

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
JULY 16, 2007
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:09 P.M.

1. The invocation was given by Pastor Jerry Demond, Halsted Road Baptist Church/Police Chaplain, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Page Karla Centeno.
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 Beach moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of July 9, 2007, seconded by Alderman McNeely. MOTION PREVAILED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4. John Weaver addressed Council regarding participation in upcoming marches and staying focused.
5. Mert Town addressed Council regarding a zoning issue. (Addressing zoning issues is not permitted pursuant to the regulations of Public Participation).

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

6. Alderman Beck submitted a request from Cynthia Borcherts, in conjunction with Festa Italiana, requesting police assistance and barricades for parking assistance for local residents, permission for food and liquor outdoors within a confined space on August 3, 2007 from 5:00 pm –11:00 pm, August 4, 2007 from 11:00 am – 11:00 pm and August 5, 2007 from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm at Boylan High School, 4000 St. Francis Drive. Alderman Beck moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Conness. MOTION PREVAILED.
7. Alderman Timm submitted a request from Lorden Slade, in conjunction with the opening of Great Clips, requesting permission for freestanding 20-foot inflatable balloon at 3818 W. Riverside for three (3) weeks beginning August 1, 2007 – August 22, 2007. Alderman Timm moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED.
8. Alderman Johnson submitted a Request for Service at 1728 Colorado Avenue. Referred to the Public Works Department.
9. Alderman Johnson submitted a letter from Mary Bergstrom concerning crime in her neighborhood. Referred to the Police Department.

10. Alderman Johnson submitted an e-mail from Mark Stockman, Public Works Department, regarding a request for removal of a tree on E. Gate Parkway. Referred to the Public Works Department.
11. Alderman Johnson submitted a letter from John Ekberg suggesting maintenance to the rail near the Millennium Fountain. Referred to the Public Works Department.
12. Alderman Johnson submitted a letter sent to downtown business owners from Jennifer Cacciapaglia, City Attorney, which provides clarification to the On The Waterfront Open Seal Ordinance. Placed on File.
13. Alderman Thompson-Kelly submitted two (2) Request for Services. Referred to the Public Works Department.
14. Alderman Thompson-Kelly submitted a request from herself, in conjunction with the Neighborhood Block Party for residents and businesses requesting barricades and permission to close the 900 block of Oakley Avenue on August 25, 2007 from 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Alderman Thompson-Kelly moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED.
15. Alderman Thompson-Kelly submitted a Proposal regarding the Minority and Women Construction Management Training Program. Referred to Planning and Development.
16. Alderman Bell submitted a request from Pastor Wooding, in conjunction with the Mission of Prayer Hawaiian Luau, requesting barricades and permission to close Lincoln from West to Weldon (614 Lincoln Avenue) on July 21, 2007 from 10:00 am – 7:00 pm. Alderman Bell moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED.
17. Alderman Curran submitted a request from Jim Campobello and Shelia Carlson, in conjunction with the 25th Annual Alley Walk at the Bethesda Covenant Church, 2101 E. State Street requesting police assistance and barricades to block off alley and permission for a freestanding sign for twelve (12) days and a tent for two (2) days in residential neighborhood beginning on September 15, 2007. Alderman Curran moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Conness. MOTION PREVAILED.
18. Alderman Curran submitted a Memorandum from Patrick Hayes, Legal Director regarding Municipal Revenue Bond Financing for Wesley Willows. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
19. Alderman Beach submitted a request from Mike Wells, in conjunction with Premier Home Furniture Tent Sale, requesting permission for a tent for two (2) weeks located at 4038 E. State Street from July 23, 2007 to August 6, 2007. Alderman Beach moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED.
20. Alderman McNeely submitted a request from the Liberty Baptist Church for a street name change. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.

21. Alderman Mark submitted a letter from Frank Novak, on behalf of the Rockford Public Library Board of Trustees, requesting assistance with the exterior lighting around the Main Library Building located at 215 North Wyman Street. Referred to the Public Works Department.
22. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Ellwanger, Planner II, regarding the annexation of Bradley Heights. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
23. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Ellwanger, Planner II, regarding the annexation of Wesley Willows 41xx Owen Center Road. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
24. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Kerry Partridge, City Attorney, regarding the Municipal Code Re-codification Project. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
25. Alderman Mark submitted the Rockford Traffic Commission Minutes for the meeting held on July 11, 2007. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
26. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jon Hollander, City Engineer, regarding the Road Dedication Plat for South Second Street. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
27. Alderman Mark submitted a request from local organizers, in conjunction with the Coronado Haskell Neighborhood Walk, requesting permission for the walk on the sidewalks, Locust east to Horsman, south to Cherry, to Woodlawn, north of Maple, west to Horsman, south of Acorn, west to the starting point on July 24, 2007 beginning at 6:00 pm. Alderman Mark moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman McNeely. MOTION PREVAILED.
28. Alderman Mark submitted a request from James Hood, in conjunction with the Lite the Night Walk, requesting permission to erect a tent on property owned by the City (Davis Park) on September 17, 2007. Alderman Mark moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman McNeely. MOTION PREVAILED.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

