup> Street, who will celebrate with live Irish music until approximately 4:00 pm; Steve's Old Time Tap at 17<sup>th</sup> Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues who will paint the town green until 7:00 pm and Kavanaugh's Hilltop Tap, who are hosting their Patty O'Parady with live Irish music from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm and live country music from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm outside in their large heated tent.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Rock Island Mayoral and Aldermen Candidates Forum is Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Main Library Community Room. It was noted that the three Mayoral candidates, two candidates from the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward and four candidates from the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward will be in attendance. Mayor Pauley stated that each candidate will have a brief opportunity to make any remarks, and then the forum will be open for questions from the audience.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Community Caring Conference will host two public information meetings about the upcoming referendum question on the April 9<sup>th</sup> ballot. The Mayor added that

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County officials will be present to provide information on the courthouse issue and will answer any questions the public may have. Mayor Pauley stated that the first meeting will be held Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center at 630 9<sup>th</sup> Street and the second meeting will take place Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Local 25 Plumbers and Pipefitters Hall at 4600 Blackhawk Road. It was noted to call the Community Caring Conference if you have any questions at [\(309\) 786-0345](tel:3097860345).

Agenda Item #7

**Proclamation declaring March 11 through March 17, 2013 as Brain Awareness Week.**

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. Pilot Club President Marilyn Molley accepted the proclamation. Ms. Molley thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation. Ms. Carol Triebel who was the Pilot Club's President last year stated that the Pilot Club of Moline also supports the Elderly Services Newsletter through the Rock Island Police Department. Ms. Triebel added that the Police Department assists the Pilot Club by promoting one of the Pilot Club's signature projects, which is Project Lifesaver through Rock Island County. Ms. Triebel advised that the Pilot Club assists the Police Department by getting these newsletters out to banks and senior citizen centers so that elderly citizens are aware of what services the Rock Island Police Department offers.

Agenda Item #8

**Public Hearing on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013/2014.**

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting at 6:54 pm and opened a Public Hearing on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013/2014.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether anyone from the audience would like to speak in favor of the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 budget. No one stepped forward.

Mayor Pauley then inquired as to whether anyone from the audience would like to speak in opposition to the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 budget. No one stepped forward.

With no person coming forward, Mayor Pauley closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 6:55 pm.

Agenda Item #9

**An amended Ordinance providing for the levy, assessment and collection of taxes for the City of Rock Island for Fiscal Year April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013.**

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Conroy 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 Tollenaer and Alderman Jones and those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #10

**An Ordinance adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning April 1, 2013 and ending March 31, 2014.**

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

Agenda Item #11

**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 Tollenaer and Alderman Jones; those voting No, none.

- a. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$850.00 to Millennium Waste Incorporated for General Liability claim.
- b. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Teneshia Horne for General Liability claim.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #17 in the amount of \$848,602.76 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Wet Weather Treatment System project. (051)
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$22,471.50 to Brandt Construction for services provided for the Retaining Wall Replacement project. (052)
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 and final in the amount of \$61,611.38 to Hoerr Construction for services provided for the 2012 Joint Sewer Lining Program project. (053)

Agenda Item #12

**Claims for the week of March 1 through March 7 in the amount of \$516,813.70.**

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

Agenda Item #13

**Payroll for the weeks of February 18 through March 3, 2013 in the amount of \$1,256,239.53.**

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

Agenda Item #14

**Report from the Police Department regarding bids for the lease of undercover vehicles, recommending the bid be awarded to Wag's Auto Center in the total monthly amount of \$375.00 per vehicle beginning April 1, 2013 through midnight on March 31, 2014.**

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Austin 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 Tollenaer and Alderman Jones; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan.**

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan as recommended, authorize staff to implement the FY14 projects and expenditures and begin preliminary engineering for the FY15 projects.

Discussion followed.

Ms. Holly Sparkman of 1600 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue stepped forward. Ms. Sparkman stated that she is also an employee of the Rock Island/Milan School District and a member of the Neighborhood Partners School Community Task Force Safe Routes to School Committee. Ms. Sparkman discussed the committee's support for a pedestrian beacon to be placed at the 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection. Ms. Sparkman provided background information in regards to the planning for the Safe Routes to School for Frances Willard and the Rock Island Academy. Ms. Sparkman indicated that it had been determined that a pedestrian beacon was needed for the intersection at 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Ms. Sparkman stated that the school district applied for Safe Routes to School funding from IDOT, but they did not get funded for the infrastructure part of the grant for the pedestrian beacon.

Ms. Sparkman indicated that since 2010, Frances Willard and the Rock Island Academy have been diligently working on Safe Routes to School planning. It was noted that both schools started a walking school bus program. Ms. Sparkman stated that last summer, the school district wrote a letter of support to the City to have the pedestrian beacon added into the CIP project list.

Mayor Pauley commented that the pedestrian beacon is approximately \$85,000.00. Ms. Sparkman responded yes.

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Alderman Conroy inquired as to whether the school district is willing to go in on any of it. Ms. Sparkman stated that they are currently working on the budget, but it doesn't look like there will be any money for it.

Alderman Brooks stated that the City could possibly help with the other request in that letter in regards to the demolition of some of the structures on the Safe Routes to School route. Alderman Brooks further discussed demolition activities through the City in regards to that area.

