

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 30, 2006
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:22 P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Pastor Perry Bennett, Macedonia Baptist Church/Police Chaplain, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troop #14/Our Savior's Lutheran Church.
2. Roll Call:
Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey
Aldermen: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Conness –13-
Absent: Holt –1-
3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of October 23, 2006, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Holt absent).

PUBLIC HEARING

4. Mayor Morrissey called upon Alderman Mark to conduct the public hearings. Alderman Mark called the hearing to order at 6:26 pm, and stated that it was being held pursuant to 65 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/11-15.1-3, for the pre-annexation agreement for property located at 41XX Owen Center Road. He asked for questions or comments from the Council members, and then from the public, and closed the public hearing.
5. Alderman Mark called the second hearing to order and stated that it was being held pursuant to 65 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/11-15.1-3, for an annexation agreement for property located at 1703 South Central Avenue, 1801, 1802, 1803 and 1804 Victoria Avenue. He asked for questions or comments from the Council members, and then from the public, and closed the public hearing.
6. Alderman Mark called the third hearing to order and stated that it was being held pursuant to 65 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/11-15.1-3, for the annexation agreement for property located at 2118 Wentworth Avenue. He asked for questions or comments from the Council members, and then from the public, and closed the public hearing.
7. Alderman Mark called the fourth hearing to order and stated that it was being held pursuant to 65 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/11-15.1-3, for the annexation agreement for property located at 4212 West State Street. He asked for questions or comments from the Council members, and then from the public, and closed the public hearing at 6:28 pm.

The Meeting returned to the regular Order of Business at 6:28 pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

8. Valeri DeCastris and David Beccue addressed Council with concerns of streetlight outages throughout the City.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

9. Alderman Mark submitted a letter from a concerned citizen regarding the whereabouts of the Churchill's Grove wooden sign and the cleanup efforts of construction signs since the completion of the road project. Referred to the Public Works Department.
10. Alderman Mark submitted a letter and pictures from a concerned citizen concerning an incident at Highcrest and Chelsea. Referred to the Police Department.
11. Alderman Mark submitted a request from Julie Schaper, Brian Ritter and Cheryl Marshall, in conjunction with the Black Magic Ball requesting permission to close North Main Street at Jefferson to facilitate valet parking with barricades and possible police assistance at the Coronado Theatre on November 4, 2006. Alderman Mark moved to grant the prayer of petitioner, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Holt absent).
12. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Todd Cagnoni, Manager of Current Planning, regarding County Zoning Items #Z-26-06 and Z-27-06, Zoning Map Amendments. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
13. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Todd Cagnoni, Manager of Current Planning, regarding County Zoning Item #Z-23-6, Zoning Map Amendment. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
14. Alderman Bell submitted a Request for Service at 817 and 822/824 Ferguson Street. Referred to the Community Development Department.
15. Alderman Bell submitted a Request for Service at 827 Ferguson Street. Referred to the Public Works Department.
16. Alderman Bell submitted a letter from Claudia Medina with concerns regarding an incident involving her husband a few weeks ago. Referred to Mayor Morrissey and the Police Department.
17. Alderman Johnson submitted a request from Cathie Jacobson, in conjunction with the "Salvation Army Feed the Hungry Campaign" requesting permission for freestanding banners during the annual campaign at several of the Kelly Williamson locations. Alderman Johnson moved to grant the prayer of petitioner, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Holt absent).

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

18. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Vehicle Stickers 2007 be made to the low bidder Rydin Decal, of Wood Dale,

Illinois for their total bid of \$13,125.00 for 125,000 stickers. The funding source is Finance Department Operating Budget. LAID OVER.

19. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Fixed Radio Equipment (Bid #2) be made to the low bidder Rock River Service, of Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$14,185.00. The funding source is Police Department Operating Budget. LAID OVER.
20. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report regarding City-State Agreement: Phase I Engineering for the North Main & Auburn Street Roundabout recommending entering into this agreement to receive state funding in the amount of \$400,000. If the City is required to expend funds towards the completion of the Phase I Engineering, the source will be a General Fund transfer. LAID OVER.

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21. Alderman Beck read a Finance & Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Snow Removal for Parking Lots be made to the low bidder for each group as summarized:

King Concrete, Rockford, IL	Group 1 - \$54.50/unit/hour
Emerald Green Lawn Care, Rockford, IL	Group 2 - \$50.00/unit/hour
A.J. Morley, Rockford, IL	Group 5 & 8 - \$55.00/unit/hour
	Group 6 & 7 \$74.00/unit/hour
ADV Lawn & Landscape, Byron, IL	Group 3 - \$70.00/unit/hour
ADV Lawn & Landscape, Byron, IL	Group 4 - \$70.00/unit/hour

Funding source Motor Vehicle Parking Fund. Alderman Beck moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Conness –13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Holt –1-

2006-384CR

22. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Exterior Masonry Restoration and Window Replacement at the Fire Department be made to the sole bidder Mike Harris Mason Contractor, of Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$159,580.00. The funding source is Fire Department Capital Budget.

Alderman Beck moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Conness –13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Holt –1-

2006-385CR

23. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Truancy Hearing Code Officer be made to Kathryn Bischoff Attorney at Law, of Rockford, Illinois for a cost of \$95.00/hour. The funding source is Winnebago County.

Alderman Beck moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, Conness –12-
Nays: McNeely –1-
Absent: Holt –1-

2006-386CR

24. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement establishing a Truancy Code Hearing Department for the Administrative Adjudication of the Truancy Provisions of the City of Rockford, Illinois and Winnebago County, Illinois by and between the City of Rockford, County of Winnebago, Rockford School District No. 205 and the United Way of Rock River Valley.

Alderman Beck moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, Conness –12-
Nays: McNeely –1-
Absent: Holt –1-

25. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of October 30, 2006 in the amount of \$2,636,391.68. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Conness -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Holt –1-

26. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the amendments to Section 16-188 and Section 16-131(b) of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances, Handicapped Parking. LAID OVER.

27. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Claim of Mark Ackerman in the amount of \$500.00 for property damage, and a release to be obtained. LAID OVER.

28. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the sale of 829 Miriam Avenue for a minimum bid of \$350.00, which includes advertising with preference to the adjoining landowners. LAID OVER.

29. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance that traffic on Camp Avenue be required to Yield prior to entering the intersection of Hancock Street. LAID OVER.
30. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance that traffic on Westgate Parkway be required to stop prior to entering the intersection of Eastgate Parkway, thus repealing the existing Yield sign control on Westgate Parkway. LAID OVER.
31. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance that all traffic be required to stop prior to entering the intersection of Holiday Drive and Meriday Lane, thus repealing the existing one-way stop sign control. LAID OVER.
32. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance restricting parking to "Handicapped Parking" on the east side of Winnebago Street from 83 feet to 103 feet south of West State Street. LAID OVER.
33. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that "No Action" be taken on the following items:
 1. Request from Gordon Pearson for a handicapped parking stall on the east side of North Church Street in front of their building.
 2. Request from Amy Buchenau for stop or yield sign control at the intersection of Church Street and Deborah Avenue.
 3. Request from Ericka Grothman for a 4-way stop sign control at the intersection of Stowmarket Avenue and Heidi Drive.
 4. Request from Lorna Sullivan for a 4-way stop sign control at the intersection of Latham Street and Bennington Road.
 5. Request from Lee Carlson to install a right turn lane for eastbound traffic on East State Street and Register Star entrance.

LAID OVER.

2006-387CR

34. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Final Plat of Ashwynd at Kerasotes Subdivision #3, being a replat of part of Lots 9 & 10 of Kerasotes Subdivision #2.

Alderman Mark moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Holt absent).

OFFICERS REPORTS

35. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming Thursday, November 2, 2006 to be "City-Wide Beyond High School Day" in Rockford, Illinois and urged all citizens and business partners to join me in acknowledging the importance of a post secondary education by wearing college, university and trade school spirit wear on November 2, 2006.
36. Mayor Morrissey advised last week Senator Durbin's Office helped coordinate a videoconference with FEMA and City officials to discuss their decision denying Rockford of major disaster funding. He expressed frustration with the lack of information they provided and vagueness with their answers, which is needed to support the appeal efforts. Mayor Morrissey believes that because the City acted so quickly and accepted the services from several agencies, we were penalized for our efficiency. At this time, the Legal Department is preparing a Freedom Of Information Act request to FEMA for that data and have received the pledged support from Congressional Leaders in getting that information. City staff will be working diligently to collect additional data and provide new information to respond appropriately with our appeal efforts to FEMA. He thanked City staff, Salvation Army, United Way, Red Cross, Police and Fire and other agencies for their continued support.
37. Mayor Morrissey stated Deputy Chief Lindmark, Rockford Police Department, and himself attended the First Mayor's Against Illegal Guns Coalition Regional Staff Conference held in Chicago last week, along with senior city officials from twenty-two (22) cities around the Midwest. The conference is designed to improve inter-city coordination and share information to develop successful strategies in the fight against illegal guns.
38. Mayor Morrissey called attention to an Information Release from the Rockford Police Department, regarding the special enforcement efforts in the Mid-Town neighborhood of Rockford on October 27, 2006 with the assistance of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, Illinois Department of Corrections Parole Division and Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office. The detail included a roadside safety check in the 1000 block of Seminary Street, with ninety-nine (99) traffic citations issued and twenty-five (25) criminal charges filed.
39. Mayor Morrissey mentioned Thursday, November 2, 2006 Ledy Vankavage, Senior Director of Legislation and Legal Training for the ASPCA, will be providing a presentation on Animal Control issues at 5:30 pm –7:30 pm in City Council Chambers. County Board members and Animal Control Services staff have also been invited, and the meeting is open to the general public.
40. Mayor Morrissey announced after council this evening there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Coronado Corner project, 324 North Main Street.
41. Mayor Morrissey made a reminder that tomorrow is Halloween, Trick or Treat hours will be from 5:30 pm–7:30 pm and parents are asked to make sure the children wear light colored costumes or reflective tape so motorist can see them.

42. Alderman Bell called attention to a Memorandum from Dwayne Collins regarding the 2007 Draft Action Plan CDBG; Home; Emergency Shelter Grant Program. The Planning and Development Committee will be discussing this matter and asking for a rule suspension at next week's meeting. He encouraged the aldermen to contact Dwayne Collins, Reid Montgomery or Vicki Manson with any questions.
43. Alderman Curran called attention to a report from Bill Bitter, Director of Public Works, regarding costs to shut down and reactivation of Ingersoll. After viewing the information provided, he suggested another option would possibly be to demolish the buildings. He believes the riverfront property would be more appealing to a developer without buildings on it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

44. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending "No Action" be taken on the Resolution by Alderman Conness requesting a moratorium on development in the North Main/Eddy Avenue (TIF).

Alderman Johnson made a motion to lay this item over, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. LAID OVER.

2006-183-O

45. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of an Ordinance approving the Development Agreement By and Between the City of Rockford and Owen Center & Riverside, LLC. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm,
Beach, Beck, Conness -11-
Nays: McNeely -1-
Absent: Holt -1-
Abstain: Sosnowski -1-

2006-184-O

46. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of an Ordinance approving the agreement regarding Revitalizing Downtown with Employer-Assisted Housing: City-County Collaboration. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson,
Timm, Beach, Beck, Conness -12-
Nays: McNeely -1-
Absent: Holt -1-

2006-388CR

47. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the vacation for Stanley Street between Cedar Street and Preston Street. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Conness -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Holt -1-

2006-389CR

48. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Tentative Plat of Buckley Commercial Center Subdivision #3, revised. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Holt -1-
Abstain: Sosnowski -1-

2006-185-O

49. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending the annexation of 1703 South Central Avenue, 1801, 1802, 1803 and 1804 Victoria Avenue. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Conness -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Holt -1-

2006-186-O

50. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 800.2, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances, for a Zoning Map Amendment from County and R-1, Single-Family Residential Zoning District to C-1, Limited Office Zoning District at 1703 South Central Avenue.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 11/20/06, ZBA #056-06). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Conness -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Holt -1-

2006-187-O

51. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 800.4 and Section 1603, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances, for a Zoning Map Amendment from C-2, Commercial Community District to C-3, Commercial General District for Parcels I, II and III; and a Special Use Permit for Parcel III for a Performance Use that cannot satisfy the Performance Criteria of 600 feet away from the nearest residential district in a C-3, Commercial General District at 3291 South Alpine Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable building and fire codes
2. Submittal of a final plat including cross parking agreements and access easements and sidewalks for staff's review and approval.
3. The Special Use Permit is limited to a fast food restaurant for the are shown on the submitted site plan.
4. Submittal of a detailed landscaping plan for the entire site for staff's review and approval and illumination plan for staff's review and approval.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 11/20/06, ZBA #058-06). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Conness -13-
 Nays: -0-
 Absent: Holt -1-

2006-188-O

52. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending the approval of the Proposed Groundwater Ordinance for the area surrounding Speedway SuperAmerica Store #7038, 3209 South 11th Street. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Conness -13-
 Nays: -0-
 Absent: Holt -1-

2006-189-O

53. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 1604 and Section 1603, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances, for a Special Use Permit for a Planned Residential Development consisting of a single-family home and in-law unit and; APPROVE the Variation to reduce the rear yard setback from the required 30 feet to 13 ½ feet in an R-1, Single-Family Residential District at 4001 Thames Way. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The additional unit shall be for occupancy of family member(s) as defined by the City of Rockford Zoning Ordinance only.
2. The proposed unit shall not be rented or leased.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 11/20/06, ZBA #057-06). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Conness -13-
 Nays: -0-
 Absent: Holt -1-

2006-190-O

54. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 1603, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances, for a Special Use Permit for a Performance Use of Motorcycles and Off-Road Vehicle Sales and Service that cannot satisfy the performance criteria of 600 feet from a Residential District in a C-3, Commercial General Zoning District at 3118 Kishwaukee Street.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 11/20/06, ZBA #054-06). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Conness -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Holt -1-

2006-191-O

55. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 602 and Section 603, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances, for the Zoning Map Amendment in conjunction with the Pre-Annexation Agreement from County AG to City R-1, Single-Family Residential District for Parcel I and R-2, two-family Residential District for Parcel II at 41XX Owen Center Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The terms of the Pre-Annexation Agreement

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 11/20/06, ZBA #062-06). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Conness -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Holt -1-

2006-192-O

56. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 800.5, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances, for a Zoning Map Amendment from I-1, Light Industrial District to C-4, Commercial Oldtown District at Madison Street area, from Market Street to Whitman Street.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 11/20/06, ZBA #064-06). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Conness -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Holt -1-

2006-193-O

57. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 1603, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances, for a Renewal of a Special Use permit for an assisted living facility in a R-3, Multi-Family Residential Zoning District at 1060, 1120, 1140, 1160, 1220 North Mulford Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Submittal of a revised site plan to Staff for their review and approval showing the number of dwelling units and type of building to be constructed, not to exceed 106 units. Due to site constraints, staff may determine that a lesser number of units will be permitted.
2. Final engineering and improvement plans for all public and private improvements including final grades, intersection design, and drainage/detention requirements, including final drainage calculations, for review and approval by the Public Works Department.
3. Completion and recordation of a final plat (replat) prior to any building permit issued.
4. Sidewalk along North Mulford Road shall be required.
5. Submittal of a complete, detailed landscaping plan for staff review and approval prior to the issuance of any building permit.
6. Meeting all building and fire codes
7. Submittal of elevation plans to staff for their review and approval.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 11/20/06, ZBA #053-06). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Conness -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Holt -1-

Aldermen Mark and McNeely exited the meeting at 7:05 pm.

2006-390CR

58. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Pressure Zone Boundary, Phase 4 be rescinded and rebid at a later date. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, Conness -11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Mark, Holt, McNeely -3-

2006-391CR

59. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Sale of Property: Strip of Land by 801 Trenton be made to the adjacent property owners, William and Debra Funck, of Rockford, Illinois for their bid of \$400.00. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, Conness -11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Mark, Holt, McNeely -3-

2006-392CR

60. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Consulting Actuary for Police & Fire Pension Funds be made to Timothy W. Sharpe, of Geneva, Illinois for a total cost of \$8,000 for both the Fire & Police Pension Funds. The funding source is Police and Fire Pension Funds. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, Conness -11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Mark, Holt, McNeely -3-

Alderman McNeely re-entered the meeting at 7:10 pm.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2006-102R

61. Alderman Johnson, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution that the Mayor and Legal Director are authorized to execute the pre-annexation agreement for 4212 West State Street. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Mark, Holt -2-

2006-103R

62. Alderman Johnson, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution that the Mayor and Legal Director are authorized to execute the pre-annexation agreement for 2118 Wentworth Avenue. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Mark, Holt -2-

2006-104R

63. Alderman Johnson, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution that the Mayor and Legal Director are authorized to execute the annexation of the owners for the properties of 1703 South Central Avenue, 1801, 1802, 1803 and 1804 Victoria Avenue. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Mark, Holt -2-

2006-105R

64. Alderman Johnson, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution that the Mayor and Legal Director are authorized to execute the pre-annexation agreement for 41XX Owen Center Road. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Mark, Holt -2-

2006-106R

65. Alderman McNeely suggested the adoption of a Resolution that the City of Rockford request utility tax audits of the various utilities that collect tax under our taxing ordinance of the State of Illinois laws. The purpose of the audit is to determine and record lost tax revenues, if any. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

66. Alderman Johnson introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 800.2 and Section 1603 of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a Zoning Map Amendment from R-1, Single-Family Residential District to C-1, Limited Office District and; for a Special Use Permit for a Planned Mixed-Use Development consisting of a long-term care hospital and parking in a C-1, Limited Office District at 1390 North Mulford Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable building and fire codes
2. Submittal of a tentative and a final plat for staff review prior to the issuance of a building permit
3. Submittal of a landscaping plan for staff review and approval with the addition of a 4-foot high berm that does not interfere with the preservation of the existing tree line along the north property line
4. All lighting shall be facing downward, shall be directed away from residential, and shall not exceed 20 feet in height. There will be no freestanding light poles north of the proposed building.
5. Only two access drives shall be allowed for this site that includes one from Guilford Road and the second from Mulford Road.
6. All uses will be restricted to those in the C-1, Limited Office Zoning District, except for the proposed long-term care hospital.
7. That a revised site plan be submitted that includes a 50' minimum setback from the north property line to the edge of the curb as shown on the submitted site plan.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 11/20/06, ZBA #061-06). LAID OVER.

2006-194-O

67. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance recommending approval of the attached Intergovernmental Agreement establishing a Truancy Code Hearing Department for the Administrative Adjudication of the Truancy Provisions of the City of Rockford, Illinois and Winnebago County, Illinois by and between Winnebago-Boone Counties, Illinois a special charter school district, the County of Winnebago, Illinois, an Illinois political subdivision and the United way of Rock River Valley.

Alderman Beck moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson,
Timm, Beach, Beck, Conness –11-

Nays: McNeely –1-

Absent: Mark, Holt –2-

68. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 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
NOVEMBER 6, 2006
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)
- Officers Reports
- Unfinished Business of previous meeting
 - Motion and Resolutions
 - New Business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER OCTOBER 30, 2006

1. Beck - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the award for Vehicle Stickers 2007 be made to the low bidder Rydin Decal, of Wood Dale, Illinois for their total bid of \$13,125.00 for 125,000 stickers. The funding source is Finance Department Operating Budget.
2. Beck - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the award for Fixed Radio Equipment (Bid #2) be made to the low bidder Rock River Service, of Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$14,185.00. The funding source is Police Department Operating Budget.
3. Beck - Finance and Personnel - Regarding City-State Agreement: Phase I Engineering for the North Main & Auburn Street Roundabout recommending entering into this agreement to receive state funding in the amount of \$400,000. If the City is required to expend funds towards the completion of the Phase I Engineering, the source will be a General Fund transfer.
4. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the amendments to Section 16-188 and Section 16-131(b) of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances, Handicapped Parking.

5. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the Claim of Mark Ackerman in the amount of \$500.00 for property damage, and a release to be obtained.
6. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the sale of 829 Miriam Avenue for a minimum bid of \$350.00, which includes advertising with preference to the adjoining landowners.
7. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance that traffic on Camp Avenue be required to Yield prior to entering the intersection of Hancock Street.
8. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance that traffic on Westgate Parkway be required to stop prior to entering the intersection of Eastgate Parkway, thus repealing the existing Yield sign control on Westgate Parkway.
9. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance that all traffic be required to stop prior to entering the intersection of Holiday Drive and Meriday Lane, thus repealing the existing one-way stop sign control.
10. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance restricting parking to "Handicapped Parking" on the east side of Winnebago Street from 83 feet to 103 feet south of West State Street.
11. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending that "No Action" be taken on the following items:
 1. Request from Gordon Pearson for a handicapped parking stall on the east side of North Church Street in front of their building.
 2. Request from Amy Buchenau for stop or yield sign control at the intersection of Church Street and Deborah Avenue.
 3. Request from Ericka Grothman for a 4-way stop sign control at the intersection of Stowmarket Avenue and Heidi Drive.
 4. Request from Lorna Sullivan for a 4-way stop sign control at the intersection of Latham Street and Bennington Road.
 5. Request from Lee Carlson to install a right turn lane for eastbound traffic on East State Street and Register Star entrance.
12. Bell - Planning and Development - Recommending "No Action" be taken on the Resolution by Alderman Conness requesting a moratorium on development in the North Main/Eddy Avenue (TIF).