29. Alderman Bell read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending that the City Council approve the request for Emergency Shelter Grants Program Funding Year 2007 as follows:

American Red Cross	\$40,000
PHASE, Inc.	\$ 4,000
Shelter Care Ministries	\$20,932
Rockford MELD	\$25,000
City Administrative	<u>\$ 3,720</u>
Total	\$93,652

LAID OVER.

2007-271CR

30. Alderman Bell read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending that the City Council approve the request to provide funding in the amount of \$30,000 to Mid Town District Association for calendar year 2007 on a fee-for-service basis as provided in the attached agreement.

Alderman Bell 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, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Beach -1-

2007-272CR

31. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter & ADA Ramps be made to the low bidder Stenstrom Excavation, of Rockford, IL for their total bid of \$228,855.50. The funding source is Sales Tax.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Timm. 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-

2007-273CR

32. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending award for West State Corridor Demolitions be made to Swinson Materials, of Rockford, IL for their total bid of \$115,700.00. The funding source is IDOT/State.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Timm. 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-

2007-274CR

33. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for City-Wide Residential Resurfacing – 2007 be made to the low bidder, Rockford

Blacktop Construction, of Loves Park, IL for their total bid of \$2,340,784.67. The funding source is General Fund & Sales Tax.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Timm. 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-

34. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of July 16, 2007 in the amount of \$2,314,432.55. 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-

35. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending approval of the release of the following closed session minutes:

March 5, 2006	January 29, 2007
March 27, 2006	February 5, 2007
November 6, 2006	February 26, 2007
January 22, 2007	

LAID OVER.

36. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the annexation of xxxx 18th Street. LAID OVER.
37. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the annexation of 1211 Brooke Road. LAID OVER.
38. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the annexation of 2830 17th Street. LAID OVER.
39. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the denial of the claim of Javar Davis for property damage in the amount of \$569.56. LAID OVER.
40. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Variation to allow a pool in the front yard as a permitted obstruction in an R-1, Single-Family Residential District at 602 Garfield.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 8/20/07, ZBA #033-07). LAID OVER.

2007-275CR

41. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Special Use Permit for an auto body shop that does not satisfy the Performance Criteria of 600 feet away from a residential district in a C-3, Commercial General Zoning District at 3014 Auburn Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The lot must be paved with concrete or blacktop by January 1, 2008.
2. That the property and use shall comply with all Building and Fire Codes.
3. Submittal of a detailed landscape plan to include the type of species to be planted for Staff's review and approval adjacent the building.
4. There shall be no outside storage or any auto parts, equipment or material.
5. Submittal of a site plan showing dumpster enclosure for staff approval.
6. Disposal and storage of hazardous materials must follow the Illinois Environment Protection Agency.
7. There shall be no overnight storage of vehicles on the property.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 8/20/07, ZBA #034-07).

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

42. Mayor Morrissey reported the Winnebago County Animal Services Office will be making a presentation on Wednesday, July 18, 2007 at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers. This is a follow-up meeting from several discussions regarding Animal Services and their relationship to the City. Any questions or for information please contact Mayor Morrissey's Office or the City Legal Department, Jennifer Cacciapaglia.
43. Mayor Morrissey called attention to a Memorandum regarding the IML 94th Annual Conference to be held at the Hilton Chicago Hotel in Chicago, Illinois from Thursday, October 18th through Sunday, October 21st, 2007. He encouraged all council members to attend the conference and to notify Chris Washington in Mayor Morrissey's Office before Friday, August 31, 2007.
44. Mayor Morrissey mentioned the NLC Congress of Cities and Exposition Conference to be held November 13th through November 17th in New Orleans, LA. Anyone interested in attending should notify Chris Washington in Mayor Morrissey's Office before September 7, 2007.
45. Mayor Morrissey expressed his concern with the growing problem of teen violence in our community with the most recent homicide of an Ice Cream Vendor, Isidro Duran, the victim of teen violence. He emphasized the importance of the citizens working with the Police Department and the Human Services Department and offered his sympathy to the families and friends of the victim's of violent crimes.

46. Alderman Bell thanked Mayor Morrissey and Chief Epperson for calling him from the scene of the homicide on Loomis Street. He reiterated Mayor Morrissey's comments concerning teen violence and uniting as a community to reach these individuals at an earlier age. He also suggested future discussion regarding permits/licenses for street vendors.
47. Alderman Curran welcomed grandchildren Caroline and Patrick at Council tonight.
48. Alderman Mark thanked Charlie Schaefer and staff in the Neighborhood Standards Department for cleaning up the contents of a foreclosed home that had been put on the curb for pickup. He suggested the Ordinance be reviewed for possible revisions as it pertains to who is liable for the contents left behind. Referred to the Legal Department.
49. Alderman Jacobson agreed with Alderman Bell's comments to revisit the issue concerning permits/licenses for vendors and thanked the Sheriff, former Rockford Police Chiefs and Chief Epperson for allowing him tours of the PSB with children and thanked them for supporting programs for kids in the community.
50. Alderman Jacobson acknowledged the passing of Lady Bird Johnson.
51. Alderman Timm commented he had a similar situation as Alderman Mark with the contents of a home placed on the curb for pickup, which ended up in the street and neighbor's yards, and also requested the Ordinance be reviewed. Referred to the Legal Department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2007-276CR

52. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending that the boundary of Rockford Enterprise Zone #1 be amended to exclude that area to be included in the River Edge Redevelopment Zone. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED.

2007-277CR

53. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending the River Edge Redevelopment Zone be created in accordance with the attached draft ordinance and application. The staff shall submit this material to the State of Illinois. MOTION PREVAILED.

OFFICERS REPORTS

54. Mayor Morrissey acknowledged Willie Ashford as the new Director of the CeaseFire Organization.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2007-278CR

55. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the claim of Debbie Larson. City staff is hereby instructed to reduce the outstanding balance of Ms. Larson's past due water bill to \$319.10. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-279CR

56. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the denial of the claim of Jeanette Walker for property damage in the amount of \$773.06. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-280CR

57. 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 Variation to allow a pool and deck in the front yard as a permitted obstruction in an R-1, Single-Family Residential District at 4804 Crescent Drive. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. This variation applies to the existing pool and deck only. Any future pool and/or deck need to conform to City of Rockford Ordinance.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 8/20/07, ZBA #021-07). 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-

2007-281CR

58. 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 Special Use Permit for an auto paint shop; DENY the Special Use Permit for auto repair shop and; DENY the Special Use Permit for passenger vehicle sales that does not satisfy

the Performance Criteria of 600 feet away from a residential district in an I-1, Light Industrial Zoning District at 2510 Kishwaukee Street.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 8/20/07, ZBA #037-07). 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-

2007-282CR

59. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Re-plat of Harlow Manors #2. 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-

2007-283CR

60. 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 Variation to increase the number of allowable free-standing signs from one to two on the same street frontage in a C-2, Commercial Community Zoning District at 326 North Alpine Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Submittal of an agreement for staff review and approval that in 2010 there will be no new lease agreement for the billboard and the billboard structure will be removed.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 8/20/07, ZBA #044-07). 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-

2007-284CR

61. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that City Council APPROVE the attached Highway Authority Agreement for 2211 Charles Street. 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-

2007-285CR

62. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Downtown Parking Study be made to Walker Parking-Heartland Parking, of Peoria, IL for an estimated cost of \$124,500. The funding source is Motor Vehicle Parking Fund. 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-

2007-286CR

63. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending award for Storage & Disposal of Impound Vehicles be made to Greater Rockford Auto Auction (GRAA), of Rockford, IL. The contract is expected to generate approximately \$25,000 in revenue annually for the general fund. 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-

2007-287CR

64. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Vehicle Towing be made to Haas Towing, of Rockford, IL for their unit prices as shown on tabulation. The funding source is Departmental Operating Budgets. 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-

2007-288CR

65. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of Task Order #5 with MWH Americas, Inc. for engineering services on the Water System Rehabilitation Project in amount not to exceed \$25,000. The task order will be completed under a Master Agreement with MWH Americas, Inc. The funding for the project will come from water bonds. 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-

2007-289CR

66. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Engineering Agreement: Kishwaukee Street Utility Relocation be made to Arnold Lundgren & Associates at a not-to-exceed cost of \$143,600.00 for preliminary engineering and project management services (Phase I), and construction engineering and management (Phase II). The funding for this project will come from Motor Fuel Tax (MFT). 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-

2007-290CR

67. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report regarding Respect for five-year Sunset for Non-Home Rule Municipal Sales Tax for Infrastructure on Enactment of Senate Bill 1395, recommending amending Sunset Provision of Ordinance No. 2007-86-O from December 31, 2012 to June 30, 2012. 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-

68. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the agreement for benefit consulting services with Rockford Consulting & Brokerage, Inc. for a 13-month period in the amount of \$115,000. The funding source is Health Insurance Fund. HELD OUT.
69. Alderman Curran moved the re-appointment to the Citizen Participation Committee, Angie Goral, to a three (3) year term, which would expire May 2010. MOTION PREVAILED.
70. Alderman Curran moved the re-appointment to the Citizen Participation Committee, Cherene Sweeney, to a three (3) year term, which would expire May 2010. MOTION PREVAILED.
71. Alderman Curran moved the re-appointment to the Citizen Participation Committee, Joyce Higgins, to a three (3) year term, which would expire May 2010. MOTION PREVAILED.
72. Alderman Curran moved the re-appointment to the Citizen Participation Committee, Gerald O. Albert, to a three (3) year term, which would expire May 2010. MOTION PREVAILED.

73. Alderman Curran moved the appointment to the Citizen Participation Committee, Ray Cooper replacing Roger Sexton, to a term which would expire May 2010. MOTION PREVAILED.
74. Alderman Jacobson moved the adoption of a Resolution that the City Council of the City of Rockford, Illinois requesting that the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services respectfully reconsider its decision to cease operations of The Mill and reopen the same pending a thorough and fair investigation into certain allegations.

Be if further resolved that at the conclusion of said investigation into those allegations the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services take action, should any be required at all, that fairly and appropriately corrects and deters any misconduct that is founded. HELD OUT.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2007-74R

75. Alderman Curran, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a resolution to take bids/proposals for the following:
- Bid: Demolition of 309-11 N. Horsman, funding source: CDBG
Bid: Car Washing, funding source: Departmental Operating Budgets
Bid: Printing Services, funding source: Departmental Operating Budgets
Bid: Aerial Ladder Truck, funding source: Fire Department Capital Outlay

MOTION PREVAILED.

OFFICERS REPORTS

76. Alderman Mark announced the Republican caucus will be moved from Players Pub to the Olympic Tavern after council tonight.

NEW BUSINESS

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

That a "No Parking Anytime" sign be established on the east side of South First Street from Walnut Street to 105 feet south of Walnut Street.

LAID OVER.

78. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 303, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances by adding the following:

That a mid-block pedestrian crossing be established on Oak Grove Lane between 29th Street and Oak Knolls Avenue.

LAID OVER.

79. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 300, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances by adding the following:

That a "25 MPH" speed limit be established on Oak Grove Lane from 29th Street to Oak Knolls Avenue, thus repealing the existing "30 MPH" speed limit.

LAID OVER.

80. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 293, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances by adding the following:

That traffic on Regan Street be required to Yield prior to entering the intersection of Jackson Street.

LAID OVER.

81. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances by adding the following:

"Restricting Parking" to "Handicapped Parking" on the west side of Madison Street from 132 feet to 152 feet north of East State Street.

LAID OVER.

2007-133-O

82. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 1603, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a Special Use Permit for an auto body shop that does not satisfy the Performance Criteria of 600 feet away from a residential district in a C-3, Commercial General Zoning District at 3014 Auburn Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The lot must be paved with concrete or blacktop by January 1, 2008.
2. That the property and use shall comply with all Building and Fire Codes.
3. Submittal of a detailed landscape plan to include the type of species to be planted for Staff's review and approval adjacent the building.
4. There shall be no outside storage or any auto parts, equipment or material.
5. Submittal of a site plan showing dumpster enclosure for staff approval.
6. Disposal and storage of hazardous materials must follow the Illinois Environment Protection Agency.
7. There shall be no overnight storage of vehicles on the property.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 8/20/07, ZBA #034-07).

Alderman Mark moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Wasco. 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-

2007-134-O

83. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance that the Mayor and Legal Director are authorized to execute the attached Highway Authority Agreement For Leaking Underground Storage Tank Sites at 2211 Charles Street.

