

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 20, 2011
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:12P.M.**

1. The Council Clerk called the meeting to order in the absence of the Mayor and recognized Alderman Johnson, who moved that Alderman Mark serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the meeting. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Timm absent).
2. The invocation was given by Chaplain Billy Wilson, Rockford Police Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Page Yesenia Centeno.
3. Roll Call:
Alderman Doug Mark, Mayor Pro Tem
Aldermen: Durkee, Curran, (Mark), Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -13-
Absent: Timm -1-
4. Alderman Beach moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of June 13, 2011, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Timm absent).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5. Ric Cervantes expressed his concern about the increase of crime at a rapid pace in the northwest area of Rockford and urged council members and police to help the residents live in peace and not be afraid to walk out their front doors.

Alderman Timm joined the meeting at 6:15 pm.

6. Prophet Yusef wished fathers a happy belated Father's Day and spoke about Holy Ghost Power.
7. Andrea Paschal spoke in support of the proposed amendments to the tree and shrub ordinance.
8. Roland Poska invited everyone to attend an Interdependence event on July 4th at 12:00 (noon) on the corner of State and Main and an open mic event from 12:01 pm – 2:00 pm at the Sullivan Center, 118 North Main Street.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

9. Alderman Thompson-Kelly submitted a request from Brandon Russell, in conjunction with Bridging the Gap 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament and Contests, requesting permission for street closure of Sherman, Independence and Sunset bordering Andrews Park, 850 N. Central Avenue on June 25, 2011 from 7:30 am – 5:00 pm. Alderman

Thompson-Kelly moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Hervey. MOTION PREVAILED.

10. Alderman Thompson-Kelly announced a Special Neighborhood Meeting for residents that live in the area bounded by Riverside to Auburn, Kilburn to Huffman will be held on June 22, 2011 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm that the Rockford Health System Cafeteria, 2300 North Rockton Avenue.
11. Alderman Thompson-Kelly distributed a draft of the registration of residential rental property for the aldermen to review.
12. Alderman Beach submitted a Memorandum from Julia Valdez, Deputy City Administrator/ Director of Human Resources, regarding upcoming special events:
 1. Aldersgate United Methodist Church Corn Boil – 7/30-7/31/11
 2. Festa Italiana – 8/7/11

Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.

13. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Jeremy Carter, Traffic Engineer, regarding Parking Lot Agreement with Dominick Street LLC. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
14. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Glenn Trommels, Information Technology Director, regarding Broadband Technology Agreement with Northern Illinois University. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
15. Alderman Johnson submitted three (3) requests for service. Referred to Community Development/Code Enforcement and Public Works Department.
16. Alderman Johnson commented she liked the new forms.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

17. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the purchase of Municipal Code Supplement #2 at an estimated amount of \$13,741.00 from Municipal Code Corporation. The funding source is the Legal Department Operating Budget. LAID OVER.
18. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending that RMAP be authorized to enter into the intergovernmental agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation whereby the City of Rockford will be established as the local fiscal agent for RMAP July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. By this action, the City agrees it will participate in the funding the RMAP planning process in an amount not to exceed \$742,971 of which will be reimbursed via said contract with the Illinois Department of Transportation. LAID OVER.

19. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of June 20, 2011 in the amount of \$1,912,998.71. MOTION PREVAILED by a roll call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

20. Alderman Beach read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the acquisition of real properties pertaining to the West State Street Corridor Project. LAID OVER.
21. Alderman Beach read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance prohibiting commercial vehicles on Custer Avenue from Main Street to Kilburn Avenue. LAID OVER.
22. Alderman Beach read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance that traffic on 5th Street be required to stop prior to entering the intersection of 22nd Avenue, thus repealing the existing ordinance that traffic on 22nd Avenue be required to yield prior to entering the intersection of 5th Street. LAID OVER.
23. Alderman Beach read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that "No Action" be taken on the following items:
1. Request from Henry Lee, for Yield or Stop sign control at the intersection of Trenton Avenue and Hudson Street.
 2. Request from Alderman John Beck, 12th Ward, that a "No Parking Anytime" restriction be established on the north side of Belmont Boulevard from Main Street to sixty (60 feet west of Main Street.
 3. Request from Alderman Bill Timm, 9th Ward, and Wesley Willows Retirement Community, to establish an all way stop at the intersection of Rockton Avenue and Embury Drive.

LAID OVER.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

24. Alderman Robertson submitted a request from Russell Longenecker, Antiques on East State, requesting permission for temporary permit for a free standing 3' X 10' banner from August 26 – September 5, 2011 and October 20 – October 29, 2011 at 5411 East State Street. Alderman Mark moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED.

OFFICERS REPORTS

25. Alderman Mark read a Memorandum from Mayor Morrissey designating City Administrator, James R. Ryan to sign all ordinances, resolutions, contracts and applications that require the Mayor's signature during his absence from the City from June 20th through June 27, 2011.
26. Alderman Jacobson mentioned in today's *Rockford Register Star* was a thank you letter to the SM&SF Club for their assistance at the Rockford Airfest and he thanked the club members for their continued efforts of fundraising in our community.
27. Alderman Hervey reported the 5th Ward monthly meeting has been cancelled this month and announced the third community planning workshop for the South Main Revitalization Strategy on June 28, 2011 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, 1703 South Central Avenue.
28. Alderman Thompson-Kelly echoed the concerns of public speaker Ric Cervantes regarding crime in the northwest side of Rockford. She announced a special neighborhood meeting will be held on June 22, 2011 from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm at Rockford Health Systems Cafeteria, 2300 North Rockton Avenue.
29. Alderman Thompson-Kelly thanked the organizers of several events that took place in the community this past weekend. She mentioned over the next couple of months Andrews Park will be the site of weekend events.
30. Alderman Johnson announced she will be reading in a Resolution tonight, on behalf of members of the Republican and Democratic Caucus, requesting a four year CIP plan for each ward.
31. Alderman Robertson announced the 14th Ward meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23rd at 7:00 pm at Heartland Church.
32. Alderman McNeely thanked the city departments that assisted residents of Concord Commons during and after the storm that left the complex without electricity.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2011-195CR

33. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the acquisition of easements for the properties pertaining to the Morgan Street Parking Lot Project. The Legal Director shall prepare the necessary ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a roll call vote of:

Ayes:	Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-
Nays:	-0-
Absent:	-0-

34. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of Chapter 27 of the City of Rockford Municipal Code; Regulation of trees and shrubs. The Legal Director shall prepare the necessary ordinance.

Alderman Beach made a motion to refer the committee report back to Code and Regulation Committee, seconded by Alderman Timm. MOTION PREVAILED by a roll call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -11-
Nays: Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Elyea -3-
Absent: -0-

2011-075-O

35. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Article 63 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Special Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development consisting of a limited industrial (kitchen cabinets) use, an office, and three (3) single-family apartments in an I-1, Light Industrial Zoning District at 1000 9th Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Fire and Building codes specifically, documentation from a licensed design professional (Architect), licensed in the State of Illinois, indicating the current construction does not violate any building code requirements in regard to the change of use to an assembly use.
2. Submittal of a Building permit for Staff review and approval.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact. MOTION PREVAILED by a roll call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -13-
Nays: Hervey, -1-
Absent: -0-

2011-196CR

36. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the purchase of (4) 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors from Illinois State Contract PSD #4015559 in the amount of \$87,506.00. The funding source is 2010 Jag Grant. MOTION PREVAILED by a roll call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2011-076-O

37. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Legal Director to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Rockford and

Rock River Water Reclamation District for the North Main St. (IL2) and Auburn St. Intersection Reconstruction. MOTION PREVAILED by a roll call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -12-
Nays: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-
Absent: -0-

2011-197CR

38. Alderman Elyea moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending that the City Council approve the attached one year agreement for the disbursement of Sanitation Funds in the amount of \$22,100.00 between the City of Rockford and Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful. MOTION PREVAILED by a roll call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -13-
Nays: McNeely -1-
Absent: -0-

2011-198CR

39. Alderman Elyea moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending that the City Council approve the request by Miracle Mile Rockford for continued funding support of the organization from The East State and Alpine TIF at the rate of \$30,000 per year for three (3) years. The legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a roll call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -13-
Nays: McNeely -1-
Absent: -0-

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2011-088R

40. Alderman Beck, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the use of Motor Fuel Tax funds for City-Wide Arterial Resurfacing in the amount of \$500,000.00. MOTION PREVAILED by a roll call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2011-089R

41. Alderman Beach, on behalf of Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for a special event permit for Alpine Kiwanis Charities Brat Days Fundraiser

on July 15, 2011 and July 16, 2011 from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm at Logli Supermarket, 6410 E. State Street; Edgebrook Center, 1639 North Alpine. MOTION PREVAILED.

2011-090R

42. Alderman Beach, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for a special event permit for St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church's 100th Anniversary Celebration on June 26, 2011 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm at 607 Lincoln Avenue. MOTION PREVAILED.

2011-091R

43. Alderman Beach, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for a special event permit and a liquor permit for consumption of liquor outdoors on private property ("S" license) for St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church's Greek Festival on July 23, 2011 from 11:00 am – 11:00 pm and July 24, 2011 from 11:00 am – 10:00 pm at 108 North 5th Street. MOTION PREVAILED.

2011-092R

44. Alderman Beach, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for a special event permit for Personal Treazurez New and Resale Shoppe open flea market on June 25, 2011 and June 26, 2011 from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm at 1615 Kilburn Avenue. MOTION PREVAILED.
45. Alderman Johnson, on behalf of the members of the Republican and Democratic Caucus of the Rockford City Council, read a Resolution instructing the CIP (Capital Improvement Program) Manager to implement a four (4) year plan for each of the fourteen (14) wards starting with 2012 through 2015. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

46. Alderman Elyea introduced and read an Ordinance approving of the Downtown Parking Agreement between the City of Rockford and TRT Management. LAID OVER.
47. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Reed
City Council Clerk

[The meeting was taped in its entirety, and the tape is on file in the Legal Department]

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
City Council Chambers, 2ND floor City Hall
425 E. State Street, Rockford
June 27, 2011
6:00 P.M.
AGENDA

The following represents, in general, the chronological order of proceedings at the City Council meeting:

- Call to Order by the Mayor
- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call and determination of quorum
- Acceptance of Journal of Proceedings
- Public Hearing
- Public Participation
- Petitions and Communications
- New Committee Reports (Reports of Standing Committees – Code and Regulation, Finance and Personnel, Planning and Development - and other select committees)

I. NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS TO BE READ IN JUNE 27, 2011

A. CODE AND REGULATIONS

1. Beach – ZBA - **Variation** to build a pylon sign, a **Variation** to increase the sign height from the maximum 8' to 20' and; **Variation** to increase the maximum square footage allowed to 160 square feet per site sign in a C-3, Commercial General District at **7151 Walton Street**
2. Beach - Amendments to Chapter 27, City of Rockford Municipal Code; Regulation of Trees and Shrubs

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER JUNE 20, 2011

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III. ORDINANCES LAID OVER JUNE 20, 2011

1. Elyea - Ordinance - Approving of the Downtown Parking Agreement between the City of Rockford and TRT Management.

IV. APPOINTMENTS HELD OUT JUNE 20, 2011

- 1.* Mayor Morrissey - Appointment - Rockford Area Convention and Visitors Board; Mr. Gordon Kaye, to replace Jim Ryan. Kaye's term will begin July, 2011. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this appointment is up for passage on July 18, 2011)
- 2.* Mayor Morrissey – Appointment – Community Action Board, Mr. Victory Bell for a three-year which would expire in July, 2014. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this appointment is up for passage on July 5, 2011)

- Motions and Resolutions

IV. MOTION AND RESOLUTIONS

1. Beach - Aldersgate United Methodist Church Corn Boil – 7/31/11
2. Beach - Festa Italiana – 8/5 - 8/7/11

- V. **NEW BUSINESS** (note: Ordinances may be read in under New Business and Rule 11 suspended and final vote taken. Committee Reports would have previously been voted on).
 1. Beach - Acquisition of easements for the properties pertaining to the Falmouth Water Main Project.
 2. Beach - Acquisition of easements for the properties pertaining to the Morgan Street Parking Lot Project.
 3. Elyea - Miracle Mile Rockford for continued funding support of the organization from The East State and Alpine TIF at the rate of \$30,000 per year for three (3) years.
- * same action taken before
- Adjournment

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POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

The following items appear on the City Council Standing Committee Agendas as noted. Items may receive a vote at committee and come before the first City Council meeting held after the committee meeting. Rule 11 can be suspended and final vote taken on said items at the City Council meeting (no rule suspension is necessary to take a vote on vouchers).

CODE AND REGULATION COMMITTEE

Monday, June 27, 2011, 5:15 p.m.

Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)

AGENDA

1. C & R 11-81 Special Events: 4th of July Celebration Revision
2. C & R 11-91 Special Events: Aldersgate United Methodist Church Corn
Boil 7/31
Festa Italiana 8/5 – 8/7/11
3. C & R 11-70 ZBA#016-11 **Variation** to build a pylon sign, a
Variation to increase the sign height from
the maximum 8' to 20' and;
Variation to increase the maximum square
footage allowed to 160 square feet per site
sign in a C-3, Commercial General District
at **7151 Walton Street**
4. C & R 11-63 Amendments to Chapter 27, City of Rockford Municipal

Code; Regulation of Trees and Shrubs

5. C & R 11-92 Closed Session for Purposes of Pending and/or Threatening Litigation

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Monday, June 27, 2011, 5:15 p.m.

Conference Room B, City Hall 2nd floor (south room)

AGENDA

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Rescind Award of Contract: Finished Traffic Signs – Suspend rules
 - B. Award of Bid: Demolition of (5) Properties – Suspend rules
 - C. Award of Bid: Demolition of (4) Properties – Suspend rules
 - D. Award of Bid: Head Start Learning Materials
 - E. Award of Sole Source Contract: Purchase of Two Vehicles for Human Services – Suspend rules
 - F. Award of Bid: Well 31 Solar Panel Installation – Suspend rules
 - G. Change Order: Water System Rehabilitation Group 3 – Construction – **Info only**
 - H. Change Order: Water System Rehabilitation Group 3 Engineering Services – **Info only**
 - I. Resolution to take Bids
 - J. Vouchers
2. Contract with Rockford Urban Ministries for Work Camps Rehab Program – Suspend rules – Laid over 6/20
3. Parking Lot Agreement with Dominick Street LLC
4. Broadband Technology Agreement with Northern Illinois University
5. 2011 CIP Amendment – Whitman Interchange Repair Project – Suspend rules
6. Financial Discussion

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, June 27, 2011, p.m.

CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor

AGENDA

No Meeting Scheduled.

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

Monday, June 27, 2011, p.m.

Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)

AGENDA

No Meeting Scheduled.