The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:30 pm in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Aldermen David Conroy, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III and Ivory D. Clark. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, other City staff, City Attorney Dave Morrison, Rock Island Housing Authority Executive Director Susan Anderson, and Rock Island Housing Authority Board members Terry Brooks and Vern Winter. Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 5:37 pm and Mayor Dennis E. Pauley arrived at 6:22 pm.

PRESENTATION ON CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS PLANNING GRANT

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder stated that the purpose of the HUD Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant is to create a neighborhood transformation plan that transforms distressed HUD housing and addresses challenges in the surrounding neighborhood. Mr. Eder added that the maximum award of the grant is $500,000.00 and there is no local match.

Mr. Eder advised that from a housing standpoint, the program goals are to replace distressed public housing with high quality mixed-income housing that is well managed and responsive to the needs of the surrounding neighborhood. Mr. Eder added that in regards to the neighborhood, the goal is to create conditions necessary for public/private reinvestment into that neighborhood and promote safety, quality schools and commercial activity. Mr. Eder indicated that from the people perspective, the goal is to improve educational outcomes and intergenerational mobility for youth and their families. Mr. Eder noted that the neighborhood and people components are as big if not bigger than the single housing component to this grant. Mr. Eder further discussed this item.

Mr. Eder advised that the Rock Island Housing Authority is technically the lead applicant and fiscal agent and the City of Rock Island is the co-applicant and also the planning manager. Mr. Eder advised that Camiros Consulting is the planning consultant that was chosen by the City. Mr. Eder advised that the proposed neighborhood is the West End neighborhood, which includes New Old Chicago, Douglas Park and Longview Park. Mr. Eder commented that this neighborhood was chosen because it meets the grant eligible criteria.

Mr. Eder discussed eligibility requirements. Mr. Eder advised that the first requirement that a neighborhood has to have that is being chosen is distressed public housing. Mr. Eder noted that Lincoln Homes is owned by the Rock Island Housing Authority and it is distressed. Susan Anderson, Executive Director of the Rock Island Housing Authority stated that distressed means that it has reached the end of its useful life; physically it is in poor condition. Rock Island Housing Authority Board member Vern Winter discussed distressed properties. Council further discussed this issue. Mr. Eder stated that another eligibility requirement is a high poverty rate and this neighborhood has a 38% poverty rate. Mr. Eder discussed other eligibility requirements that included high crime, high vacancy or substandard homes and inadequate schools. Council discussed the eligibility requirements.

Mr. Eder advised that if the City is awarded this grant, then the City will develop a transformation plan that will update three existing but outdated neighborhood plans; re-engage stakeholders and new residents in the West End; and advance the City’s vision related to
housing, education, transportation, economy and health/wellness in the West End. Alderman Murphy discussed neighborhood plans as it related to not having one for the East End. Alderman Tollenaer and Rock Island Housing Authority Board member Terry Brooks discussed other neighborhoods as it related to eligibility requirements and distressed areas. Council further discussed this issue.

Mr. Eder discussed Camiros planning activities. Mr. Eder advised that Camiros mission will be a public outreach mission to get people involved. Various planning activities discussed included; project management & team building, meetings with Lincoln Homes and West End residents, visioning workshop, strategy development and the transformation plan. Mr. Eder advised that communities that are awarded a transformation plan are eligible then to receive implementation grants. Mr. Eder pointed out that the grants that are being looked at are averaging between $10 and $30 million dollars. Mr. Eder added that this would be for all things that communities need.

Council discussed the proposed grant and the processes involved. Council also discussed the timing component of the grant as it related to staff not giving consideration to Council for a study session to discuss the grant prior to today’s session. Mr. Eder and Ms. Anderson discussed the timing component as it related to the deadline for the grant being submitted.

Alderman Austin and City Attorney Morrison discussed the July 28th documents that were not approved as it related to the current amended documents (memorandum of understanding and resolution) that are on the Agenda for Council consideration this evening. City Attorney Morrison advised that Roberts Rules of Order applies and it does allow for renewal of a motion that was previously voted down at a prior meeting. City Attorney Morrison explained the differences in the documents. City Attorney Morrison further discussed this item.

Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley discussed having an impact agreement as it related to future grants. Alderman Murphy and Alderman Hotle discussed poor communication and partnerships as it related to the Rock Island Housing Authority on past issues, this current issue as well as having better communication on future issues. Council further discussed this presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.

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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 David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III and Ivory D. Clark. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Dave Morrison.

Introductory Proceedings

Mayor Pauley called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Alderman Murphy gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5
Minutes of the meeting of July 28, 2014.

A motion was made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the Minutes of the meeting of July 28, 2014 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6
Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that applications are being taken for the 2014/15 archery deer hunting season, as defined by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Applications may be obtained from the front desk of the Police Department, Rock Island Parks & Recreation Office or at www.rigov.org under City Clicks. The Mayor added that all completed applications are due by 5:00 pm on August 22, 2014 to be considered for a permit. The City will hold an information meeting beginning at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, August 13th in the City Council Chambers, 3rd floor of City Hall. Mayor Pauley stated that City staff will be present to answer questions from residents and permit applicants. All approved hunters will be required to attend a mandatory meeting scheduled for a later date.

Mayor Pauley advised that next Monday, August 18, 2014, is the deadline to submit an entry in the upcoming Rock Island Labor Day Parade. The 30th annual event is scheduled for Monday, September 1, 2014. This year’s parade theme is “30 Years of Community Pride.” Information on this year’s parade and an entry form are available from the City’s website at www.rigov.org under City Clicks. Interested parties can also call (309) 732-2923 for more information.

Mayor Pauley stated that the City of Rock Island is accepting applications from local non-profit agencies for the Gaming Grant Program. Gaming Grant funds are intended to enhance public service activities that benefit the Rock Island community. Mayor Pauley added that not-for-profit public service agencies that serve Rock Island citizens are eligible to apply. Applications are available online at www.rigov.org/gaminggrant. Mayor Pauley advised that agencies interested in applying should submit a completed application to the City of Rock Island Community and Economic Development Department by 3:00 pm Monday, September 15, 2014. Please note that
late applications will not be accepted. The City has budgeted $50,000 for the 2015 Gaming Grant allocation (January 1, 2015-December 31, 2015).

Mayor Pauley advised that Skeleton Key Art and Antiques has launched a new farmers’ market. The farmers’ market is held on Sundays at Skeleton Key Art and Antiques, 520 18th Street, from noon to 3:00 pm. The Mayor added that the farmers’ market hosts vendors, who offer fresh, local produce and hand-crafted items. Mayor Pauley stated that Skeleton Key Art and Antiques will be open during the farmers’ market. Additional information can be found on www.facebook.com/skeletonkeyfarmersmarket. Weather permitting, the market will continue through October.

Agenda Item #7
Announcement of the 2014 Citizen of the Year Winners.

Alderman Kate Hotle, Co-Chairman of the Citizen of the Year Committee announced the honorees for the 2014 Citizen of the Year. Alderman Hotle stated that she had the fun job of being on the Citizen of the Year Committee this year with Alderman Murphy.

The winners of the eight (8) categories are as follows: Business – Mississippi Truck & Trailer; Professional – Dr. Christopher Whitt; Education – Charles Butler; Organization – Rock Island County Area Project; Individual – Louis Alongi; City Employee – Fred Bain; Youth – Alicia Freiburg; and Alan Egly won for Honorary Citizen.

Alderman Hotle advised that the overall 2014 Citizen of the Year will be named on Monday, August 25, 2014 at the Council meeting. It was noted that prior to the Council meeting, a reception will be held at 6:15 pm for the winning recipients. Alderman Hotle stated that all of the winners will ride in the Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 1, 2014.

Agenda Item #8
Presentation of Tell on Your Neighbor Awards by the Beautification Commission.

Beautification Commission member Bob Towler stepped forward and Mayor Pauley joined Mr. Towler at the podium to present the Tell on Your Neighbor Awards. Mr. Towler stated that this is the 40th annual Tell on Your Neighbor contest. It was noted that the purpose of the contest is to recognize residents who show pride in their homes and neighborhoods by keeping neat and well maintained yards.

Mr. Towler then named the recipients of the Residential Beautification Award. The winners are as follows: Jerry Smith, Clareatha Marshall, Gary & Helen Miner, Kent & Nancy Thomas, Deanna & Bryan Glossop, Bruce & Robin Downing, Timothy & Lynn Murphy, Joseph DiIulio, Charles Arnold, Kathleen & Edward Bills, Paul Wiener, Tom & Barb Appelquist, Tony Rosa-Gastaldo, Tom & Peggy Keller, Debra Wiedenhoeft, Durwin & Debra Elliot, Anthony Padavich, Pat McCormick, Bruce & Sherry Peterson, Phil & Averis Dortch, Annamaria & Richard W. Rowe, Jr., Bruce Jones, Patricia & Vern Race, Kenneth Watts, Anna & Bill Axup, Donald Palm, Richard & Gloria Thode, James Kerr Sr. and Donna McWilliams.
Agenda Item #9  
**Presentation of the Financial Management Report for June 2014.**

Finance Director Cynthia Parchert discussed Gaming revenue. Ms. Parchert advised that this is three months out of the nine month budget. Ms. Parchert added that it would be expected that it would be 25% through the year, but now we are 33% through the year. Ms. Parchert advised that in regards to Gaming revenue, it was budgeted less for this nine month period. Ms. Parchert pointed out that it is coming in at 30% so it is still coming in lower than what was even expected. Ms. Parchert added that they will be watching it very closely.

Agenda Item #10  
**Public Hearing on a request from Robert Wakeland, owner of R Longterminvestments Corp. doing business as Mama Compton's for a waiver of the signature requirement to secure a liquor license at 1725 2nd Avenue.**

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting and opened a Public Hearing at 7:03 pm on a request from Robert Wakeland, owner of R Longterminvestments Corp. doing business as Mama Compton's for a waiver of the signature requirement to secure a liquor license at 1725 2nd Avenue.

Mr. Robert Wakeland and Ms. Psyndy Compton-Muse stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. Wakeland and Ms. Compton-Muse.

Mr. Wakeland stated that they are planning on serving beer and wine; it would not be a full bar. Mr. Wakeland added that Mama Compton’s would like to serve microbrews accompanied with the food. Mr. Wakeland added that it would be a good combination.

Mayor Pauley advised that Mama Compton’s is a longtime downtown business. The Mayor stated that they have changed owners and they did have a liquor license years ago. Mayor Pauley explained that once the former owner leaves and it goes for a year without a liquor license, they have to request signatures. Mayor Pauley advised that there are two buildings in which they couldn’t find the owners, one is the Warehouse and the other is the building next to it. Mayor Pauley added that Mama Compton’s is asking for the waiver of the signature requirement for these buildings.

Alderman Austin inquired as to whether there is any reason it shouldn’t be approved.

Mayor Pauley stated that it is fine; they are an excellent facility; they serve soups, sandwiches and all kinds of good food.

Alderman Hotle stated that this is a great opportunity for their dinner business. Alderman Hotle supported this item.

Ms. Compton-Muse stated that this will continue to be a family friendly restaurant. Ms. Compton-Muse added that they just want to offer beer and wine for the adults that come in so that they can enjoy it with their dinner. Ms. Compton-Muse noted that they have no intention of
ever being just a bar. Ms. Compton-Muse advised that they will also support local by using local brews from Bent River. Ms. Compton-Muse added that they will find a local winery to supply them so that they can continue to support other small businesses preferably in Rock Island.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was anyone that wished to speak in favor of the waiver of the signature requirement for a liquor license at 1725 2nd Avenue. No one stepped forward.

Mayor Pauley then inquired as to whether there was anyone who wished to speak in opposition to the waiver of the signature requirement for a liquor license at 1725 2nd Avenue. No one stepped forward.

With no persons present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the waiver of the signature requirement for a liquor license at 1725 2nd Avenue, Mayor Pauley closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:07 pm.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Murphy to recommend to the Mayor/Liquor Commissioner to waive the signature requirement as requested and approve the liquor license.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy inquired as to how long this process would take before they can serve beverages.

Mayor Pauley stated that it would have to be researched. Mayor Pauley added that he did not know the exact timeline.

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

Agenda Item #11
A Special Ordinance providing for the sale of City owned property at 612 8th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Austin 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 Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #12
A Special Ordinance providing for the sale of property (20' X 53.98' alley) south and adjacent to Part of Lot 8, Block 3 of Plat 2 of Bailey Davenport's First Addition.