Alderman Mark moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Wasco. 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-

84. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Reed
City Council Clerk

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

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
City Council Chambers, 2ND floor City Hall
425 E. State Street, Rockford
JULY 23, 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

I. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing – Preannexation of 118 Atwood Avenue.
2. Public Hearing – Preannexation of 120 Atwood Avenue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. LAID OVER JULY 16, 2007

1. Bell - Planning and Development – Report recommending that the City Council approve the request for Emergency Shelter Grants Program Funding Year 2007 as follows:

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2. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending approval of the release of the following closed session minutes:

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March 27, 2006
November 6, 2006
January 22, 2007

January 29, 2007
February 5, 2007
February 26, 2007

3. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the annexation of xxxx 18th Street.
4. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the annexation of 1211 Brooke Road.
5. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the annexation of 2830 17th Street.
6. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the denial of the claim of Javar Davis for property damage in the amount of \$569.56. LAID OVER.
7. Mark - Code and Regulation - SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Variation to allow a pool in the front yard as a permitted obstruction in an R-1, Single-Family Residential District at 602 Garfield.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 8/20/07, ZBA #033-07).

B. HELD OUT JULY 16, 2007

1. Curran - Finance and Personnel - Recommending approval of the agreement for benefit consulting services with Rockford Consulting & Brokerage, Inc. for a 13-month period in the amount of \$115,000. The funding source is Health Insurance Fund.

III. RESOLUTIONS HELD OUT JULY 16, 2007

- 1.* Jacobson - Resolution - That the City Council of the City of Rockford, Illinois requesting that the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services respectfully reconsider its decision to cease operations of The Mill and reopen the same pending a thorough and fair investigation into certain allegations.

Be it further resolved that at the conclusion of said investigation into those allegations the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services take action, should any be required at all, that fairly and appropriately corrects and deters any misconduct that is founded.

IV. ORDINANCES LAID OVER JULY 16, 2007

1. Mark - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 16, Section 280, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances by adding the following:

That a "No Parking Anytime" sign be established on the east side of South First Street from Walnut Street to 105 feet south of Walnut Street.

2. Mark - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 16, Section 303, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances by adding the following:

That a mid-block pedestrian crossing be established on Oak Grove Lane between 29th Street and Oak Knolls Avenue.

3. Mark - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 16, Section 300, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances by adding the following:

That a "25 MPH" speed limit be established on Oak Grove Lane from 29th Street to Oak Knolls Avenue, thus repealing the existing "30 MPH" speed limit.

4. Mark - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 16, Section 293, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances by adding the following:

That traffic on Regan Street be required to Yield prior to entering the intersection of Jackson Street.

5. Mark - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 16, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances by adding the following:

"Restricting Parking" to "Handicapped Parking" on the west side of Madison Street from 132 feet to 152 feet north of East State Street.

V. MISCELLANEOUS HELD OUT JULY 16, 2007

- 1.* Mayor Morrissey - Re-appointment - Human Services CAA Board, Ms. Karen Hoffman to a three (3) year term, which would expire June 2010. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this re-appointment will be up for passage on July 30, 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, July 23, 2007, 4:45 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. C & R 07-127 ZBA#041-07 Special Use Permit for a mural painted on panels to be mounted on the west exterior wall in a C-4, Commercial Oldtown District at 509 East State Street
2. C & R 07-90 Request from Lamar Outdoor Advertising
3. C & R 07-157 Bradley Heights/Parchment Annexation
4. C & R 07-158 Annexation of 41xx Owen Center Road (Wesley Willows)
5. C & R 07-156 Road Dedication Plat for South Second Street, Sec. 36-44-2
6. C & R 07-159 Municipal Code Re-Codification Project
7. C & R 07-174 Closed Session for Purposes of Pending Litigation & Closed Session for Purchase or Sale of Property

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Monday, July 23, 2007, 5:15 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of Bid: City-Wide Alley Reconstruction – Suspend rules
 - B. Award of Bid: Mobile Radios for Police Department
 - C. Award of Bid: City Hall Roof Ledges
 - D. Award of Bid: Central Garage Men's Restroom Upgrade
 - E. Award of RFP: Network Appliance Storage Device & Support
 - F. Award of RFP: Fueling System
 - G. Engineering Agreement: Harrison Avenue Watermain Phase II

- H. Emergency P.O. Pioneer Deck Walkway Repairs
- I. Emergency P.O. Salt Dome Demolition
- J. Vouchers
- 2. Financial Discussion
- 3. 2nd Quarter Investment Report
- 4. CIP Project Update

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Monday, July 23, 2007, 5:15 p.m.
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA**

- 1. Minority and Women Construction Management Training Program Proposal.

AGENDA

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, July 24, 2007, 7:30 a.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order & Roll Call
- 2. Approval of Minutes
- 3. Old Business
 - a) Discussion of By-laws/Rules
 - b) Ongoing Communications with State Legislators and Mayor's Office
 - c) 4/23/07CC#7, Ald. Johnson Referral re Congressional Leadership Directory Online
- 4. New Business