Council discussed as to when the initial proposal for the beacon was to be included in the CIP. Alderman Austin stated that he never saw the letters for the initial proposal. After more discussion on this issue, City Manager Thomas indicated that they were informed that the beacon could not be included in the CIP because there were higher priorities.

Ms. Sparkman stated that the committee was never informed.

Christie Filby of Two Rivers YMCA stepped forward. Ms. Filby stated that a meeting was held this past February to review the Safe Routes to School Program and at that time, no one had heard as to whether or not the request was included in the CIP; City staff found out that the request was not included in the CIP. Council further discussed this issue. It was noted that the school district does have \$5,000.00 towards the beacon.

Ms. Sparkman stated that the school will get updated cost information on the beacon, and maybe look at some other grants.

Council further discussed this issue as it related to the City and school district possibly working together on obtaining grants and working together to find a solution to this issue.

Mr. James Kerr of 523 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue stepped forward. Mr. Kerr stated that with all of the great things happening on and near 11<sup>th</sup> Street, there could be a lot more traffic in that area and that may add a little more danger to the children crossing the street. Mr. Kerr advised that he would like to see more seriousness in believing that the beacon is something that is needed. Mr. Kerr added that he would really like correspondence stating how the City feels about this issue.

Council further discussed this issue.

Alderman Jones inquired upon Public Works Director Bob Hawes to clarify the 20<sup>th</sup> Street project between 7<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue that was incorrectly included in the CIP.

Mr. Hawes advised that one of the very early drafts of the CIP included the resurfacing of 20<sup>th</sup> Street in year five. Mr. Hawes added that it was displaced when the Federal grant was received; it was taken out, but the utility work was overlooked and not taken out. Mr. Hawes advised that the utility projects need to be deferred until the street project is done. Mr. Hawes further discussed this project.

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 Tollenaer and Alderman Jones; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #16

**Report from the Mayor regarding a reappointment to the Police and Fire Commission.**

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the reappointment as recommended.

Alderman Austin commented that John Hass is the longest serving volunteer. Alderman Austin added that Mr. Hass was appointed approximately 40 years ago by former Mayor Campbell and has been reappointed by every mayor since that time. Alderman Austin thanked Mr. Hass for his service.

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

Mr. John Hass was reappointed to the Police and Fire Commission for a three year term expiring on April 30, 2016.

Agenda Item #17

**Other Business.**

Mayor Pauley stated that this is Public Works Director Bob Hawes' last meeting. Mayor Pauley thanked Mr. Hawes for 32 years of service and wished him luck on his future endeavors.

Alderman Jones thanked the Broadway Board for hosting a Candidates Forum last week. Alderman Jones stated that this is a great example of civic participation.

Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Hungry Hobo will be celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It was noted that in 1973, they started with three stores and today there are 13 stores in the Quad Cities. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Hungry Hobo is located at 2532 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue. It was noted that throughout the year, Hungry Hobo will be offering lots of promotions for their customers to celebrate their 40 years in business. Alderwoman Murphy added that Hungry Hobo not only has deli sandwiches and various other food items, but they also offer smart phone apps and they have a mobile rewards program. Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

Caryl Altemus of 1821 9<sup>th</sup> Street stepped forward. Ms. Altemus voiced concerns in regards to the litter in and around Douglas Park. Ms. Altemus showed Council a sanitized demonstration of various discarded items (trash) that she has picked up in that area. Ms. Altemus stated that she is starting a community volunteer campaign to get the youth involved to clean up Douglas Park before the baseball season starts.

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Trudy McLaughlin of 305 West 63<sup>rd</sup> Street in Davenport, IA stepped forward. Ms. McLaughlin stated that she was at the meeting on behalf of the Bi-State Motorcycle Awareness Council. Ms. McLaughlin indicated that the Bi-State Motorcycle Awareness Council exists to promote motorcycle awareness safety. Ms. McLaughlin added that any money that is raised over the awareness expenses is given to the Quad Cities Children's Therapy Center. Ms. McLaughlin stated that they recently submitted a request for their 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Bi-State Motorcycle Awareness Ride to be held on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Ms. McLaughlin inquired upon Council to consider waiving the fees or reducing the fees for police protection in regards to the ride.

Mr. Gerhardt Shovell of 3920 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue stepped forward. Mr. Shovell stated that he was at the meeting to ask Council to consider waiving the fees for police protection for the Bi-State Motorcycle Awareness Ride to be held on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Shovell advised that approximately 1500 bikes previously participated in the ride, but it has decreased to 300 participants due to charging riders to cover expenses. Mr. Shovell indicated that when people are not charged, they are more willing to participate and give. Mr. Shovell stated that this is a safety ride to increase awareness for motorcycles. Mr. Shovell inquired upon Council to consider that certified road captains could be involved in the ride for safety and to reduce the number of police that are necessary at each intersection that is closed off for the ride. Mr. Shovell also inquired upon Council to consider being a partner for the ride to help reduce the costs.

Agenda Item #18

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

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #19

**Recess**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Conroy to recess to Monday, March 18, 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 Tollenaer and Alderman Jones; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:44 pm.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk