

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 26, 2012
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:14 P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Pastor Herbert Johnson, Liberty Baptist Church/Police Chaplain and the pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Page Yesenia Centeno.

2. Roll Call:

Mayor Lawrence Morrissey

Aldermen: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely -13-

Absent: Robertson -1-

3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of November 19, 2012 seconded by Alderman Wasco.

Alderman Wasco moved to amend #54 of the Journal of Proceedings of the November 19, 2012 City Council meeting to reflect the Motion to Reconsider the Committee Report approving the Street and Bridge Levy received majority vote of the Council and was laid over for consideration for tonight based on the local rule requiring a motion and second, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Robertson absent).

The Journal of Proceedings as amended was placed up for passage. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Robertson absent).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4. Nelson Minter announced the 9th Annual Alpha Phi Alpha Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Scholarship Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2013 at the Rockford College Burpee Center, Regents Hall commencing at 9:00 am. He thanked Mayor Morrissey for attending past events and invited him, the aldermen and entire community to support this year's scholarship breakfast.

5. Prophet Yusef spoke about the power of prayer.

6. Brandi Brown encouraged city leaders, police department and community members to work towards a common goal of successful race relations with dialogue and training and called for a federal investigation.

7. Melvin Brown also called for a federal investigation and encouraged discussion between city leaders and the community regarding race relations.

8. Antar Baker urged city leaders and the community to consider urgency in the matter of injustice facing the city and its effect on our economy.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

9. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Legal Department regarding a Water Annexation for 1710 Hillcrest Road. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
10. Alderman Mark submitted the Zoning Board of Appeals minutes from the meeting held on November 20, 2012. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
11. Alderman Wasco submitted a Memorandum from Patrick Hayes, Legal Director, regarding adjustment of the water rate schedule for Condominium Associations to Residential Rates. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
12. Alderman Jacobson submitted a Memorandum from Patrick Hayes, Legal Director, regarding the Second Amendment to the Development Agreement with Liebovich Bros. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
13. Alderman Jacobson submitted a Memorandum from Vicki Manson, Development Programs Manager, regarding the proposal from Gorman and Company, Inc. for the redevelopment of the former Church School, located at 1419 Blaisdell Street. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

14. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance that traffic on Quincy Street yield to North Court Street prior to entering the intersection of North Court Street and Quincy Street. LAID OVER.
15. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance establishing "No Parking Anytime" on both sides of Linden Court from Linden Road north to cul-de-sac. LAID OVER.
16. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance establishing "No Parking Anytime" on both sides of South Trainer Road from Sandalwood Close to Laurelwood Drive. LAID OVER.
17. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance establishing "No Parking Anytime" on the north side of Van Wie Avenue between Latham Street and Fremont Street from ten (10) feet west of the alley to twenty (20) feet east of the alley. LAID OVER.
18. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that "No Action" be taken on the following items:
 1. Request in the 2nd and 3rd Ward to repeal the existing traffic control of Brendenwood Road stopping for Chelsea Avenue and replace with all-way stop control at the intersection of Brendenwood Road and Chelsea Avenue.

2. Request in 10th Ward to repeal the existing traffic control and replace with all-stop control at the intersection of Fairview Avenue and Harney Court.

LAID OVER.

19. Alderman Wasco read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Engineering Agreement: SCADA and Telemetry Conversions be made to McMahon Associates for a total not to exceed cost of \$61,400. The funding for this project will come from water Replacement & Improvement Account (WRIA). LAID OVER.
20. Alderman Wasco read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Engineering Agreement: Electronic Operations & Maintenance Manual be made to Strand Associates for a total not to exceed cost of \$19,000. The funding for this project will come from the Water Division Operating Budget. LAID OVER.

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21. Alderman Wasco read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Engineering Agreement: Seventh Street Lighting and Traffic Control Design Phase II be made to Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. to perform design engineering for a total not to exceed cost of \$110,500. The funding source for this project is Sales Tax Funds.

Alderman Wasco moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Robertson absent). The Committee Report was placed on Passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

22. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Finance & Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of November 26, 2012 in the amount of \$2,925,535.77. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

23. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of November 26, 2012 to be "GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WEEK FOR ROCKFORD AREA ILLINI CLUB" in Rockford, Illinois and urged all citizens to recognize the club for all it has done and continues to do for the citizens of the city.

24. Mayor Morrissey announced this Friday, November 30, 2012 is the application deadline for interested students' age 14-20 years old to apply for the new Rockford Police Explorer Program Post 911. The program focuses on law enforcement training, team building, physical training, community service and crime and drug training, etc. Mayor Morrissey listed the eligibility requirements for the program and advised the applications are available through School Resource Officers (Rockford Schools), at the Public Safety Building, 420 W. State Street or online at <http://www.rockfordil.gov/police>.

Chief Epperson reported the police department held an open house in October which generated a tremendous amount of interest in the program. He encouraged Rockford students interested in law enforcement as a career to take this opportunity and apply for the program.

25. Mayor Morrissey reiterated his full support of Chief Epperson for his leadership and commitment to a higher level of professionalism by enhancing many policing initiatives, policies, protocol and training these past three years and offered support for the officers. The Mayor commented that the creation of the Integrity Task Force and implementation of many of the recommendations of the Independent Assessment and Monitoring Report have improved the police department and the community. The Mayor also commented that the efforts in the Department of Justice led mediation by the command staff and the Union representatives have been substantial. The Mayor pledged to continue to support these efforts of improvement.
26. Alderman Thompson-Kelly stated she does not support the EDEEN Organization budget or proposals and is very disturbed that members of that organization have moved funding from various initiatives/programs leaving some wards without any funding. She asked for an explanation.

Mayor Morrissey explained that council has not relinquished authority to make budget decisions and ultimately any budget amendments, suggestions or proposals will come through council. He offered to speak with her at a later time.

27. Alderman Hervey announced the 5th Ward Holiday Gathering will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2012 at 6:00 pm at Klehm Arboretum. She invited her constituents and department heads to stop by for some holiday cheer.
28. Alderman Hervey lauded the police department for implementing the Police Explorer Program and encouraged each alderman to find a student to apply.
29. Alderman Johnson read a brief statement regarding the issues surrounding the liquor license at 3835 Broadway.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2012-422CR

30. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Engineering Agreement: Water Treatment Plant Residuals Management be made to MWH, Inc. for a total not to exceed cost of \$25,000. The

funding for this project will come from the Water Division Operating Budget. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2012-423CR

31. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report for the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Rockford and the Rockford Park District for the improvements to the Ingersoll Building as the first phase of Reclaiming First, recommends the City Council adopt an Ordinance approving an Intergovernmental Agreement providing for the renovation of the Ingersoll building and funding for the project as set forth in the agreement. 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, McNeely -12-
Nays: -0-
Abstain: Beck -1-
Absent: Robertson -1-

2012-424CR

32. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report to recommend increasing the 2012 tax levy for street and bridge purposes from .06% of the value as equalized or assessed by the Dept. of Revenue of all taxable property in the City of Rockford to .10% of the value, as equalized or assessed by the Dept. of Revenue of all taxable property in the City of Rockford, hereby recommends:

That the City of Rockford adopt an annual levy of .10% of the value as equalized or assessed by the Dept. of Revenue for street and bridge purposes and that the Finance Department 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, McNeely -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Robertson -1-

2012-182-O

33. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of an Ordinance -authorizing the Mayor and Legal Director to execute and attest the attached Agreement between City of Rockford Human Services Department Head Start and Circles of Learning Child Care Centers. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely -13-

Nays: -0-
Absent: Robertson -1-

Alderman Mark exited the meeting at 7:04 pm.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2012-165R

34. Alderman Wasco, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the Central Services Manager to take bids for the following:

- A. Bid: Waterworks Contractual Services, funding source: Water Operating Budget
- B. Bid: Automotive Repair Parts and Supplies, funding source: Equipment Operating Budget.
- C.RFP: Ambulance Lease, funding source: Fire Department 2013 Capital Budget

MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Mark, Robertson absent).

NEW BUSINESS

35. Alderman Wasco introduced and read and Ordinance to increase the 2012 tax levy for street and bridge purposes from .06% of the value as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue of all taxable property in the City of Rockford to .10% of the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue of all taxable property in the City of Rockford. LAID OVER.
36. Alderman Wasco introduced and read an Ordinance for the levy and assessment of taxes for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2012 of the City of Rockford, County of Winnebago, and State of Illinois. LAID OVER.

OFFICERS REPORTS

37. Alderman Wasco reminded the aldermen this Saturday, December 1st is a budget meeting from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm in Council Chambers, City Hall 2nd floor.

NEW BUSINESS

2012-183-O

38. Alderman Wasco introduced and read an Ordinance that the Mayor and Legal Director are hereby authorized to execute the attached Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Rockford and the Rockford Park District for the improvements to the Ingersoll Building as the first phase of Reclaiming First, providing for the renovation of the Ingersoll building and funding for the project as set forth in the agreement.

Alderman Wasco moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely voted no; Ald. Mark, Robertson absent). The Ordinance was placed on Passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson,
Timm, Beach, Elyea, McNeely -11-
Nays: -0-
Abstain: Beck -1-
Absent: Mark, Robertson -2-

39. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 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
December 3, 2012
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
- Committee Reports
- Officers Reports

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER NOVEMBER 26, 2012

1. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance that traffic on Quincy Street yield to North Court Street prior to entering the intersection of North Court Street and Quincy Street.
2. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance establishing "No Parking Anytime" on both sides of Linden Court from Linden Road north to cul-de-sac.
3. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance establishing "No Parking Anytime" on both sides of South Trainer Road from Sandalwood Close to Laurelwood Drive.
4. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance establishing "No Parking Anytime" on the north side of Van Wie Avenue between Latham Street and Fremont Street from ten (10) feet west of the alley to twenty (20) feet east of the alley.
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II. ORDINANCES LAID OVER NOVEMBER 26, 2012

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2. Wasco - Ordinance - For the levy and assessment of taxes for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2012 of the City of Rockford, County of Winnebago, and State of Illinois.

- Motions and Resolutions

III. 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. Mark – Ordinance - That traffic on Quincy Street yield to North Court Street prior to entering the intersection of North Court Street and Quincy Street.
2. Mark – Ordinance - Establishing “No Parking Anytime” on both sides of Linden Court from Linden Road north to cul-de-sac.
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- * 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, December 3, 2012, 4:45 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. C & R 12-197 Water Annexation for 1710 Hillcrest Road
2. C & R 12-192 ZBA#039-12 Special Use Permit for a shared pylon with off-premise business sign at the northwest corner of lot (future Lot 20 of Plat 6 of Riverside Market Place).
Variation to increase the maximum allowable height for a free-standing sign from eight (8) feet to seventeen (17) feet
Variation to increase the maximum allowable square footage for a free-standing sign from sixty-four (64) feet to seventy-five (75) feet per side (3 sides) in a C-3, General Commercial Zoning District at 39xx North Bell School Road
3. C & R 12-193 Zoning Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of
4. C & R 12-194 Modification of Special Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development for redevelopment in an R-4, Multifamily Residential District and C-2, Limited Commercial District to amend the conditions of approval to allow market rate housing and amend the timing of future Madison Street right-of-way dedication at 502, 505, 515 Seminary & 326, 360 College Avenue
5. C & R 12-198 Closed Session for Purposes of Pending or Threatened Litigation

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

**Monday, December 3, 2012, 5:15 p.m.
Conference Room B, City Hall 2nd floor (south room)
AGENDA**

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Monday, December 3, 2012, 5:15 p.m.
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA**

1. Memorandum from Patrick Hayes, Legal Director, regarding the Second Amendment to Development Agreement with Liebovich Brothers.
2. Memorandum from Vicki Manson, Development Programs Manager, regarding a proposal from Gorman & Company, Inc. for the re-development of the former Church School, located at 1419 Blaisdell Street.

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

**Monday, December 3, 2012, 4:30 p.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA**

1. Reclaiming First
2. Gaming
3. 2013 Legislative Agenda
4. New Business

2013 BUDGET COUNCIL REVIEW AGENDA

**Saturday, December 1, 2012, 8:30 a.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall 2nd floor**

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| 8:30 – 10:00 | Capital Improvement Program Introduction |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | Board of Fire & Police Commissioners Hiring Process for Police Officers & Firefighters |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Geographic Policing |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | General Discussion regarding 2013 Budget |