

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
JULY 17, 2006
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:32 P.M.

1. The invocation was given by Pastor Bill Bourne, Grace Ministries/Police Chaplain, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Page Justin Francis.
2. Roll Call:

Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey

Aldermen: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach,
Holt, Beck, McNeely, -12-
Absent: Thompson, Conness -2-
3. Alderman Timm moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of July 10, 2006, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson, Conness absent).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4. Stephen M. Haight addressed council opposing the Reduction of CAP Funding.
5. Rev. Derrick Shelby spoke regarding Black Male Children.
6. Allan Barsema addressed the council opposing CAP Grant Changes Proposed.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. Alderman Bell submitted a letter from Kenneth Board, Sr. Pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church, with a follow-up request for Pilgrim Baptist Church and adjoining property to be annexed into the City of Rockford. Referred to the Code and Regulation Committee, Mayor Morrissey and the Legal Department.
8. Alderman Bell submitted a letter from Harry Russell with concerns about neighbors burning yard waste in his neighborhood. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
9. Alderman Bell submitted a letter addressed to Mayor Morrissey from himself summarizing a meeting held on July 7th with Rev. Kenneth Board, Sr. Pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church, members of the Church, and Nathaniel Martin, President of the Rockford Park Commissioners, with regards to the church obtaining two adjoining properties to build a community center. Referred to Planning and Development Committee, Mayor Morrissey and the Legal Department.
10. Alderman Bell submitted a Memorandum from Patrick W. Hayes, Legal Director, regarding a Resolution in Support of Blackhawk Area Rail Coalition (BARC). Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
11. Alderman Bell submitted a request from Ralph Hawthorne in conjunction with Ceasefire Block Party requesting permission for barricades for road closures on Oakley between

School and Blaisdell on Friday, July 21, 2006 from 6pm-9pm. Alderman Bell moved to grant the prayer of petitioner, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson, Conness absent).

12. Alderman Wasco submitted a request for Shadow Woods Subdivision requesting permission for parking waiver 5300-5500 northeast corner of Springbrook Road and Applewood Lane and the east side of Applewood Lane north of Springbrook Road for annual sealing of private drives on July 18th-20th. Alderman Wasco moved to grant the prayer of petitioner, seconded by Alderman Timm. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson, Conness absent).
13. Alderman Beck submitted a letter from John Crull regarding zoning issues with a lot purchased on Brown's Beach Road. Referred to Zoning Department.
14. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Patrick W. Hayes, Legal Director, regarding Retention of Outside Counsel for Labor Arbitration. Referred to Finance and Personnel Department.
15. Alderman Mark submitted a request from Rebecca Kopf, River District, with regards to the Jehovah's Witness Conventions at Metro Centre requesting permission for businesses in the River District to put sandwich-board style signs at premises on July 28th-30th, August 4th-6th, August 11th-13th, August 18th-20th and August 25th-27th. Alderman Mark moved to grant the prayer of petitioner, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson, Conness absent).
16. Alderman Mark submitted a request from Sherman and Juanita MacVenn in conjunction with Native American Awareness Committee Honoring the Mounds Gathering at Beattie Park, requesting permission for the use of parking stalls along Park Avenue for vendors on August 26th from 10am-4pm. Alderman Mark moved to grant the prayer of petitioner, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson, Conness absent).
17. Alderman Mark submitted a letter from Paul Perrone, Northern Illinois Red Ribbon Program, requesting nonprofit funding from the City of Rockford for drug prevention programs provided for our community. Referred to Dwayne Collins, Community Development Department.
18. Alderman Mark submitted a letter from Maureen Elick, requesting replacement of shrubs and foliage that had been removed by City staff while replacing a pipe at her home. Referred to the Public Works Department and the Legal Department.
19. Alderman Mark submitted a letter from Ashley Mavon supporting a proposed whitewater park in Rockford. Referred to Mayor Morrissey.
20. Alderman Mark submitted a letter and agreement from LeRoy Jones, President Rockford Investment Corp., with an Offer to Purchase Agreement for the vacant lot next to Lafayette Hotel. Referred to Finance and Personnel Department, Mayor Morrissey and Legal Department.

21. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Todd Cagnoni, Manager of Current Planning, regarding the Final Plat of Fieldstone Subdivision. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
22. Alderman Mark submitted the Rockford Traffic Commission minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, July 12, 2006. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
23. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jennifer Cacciapaglia, City Attorney, regarding a Revision to the Liquor Ordinance. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
24. Alderman Timm submitted a letter from Connie Murphy with concerns about the high volume of traffic and speeding through her neighborhood. Referred to the Police Department with response to Alderman Timm.
25. Alderman Beach submitted a letter from a constituent concerning a pitbull problem in her neighborhood. Referred to Mayor Morrissey and the Police Department.
26. Alderman Holt submitted a request from Bill Mohr, 7th Street Development Council (Midtown District Association) in conjunction with 7th Street Shakedown, requesting permission for food and entertainment, barricades, and liquor outdoors on private property within a confined space for a not-for-profit on August 11th, 6pm-11pm and August 12th, 11am-11pm at 7017 7th Street (AmCore parking lot). Alderman Holt moved to grant the prayer of petitioner, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson, Conness absent).
27. Alderman Sosnowski submitted a letter addressed to Mayor Morrissey signed by Aldermen Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Timm, Beach and Beck for his consideration in Vetoing the City Council action that approved the waiver of sidewalks along Kelley Drive. Referred to Mayor Morrissey and Placed on File.
28. Alderman McNeely submitted a letter from Bishop James E. Washington, St. Paul Church of God in Christ, opposing recent changes recommended by City Council in the allocation of CAP Funding. Referred to Mayor Morrissey.
29. Alderman McNeely submitted a request from Officer Carla Redd, Rockford Police Department, in conjunction with National Night Out, requesting permission for closure of Albert Avenue from Mulberry Street to West Jefferson Street (Lewis Lemon School, 1993 Mulberry) on August 1st from 7pm-9pm. Alderman McNeely moved to grant the prayer of petitioner, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson, Conness absent).

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

30. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the County of Winnebago, Illinois and the City of Rockford, Illinois for the Construction and Maintenance of Sidewalks in the County Highway Right-of-Way. LAID OVER.

31. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the sale of 2623 Mulberry Street for a minimum bid of \$350.00, which includes advertising with preference to the adjoining property owner. LAID OVER.
32. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the sale of the strip of land adjacent to the south of 801 Trenton for a minimum bid of \$350.00, which includes advertising with preference to the adjoining property owner. LAID OVER.
33. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee report regarding exchange of property with Barnes International, Inc., for the West State Street Crossover project, recommends that approval of the exchange: the land to be obtained by the City is described on Exhibit A, and the land to be obtained by Barnes International, Inc., is described as Exhibit B and C. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. LAID OVER.
34. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee report regarding Information Technology Department recommends approving the necessary amendments to Chapter 2, Administration, Article X, Department of Finance and the creation of Article XX, Information Technology Department of said Chapter, per the attached ordinance. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. LAID OVER.
35. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of July 17, 2006 in the amount of \$2,636,793.80. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely –11-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Thompson, Conness, Johnson (temporarily exited meeting) –3-

OFFICERS REPORTS

36. Mayor Morrissey read a Proclamation proclaiming Wednesday, July 19, 2006 to be " Ride to Work Day" in Rockford, and encouraged scooter and motorcycle riders to ride to work on that day, and pursuant thereto, do further direct that on July 19, 2006 parking at meters and in publicly owned garages in the City of Rockford will be free of charge to motorcycles and scooters in recognition of their utilitarian value and to encourage the daily use of those vehicles.
37. Mayor Morrissey read a Proclamation proclaiming the week of July 17, 2006 to be "Neighborhood Cleanup Week" in Rockford, Illinois and reminds all citizens and businesses that company is coming and encourage the community to work together, not only in July but throughout the year, to keep Rockford clean and green.
38. Mayor Morrissey submitted an appointment to the Library Board, Brad Long to replace Ray Montelongo, for a term to end June, 2009. LAID OVER.

