

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 26, 2007
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:08 P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Pastor L.D. Tate, United Faith Missionary Church/ Police Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Page Karla Centeno.

2. Roll Call:

Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey

Aldermen: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely –10-

Absent: Wasco, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, Conness –4-

Alderman Conness joined the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of November 19, 2007, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Wasco, Thompson-Kelly, Timm absent).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4. Jeannie Meek addressed Council regarding ambulance service bidding.
5. Robert A. Lindstrom addressed Council urging them to adopt a zoning code that will protect the environment and beauty of our community.

Alderman Wasco joined the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

6. Mayor Morrissey called upon Alderman Curran to conduct a public hearing. Alderman Curran called the hearing to order at 6:23 p.m., stating that it was being held pursuant to Truth-in-Taxation Act, 35 Illinois Compiled Statutes 200/18-55, et seq. which is required whenever there is a proposed property tax levy for the proceeding year. Andres Sammul explained the reasons for the proposed increase. Alderman Curran asked for questions or comments from Council members, and then from the public and closed the public hearing at 6:25 p.m.

The meeting returned to the regular Order of Business at 6:25 p.m.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. Alderman Bell submitted a Memorandum from Rob Lamb, Industrial Development Manager, regarding the Referral of the creation of the Rockford Global TradePark (GTP) Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District #2. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.

8. Alderman Bell submitted a Memorandum from Rob Lamb, Industrial Development Manager, regarding the Referral of a Development Agreement with Ingenium Technologies to construct a new addition to their building at 3761 Central Avenue. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
9. Alderman Bell submitted a Memorandum from Dwayne Collins, Grants Compliance Specialist II, regarding Healthy Neighborhoods Program Funding Recommendation. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
10. Alderman Mark submitted a letter from Vernon and Cynthia Furney regarding damage to property at 308 E. State Street. Referred to Mayor Morrissey's Office, Legal Department and Public Works Department.
11. Alderman Mark submitted a request from Julie Gallagher, MetroCentre, in conjunction with the Toyota AMA Arenacross, requesting barricades and permission to erect a freestanding tent on City Street for bikes and "pit" area, conditioned upon approval by Building and Fire Departments. Alderman Mark moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, duly seconded. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly, Timm absent).
12. Alderman Curran submitted a Memorandum from Patrick Zuroske, Capital Program Manager regarding Intergovernmental Agreement: City of Rockford and RRWRD Meadows of Spring Brook. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

13. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Subdivision Fee Schedule. LAID OVER.
14. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that City Council DENY the claim of David Anderzon. LAID OVER.
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20. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee report recommending the contract for TIF Consulting Services for TIF Creation be made to SB Friedman Co., of Chicago, Illinois for an estimated cost of \$79,399. The funding source is Community Development Operating Budget. LAID OVER.
21. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of November 26, 2007 in the amount of \$1,450,804.33. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote:
 - Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness –12-
 - Nays: -0-
 - Absent: Thompson-Kelly, Timm –2-

OFFICERS REPORTS

22. Mayor Morrissey mentioned there will be a presentation at the end of tonight's meeting on the Emerald Ash Borer.
23. Mayor Morrissey announced on behalf of Commonwealth Edison and the Illinois Commerce Commission there will be a forum held for the purpose of receiving public comment regarding the Energy Efficiency and Demand Response Plan proposed by Commonwealth Edison Company on November 29, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall 2nd floor, 425 East State Street.
24. Mayor Morrissey mentioned a delegation from Lidköping, Sweden is visiting Rockford this week.
25. Mayor Morrissey announced there will be an information meeting regarding the North Main and Auburn Street Intersection improvements at the Eiger Lab, 605 Fulton Avenue, on November 27, 2007 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
26. Mayor Morrissey mentioned there will be a follow-up meeting regarding the CIP 2008 tomorrow night in Council Chambers, City Hall 2nd floor at 5:00 p.m.
27. Mayor Morrissey announced in response to a number of issues raised by Council regarding labor relations with the Police Union, two meetings have been proposed with the first scheduled for December 5, 2007. He thanked Council for their support and passage of the Resolution encouraging those meetings.
28. Alderman Bell encouraged the aldermen to attend the Joint Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m. tomorrow night regarding the CIP 2008.

29. Alderman Bell mentioned a News Release regarding Street Sweeper Operations in the 5th Ward for the week of November 26, 2007 indicating the areas and streets to be swept. For information regarding street sweeping, contact the Street Maintenance Division at 815/987-5763.
30. Alderman Bell mentioned the 5th ward monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2007.
31. Alderman Jacobson commented he has received several calls from business owner's in the liquor industry regarding the "Smoking Ban" effective January 1, 2008, advising him the Winnebago County Health Department has scheduled an informational meeting on December 10, 2007 at 9:00 or 9:30 am at Giovanni's Restaurant regarding that issue. For more information call Diane Collins at 815/720-4102. Alderman Jacobson requested the Legal Department follow-up to determine the specifics of the meeting.
32. Alderman McNeely commented she attended the Nutcracker performance this weekend with her niece and nephew and was pleasantly surprised to see Alderman Mark as part of the cast.
33. Alderman McNeely mentioned she spoke with Dwayne Collins, Community Development Department, and Alderman Bell regarding the Healthy Neighborhoods Program Funding Recommendation (Rock River Training Corporation). Alderman Bell indicated that item is scheduled on the Planning and Development Committee agenda for next week.
34. Alderman McNeely announced the Illinois Housing Development Authority has scheduled a meeting to be held at Rock Valley College on Thursday, November 29, 2007 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for homeowner's who are struggling to pay their mortgages. One on one sessions with lenders will be available to those individuals seeking guidance and assistance. For more information call 1-800/532-8785.
35. Alderman McNeely suggested City staff make another media announcement regarding the City's procedure for issuing tickets to vehicles parked on unpaved surfaces.
36. Alderman McNeely mentioned she received an e-mail from a constituent who was outraged by Mr. Weaver's comments during public participation describing City Police Officers as "thugs".
37. Alderman Curran thanked Charlie Schafer, Neighborhood Standards, and the Public Works staff for their efforts on a clean up as a result of an eviction in the 700 block of North Rockford.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

38. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Patrick W. Hayes, Legal Director, regarding Holiday 2007-2008 City Council Meeting Schedule. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.

OFFICERS REPORTS

- 39. Alderman Mark announced there will be an informational meeting at Eiger Lab on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. concerning the North Main and Auburn Street improvements.
- 40. Alderman Mark announced next Monday, December 3, 2007 the Code and Regulation Committee will hold a special meeting regarding the Zoning Ordinance at 3:30 p.m. in Conf. Rm. A., City Hall 2nd floor.
- 40a. Alderman Mark mentioned two holiday season openings that took place over the weekend, the Festival of Lights and the Nutcracker performance. He thanked the 2,800 plus people who attended the Nutcracker with guest performances by artists from New York and the Florida Ballet.
- 40b. Alderman Mark also mentioned J.R. Sullivan's Hometown Christmas will be December 7th, 8th and 9th at the New American Theatre.
- 41. Alderman Bell thanked all those who coordinated the LiveBig Weekend Jobapalooza Career Fair.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 41. Alderman Conness submitted an e-mail for several Requests for Service for violations in his neighborhood. Referred to Neighborhood Standards.
- 42. Alderman Conness submitted a request for installation of a street light in the 1200 block of Phelps Avenue. Referred to the Public Works Department.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 43. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Roberts, Planner II, regarding the Final Plat Highview Ridge. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
- 44. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Roberts, Planner II, regarding the Final Plat 3 of Washington Park. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
- 45. Alderman Mark submitted the Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes from the meeting held on November 20, 2007. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2007-505CR

- 46. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Final Plat of Rubloff Lyford Subdivision. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote:

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

Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, Timm -2-

2007-506CR

47. 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 (A) Zoning Map Amendment from County Agriculture to C-3, Commercial District for Parcel I and; the (B) Zoning Map Amendment from County Agriculture to I-1, Light Industrial District for Parcel II and; the (C) Waiver of Section 900.2 (f)(3) distance from a residential district for Performance Uses listed in Section 900.2(E) in a I-1, Light Industrial District for Parcel II at 33xx US 20 Bypass and 49xx South Main Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. That future development of the property shall conform to City of Rockford Codes and Ordinances.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 12/17/07; ZBA #092-07). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote:

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

2007-507CR

48. Mark - Code and Regulation - SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Zoning Map Amendment for County Agriculture to I-1, Light Industrial District at 42xx and 39xx US Bypass and 45xx Simpson Road.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 12/17/07; ZBA #091-07). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote:

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

2007-508CR

49. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the attached Zoning Fee Schedule. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote:

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

2007-509CR

50. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the pre-annexation of 1918 Hillcrest Road and that the Legal Director be required to send all required notices and that the Legal Director shall record copy of the pre-annexation agreement with the County Clerk. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote:

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

2007-510CR

51. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the attached revised Liquor Ordinance. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote:

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

2007-511CR

52. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the annexation of 4701, 4507, 4521, 4707, 47xx, 39xx and 4227 South Main Street (Faith Center Church) and that the Legal Director be required to prepare the necessary ordinance and send all required notices, and that, after passage of the annexation ordinance, the Legal Director shall record the ordinance, plat and affidavits of notice in the Recorder's Office and file a copy of the Annexation Ordinance with the County Clerk. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly, Timm absent).

2007-512CR

53. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the annexation agreement of 4701, 4507, 4521, 4707, 47xx, 39xx and 4227 South Main Street (Faith Center Church). The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly, Timm absent).

2007-513CR

54. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the annexation of 42xx Simpson Road and 39xx US 20 Bypass Highway (Parcel I) and 45xx Simpson Road (Parcel II) and that the Legal Director be required to prepare the necessary ordinance and send all required notices, and that after passage of the annexation ordinance, the Legal Director shall record the ordinance, plat and affidavits of notice in the Recorder's Office and file a copy of the Annexation Ordinance with the County Clerk. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote:

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

2007-514CR

55. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the annexation agreement for 42xx Simpson Road and 39xx US 20 Bypass Highway (Parcel I) and 45xx Simpson Road (Parcel II). The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote:

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

2007-515CR

56. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the annexation agreement of 33xx US 20 Bypass Highway, 49xx South Main Street, 4628 South Main Street and 59xx Beltline Road. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote:

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

2007-516CR

57. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the annexation of 33xx US Bypass Highway, 49xx South Main Street, 4628 South Main Street and 59xx Beltline Road and that the Legal Director be required to prepare the necessary ordinance and send all required notices, and that after passage of the annexation ordinance, the Legal Director shall record the ordinance, plat and affidavits of notice in the Recorder's Office and file a copy of the Annexation Ordinance with the County Clerk. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote:

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

2007-250-O

58. 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 #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 is hereby approved. 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 the 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 12/17/07; ZBA #081-07). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote:

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

2007-251-O

59. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 1603, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a Special Use Permit for a 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 12/17/07; ZBA #082-07). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote:

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

2007-252-O

60. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 1603, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for 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 requests it to be discontinued, whichever occurs first.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 12/17/07; ZBA #084-07). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote:

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

2007-253-O

61. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending the approval of the Highway Authority Agreement for 3215 Auburn Street. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote:

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

2007-254-O

62. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance regarding the approval of the Zoning Text Amendment to Article XV, Sign Regulations, Section 1500 and Article III Definitions, Section 300 regarding Signage is hereby approved. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote:

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

2007-517CR

63. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Sale of Property at 903, 909 & 913 Rockton Avenue and 919 Whitman Street be made to the sole bidder, Kestrel Development Company, of Oak Park, Illinois for their bid of \$12,500.00 subject to entering into a development agreement as called for in the Notice of Sale. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote:

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

2007-518CR

64. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report regarding the matter of the Acquisition of 116-120 South Second Street, recommending that the City purchase the property in the amount of \$325,000.00. The funding source is General Fund. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote:

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

2007-519CR

65. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report regarding increasing the 2007 tax levy for street and bridge purposes from .06% of the value as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue of all taxable property in the City of Rockford to .10% of the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue of all taxable property in the City of Rockford, hereby recommends: That the City of Rockford adopt an annual levy of .10% of the value as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue for street and bridge purposes. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote:

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

2007-520CR

66. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report regarding the 2007 Tax Levy Ordinance, hereby begs leave to report recommending that the Levy Ordinance be prepared by the Finance Department, and accepted in the amount of \$45,038,600 for the levies in the General, Sanitation, Tuberculosis Sanitarium, Library, Library Maintenance, Illinois Municipal Retirement, Social Security, Unemployment Compensation, Worker's Compensation, and Auditing Funds. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote:

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

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2007-119R

67. Alderman Curran, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a resolution to take bids for the following: Elliott Detention Pond Improvements, funding source: General City Revenue Drainage Funds. MOTION PREVAILED. (Ald. Thompson-Kelly, Timm absent).

2007-120R

68. Alderman Curran, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a resolution that the City of Rockford is authorized to participate in the State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly, Timm absent).

NEW BUSINESS

69. Alderman Bell introduced and read an Ordinance recommending approval of 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. LAID OVER.
70. Alderman Curran introduced and read an Ordinance for the levy and assessment of taxes for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2007 of the City of Rockford, County of Winnebago and State of Illinois. LAID OVER.
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OFFICERS REPORTS

72. Mayor Morrissey called upon Tim Hanson, Interim Director of Public Works, to comment on the threat posed by the emerald ash borer and the task force's plan to prepare for the infestation. He introduced representatives from the Illinois Department of Agriculture who gave a presentation about the emerald ash borer and its expected devastation to our ash tree population.
73. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Reed
City Council Clerk

[The meeting was taped in its entirety, and the tape is on file in the Legal Department]

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
City Council Chambers, 2ND floor City Hall
425 E. State Street, Rockford
DECEMBER 3, 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

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II. ORDINANCES LAID OVER NOVEMBER 26, 2007

1. Bell - Ordinance - Recommending approval of 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.
2. Curran - Ordinance - For the levy and assessment of taxes for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2007 of the City of Rockford, County of Winnebago and State of Illinois.
3. Curran - Ordinance - To increase the 2007 tax levy for street and bridge purposes from .06% of the value as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue of all taxable property in the City of Rockford to .10% of the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue of all taxable property in the City of Rockford.

III. MISCELLANEOUS HELD OUT NOVEMBER 26, 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, December 3, 2007, 4:30 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. C & R 07-289 Final Plat Highview Ridge
2. C & R 07-290 Final Plat 3 of Washington Park
3. C & R 07-288 Holiday 2007-2008 City Council Meeting Schedule
4. C & R 07-291 ZBA#094-07 Special Use Permit for liquor sales by the drink in conjunction with a bar with only indoor seating in a C-2, Commercial Community Zoning District at 3409 Colony Bay Drive
5. C & R 07-292 ZBA#095-07 Special Use Permit for an off-site business advertising freestanding sign
Variation to increase the maximum height of a low-profile sign from 8 feet to 15 feet
Variation to increase the maximum square footage of a low-profile sign from 64 to 89 in a C-1, Limited Office Zoning District at 6951 Olde Creek Road
6. C & R 07-293 ZBA#096-07 Variation to increase the maximum height of wall signs from 35 feet to a maximum of 56 feet (not to exceed the height of the building) in a C-1, Limited Office Zoning District at 6957 Olde Creek Road
7. C & R 07-294 ZBA#097-07 Special Use Permit for liquor sales by the drink in conjunction with a billiard hall with only indoor seating in a C-2, Commercial Community Zoning District at 3840 Broadway, Unit B
8. C & R 07-295 ZBA#099-07 Zoning Map Amendment from R-1, Single- Family Residential District to C-3, Commercial General District for Tract I
Special Use Permit for a Performance Use consisting of a financial institution with a drive-up window that cannot satisfy the minimum distance to a residential district for Tract II

Variation to reduce the required Type C landscape buffer from 20 feet to 6 feet 2 inches (6'2") wide adjacent to the north entrance in a C-3, Commercial General District for Tract II at 3101 11th Street

9. C & R 07-296 ZBA#100-07 Zoning Map Amendment from County Ag, Agriculture District, to C-3, Commercial General Zoning District for Parcels 1 and 2 and to I-1, Light Industrial District for Parcel 3 at 39xx and 4227 Pelley Road, 4507, 4521, 4707 and 47xx South Main Street
10. C & R 07-297 ZBA#101-07 Variation to allow a third wall sign to identify brand name service in a C-3, Commercial General District at 5909 East State Street
11. C & R 07-298 ZBA#102-07 Special Use Permit for a Planned Mixed-Use Development consisting of medical office buildings over 3,000 square feet, professional office building, and a Community Service Organization to include multiple uses for children and/or elderly care in an R-1, Single-Family Residential District at 1502 Parkview Avenue
12. C & R 07-299 ZBA#103-07 Zoning Map Amendment from County Ag, Agriculture District, to City C-2, Commercial Community District for Parcel (A) and to R-4 Multi-family Residential District for Parcel (B) at 3118 and 3212 South Main Street
13. C & R 07-272 Revised City of Rockford Zoning Ordinance

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Monday, December 3, 2007, 5:15 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of RFP: Ambulance Billing
 - B. Award of Bid: Stanley Street Controls Equipment
 - C. Intergovernmental Agreement: City of Rockford & RRWRD Meadows of Spring Brook
 - D. Resolution to take Bids
 - E. Emergency P.O. for Cardiac Monitor
 - F. Change Order: City-Wide Inlet Repairs

G. Change Order: Stanley Street Pumping Station

H. Vouchers

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Monday, December 3, 2007, 5:15 p.m.
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA**

1. Memorandum from Rob Lamb, Industrial Development Manager, regarding the Referral of the creation of the Rockford Global Trade Park (GTP) Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District #2.
2. Memorandum from Rob Lamb, Industrial Development Manager, regarding the Referral of a Development Agreement with Ingenium Technologies to construct a new addition to their building at 3761 Central Avenue.
3. Memorandum from Dwayne A. Collins, Grants Compliance Specialist II, regarding the Healthy Neighborhoods Program Funding Recommendation (Rock River Training Corporation).

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

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

No Meeting Scheduled.