

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 29, 2007
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:22 P.M.

1. The invocation was given by Pastor Louis Malone, St. Luke's Missionary Baptist Church/Police Chaplain, the Pledge of Allegiance was led Council Page Justin Francis.
2. Roll Call:

Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey

Aldermen: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness –14-
Absent: -0-
3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of January 22, 2007, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4. Marjorie Veitch addressed Council supporting the proposed Sales Tax.
5. Luan Dean addressed Council supporting the Sales Tax Referendum.
6. Lew Crampton addressed Council supporting the 1% Sales Tax proposed to fund Roads/Infrastructure/Improvements.
7. Chris Wachowiak addressed Council supporting the Sales Tax Referendum.
8. Dan Kelly addressed Council supporting the proposed Sales Tax.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

9. Alderman Bell submitted a flier announcing the first annual fundraiser for Hands That Help, Inc. to be held on Sunday, March 18th at 4:00 pm at the St. Paul COGIC, 1001 Bishop Washington Avenue, Rockford. Referred to Mayor Morrissey, all Aldermen and Placed on file.
10. Alderman Bell submitted a Memorandum from Reid Montgomery, Director of Community and Economic Development, regarding RAEDC 2006- 4th Quarter Report. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
11. Alderman Bell submitted a letter from Wendy Schneider, with concerns of the Heavy Industrial Zoning application before the Winnebago County Board, which falls within 1 ½ miles of the City of Rockford. Referred to Mayor Morrissey, all Aldermen and Zoning/Todd Cagnoni.
12. Alderman Thompson-Kelly submitted an e-mail from Russell Paulson regarding the Rockford City Vehicle Stickers. Referred to the Mayor's Office/Jim Ryan.

13. Alderman Thompson-Kelly submitted a renewal notice for the International Council of Shopping Centers. Referred to the Mayor's Office/Jim Ryan.
14. Alderman Thompson-Kelly submitted a Request for Service. Referred to Neighborhood Standards.
15. Alderman Wasco submitted nine (9) e-mails both supporting and opposing the proposed 1% Sales Tax. Placed on File.
16. Alderman Wasco submitted an e-mail from Donna Tollefsrud expressing disappointment with the snowplowing efforts this winter season. Referred to Public Works Department/Bill Morr.
17. Alderman Conness submitted an e-mail from Erin Berry requesting a "No U-turn" sign to be installed at the intersection of Phelps and State. Referred to the Public Works Department/Traffic.
18. Alderman Conness submitted an e-mail from Linette Hultman concerning the lack of street lights at the corner of Mulford and Conrad and requested assistance to have some installed. Alderman Conness requested an up-date on all the street light requests he has referred in the past eight months. Referred to the Public Works Department/Laurette Brown.
19. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Todd Cagnoni, Manager of Current Planning, regarding the Final Plat of Guilford Park. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
20. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Todd Cagnoni, Manager of Current Planning, regarding the Final Plat of Alpine View. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
21. Alderman McNeely submitted a letter listing several properties damaged by graffiti and passed around pictures of that damage. Referred to Mayor Morrissey, the Police Department and the Public Works Department.
22. Alderman McNeely made a request for lighting on Oakwood and Mulberry and parking on Mulberry. Referred to the Public Works Department and Traffic.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

23. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance that traffic on Cambridge Avenue be required to stop prior to entering the intersection of Delaware Street. LAID OVER.
24. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance that traffic on Ashley Avenue be required to stop prior to entering the intersection of Delaware Street. LAID OVER.

25. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance to designate Preston Street from Pierpont Avenue to Springfield Avenue as a "Through Street". LAID OVER.
26. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending "No Action" be taken on the following items:
 1. Request from Alderman Sosnowski, 1st Ward, for stop sign control at the intersection of Bryn Mawr Lane and Sorrel Tree Road.
 2. Request from Mary Colvin, to repeal the existing "No Parking Anytime" on the north side of King Street from Church Street to Latham Place.
 3. Request from Alderman Beck, 12th Ward, for stop sign control at the following intersections:
 - a. Church Street and Jonathan Avenue.
 - b. Jonathan Avenue and Ruth Street.
 4. Request from Alderman Johnson, 8th Ward, for stop sign control at the intersection of 16th Avenue and 25th Street.
 5. Request from Alderman Jacobson, 6th Ward, for the following:
 - a. No Parking on Regular School Days 7:30am-4:00pm on both sides of Old Gate Road.
 - b. Establish Residential Parking on both side of Old Gate Road.

LAID OVER.

27. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the proposed attached ordinance as it relates to "Visitability" of new residential structures constructed with public funds. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. LAID OVER.
28. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the grant for a sanitary sewer easement to Rock River Reclamation District. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. LAID OVER.

2007-29CR

29. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the Tentative Plat of Guilford Park. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
 1. The easement along the north property line shall be clearly labeled as a 12' utility easement.
 2. Sidewalk shall be installed along Mulford Road and Guilford Road.
 3. An internal pedestrian system shall be submitted as part of the final plat and shall

include sidewalk along one side of the private driveway connecting to Mulford Road and both sides of the driveway connecting to Guilford Road. The pedestrian system shall continue on Lot 1 to the Regency Hospital building.

4. The stormwater detention areas shall coincide with the approval site plan for the development.
5. Lot 2 shall not have direct access to Mulford Road and the only access to Guilford Road shall be at the identified access circulation.
6. The subdivision and development of the site develop in accordance with the approved Special Use Permit.
7. That a final drainage study is reviewed and approved by staff.
8. All subdivision regulations shall apply.

Alderman Mark moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman McNeely. MOTION PREVAILED. The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED.

30. Alderman Bell read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the attached Agreement for the demolition of 809 and 811 Kishwaukee Street. LAID OVER.

2007-30CR

31. Alderman Bell read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending that the West State/Kilburn Redevelopment Project Planning Area be approved. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

Alderman Bell moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED. The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED.

2007-31CR

32. Alderman Bell read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending that the attached West State/Kilburn Redevelopment Plan and Project be approved. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

Alderman Bell moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED. The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED.

2007-32CR

33. Alderman Bell read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending that the County Clerk be instructed to implement tax increment financing per statute within the West State/Kilburn Redevelopment Area. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

Alderman Bell moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED. The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED.

34. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending extending the Redevelopment Tax through December 31, 2028. LAID OVER.

35. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Engineering Agreement: Riverwalk Design be made to Hitchcock Design Group at a lump sum cost of \$45,000 (plus direct expenses). The funding for this project will come from the proposed 2007 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). LAID OVER.

2007-33CR

36. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for (1) Parking Lot Attendant Vehicle be made to the sole bidder Leisure Equipment, Inc., of Parker Ford, PA for their total bid of \$28,532.00. The funding source is Parking Fund.

Alderman Beck moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED. The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2007-34CR

37. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Fire Prevention Interior Remodeling be made to the low bidder Sjostrom Construction of Rockford, IL for their bid of \$131,7800.00 for the base bid only. The funding source is Fire Department Operating Budget.

Alderman Beck moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED. The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

38. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the City Council adopt an Ordinance repealing the City Vehicle Sticker Tax effective January 1, 2008. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. LAID OVER.

39. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of January 29, 2007 in the amount of \$2,475,214.28. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

OFFICERS REPORTS

40. Mayor Morrissey thanked Alderman McNeely for bringing in photographs of several incidents of graffiti in her ward and advised her that he, Chief Epperson and Public Works staff have had discussion concerning the increase of incidents, clean-up efforts and the apprehension of those persons responsible.
41. Chief Epperson advised the department has seen an increased amount of graffiti in the southwest area of the city, some arrests have been made and a report will be provided next week with that information.
- 41a. Mayor Morrissey recognized Freeport Mayor George Gaulrapp in the gallery.
42. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of January 29, 2007 to be "Fallen Firefighter Week" in Rockford, Illinois and urged all citizens to honor and show our sincere appreciation for the firefighters of our community by deed, remark and attitude.
43. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of January 29, 2007 to be "Give Kids a Smile Week" in Rockford, Illinois and encouraged children and families to practice good dental health and take advantage of the services of the Winnebago County Dental Society.
44. Mayor Morrissey mentioned a Snow and Ice Report for the week of January 22nd through January 28th has been provided to council and the media.
45. Mayor Morrissey called attention to a Memorandum dated January 29, 2007, from Bill Bittner, Director of Public Works Department, addressing questions asked during discussion of the CIP by the Planning and Development Committee regarding drainage projects. Direct any questions to the Mayor's Office, Director Bittner or Patrick Zuroske, Public Works Department.
46. Mayor Morrissey commented that during the New Business portion of the meeting, a motion will be made to amend Ordinance 2007-4-O to substitute the Intergovernmental Agreement, which changes some technical language to bring it to precise coordination with the Ordinance that the County Board passed on January 25, 2007.
47. Mayor Morrissey spoke regarding the Sales Tax Referendum and recent discussion to specifically identify the projects related to that tax, and to add a 5-year sunset provision on that plan. He also mentioned lowering the 2007 property tax rate, suggested an annual plan for road projects for each individual ward and pledged his support for a 1% sales tax rate increase.
48. Mayor Morrissey mentioned a report he received from City staff regarding applications for flood assistance support. He indicated the number of citizens that have applied is staggeringly low and requested assistance from the aldermen, Human Services staff and the media to provide information to those citizens impacted by the flood and encourage

them to fill out an application with the SBA before March 1, 2007. Direct any questions to the Human Services Department at 987-5685.

49. Alderman Bell announced the Planning and Development Committee will be having an additional meeting this week, Thursday, February 1st at 5:00 pm in Council Chambers to address question/concerns and discuss projects with regards to the CIP. All council members are encouraged to attend.
50. Alderman Beck announced there would be a Public Workshop for the Envision North Main Street Plan, Wednesday, January 31st from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at West View School, 1720 Halsted Road. He encouraged all to attend this workshop.
51. Alderman Mark announced there would be a Public Hearing for the Morgan Street Bridge Replacement Project at the Jane Addams Community Room at 510 Seminary Street on Wednesday, January 31st from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. He encouraged all to attend this hearing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2007-35CR

52. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of Redevelopment and Parking Space Lease agreements with Joseph James Partners, LLC for the redevelopment of the former Gas and Electric Building located at 303 N. Main Street. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, Conness -10-
Nays: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-
Absent: -0-
Abstain: Sosnowski, Holt -2-

2007-36CR

53. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Demolition of 727 South 3rd St. be made to B & J Excavating, of Rockford, IL for their total bid of \$10,650.00. The funding source is CDBG. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2007-37CR

54. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the Addendum to the City-State Agreement for South Main and Clifton Ave. with the State paying for \$24,176 for additional watermain construction, and an additional \$3,627 for construction engineering. The preliminary estimate of the City's share for the project totals \$75,945. The funding for the watermain construction will

come from Water Bonds, and funding for the additional construction inspections will come from Motor Fuel Taxes. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2007-38CR

55. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report regarding the alternatives for the CIP Funding Referendum recommending that, the City Council should approve the submission of a referendum question for the April 17, 2007 General Consolidated Election, authorizing the imposition and collection of a 1% non-home rule Municipal Retailers Occupation Tax, Service Occupation Tax, and Use Tax. Said Referendum shall include the provision that the authority for such tax shall cease as of December 31, 2012, absent referendum approval extending the same.

Alderman Sosnowski made a motion to amend the committee report by changing the 1% rate to $\frac{3}{4}$ % rate, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED. The Committee Report, as amended, was placed on passage. MOTION FAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Wasco, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Beach, Holt -6-
Nays: Curran, Mark, Bell, Jacobson, Timm, Beck, McNeely, Conness -8-
Absent: -0-

Alderman Holt made a motion to amend the committee report to require $\frac{1}{4}$ % of the 1% be used to reduce property tax relief, seconded by Alderman Beach. MOTION PREVAILED. The Committee Report, as amended, was placed on passage. MOTION FAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Wasco, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Beach, Holt, McNeely -7-
Nays: Mayor Morrissey, Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Bell, Timm, Beck, Conness -8-
Absent: -0-

The original Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-39CR

56. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Tentative Plat of Redington Chase. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The location of the pedestrian paths shall be clearly shown on the final plat and said paths shall be under the control and maintenance of the home owners association.
2. All storm sewers located outside of the right-of-way shall be labeled as outlots and shall be under the control and maintenance of the homeowners association.
3. The street lights shall be located between lots at approximately every 200 feet and alternating sides of the street. Or, streetlights shall be located every intersection and within the covenants each lot is to have a yard light that is sunlight sensitive. Or, an alternative street light plan may be submitted for staff review and approval that allows a street light system to be controlled and maintained by the homeowner's association.
4. The storm sewer located between lots 127 and 128 shall have an easement shown on the plat.
5. The access in the detention pond for the Fire Department and RRWRD shall be labeled as 6" thick concrete or alternative bituminous path to be reviewed and approved by staff.
6. Note 2 shall state from "Owen Center Road" not "Owner Center".
7. Construction plans shall be submitted for the development along with the watermain extension along the property of Riverside Church of God.
8. Based on the indication of the location of Plat 1 the watermain connection from Riverside Boulevard shall be relocated to the north line of the ComEd easement and run east between Lots 32 and 33 and connect to the watermain in Redington Court. The watermain from Riverside Boulevard through the development to Owen Center Road shall be 20 inches in diameter.
9. Prior to the removal of trees upon the site a tree removal plan shall be approved by the City. This will be required to be coordinated with utility installation, public improvement construction and residential structure construction.
10. Sidewalks shall be constructed along all public streets in accordance with the subdivision ordinance including Owen Center Road.
11. The development of the property shall be in conformance with the approved preannexation agreement. Each final plat shall be accompanied by subdivision covenants and restrictions, which shall include the terms and requirements of the preannexation agreement.
12. All subdivision regulations shall apply.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2007-40CR

57. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the release of the following closed session minutes:

January 9, 2006	June 26, 2006
January 23, 2006	August 14, 2006
March 13, 2006	September 5, 2006
March 20, 2006	September 11, 2006
May 30, 2006	September 25, 2006
June 19, 2006	November 20, 2006

A need for confidentiality still exists for the remainder, as the cases and matters are still pending. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2007-41CR

58. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the amendments to the attached ordinances as they relate to the change of the name of the "Personnel Department" to the Human Resources" Department. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2007-42CR

59. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the proposed revisions to Section 2-42, Rule 19, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances; Rules of procedure and order of business, to add a Legislative Advisory and Lobbying Committee. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-18-O

60. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 1603, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a Modification of Special Use Permit #075-93 for a 5,286 square foot addition (two stories; 2,643 square foot per floor) consisting of a fitness center on the 1st floor and additional beds for patients on the 2nd floor, and a 1,050 square foot addition consisting of a new entrance and waiting

room in an R-4, Multi-family Residential District at 3815 Harrison Avenue. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Submittal of a detailed and accurate site plan to reflect existing conditions and proposed additions, including outdoor patios.
2. Meeting all applicable building and fire codes.
3. Submittal of a breakdown of services provided by the facility with an estimate of parking needs.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 2/26/07, ZBA #078-06). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2007-19-O

61. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 800.4, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a Zoning Map Amendment from an I-1, Light Industrial Zoning District to a C-3, Commercial General Zoning District at 3224-3250 South Alpine Road.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 2/26/07, ZBA #076-06). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2007-20-O

62. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 1603 of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for (A) a Special Use Permit for the sale of beer and wine by the drink for both indoor and outdoor; and (B) a Special Use Permit for retail sale of package liquor in a C-2, Commercial Community District at 2636 McFarland Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meet all applicable liquor codes.
2. This Special Use Permit is limited to the space labeled as Mary's Market as shown on the site plan.
3. That the sale of alcohol by the drink is in conjunction with a restaurant.
4. That the sale of package liquor is limited to wine.
5. Hours of operation of the restaurant and sale of alcohol shall be no later than 10:00 pm.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 2/26/07, ZBA #077-06). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

63. Alderman Mark made a motion to Review Closed Session Minutes of the City Council of the City of Rockford. Alderman Mark made a motion to hold this item out, seconded by Alderman Wasco. HELD OUT.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2007-15R

64. Alderman Beck, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution to take bids for the following: Bid: Tree Removal, funding source: Street Division Operating Budget; Bid: City Fueling System, funding source: Central Garage Operating Budget; Bid: Demolition of 128 N. Central Avenue, funding source: CDBG; Bid: Demolition of 124 N. Central Avenue, funding source: CDBG; Bid: Demolition of 120 N. Central Avenue, funding source: CDBG. MOTION PREVAILED.

2007-16R

65. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition to fund road and infrastructure improvements with sales taxes instead of higher property taxes via a 1% non-home rule municipal retailer's occupation tax and service occupation tax, by the City of Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois at the General Consolidated Election to be held on April 17, 2007. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-17R

66. Alderman Mark, on half of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution that the City Council of the City of Rockford hereby take NO ACTION on a resolution from Alderman Linda McNeely regarding the City of Rockford filing a Legal Objector to County Zoning Item No. Z-25-06. However, the City requests that the County ensures best practices are followed for the development of the property in question, and if future industrial uses are proposed on the site, that those uses develop with public sewer and water. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, Conness -8-
Nays: Bell, Thompson-Kelly, Holt, McNeely -4-
Absent: Sosnowski, Wasco -2-

2007-18R

67. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of a Resolution that should the property located 1250 feet west of Meridian Road and 915 feet north of Kelly Road in Winnebago Township subdivide, the city subdivision ordinance will need to be followed and future discussion on infrastructure will need to take place. The property to the north (along the side of the CN Railroad) is designated as Heavy Industry, which is defined as “potentially hazardous or noxious use that should be kept separate from non-industrial activities.” Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

68. Alderman Bell made a motion to amend Ordinance 2007-4-O, passed at City Council meeting of January 2, 2007, item #46, to substitute the Intergovernmental Agreement approved by the Winnebago County Board at its January 25, 2007 meeting for the agreement originally attached to this Ordinance, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely voted no). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

Alderman Bell moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely voted no). The Ordinance, as amended, was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-22-O

69. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance directing the application of pledged revenues and other moneys in Bond Funds and Escrow Bond Funds of Various Bond Ordinances for the Payment of Principal and Interest on the Bonds issued pursuant to said Ordinances. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

70. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance recommending the approval of the annexation of property commonly known as 7XX and 721 Horace Avenue. LAID OVER.

71. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance recommending the approval of the annexation of property commonly known as 733 Horace Avenue. LAID OVER.

OFFICERS REPORTS

72. Alderman McNeely thanked the Fire Department for their quick response after calling 9-1-1 for her mother.
73. Alderman Jacobson advised Ernie Heuer, former Winnebago County Board member, had a massive stroke today and extended his thoughts and prayers to his family.
74. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Reed
City Council Clerk

- * There is no ordinance #2007-21-O.

[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
FEBRUARY 5, 2007
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 JANUARY 29, 2007

1. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance that traffic on Cambridge Avenue be required to stop prior to entering the intersection of Delaware Street.
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 - b. Jonathan Avenue and Ruth Street.
4. Request from Alderman Johnson, 8th Ward, for stop sign control at the intersection of 16th Avenue and 25th Street.
5. Request from Alderman Jacobson, 6th Ward, for the following:
 - a. No Parking on Regular School Days 7:30am-4:00pm on both sides of Old Gate Road.
 - b. Establish Residential Parking on both side of Old Gate Road.
5. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the proposed attached ordinance as it relates to "Visitability" of new residential structures constructed with public funds. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
6. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the grant for a sanitary sewer easement to Rock River Reclamation District. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
7. Bell - Planning and Development - Recommending approval of the attached Agreement for the demolition of 809 and 811 Kishwaukee Street.
8. Beck - Finance and Personnel - Recommending extending the Redevelopment Tax through December 31, 2028.
9. Beck - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the award for Engineering Agreement: Riverwalk Design be made to Hitchcock Design Group at a lump sum cost of \$45,000 (plus direct expenses). The funding for this project will come from the proposed 2007 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP).
10. Beck - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the City Council adopt an Ordinance repealing the City Vehicle Sticker Tax effective January 1, 2008. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

II. ORDINANCES LAID OVER JANUARY 29, 2007

1. Mark - Ordinance - Recommending the approval of the annexation of property commonly known as 7XX and 721 Horace Avenue.
2. Mark - Ordinance - Recommending the approval of the annexation of property commonly known as 733 Horace Avenue.

III. MISCELLANEOUS HELD OUT JANUARY 29, 2007

1. Mark – Review of City Council Closed Session Minutes.
2. Mayor Morrissey - Appointment – Metro Authority Board, Michael Hakanson, for a term to expire June 2012. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage on February 26, 2007).
- 3.* Mayor Morrissey - Appointment - Personnel Appeals Board, Susan Salvi Buckwalter, term ending December 2008 (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage on February 19, 2007).
- 4.* Mayor Morrissey - Appointment - Personnel Appeals Board, Sam Castree, term ending June 2010 (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage on February 12, 2007).
- 5.* Mayor Morrissey – Appointment - Personnel Appeals Board, Shurice Hunter, term ending June 2009 (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage on February 12, 2007).

* 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, February 5, 2007, 4:45 p.m.

CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor

AGENDA

1. C & R 07-21 Final Plat of Alpine View
2. C & R 07-22 Final Plat of Guilford Park

3. C & R 07-23 Resolution from Ald. Bell re: property located at 1250 feet west of Meridian Road & 915 feet north of Kelly Road in Winnebago Township
4. C & R 07-10 ZBA#080-06 Special Use Permit for a Planned Mixed-Use Development consisting of a single-family residence and a performance use of passenger vehicle sales that cannot satisfy the performance criteria of 600 feet from a residential district
Variation to reduce the required parking spaces from two (one fully enclosed) to one parking space (not fully enclosed)
Variation from the required Type C Landscape Buffer to remain "as is" on the west 1/3rd of lot in an C-3, Commercial General District at 3205 Kishwaukee Street
5. C & R 07-12 ZBA#082-06
 - (A) Variation to reduce the Type "C" Landscape Buffer along the eastern property line from the required twenty (20) feet to two (2) feet wide
 - (B) Variation to reduce the Type "C" Landscape Buffer along the northern property line from the required twenty (20) feet to two (2) feet wide
 - (C) Variation to reduce the building setback along the northern property line from the required six (6) feet to two (2) feet
 - (D) Variation to reduce the Perimeter Landscape Strip along Pershing Avenue from the required ten (10) feet to four (4) feet, in a C-3, Commercial General Zoning District at 3030 11th Street

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Monday, February 5, 2007, 5:15 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Resolution to take Bids/Proposals
 - B. Vouchers
2. RATS Draft Bicycle-Pedestrian Study Overview
3. 2007 Personnel Hiring Freeze (Laid over 1/29)

4. CIP Project Update
5. 4TH Quarter Investment Report
6. Morgan Street Bridge Land Acquisition – Closed Session
7. Land Acquisition 901 Ridge – Closed Session
8. Review of Finance & Personnel Closed Session Minutes

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, February 5, 2007, 5:00 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. 2007-2011 Capital Improvement Project discussion.