39. Mayor Morrissey submitted an appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Ed Geeser to replace Joseph Dunker, for a term to end June, 2011. LAID OVER.
- Mayor Morrissey submitted the re-appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Dan J. Roszkowski, for a term to end June 2010. LAID OVER.
- Mayor Morrissey submitted the re-appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Thomas A. Przytulski, for a term ending June 2011. LAID OVER.
40. Mayor Morrissey issued a letter to the PBPA Membership (Police Union Membership) from himself, in response to a memorandum from PBPA President Doug Block, suggesting a potential merger with Winnebago County, which would lead to the City contracting police services under the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department. Outlined in the letter explains Mayor Morrissey's analysis of that suggestion.
41. Mayor Morrissey mentioned that at the end of tonight's meeting, Council will go into closed session to continue discussion on the status of union negotiations.
42. Mayor Morrissey called attention to the Memorandum distributed by Chief Epperson regarding the 2005 Bias Fee Policing Report, which summarizes data, collected on minority/caucasian traffic stops. Any questions can be directed to Mayor Morrissey's Office or Chief Epperson.
43. Mayor Morrissey mentioned a Weed & Seed Calls Report from the dates of October 2004 through June 2006, indicating improvement on the total number calls in the targeted zone.
- 43a. Mayor Morrissey mentioned a Press Conference was held today at Lewis Lemon Global Academy, 1993 Mulberry Street, at 1:30 pm, with Aldermen Timm and McNeely present to hear the announcement of several new Weed & Seed Improvement Projects. With the development of several partnerships, the citizens living in the targeted area are given new hope and opportunities for a higher standard to be achieved.
44. Mayor Morrissey called attention to a Memorandum from Andres Sammul, Director of Finance, regarding the Quarterly Investment Report and Six Month Report and Summary on various financial items.
45. Mayor Morrissey mentioned a Memorandum from Andres Sammul, Director of Finance, regarding Alderman Conness' Resolution for a ¾% sales tax proposal for capital improvements. Data collected for analysis and timetables are provided for review. Mayor Morrissey commented on the editorials in the newspaper with regards to placing the tax proposal and school referendum on the November ballot. Mayor Morrissey stated he has had discussion with School Board officials and they will be working collectively on this issue for the betterment of this community.

46. Mayor Morrissey commented he was in Chicago last week and spoke with Mayor Daley regarding the City of Chicago's 2016 Olympic bid. Discussion focused on Rockford being a logical choice for an Olympic site, given our numerous soccer fields, emmenities, hotels, restaurants and proposed Olympic caliber Whitewater Park. Mayor Daley expressed support of Rockford's concepts to bring high-speed rail connections to Rockford and throughout the State of Illinois.
47. Mayor Morrissey and Steve Anderson, RHA Interim Director, met with Chicago Housing Authority officials last Friday, discussing CHA's progress in implementing new ideas. Mayor Morrissey was encouraged by the cooperation and support of CHA to help guide us as we put together our plans for transforming and revitalizing public housing in the City of Rockford.
48. Alderman Jacobson was concerned with the number of phone calls received regarding the new parking ordinance. He expressed several constituents do not have the resources to fix these issues and requested an extension on the timeframe set for compliance. Mayor Morrissey clarified the standard that was changed in the ordinance pertained to "enforcement of the vehicles parked on non-paved surfaces". Mayor Morrissey advised he would be available for any discussion on this matter.
49. Alderman Bell commended the Mayor, Council and Legal Department for taking the initiative to draft and pass this ordinance for parking enforcement, believing it will improve the quality of life for the citizens in Rockford.
50. Alderman Bell congratulated the Rockford Raptors Football Team with a winning record of 14-4 in their first season and advancing to the playoffs.
51. Alderman Mark commented that in 2001 the State completed a reconstruction project on North Main Street but forgot to plant trees along the street. He requested this issue be looked into. Referred to the Public Works Department.
52. Alderman Beck mentioned this weekend will be the Alpine Kiwani's Brat Day Event and encouraged all to attend and support local charities.
53. Alderman Jacobson expressed support of the "No Loitering Signs" proposed by Alderman Bell, which would possibly help with problems in the area of Brooke Road and Kishwaukee Street when groups of people gather there. Referred to the Police Department.
54. Alderman Holt thanked Deputy Chief Lindmark and the Detective Bureau in the Rockford Police Department for their diligent efforts to make an arrest in connection with a body that was found last week.
55. Alderman McNeely expressed concern with the warm weather that Rockford has been experiencing and requested information on "cooling centers" be provided to her and the community.