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 Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.
Agenda Item #13
CLAIMS

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Clark 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 Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of $1,947.85 to Joe Carlin for General Liability claim.

b. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of $7,113.46 to David Morrison for legal services rendered for the month of July.

c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of $153,180.00 to Walter D. Laud, Inc. for services provided for the 2014 PCC Street Patching project 2377.

d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 and final in the amount of $14,395.13 to Walter D. Laud, Inc. for services provided for the 44th Avenue Watermain: 12th Street to 14th Street project.

e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of $128,528.91 to CDB Utility Contractors, Inc. for services provided for the Fiber Optic Phase 7 project.

f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #8 in the amount of $171,380.84 to Gilbane Building Company for pre-construction services provided for the Rock Island Police Station project.

Agenda Item #14
Claims for the weeks of July 25 through July 31 in the amount of $884,437.41 and August 1 through August 7 in the amount of $387,328.98 and payroll for the weeks of July 21 through August 3 in the amount of $1,350,165.60.

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

Agenda Item #15
Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 6th Avenue Relief Sewer project, recommending to approve the Notice of Intent to Award to Brandt Construction Company in the amount of $10,622,394.46.
It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the notice of intent to award as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the notice of intent to award.

Discussion followed. Mr. Michael Siciliano of the Indiana, Illinois, Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting stepped forward. Mr. Siciliano stated that he is a compliance monitor and he stated that he is protesting this bid because he was concerned about a previous Brandt Construction project (23rd Avenue) in which Brandt used trucking subcontractors that did not pay prevailing wages. Mr. Siciliano inquired as to whether the two trucking contractors were in the original documents that were considered subcontractors.

Public Works Director Randy Tweet stated that they were not in the original documents.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether Mr. Siciliano was at the meeting to address the 23rd Avenue project or the 6th Avenue project.

Mr. Siciliano stated that this bid protest for the 6th Avenue project is based on the 23rd Avenue certified payroll request that he has been doing with Rock Island.

After more discussion, Alderman Austin inquired upon Mr. Tweet to respond to Mr. Siciliano’s concerns.

Mr. Tweet advised that he was not prepared to discuss the 23rd Avenue project. Mr. Tweet stated that the complaint was on 6th Avenue. Mr. Tweet pointed out that before a complaint was received from the Fair Trade Foundation, a letter was sent to Brandt Construction confirming Public Works’ position that if outside trucking was going to be used, they would be considered as subcontractors. Mr. Tweet advised that Public Works received a letter from Brandt Construction stating that outside trucking would not be used; they would use their own people on the 6th Avenue project.

Council and Mr. Tweet further discussed this issue as it related to certified payrolls, bids and prevailing wage rates.

After more discussion on this issue, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, Alderman Foley.

Agenda Item #16
Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for 13th Avenue Storm Sewer Installation and Pavement Replacement, recommending the bid be awarded to Walter D. Laud, Inc. in the amount of $14,950.00.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Hotle 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; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley,
Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #17
Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2014 Ground Storage Domes Painting project, recommending the bid be awarded to Johnson Contracting Company, Inc in the amount of $37,553.00.

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

Agenda Item #18
Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 13th Street Watermain: 5th Avenue to 7th Avenue project, recommending the bid be awarded to Langman Construction in the amount of $213,979.93.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Foley inquired upon Public Works Director Randy Tweet to explain this item as it relates to the regular bid and alternate bid.

Mr. Tweet advised that the Public Works Department got a bid to replace the 6 inch water main that runs in front of the new Police Station with an 8 inch water main to see what kind of price we could get. Mr. Tweet commented that it was nothing that was required; there has not been any problem with it. Mr. Tweet added that it is just a little undersized and it was decided not to go with it because it would be over budget.

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

Agenda Item #19
Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an Ordinance approving a redevelopment agreement with the Steel Warehouse Company, Inc., subject to minor attorney modifications and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

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

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder to explain the funding source of support.
Mr. Eder advised that the City has been working with the Steel Warehouse for quite some time. Mr. Eder stated that a CIP request for $250,000.00 was put in this current fiscal year’s budget to support a project with them. Mr. Eder explained that it was originally going to be a road project, but it was switched to a rail project because it better supports what they are doing. Mr. Eder added that the Steel Warehouse hopes at a future date to do the road, which will be at their cost.

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

Agenda Item #20
Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the 2015CY Gaming Grant allocation policies.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to approve the 2015CY Gaming Grant allocation policies as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #21
Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Rock Island Housing Authority to apply for the 2014 HUD Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant, and a Resolution for identifying City support of the collaboration with Rock Island Housing Authority in submitting the application.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the memorandum of understanding as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and adopt the resolution.

Discussion followed. Alderman Hotle advised that there were a lot of questions and concerns brought up during the study session on this item. Alderman Hotle stated that this could bring a lot of benefit to Rock Island. Alderman Hotle stated that she will support this item. Alderman Hotle commented that she meant everything she said during the study session in regards to past communication. Alderman Hotle indicated that she believed that going forward, the communication will be better.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, Alderman Murphy.

Agenda Item #22
Report from the Public Works Department regarding a Resolution for acquiring a utility permit to construct the 6th Avenue Relief Sewer across the 11th Street (US 67) Right of Way.
It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Austin to adopt the resolution. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #23
Report from the City Clerk regarding a Resolution approving the full release of the listed Executive Session Minutes.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Murphy 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 Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #24
Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an adjustment to the CY 2014 Budget, recommending to increase the Community and Economic Development Loans Fund in the amount of $25,000.00.

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

Agenda Item #25
Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding review of a two lot minor final plat of Prairie View Business Park Second Addition located at 4701 45th Street Court.

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the final plat as recommended, subject to receiving the required signed certificates. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #26
Report from the Public Works Department and the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Ms. Annette Zapolis of the College Hill District for the installation of 15 campaign style signs at various locations along the 14th Avenue and 30th Street Right of Ways.

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Hotle to allow the College Hill District to install the proposed signs within the 14th Avenue and 30th Street Right of Ways as recommended.
Comments followed. Alderman Murphy stated that she wasn’t a big fan of signs all over the City, but the College Hill District has asked for specific time periods for specific events like the students returning to Augustana College. Alderman Murphy stated that this is a great way to let the community and students know that they are there and that they are an organized business district.

After comments, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #27
Report from the Public Works Department and the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a rain garden installed by Against the Grain in 2013 in the City Right of Way.

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to allow Against the Grain to leave the rain garden in the right of way adjacent to their property, subject to making modifications in accordance with the approved design and keeping the plants trimmed so as not to obstruct pedestrians or motorists.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy stated that he has driven by there and he thought it was a pile of weeds.

Alderman Murphy stated that she has talked to Public Works about it. Alderman Murphy stated that with the plan that was submitted, it only gives 21 inches from the curb. Alderman Murphy added that a car door is a lot bigger than that. Alderman Murphy stated that it will be hard for some people that need assistance to get out of the car.

Public Works Director Randy Tweet advised that the sections next to the doors are wide open all the way to the sidewalk. Mr. Tweet added that the 21 inches is just a walkway to walk back to the trunk of the car or to walk around to the front of the car, but it is not where the doors open.

Alderman Murphy inquired as to how that can be guaranteed that people are going to park in that exact spot.

Mr. Tweet stated that it is where the parking lines are.

Council further discussed this issue as it related to the design and placement of the plantings and height restrictions.

Alderman Murphy advised that if this is approved and complaints are still coming in then she would like to work with Against the Grain and revisit this issue.

Rich Nunez of Against the Grain stated that in the top picture it is roughly 8 feet wide, but the middle section is not 8 feet wide. Mr. Nunez added that they would like to widen this to 8 feet
wide, but also 21 inches back from the curb so there will be enough room for all four doors to open to the vehicle.

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

Agenda Item #28
Report from the Fire Department regarding a request from local #26 of the IAFF to utilize the intersection of 30th Street and 18th Avenue on Saturday, August 30th and Sunday, August 31st from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm for their MDA fundraiser "Fill the Boot" campaign.

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

Agenda Item #29
Report from the Mayor regarding appointments to the Citizen's Advisory Committee.

Alderman Conroy moved to approve the appointments and recommendations for items 29, 30 and 31, Alderman Austin seconded.

