

Monday, November 2, 2015
City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Council Chambers - First Floor
212 Third Avenue

1. Meeting Opening

Subject : A. Call to Order
Meeting : Nov 2, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Procedural

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Subject : B. Roll Call
Meeting : Nov 2, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Procedural

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Subject : C. Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting : Nov 2, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Procedural

2. Communication from Visitors

Subject : A. Public Comment
Meeting : Nov 2, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Information

File Attachments

[public comment policy.pdf \(75 KB\)](#)

3. Consent Agenda

Subject : A. Approval of Minutes
Meeting : Nov 2, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type : Action (Consent)
Recommended Action : Approval of Minutes as presented

File Attachments

[cc101915.pdf \(87 KB\)](#)

Consent

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	B. Approval of Bills and Payroll
Meeting :	Nov 2, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approval of Bills and Payroll as presented

Public Content

File Attachments

[apsummary11-02-15.pdf \(968 KB\)](#)
[Accounts Payable 11-02-15.pdf \(256 KB\)](#)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	C. Resolution #R2015-11-19 to Close Fourth Street for Hometown Holiday Walk
Meeting :	Nov 2, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve Resolution #R2015-11-19 to close Fourth Street between First Avenue and Locust for the Downtown Christmas Walk on Friday, November 20, 2015 from 5:00 to 9:00 pm

Public Content

This resolution closes the portion of Fourth Street between First Avenue and Locust, which is a state route. This will be closed for the Downtown Christmas Walk activities on Friday, November 20, 2015 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

File Attachments

[2015 - Street Close Request.pdf \(220 KB\)](#)
[R2015-11-19 idotchristmaswalk.pdf \(122 KB\)](#)

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Subject : D. Partial Pay Request #8 to Martin and Company
Excavating in the amount of \$108,169.20

Meeting : Nov 2, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm

Type :

Public Content

Partial payment request #8 to Martin and Company Excavating covers a partial payment for work being done at the "Plant 1" site of the former Northwestern Steel and Wire site. This partial payment covers additional mobilization and moving earth from Meadowlands to the Riverfront. This work is funded through the Illinois Green Infrastructure and Mud-to-Parks Grants.

File Attachments

[PPR8-IGIG-Martin.pdf \(1,907 KB\)](#)

3. Consent Agenda

Subject : E. Resolution #2015-11-20 Providing for the Abatement of
General Real Property Taxes for General Obligation
Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series
2010A (Recovery Zone Facility Bonds)

Meeting : Nov 2, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm

Type : Action (Consent)

Recommended Action : Approve Resolution No. R2015-11-20 abating the 2015 tax
levy in the amount of \$474,787.50 for the General
Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source),
Series 2010A (Recovery Zone Facility Bonds) if acceptable.

Public Content

Resolution No. R2015-11-20 provides for the abatement of general real property taxes for the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2010A (Recovery Zone Facility Bonds). The general real property taxes to be abated for the 2014 tax levy by Resolution No. R2015-11-20 totals \$474,787.50. The bond ordinance requires that each year taxes will be levied to pay for the upcoming years principal and interest unless there are significant revenues on hand to pay for same. Sufficient

revenues should be available from the following sources, which will allow us to abate the levy: receipts derived from repayment of the loan by Continental 232 Fund LLC and sales and use taxes collected in connection with the project.

File Attachments

[debt serv sched 2010A Bond.pdf \(84 KB\)](#)
[R2015-11-20 tax abate Series 2010A.pdf \(7 KB\)](#)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	F. Resolution #R2015-11-21 Providing for the Abatement of General Real Property Taxes for Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2010D (Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds Direct Payment)
Meeting :	Nov 2, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve Resolution No. R2015-11-21 abating the 2015 tax levy in the amount of \$376,240.00 for the Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2010D (Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds Direct Payment) if acceptable.

Public Content

Resolution No. R2015-11-21 provides for the abatement of general real property taxes for the Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2010D (Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds Direct Payment). The general real property taxes to be abated for the 2015 tax levy by Resolution No. R2015-11-21 totals \$376,240.00. The bond ordinance requires that each year taxes will be levied to pay for the upcoming years principal and interest unless there are significant revenues on hand to pay for same. An accounting shows that there will be sufficient revenues available from sales taxes collected (other than the public infrastructure one-half cent sales taxes and the sales taxes related to the Kohls project).

File Attachments

[debt serv sched 2010Dbond.pdf \(239 KB\)](#)
[R2015-11-21 tax abate 2010D bonds.pdf \(76 KB\)](#)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	G. Resolution #R2015-11-22 Providing for the Abatement of certain taxes levied against real property for General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2005 Street Program
Meeting :	Nov 2, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve Resolution No. R2015-11-22 abating the 2015 property tax levy in the amount of \$166,000.00 for the General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2005 if acceptable.

Public Content

The attached resolution abates the property tax levy for road program bonds issued in September 2005. These bonds were originally issued in 1997 and refinanced in 2005. The bond ordinance requires that each year taxes will be levied to pay for the upcoming years principal and interest unless there are significant MFT revenues on hand to pay for same. An accounting shows that there are sufficient bond and MFT revenues available this year and that we will be able to abate the levy.