56. Alderman McNeely thanked Mayor Morrissey for inviting her to attend the Press Conference regarding the Weed & Seed Program and mentioned several individuals traveled from the State of Kentucky to assist with repairs on senior citizens homes in the Weed & Seed area. She indicated she would be more than happy to join the efforts of those individuals and encouraged all to support this program.
57. Mayor Morrissey commented on the tremendous support for the young people from Kentucky helping in our community and thanked the several business and individuals who have provided paint and other materials or volunteered their time to make this program a success. Anyone wishing to support this effort, contact the Mayor's Office at 987-5590. Mayor Morrissey acknowledged and thanked Patrick Yarborough for his efforts to this program.
58. Jennifer Jaeger, Human Services Department, advised a Press Release was issued regarding the "cooling stations" which will be e-mailed to all the Aldermen. She indicated the sites are scattered throughout the City and Belvidere area, located at the Keenage Center, NIAA, Carpenter's Place, the Public Aid Office, Rockford Rescue Mission, the Public Safety Building and Kenrock Community Center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

59. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending that the City Council approve the amended request for 2006 Community Assistance Program (CAP) Funding Recommendations; (Option B). MOTION FAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Bell, Holt, McNeely –3-
 Nays: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach
 Beck -9-
 Absent: Thompson, Conness –2-

Mayor Morrissey advised Council, Dwayne Collins, Grants Compliance Specialist II, at the request of Alderman Beach, provided a memorandum and four charts (Options A; Original Committee Report without amendments, Option B; Original Committee Report with Aldermen Holt and McNeely's amendments, Option C; Original Committee Report with Alderman Holt's amendments; Option D, Original Committee Report with Alderman McNeely's amendments) illustrating the 2006 Community Assistance Program requests for funding and amendments proposed by Aldermen Holt and McNeely.

Alderman Bell made a motion to place Option A up for passage. Patrick Hayes, Legal Director, indicated "New Business" would be the appropriate portion of the meeting to make this motion. The matter will be raised under "New Business".

2006-248CR

60. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the amending the agreement with the Illinois Commerce Commission Railroad Crossing Safety Improvements for Horsman St., Auburn, St., and School St. for

a preliminary estimate amount of \$493,015, with a City share estimated at 5% (approximately \$24,650). The funding for this project will come from Motor Fuel Taxes. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2006-249CR

61. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending re-authorizing the First Lady's Wildflower Program for an amount up to \$35,000, with a requirement for the City to provide up to \$5,000 in matching funds or services. The funding for this project will come from Motor Fuel Taxes. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

62. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending participation in the National Citizen Survey and membership to the ICMA Center for Performance Management (International City/County Management Association) for a combined estimated cost of \$20,600. Alderman Beck made a motion to refer the item back to committee, seconded by Jacobson. REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE.

2006-115-O

63. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending compensation for the Employees of the City of Rockford who are not represented by any Union or Association, for the period January 1, 2006, to December 31, 2006. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2006-116-O

64. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending Chapter 21, Police, Article I, General Section 21-6 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Rockford, IL be amended to the police department shall contain up to five (5) bureaus and a chaplains' division. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

Absent: Thompson, Conness -2-

2006-250CR

65. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the annexation of 4775 Linden Road. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely -12-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Thompson, Conness -2-

2006-251CR

66. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the agreement between the City of Rockford and the Illinois Department of Transportation for temporary street signage in conjunction with the second annual Great River Ride. IDOT will create, erect and remove all signage at no cost to the City. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely -12-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Thompson, Conness -2-

2006-252CR

67. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that the City Council APPROVE the Zoning Map Amendment from C-2, Commercial Community Zoning District to I-1, Light Industrial Zoning District and APPROVE the Special Use Permit for a Planned Mixed Use Development for warehouse storage, automobile storage, and repair in an I-1, Light Industrial District at 3210 Williams Avenue. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The site must be developed as per the approved site plan.
2. A parking lot permit showing the required parking must be submitted for staff review and approval.
3. A landscaping plan must be submitted for staff review and approval.
4. Overnight storage of passenger vehicles is limited to (4) four.
5. Outside storage of trailers, boats and trucks is prohibited.
6. All vehicles awaiting repair must have current and valid license plates.
7. The property must be combined to one lot.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 8/21/06, ZBA #042-06). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely -12-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Thompson, Conness -2-

2006-253CR

68. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that the City Council APPROVE the Special Use Permit for a church and church related facilities in a R-1, Single-Family Residential Zoning District at 2106 Sandy Hollow Road.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 8/21/06, ZBA #041-06). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2006-254CR

69. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that the City Council APPROVE the Modification of Special Use Permit #118-05 (Ordinance 2006-43-O) to allow passenger vehicle sales, sale of wheels and a car wash in a C-3, Commercial General Zoning District at 1326 Kilburn Avenue. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The site be limited to no more than twelve (12) vehicles for sale at any one time.
2. Cars waiting for wheel installation or detailing/washing be limited to the area at the southeast portion or the site near the bay entrance.
3. All landscaping be maintained and replaced as needed.
4. No additional services be provided at this site without approval of a Modification of the Special Use Permit.
5. No automobile parts or inoperable vehicles be stored outside at any time.
6. No automotive repair be conducted at the site other than the installation of wheels and tires.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 8/21/06, ZBA #040-06). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2006-255CR

70. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that the City Council APPROVE the Modification of Special Use Permit #156-91 (Ordinance 1991-312-O) for the sale of liquor by the drink indoors and outdoors in conjunction with a restaurant in a C-2, Commercial Community District at 3929 Broadway. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable liquor laws of the City of Rockford.
2. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 8/21/06, ZBA #039-06). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2006-256CR

71. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that the City Council APPROVE the Annexation Agreement and Zoning Map Amendment from County CG, Commercial General and County R-3, Multi-Family Residential to City C-2, Commercial Community Zoning District for Parcel 1 and Parcel 2 and City R-3, Multi-Family Residential Zoning District for Parcel 3 at 4775 Linden Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Subject to the terms of the Annexation Agreement and City of Rockford Codes and Regulations.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 8/21/06, ZBA #032-06). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2006-117-O

72. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance for the sale of City owned property at 1202 Blaisdell at a minimum bid of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) with preference given to the adjoining property owner.). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

73. Alderman Beck moved the appointment of Virgil M. Woods to the Metro Authority Board. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson, Conness absent).

74. Alderman Beck moved the appointment of Gary Caruana to Board of Fire and Police Commission. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson, Conness absent).

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2006-54R

75. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Resolution for permission to temporarily close U.S. Business 20 (westbound) from Summit to Jefferson Street. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson, Conness absent).

2006-55R

76. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Resolution to take bids for the following: Pressure Zone Boundary, Phase 5B, funding source: Water Utility Revenue Bonds (WURB); Southeast Drainage Ditch Repairs – 2006, funding source: Street Maintenance; Hybrid SUV for Human Services, funding source: State Grant Monies. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson, Conness absent).

2006-56R

77. Alderman Bell, on behalf of the Planning and Development Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution hereby requesting the assistance and participation of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and resolves to assist them in any manner that will provide for the timely and comprehensive environmental investigation of the properties in order to seek Brownsfield assistance for the redevelopment of the Properties. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson, Conness absent).

NEW BUSINESS

2006-257CR

78. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending that the City Council approve the 2006 Community Assistance Program (CAP) Funding Recommendations; (Option A).

Alderman Holt made a motion to amend Option A and adopt recommendations in Option C, seconded by Alderman Beach.

Alderman McNeely made a friendly amendment to include Option D with Alderman Holt's motion to amend Option A to adopt recommendations in Option C.

Alderman Holt's amendment to Option A to adopt recommendations in Option C was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely -7-
Nays: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Timm -5-
Absent: Thompson, Conness -2-

Alderman Holt made a motion to place the amended Committee Report (Option C) up for passage. MOTION FAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Beach, Holt, McNeely -6-
Nays: Mayor Morrissey, Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Timm, Beck -7-

Absent: Thompson, Conness -2-

Alderman Bell made a motion to placed Option A up for passage, duly seconded.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm,
Beach, Beck, McNeely -11-

Nays: Holt -1-

Absent: Thompson, Conness -2

79. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 281, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances to add "No Parking, Stopping, or Standing 4 pm – 11 pm" on the north side of Ashland Avenue from Central Avenue to Sunset Avenue, and "No Parking, Stopping, or Standing 4 pm – 11 pm" on the east side of Sunset Avenue from Ashland Avenue to Sherman Avenue. LAID OVER.
80. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 291, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances to add that traffic on Grace Street be required to Stop prior to entering the intersection of Court Street, that traffic on 12th Avenue be required to Stop prior to entering the intersection of 29th Street, and that traffic on Foster Avenue be required to Stop prior to entering the intersection of Green Street, thus repealing the existing yield sign control. LAID OVER.
81. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 293, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances to add that traffic on Duncan Avenue be required to Yield prior to entering the intersection of Forest View Avenue. LAID OVER.

2006-118-0

82. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Sections 1603 and 1604, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a (A) Special Use Permit for a Planned Mixed Use Development consisting of a gas station, convenience store and car wash; (B) Special Use Permit for the sale of liquor (beer and wine only-indoors) by the package; (C) Variation in the front yard setback along Broadway from thirty feet to fourteen feet; (D) Variation in the rear yard setback and landscape buffer along the south property line to allow a setback and buffer of five feet for a car wash in a C-2, Commercial Zoning District at 3803, 3811 & 3819 Broadway. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
1. Submittal of a revised site plan for Staff review and approval showing the removal of the parking space along East Moreland and the relocation of the dumpster enclosure.
 2. Sidewalks will be required as part of the redevelopment.
 3. Submittal of a detailed landscaping plan for Staff review of approval, including the required interior landscaping in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance.
 4. That a building elevation plan is submitted for Staff review and approval, which includes windows and/or an alternative false window to break up the blank wall on all elevations.

5. That a delivery of fuel to the store shall take place between the hours of 6 am –6 pm.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 7/17/06, ZBA #026-06).

Alderman Mark moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson, Conness absent). The Ordinance was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm,
Holt, Beck, McNeely –11-
Nays: Beach –1-
Absent: Thompson, Conness –2-

83. Alderman Beck moved that the City Council go into closed session to discuss pending police, fire and AFSCME negotiations, duly seconded. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Timm, Beach, Beck,
McNeely –10-
Nays: Johnson, Holt –2-
Absent: Thompson, Conness –2-

The meeting went into closed session at 8:15 pm. The meeting returned to open session at 9:15 pm and found the following present:

Aldermen Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely. (Ald. Thompson, Johnson, Conness absent).

84. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 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
July 24, 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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER JULY 17, 2006

1. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the County of Winnebago, Illinois and the City of Rockford, Illinois for the Construction and Maintenance of Sidewalks in the County Highway Right-of-Way.
2. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the sale of 2623 Mulberry Street for a minimum bid of \$350.00, which includes advertising with preference to the adjoining property owner.
3. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the sale of the strip of land adjacent to the south of 801 Trenton for a minimum bid of \$350.00, which includes advertising with preference to the adjoining property owner.
4. Beck - Finance and Personnel - Regarding exchange of property with Barnes International, Inc., for the West State Street Crossover project, recommends that approval of the exchange: the land to be obtained by the City is described on Exhibit A, and the land to be obtained by Barnes International, Inc., is described as Exhibit B and C. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

5. Beck - Finance and Personnel - Regarding Information Technology Department recommends approving the necessary amendments to Chapter 2, Administration, Article X, Department of Finance and the creation of Article XX, Information Technology Department of said Chapter, per the attached ordinance. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

II. ORDINANCES LAID OVER JULY 17, 2006

1. Mark - Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 281, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances to add "No Parking, Stopping, or Standing 4 pm – 11 pm" on the north side of Ashland Avenue from Central Avenue to Sunset Avenue, and "No Parking, Stopping, or Standing 4 pm – 11 pm" on the east side of Sunset Avenue from Ashland Avenue to Sherman Avenue.
2. Mark - Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 291, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances to add that traffic on Grace Street be required to Stop prior to entering the intersection of Court Street, that traffic on 12th Avenue be required to Stop prior to entering the intersection of 29th Street, and that traffic on Foster Avenue be required to Stop prior to entering the intersection of Green Street, thus repealing the existing yield sign control.
3. Mark - Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 293, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances to add that traffic on Duncan Avenue be required to Yield prior to entering the intersection of Forest View Avenue.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

A. LAID OVER JULY 17, 2006

1. Mayor Morrissey - Appointment to the Library Board, Brad Long to replace Ray Montelongo, for a term to end June, 2009. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage August 21, 2006).
2. Mayor Morrissey - Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Ed Geeser to replace Joseph Dunker, for a term to end June, 2011. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage August 21, 2006).
3. Mayor Morrissey - Re-appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Dan J. Roszkowski, for a term to end June 2010. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage August 21, 2006).
4. Mayor Morrissey - Re-appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Thomas A. Przytulski, for a term ending June 2011. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage August 21, 2006).

A. HELD OUT JULY 17, 2006

1. Mayor Morrissey - Appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission, Michael G. Pauly, for a term to end June, 2009. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage August 14, 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, July 24, 2006, 4:45 p.m.
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA

1. C & R 06-144 Final Plat of Fieldstone Subdivision
2. C & R 06-145 July Traffic Commission Minutes
3. C & R 06-136 Resolution from Ald. Victory Bell re: Loitering Signage
4. C & R 06-137 Resolution from Daniel Conness re: Officers Reports
5. C & R 06-142 Truancy Ordinance
6. C & R 05-323 Building permits for re-roofing work done in the City of Rockford
7. C & R 06-146 Revision to the Liquor Ordinance
8. C & R 06-116 ZBA#038-06 Special Use Permit for the sale of liquor by the drink outdoors in conjunction with a restaurant in a Commercial Zoning District at 510 South Perryville Road

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Monday, July 24, 2006, 5:00 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of Bid: Southeast Drainage Ditch Repairs – Suspend rules
 - B. Engineering Agreement for Construction Inspection for Harrison Avenue (20th St. to Mulford)
 - C. Emergency Demolition of 416 Short Horsman Street
 - D. Resolution to take Bids
 - E. Vouchers
2. Acquisition of Armory Building
3. Intergovernmental Agreement with RMTD (Laid over 7/17)
4. Retention of Outside Counsel for Labor Arbitration
5. 2nd Quarter Investment Report
6. Financial Discussion
7. Union Negotiation Update – Closed Session

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, July 24, 2006, 5:30 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. Memorandum from Patrick W. Hayes, Legal Director, regarding a Resolution in Support of Blackhawk Area Rail Coalition (BARC).
2. Letter to Alderman Victory Bell from Pilgrim Baptist Church requesting the church and its abutting property to be annexed to the City of Rockford.