Discussion followed. Alderman Hotle stated that she was only going to vote no on one of these items, but since they were added together, she will be voting no on all of them. Alderman Hotle stated that since she has been on Council, she has been trying to get new individuals appointed to boards where there are opportunities. Alderman Hotle further discussed this issue.

Alderman Foley stated that he was in support of these items.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, Alderman Hotle.

Agenda Item #30
Report from the Mayor regarding an appointment and reappointments to the Sunset Marina Boaters Advisory Committee.

Agenda Item #31
Report from the Mayor regarding reappointments to the Library Board.

Lori Roderick (civic and community), Katie Colbrese (civic and community), Phyllis Oakley (neighborhood resident), Linda Mohr (neighborhood resident) and Zachary Thomas Edwards (financial) were all appointed to the Citizen’s Advisory Committee.
Mr. David Dipple was appointed to the Sunset Marina Boaters Advisory Committee to represent the 400 Dock with a term expiring on June 1, 2017. Mr. Mike Thoms was reappointed to the Sunset Marina Boaters Advisory Committee to represent the 100 Dock with a term expiring on June 1, 2017. Mr. Dennis Maenhout was reappointed to the Sunset Marina Boaters Advisory Committee to represent the 600 Dock with a term expiring on June 1, 2017.

Nancy Coin and Joy Murphy were reappointed to the Library Board with terms expiring in May 2016. Russell Kennel, Kevin Koski and Cynthia Lukasik were reappointed to the Library Board with terms expiring in May 2017.

Agenda Item #32
Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Reverend Willie E. Jones of the People's Missionary Baptist Church for a street closing at 6th Avenue between 23rd Street and 24th Street on Saturday, August 16th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm for their annual back to school supply giveaway at 553 23rd Street.

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

Agenda Item #33
Report from the City Clerk regarding an Activity application from Nicole White of From the Heart Ministries to hold a March on Saturday, August 23rd beginning at 9:30 am at 9th Street and 13th Avenue for their Take Our Youth Back Rally at Denkmann Park.

Alderman Clark moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the event as recommended, subject to providing the proper insurance by August 15th. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #34
Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Nathaniel Lawrence of Polyrhythms for a Street Closing at 9th Street between 5th Avenue and 7th Avenue, along with Sound Amplification for the Jazz and Heritage Festival to be held on Saturday, August 23rd from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm at the Martin Luther King Jr. Park at 601 9th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the requests as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Clark inquired upon Nathaniel Lawrence to say a few things about this event.
Mr. Lawrence stated that he will be happy with an approval. Mr. Lawrence added that they have complied with the Park Board and the City and look forward to a long relationship with the City of Rock Island to present this festival.

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

Agenda Item #35
Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Willie Williams for a Street Closing at 9th Street between 4th Avenue and 7th Avenue, along with Sound Amplification for the We Care for Our Communities event to be held on Saturday, September 6th from noon to 7:00 pm at the Martin Luther King Jr. Park at 601 9th Street.

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

Agenda Item #36
Other Business.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that Tita’s Linens is located in Downtown Rock Island. Alderman Murphy added that they have everything one needs for a beautiful and elegant wedding or event. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to Shop local.

Alderman Conroy reminded everyone of the Farmer’s Market in Downtown Rock Island on Sundays. Alderman Conroy stated to please support the Farmer’s Market.

Mr. Larry Hunter of 1213 15th Street stepped forward. Mr. Hunter voiced concerns in regards to the Police Department and how his son’s civil rights were violated.

Mr. Charles Shackelford of 2008 12th Street stepped forward. Mr. Shackelford stated that there is a business across the street and they take up an entire block, and their employees take up three blocks. Mr. Shackelford submitted a petition of 12 signatures of the neighbors that agreed with him. Mr. Shackelford stated that he would like to get residential parking from 19th Avenue to 22nd Avenue on 12th Street. Mr. Shackelford indicated that one side of the street is already no parking and the other side of the street is full. Mr. Shackelford added that if you live in the neighborhood, you have to walk three blocks to your house.

Alderman Foley stated that he is Mr. Shackelford’s Alderman. Alderman Foley stated that he will take the petition and talk to Public Works. Alderman Foley further discussed this issue.

Agenda Item #37
Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.
A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle at 7:59 pm to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #38
Recess

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 8:19 pm. A motion was made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Murphy to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, August 25, 2014. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 8:20 pm.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk