

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 13, 2007
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:27 P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Pastor Paul Bundschuh, Pine Grove Free Methodist Church/ Police Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Page Mercedes Martinez.

2. Roll Call:

Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey

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

3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of November 5, 2007, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Conness absent).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. Alderman Curran moved that Mr. John E. Miller, Miller, Crowe Chizek and Company LLC, be permitted to address the City Council. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Conness absent).

Alderman Johnson exited the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Miller reported that bids were received covering \$8,750,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007 to finance an additional \$3,500,000 (Series D) in the multiyear \$75 million water improvement program, \$1,100,000 tax increment district (Preston Central TIF, Liebovich Project) improvements (Series E), \$1,100,000 in sewer (northwest sewer) improvements (Series F) and \$3,050,000 in library (new east side branch) improvements (Series G).

He also reported that bids were received covering all four bond series. Bernardi Securities, Inc., Chicago purchased Series D, E and G for a net interest rate of 4.53318%, 4.7273% and 4.5447% respectively, and Harris N.A, Chicago purchased Series F for a net interest rate of 4.126527%.

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5. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of an Ordinance confirming sale of an aggregate principal amount of \$8,750,000 General Obligation Bonds Series 2007, of the City of Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois consisting of \$3,500,000 General Obligation Water Bonds (Waterworks System Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2007D; \$1,100,000 General Obligation Redevelopment Bonds (Sales Taxes Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2007E; \$1,100,000 General Obligation Sewer Improvement Bonds (Sales Taxes Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2007F; and \$3,050,000 General Obligation Library Bonds (Sales Taxes Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2007G.

Alderman Curran moved to amend the Ordinance as follows:

"The bid tabulation for the bonds shall be inserted as Exhibit A and, the Successful Official Bond Bid Forms showing: Bernardi Securities, Inc., as purchaser of the Bonds, Series 2007D, E and G; and Harris N.A., as purchaser of the Bonds, Series 2007F, shall be inserted as Exhibit B."

Said motion to amend was seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Johnson, Conness absent). The Ordinance, as amended, was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-237-O

6. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of an Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issue of \$5,250,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007 (Sales Taxes Alternate Revenue Source), of the City of Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois consisting of \$1,100,000 General Obligation Redevelopment Bonds (Sales Taxes Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2007E; \$1,100,000 General Obligation Sewer Improvement Bonds (Sales Taxes Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2007F; and \$3,050,000 General Obligation Library Bonds (Sales Taxes Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2007G; for the purpose of defraying the costs of certain improvements within the City, prescribing the details of said bonds and providing for the imposition of taxes to pay the same, and for the collection, segregation and application of certain sales tax receipts to pay said bonds.

Alderman Curran moved to amend the Ordinance as follows:

"To add the appropriate interest rates, the amount of the tax levy and other necessary and relevant information to the successful bid per the ordinance submitted by Bond Counsel."

Said motion to amend was seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Johnson, Conness absent). The Ordinance, as amended, was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

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7. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of an Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issue of \$3,500,000 General Obligation Water Bonds (Waterworks System Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2007D, of the City of Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois for the purpose of defraying the cost of improving and extending the waterworks system of

said City, prescribing the details of said bonds, and providing for the imposition of taxes to pay the same, and for the collection, segregation and application of the water works system revenues to pay said Bonds.

Alderman Curran moved to amend the Ordinance as follows:

"To add the appropriate interest rates, the amount of the tax levy and other necessary and relevant information to the successful bid per the ordinance submitted by Bond Counsel."

Said motion to amend was seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Johnson, Conness absent; 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, Thompson-Kelly,
Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck -11-
Nays: McNeely -1-
Absent: Johnson, Conness -2-

Alderman Johnson joined the meeting at 6:36 pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

8. David Preece thanked Council for their continued support of the MetroCentre.
9. Wendy Schneider addressed Council supporting the PBPA.
10. Jeff Stovall addressed Council supporting the PBPA and called for Chief Epperson resignation on behalf of the PBPA.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

11. Alderman Wasco submitted a request from Nick, Bishop Group, in conjunction with Cardinal Fitness requesting permission for banners for a new business (one 5' X 16') and a free-standing (4' X 8') from November 20, 2007 through December 20, 2007 at 5923 East Riverside Boulevard. Alderman Wasco moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Conness absent).
12. Alderman Thompson-Kelly submitted a letter from Katrina Burns, Rockford Public Library, announcing the library will be hosting the fifth annual African-American Read-In on Monday, February 4, 2008. They are seeking guest readers who will go out to various schools and read. Anyone interested may contact Katrina Burns at 815/965-7606, ext. 769 or email at kburns@rockfordpubliclibrary.org by Monday, December 3, 2007. Placed on File.
13. Alderman Thompson-Kelly extended an invitation to Council members for the Annual Human Services Department Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon held on November 21, 2007

at Klehm Arboretum, 701 Clifton Avenue. She encouraged all to attend and help service the seniors of this community.

14. Alderman Thompson-Kelly submitted her RSVP for the Minority Adviosry Council meeting. Referred to Mayor Morrissey's Office.
15. Alderman Thompson-Kelly mentioned the RVC flier distributed to the Aldermen regarding the construction management training for minority and women.
16. Alderman Jacobson submitted a Request for Service at 2827 19th Street. Referred to the Zoning Department.
17. Alderman Jacobson submitted a Request for Service at 3021 9th Street. Referred to the Building Department.
18. Alderman Bell read a Memorandum from Patrick Zuroske, Capital Development Administrator, regarding 2008-2012 CIP Presentation: Request for joint meeting with all three committees, Finance and Personnel, Planning and Development and Code and Regulations to be held on November 20, 2007 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm in Conference Room B, City Hall 2nd floor. Placed on File.
19. Alderman Bell submitted five (5) Requests for Service. Referred to the Police Department, Public Works Department and Building Department.
20. Alderman Johnson submitted three (3) Requests for Service. Referred to Neighborhood Standards and Public Works Department.
21. Alderman Mark submitted a letter from Reggie Roberson, regarding changes in the liquor license process and the new liquor commission codes that are proposed. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee and Legal Department/Jennifer Cacciapaglia.
- 21a. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Roberts, Planner II, regarding the Final Plat 2 of Woodhaven Subdivision. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
22. Alderman Curran opened a bid for Sale of Property at 903, 909, and 913 Rockton Avenue and 919 Whitman Street from Kestrel Development Company in the amount of \$12,500.00. Referred to Purchasing and Legal Departments.
23. Alderman Curran submitted a Memorandum from Andres Sammul, Finance Director regarding 2007 Tax Levy. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
24. Alderman Curran submitted a Memorandum from Andres Sammul, Finance Director regarding acquisition of 116-120 South Second Street. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

25. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the annexation of 531 Horace Avenue. LAID OVER.

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26. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Final Plat #2 of Williams Park.

Alderman Mark moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Johnson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Conness absent). The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Conness absent).

27. Alderman Bell read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of attached Development Agreement by and between the City of Rockford and Genesis Land Development and Brokerage LLC for property near the intersection of Riverside and I-90. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. LAID OVER.
28. Alderman Bell read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the attached Reimbursement Agreement with Genesis Land Development and Brokerage LLC for property near the intersection of Riverside and I-90. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. LAID OVER.
29. Alderman Bell read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the East Side TIF Funding of \$25,000 Donald A. Carlyle for a facade rebate grant for exterior façade work at Carlyle Brewing Company, 213, 215, and 217 E. State Street. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. LAID OVER.
30. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee report recommending the award for Sale of Property at 2608 18th St. be made to the sole bidder, Mitchell and Leisa Eads, of Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$510.00. LAID OVER.
31. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee report recommending the award for High Performance Cold Mix be made to the sole bidder, Rabine Paving, of Richmond, IL for their price of \$96.00/ton pick-up and \$106.00/ton delivered price for an estimate of 500 tons. The funding source is Departmental Operating Budgets. LAID OVER.
32. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee report regarding the retention of outside counsel for a lawsuit, hereby recommends that the Hinshaw & Culbertson law firm be retained for consulting legal services for Cash et al v. City of Rockford on an hourly fee basis with monthly status reports to Finance and Personnel Committee. LAID OVER.

2007-484CR

33. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee report recommending that all proposals for Investment Broker Services be rejected and new proposals taken as soon as possible. The funding source is General Fund.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Conness absent). The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Conness absent).

34. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of November 13, 2007 in the amount of \$2,551,590.03. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

35. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of November 13, 2007 to be "US Marine Corps Week" in Rockford, Illinois and salute the men and women of the US Marine Corps who are serving around the globe.
36. Mayor Morrissey proudly announced the City has continued their five-year tradition of maintaining an A1 rating with Moody Investors Service which allows the City to be viewed as subject to low credit risk during bond transactions.
37. Mayor Morrissey announced the Illinois Housing Development Authority has recently approved a grant to the City of Rockford for \$8,000 to assist owner occupants within the Gilbert Avenue area to help rehabilitate their homes. There will be a public hearing November 14, 2007 at Summderdale Elementary School, 3320 Gilbert Avenue at 6:00 pm. with staff from the Community Development Department making a presentation.
38. Mayor Morrissey announced the Payment Center located in the City Hall lobby will close at noon on the afternoon of November 21, 2007 for a software service upgrade. The Payment Center will reopen on Monday, November 26, 2007. The drop box outside City Hall will be available for accepting payments.
39. Mayor Morrissey advised the Official Opening of Harrison Avenue Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held on Monday, November 19, 2007 at 1:00 pm at the corner of Harrison Avenue and Stowmarket with an Open House at Riverside Community Bank to follow immediately.
40. Mayor Morrissey mentioned a News Release regarding Street Sweeper Operations for the week of November 13, 2007 indicating the areas and streets to be swept. For information regarding street sweeping, contact the Street Maintenance Division at 815/987-5763.

41. Mayor Morrissey mentioned a News Release regarding Discolored Water Alert. The Rockford Water Division will be unidirectional flushing fire hydrants in the following boundaries beginning Tuesday, November 13, 2007 for approximately two (2) weeks from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Friday inside the boundary of Broadway to Harrison and 23rd Street to Colorado. Any concerns may be directed to Larry Pierce at 815/987-5736 in the Rockford Water Quality Section or on the City's web site: www.ci.rockford.il.us.
42. Mayor Morrissey reported with deep sadness the death of Mike Pauly from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident, offered words of condolences to his family and friends and noted he will be dearly missed and long remembered for his contributions to the community and Rockford Park District.
43. Mayor Morrissey mentioned he attended a Veteran's Day dinner Sunday evening, and on Monday, participated in a Veteran's Day Service and attended events at Memorial Hall with his daughter Seanna. He commended the Memorial Hall Board of Trustees and Daughter's of the American Revolution for their continued efforts to support our Veterans.
44. Mayor Morrissey shared some researched of cities around the state that financially support arenas and other civic arts venues in their cities like our MetroCentre. He invited Council to re-examine the amendments made to the reports that are up for passage tonight regarding investments to the MetroCentre's operations.
45. Alderman Thompson-Kelly welcomed State Representative Chuck Jefferson to Council tonight.
46. Alderman Thompson-Kelly passed around a sign-up sheet to the Aldermen who wish to help serve the seniors at the Thanksgiving Luncheon.
47. Mayor Morrissey also welcomed State Representative Jefferson to Council.
48. Alderman Beach submitted seven (7) letters opposing the proposed asphalt plant. Referred to Mayor Morrissey's Office.
49. Alderman Curran advised the time for the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting next Monday, November 19, 2007 will be 5:15 pm.
50. Alderman Johnson expressed her deepest sympathy to the family of Mike Pauly. She expressed her deepest sympathy to his family.
51. Alderman Johnson congratulated her parents on celebrating their 63rd Wedding Anniversary and welcomed her sister here from Tulsa, Oklahoma.
52. Alderman Johnson mentioned an information meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2007 from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm in Council Chambers

regarding the Harmon Park Drainage Basin Evaluation. She encouraged all citizens that received a letter to attend this meeting.

53. Alderman Jacobson thanked CJ's Lounge, the SM&SF Club and other clubs for hosting benefits for citizens in our community stricken with illness or tragedy.
54. Alderman McNeely suggested forming a special committee to address the on-going problems with the Police Union and the City Administration.
55. Alderman McNeely announced Dorothy Redd and her family have opened a new business on West State Street and wished them success with their new business venture.
56. Alderman McNeely mentioned she had concerns with the issues surrounding the disciplinary hearing of a female police officer before the Police and Fire Commission.
57. Alderman Bell asked Alderman McNeely if she would be reading in a Resolution relating to the police negotiations. Alderman McNeely responded "yes."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2007-485CR

58. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Snow Removal – Parking Lots be made to the low bidder meeting specifications for each category as summarized.

Group 1	Leonard Humpal	\$50.00/hour
Group 2	AJ Morley & Associates	\$49.00/hour
Groups 3,4,6,7	SGC/Universal Lawn	\$55.00/hour
Group 5	Diamond Cut Precision	\$54.00/hour
Group 8	AJ Morley & Associates	\$55.00/hour

The funding source is Parking Fund.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely -13-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Conness -1-

2007-486CR

59. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the attached agreement with the Rockford Local Development Corporation, including the guarantee of a bank line of credit up to \$10 million for land acquisition for flood control, and related activities. It is intended that any costs incurred by the City under the Agreement that are not reimbursed by grants shall

be reimbursed by a bond issue. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-239-O

60. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of an Ordinance making supplemental appropriations for the City of Rockford, a municipal corporation, to finance those functions pertaining to its government and affairs including the General Fund, Motor Vehicle Parking Fund, Sanitation Fund, Building Maintenance Fund, Equipment Maintenance Fund, Water Fund, Community Development Block Grant, Redevelopment Fund, East Side Tax Increment Financing Fund and Global Trade Park TIF District Fund, Lincolnwood #2 TIF District, River Oaks TIF District, Garrison TIF District, Hope 6 TIF District, Jackson School TIF District, Preston Central TIF District, Main Auburn TIF District, East State Alpine TIF District, West State Central TIF District, West State Kilburn TIF District, West Side #2 TIF District, Library Fund, and Unemployment Fund for the Fiscal Year 2007. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-487CR

61. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending approval of the Highway Authority for the area surrounding Clark Station, 3215 Auburn Street. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-488CR

62. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Modification of Special Use Permit #027-06 for a Planned Mixed-Use Development consisting of a gas station and car wash to include outdoor storage of seasonal products in a C-2, Commercial Community District at 3819 Broadway with revised condition #1. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Outdoor storage of seasonal products is limited to areas as shown on Exhibit E inclusive of the area adjacent to car wash as approved by Staff.
2. Compliance with any Statute and City Building and Fire Codes.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 1/14/08; ZBA #081-07). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-489CR

63. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Special Use Permit for a Planned Residential Development consisting of an existing two-family residence in an R-1, Single-family Residential Zoning District at 1330 Greenwood Avenue. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 1/14/08; ZBA #082-07). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-490CR

64. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report REVERSING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Modification of Special Use Permit #117-02 for a Planned Mixed-Use Development to allow the addition of a retail floral shop for a period of five (5) years in a C-1, Limited Office Zoning District, 1 R-1 Single-family Residential Zoning District and a R-3, Multi-family Residential District at 1605 North Bell School Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The Modification of Special Use Permit #117-02 for a Planned Mixed-Use Development to allow the addition of a retail floral shop is only in effect for a period up to five (5) years or until the County Highway Department or the City Engineers Office request it be discontinued, whichever comes first.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 1/14/08; ZBA #084-07). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-491CR

65. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council DENY the Variation to waive the requirements from compliance with Section 405.5 for a dumpster enclosure in an R-2, Two-family Residential District at 1904 Auburn Street.

Denial is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 1/14/08; ZBA #080-07). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-492CR

66. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Zoning Text Amendment to amend Article XV, Sign Regulations, Section 1500 and Article III, Definitions, Section 300 regarding Signage as per Staff revisions attached. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-240-O

67. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending the annexation of 3092 Samuelson Road. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-493CR

68. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending the approval of a no interest loan payable over fifteen (15) years not to exceed \$456,000. The Finance Director shall attend Authority Board meetings and report on the financial condition of the Authority to the City Council on a monthly basis. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

Alderman Mark moved to amend the committee report to read as follows:

The Committee on Planning and Development hereby begs leave to report recommending approval of the extension of the MetroCentre operating subsidy for a period of six (6) months, through June 30, 2008, with said subsidy not to exceed \$456,000. The Finance Director shall attend Authority Board meetings and report on the financial condition of the Authority to the City Council on a monthly basis. The Legal Director shall prepare the

appropriate ordinance. Funding Source: Redevelopment Fund, seconded by Alderman Jacobson.

Mayor Morrissey asked for a Roll Call vote on the amendment. MOTION FAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Beck –6-
Nays: Sosnowski, Wasco, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, McNeely –7-
Absent: Conness –1-

Alderman Mark moved the amend the committee report to include “that any payments would be deferred for a period of three (3) years on the date of the loan”, seconded by Alderman Bell.

Mayor Morrissey asked for a Roll Call vote on the second amendment. MOTION FAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Beck –6-
Nays: Sosnowski, Wasco, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, McNeely –7-
Absent: Conness –1-

The committee report as read in 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 –12-
Nays: McNeely –1-
Absent: Conness –1-

2007-241-O

69. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of an Ordinance approving the attached Agreement for the purchase and sale of the State and Main Parking Deck for the sum of \$1,544,000.00 by and between the City of Rockford and the Rockford Metropolitan Exposition, Auditorium and Office Building Authority subject to the following condition: The debt to AMCORE for the old hockey rink in the amount of \$1.255 million shall be paid directly to AMCORE at closing. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beck –8-
Nays: Sosnowski, Wasco, Beach, Holt, McNeely –5-
Absent: Conness –1-

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2007-113R

70. Alderman Curran, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a resolution to take bids for the following:

Demolition of 805 S. 5th St., funding source CDBG. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Conness absent).

2007-114R

71. Alderman Curran, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a resolution that the estimated revenue and budgeted appropriation as reported in the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended December 31, 2007 be in accordance with the Statements and Interpretations as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Conness absent).

2007-115R

72. Alderman Mark, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for the Mayor and Legal Director to execute the 2007 addendum to the agreement between the City of Rockford and Swedish American Health Systems, Inc. regarding surface water detention. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Conness absent).
73. Alderman Mark suggested a Resolution requesting that a closed door meeting between Police Administration and the PB&PA be held and that this meeting be mediated by the Aldermen of the City of Rockford. This meeting will have a discussion regarding personnel and labor issues only. The time, date and location will be determined.

Alderman Mark moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Conness absent; Alderman Thompson-Kelly voted no).

- 73a. Alderman McNeely suggested a Resolution that the City Council shall form a special committee to address the issue of the Rockford City Police Union, the Chief of Police, the City Mayor and Administrative Office and the Police and Fire Commission. The life of the committee will end at the resolution of this matter.

She then suggested for the Council to consider Alderman Mark's Resolution with a friendly amendment changing the word "meeting" to "committee", seconded by Alderman Bell.

Alderman Curran made a friendly amendment to the Resolution to include "this meeting may be attended by Aldermen of the City of Rockford if so desired", Alderman Mark accepted the friendly amendment.

Alderman McNeely withdrew her Resolution and friendly amendment, Alderman Bell withdrew his second.

Alderman Beach made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Labor Negotiation matters, seconded by Alderman McNeely.

Alderman Mark moved to hold the Resolution out for a week. The Resolution will be HELD OUT.

Mayor Morrissey asked for a Roll call vote to go into Executive Session. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, Beach, McNeely --9-
Nays: Sosnowski, Johnson, Holt, Beck --4-
Absent: Conness -1-

The meeting went into closed session at 8:10 pm. The meeting returned to open session at 8:51 pm and found the following present:

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

NEW BUSINESS

74. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 283, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances to add the following:

"30 Minute Parking" on both sides of 7th Street from 1st Avenue to Charles Street, thus repealing the existing "2 Hour Parking." LAID OVER.

75. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 291, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinance to add the following:

That traffic on Minnesota Drive be required to Stop prior to entering the intersection of East Gate Parkway. LAID OVER.

76. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 281, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances to add the following:

That there be "No Parking 7:30 am to 3:00 pm on Regular School Days" on both sides of Harney Court from 30 feet to 205 feet west of Fairview Avenue. LAID OVER.

77. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 280, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances to add the following:

"No Parking Anytime" along the curve of the southeast side of Congress Drive from 1425 feet to 1655 feet south of Harrison Avenue and the southwest side of Senate Drive from 1425 feet to 1655 feet south of Harrison Avenue. LAID OVER.

78. **2007-242-O**

Alderman Bell introduced and read an Ordinance recommending approval of the no interest loan payable over fifteen (15) years not to exceed \$456,000 to the Rockford Metropolitan Exposition, Auditorium and Office Building Authority. The Finance Director shall attend Authority Board meetings and report on the financial condition of the Authority to the City Council on a monthly basis. The Mayor and Legal Director are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest the no interest loan payable over

fifteen (15) years not to exceed \$456,000 to the Rockford Metropolitan, Auditorium and Office Building Authority by the City of Rockford.

Alderman Bell moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Conness absent). The Ordinance 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 -12-
Nays: McNeely -1-
Absent: Conness -1-

79. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 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 19, 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
 - Motion and Resolutions
 - New Business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER NOVEMBER 13, 2007

1. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the annexation of 531 Horace Avenue.
2. Bell - Planning and Development - Recommending approval of attached Development Agreement by and between the City of Rockford and Genesis Land Development and Brokerage LLC for property near the intersection of Riverside and I-90. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
3. Bell - Planning and Development - Recommending approval of the attached Reimbursement Agreement with Genesis Land Development and Brokerage LLC for property near the intersection of Riverside and I-90. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
4. Bell - Planning and Development - Recommending approval of the East Side TIF Funding of \$25,000 Donald A. Carlyle for a facade rebate grant for exterior façade work at Carlyle Brewing Company, 213, 215, and 217 E. State Street. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

5. Curran - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the award for Sale of Property at 2608 18th St. be made to the sole bidder, Mitchell and Leisa Eads, of Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$510.00.
6. Curran - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the award for High Performance Cold Mix be made to the sole bidder, Rabine Paving, of Richmond, IL for their price of \$96.00/ton pick-up and \$106.00/ton delivered price for an estimate of 500 tons. The funding source is Departmental Operating Budgets.
7. Curran - Finance and Personnel - Regarding the retention of outside counsel for a lawsuit, hereby recommends that the Hinshaw & Culbertson law firm be retained for consulting legal services for Cash et al v. City of Rockford on an hourly fee basis with monthly status reports to Finance and Personnel.

II. RESOLUTIONS HELD OUT NOVEMBER 13, 2007

1. Mark - Resolution - Requesting that a closed door meeting between Police Administration and The PB&PA be held and that this meeting be mediated by the Aldermen of the City of Rockford. This meeting will have a discussion regarding personnel and labor issues only. The time, date and location will be determined. I challenge both parties to accept this invitation. This meeting may be attended by Aldermen of the City of Rockford if so desired.

III. ORDINANCES LAID OVER NOVEMBER 13, 2007

1. Mark - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 16, Section 283, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances to add the following:

"30 Minute Parking" on both sides of 7th Street from 1st Avenue to Charles Street, thus repealing the existing "2 Hour Parking."
2. Mark - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 16, Section 291, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinance to add the following:

That traffic on Minnesota Drive be required to Stop prior to entering the intersection of East Gate Parkway.
3. Mark - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 16, Section 281, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances to add the following:

That there be "No Parking 7:30 am to 3:00 pm on Regular School Days" on both sides of Harney Court from 30 feet to 205 feet west of Fairview Avenue.
4. Mark - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 16, Section 280, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances to add the following:

"No Parking Anytime" along the curve of the southeast side of Congress Drive from 1425 feet to 1655 feet south of Harrison Avenue and the southwest side of Senate Drive from 1425 feet to 1655 feet south of Harrison Avenue.

III. MISCELLANEOUS HELD OUT NOVEMBER 13, 2007

1. Mayor Morrissey - Appointment - Citizen Participation Committee, Mercedes Martinez, for a one-year term that ends in June 2008. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage on December 3, 2007).
- 2.* Mayor Morrissey - Re-appointments - Directors of their Municipal Departments in the City of Rockford.

* 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 19, 2007, 4:30 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. C & R 07-284 Final Plat 2 of Woodhaven Subdivision
2. C & R 07-281 Claim of Wendy Wright
3. C & R 07-282 Claim of David Anderzon
4. C & R 07-285 Claim of Thomas Leslie
5. C & R 07-269 (A) Subdivision Ordinance Revisions
Development Construction Inspection Fee
(B) Subdivision Fee Ordinance

6. C & R 07-272 Revised City of Rockford Zoning Ordinance
7. C & R 07-277 Revised Chapter 3 – Advertising

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

**Monday, November 19, 2007, 5:15 p.m.
Conference Room B, City Hall 2nd floor (south room)
AGENDA**

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of Sale of Property – 903, 909, & 913 Rockton Avenue and 919 Whitman Street
 - B. Award of Contracts: Demolition Utility Work
 - C. Resolution Under the Illinois Highway Code: Maintenance of Streets & Highways
 - D. Resolution to take Bids/Proposals
 - E. Emergency Demolition of 802 S. 5th Street
 - F. Vouchers
2. Acquisition of 116-120 South Second Street
3. 2007 Tax Levy
4. Water System Rehabilitation Project Update

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Monday, November 19, 2007, 5:15 p.m.
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA**

No items scheduled.

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

**Monday, November 19, 2007, 4:00 p.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA**

Meeting Cancelled for November.