II. ORDINANCES LAID OVER OCTOBER 30, 2006

1. Johnson - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 37, Section 800.2 and Section 1603 of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a Zoning Map Amendment from R-1, Single-Family Residential District to C-1, Limited Office District and; for a Special Use Permit for a Planned Mixed-Use Development consisting of a long-term care hospital and parking in a C-1, Limited Office District at 1390 North Mulford Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
 1. Meeting all applicable building and fire codes
 2. Submittal of a tentative and a final plat for staff review prior to the issuance of a building permit
 3. Submittal of a landscaping plan for staff review and approval with the addition of a 4-foot high berm that does not interfere with the preservation of the existing tree line along the north property line
 4. All lighting shall be facing downward, shall be directed away from residential, and shall not exceed 20 feet in height. There will be no freestanding light poles north of the proposed building.
 5. Only two access drives shall be allowed for this site that includes one from Guilford Road and the second from Mulford Road.
 6. All uses will be restricted to those in the C-1, Limited Office Zoning District, except for the proposed long-term care hospital.
 7. That a revised site plan be submitted that includes a 50' minimum setback from the north property line to the edge of the curb as shown on the submitted site plan.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 11/20/06, ZBA #061-06).

III. MISCELLANEOUS HELD OVER OCTOBER 30, 2006

1. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment to the Citizen Participation Committee, Gerald Buchanan, term ending May 2008. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage November 27, 2006).
2. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment to the Citizen Participation Committee, Maryjane Seward, term ending May 2008. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage November 27, 2006).
3. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment to the Citizen Participation Committee, Joyce Anderson, term ending May 2008. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage November 27, 2006).
4. Mayor Morrissey – Appointment to the Citizen Participation Committee, Lynne Nelson, term ending May 2009. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage November 27, 2006).

5. Mayor Morrissey – Appointment to the Citizen Participation Committee, Stefan Miller, term ending May 2009. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage November 27, 2006).

* same action taken before

- Motions and Resolutions
- 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).
- 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, November 6, 2006, 4:45 p.m.
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA

1. C & R 06-224 County Zoning Items #Z-23-06: Zoning Map Amendment from the RR, Rural Residential District to the CC, Commercial Community District
2. C & R 06-225 County Zoning Items #Z-26-06: Zoning Map Amendment for 2.75 acres from the AG, Agricultural Priority District to the CG, Commercial General District and #Z-27-06: Zoning Map Amendment for 2.75 acres from the AG, Agricultural Priority District to the R-4, Multi Family Residential District for 7725 and 7779 West State Street
3. C & R 06-226 Closed Session for Purposes of Pending Litigation
John Giliberti

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Monday, November 6, 2006, 5:15 p.m.
Conference Room B, City Hall 2nd floor (south room)
AGENDA

1. Purchasing and Vouchers

- A. Award of Bid: Fire Department Station Wear
 - B. Engineering Agreement: Envision North Main Corridor Plan (Laid over 10/30) – Suspend rules
 - C. Resolution to take Bids/Proposals
 - D. Vouchers
 - √ Training/Travel for Community Development Department
- 2. Benefit Plan Contributions for Non-Union Employees
 - 3. Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance (Laid over 10/30)
 - 4. 3rd Quarter Investment Report
 - 5. Financial Discussion

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, November 6, 2006, 5:30 p.m.

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

AGENDA

- 1. Memorandum from Dwayne A. Collins, Grants Compliance Specialist II, regarding the 2007 Draft Action Plan CDBG; HOME; Emergency Shelter Grants Program.