File Attachments

[debt serv sched 2005 streets.pdf \(51 KB\)](#)
[R2015-11-22 tax abate 2005 streets.pdf \(7 KB\)](#)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	H. Resolution #R2015-11-23 Providing for the Abatement of General Real Property Taxes for General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2012
Meeting :	Nov 2, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve Resolution No. R2015-11-23 abating the 2015 tax levy in the amount of \$3,396,887.50 for the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2012 if acceptable.

Public Content

Resolution No. R2015-11-23 provides for the abatement of general real property taxes for the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2012. The general real property taxes to be abated for the 2015 tax levy by Resolution No. R2015-11-23 totals \$3,396,887.50. The bond ordinance requires that each year taxes will be levied to pay for the upcoming years principal and interest unless there are significant revenues on hand to pay for same. These bonds were issued on behalf of CGH Medical Center, which has assured the City that there are sufficient funds available to allow us to abate the levy.

File Attachments

[debt serv sched cgh bonds.pdf \(49 KB\)](#)
[R2015-11-23 CGH bonds.pdf \(7 KB\)](#)

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Subject :	I. Resolution #R2015-11-24 Providing for the abatement of certain taxes levied against real property for the Special Service Area Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 1995 Tori Pines
Meeting :	Nov 2, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve Resolution No. R2015-11-24 abating a portion of the 2015 property tax levy in the amount of \$43,000.00 for the Special Service Area Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 1995 Tori Pines.

Public Content

The attached resolution abates a portion of the property tax levy for the Tori Pines bonds issued in October 1995. The bond ordinance requires that each year taxes will be levied to pay for the upcoming years principal and interest unless there is sufficient money on deposit in the Fund to provide for such payment. The bonds have been paid off during FY14, therefore we will be able to abate the levy.

File Attachments

[R2015-11-24 Tori Pines bonds.pdf \(7 KB\)](#)

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3. Consent Agenda

Subject :	J. Resolution #R2015-11-25 authorizing the transfer of the title of 1411 3rd Avenue, a single-family dwelling, from the City of Sterling to Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation
Meeting :	Nov 2, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Approve Resolution #R2015-11-25 as prepared, authorizing the transfer of title of property at 1411 3rd Avenue to Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation and authorize the Mayor to sign the Cash Sale Contract of said property to Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation.

Public Content

The City of Sterling took title of 1411 3rd Avenue from the Illinois State Police by means of a Quit Claim Deed on September 18, 2015. The house and detached garage are to be demolished using funds from the Blight Reduction Program (BRP) grant, received from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA).

In accordance with the BRP guidelines, the property must be transferred to the Non-For-Profit partner of the City engaged in the BRP grant prior to demolition. Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation is our designated Non-For-Profit partner.

File Attachments

[R2015-11-25 Transfer of Property in Blight Reduction \(1411 3rd Avenue\).pdf \(93 KB\)](#)
[Photo 1411 3rd Ave.jpg \(3,538 KB\)](#)
[Cash Sale Contract \(1411 3rd Avenue\).pdf \(111 KB\)](#)

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Subject :	K. Resolution #R2015-11-26 authorizing the transfer of the title of 908 Avenue K, a single-family dwelling, from the City of Sterling to Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation
Meeting :	Nov 2, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm

Type :

Action (Consent)

Recommended Action :

Approve Resolution #R2015-11-26 as prepared, authorizing the transfer of title of property at 908 Avenue K to Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation and authorize the Mayor to sign the Cash Sale Contract of said property to Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation.

Public Content

The City of Sterling anticipates taking title to property at 908 Avenue K from the estate of Ronald S. Adair through the abandonment process. Mr. Adair has been deceased for many years, and the property remains in a very severe state of disrepair. We will be appearing in Court on November 2, 2015, to obtain the Order of Abandonment.

The house is to be demolished using funds from the Blight Reduction Program (BRP) grant, received from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA). In accordance with the BRP guidelines, the property must be transferred to the Non-For-Profit partner of the City engaged in the BRP grant prior to demolition. Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation is our designated Non-For-Profit partner.

Because of the necessity of a 30-day notice period between the Order declaring Abandonment, the deed to the Adair property cannot be officially received until the first week of December. The Resolution gives the necessary authority in advance, so we can move expeditiously once the Court enters the Order.

File Attachments

[R2015-11-26 Transfer of Property in Blight Reduction \(Adair property\).pdf \(94 KB\)](#)
[Cash Sale Contract \(Adair property\).pdf \(111 KB\)](#)
[Photo 908 Ave K.pdf \(1,701 KB\)](#)

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5. Recommended Personnel Action

Subject :

A. Pinning Firefighter Derek Sheaves

Meeting :

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Type :

Recognition

Public Content

Derek Sheaves completed his probationary period with the Sterling Fire Department on October 15, 2015.

His father, Reverend Larry Sheaves is here to pin him.

6. Presentations and Awards

Subject :	A. ICMA Conference Presentation: Reenergizing Neighborhoods
Meeting :	Nov 2, 2015 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
Type :	Presentation

Public Content

Scott Shumard will present a video of a conference session from the annual ICMA conference demonstrating examples of reenergizing neighborhoods. The video runs 27 minutes.