

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
JULY 23, 2007
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:24 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 Justin Francis.
2. Roll Call:

Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey

Aldermen: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness –13-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly –1-
3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of July 16, 2007, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly absent).

PUBLIC HEARING

4. Mayor Morrissey called upon Alderman Mark to conduct two public hearings. Alderman Mark called the first hearing to order at 6:26 pm, stated that it was being held pursuant to 65 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/11-15.1-3, for an annexation agreement for property located at 120 Atwood Avenue. He asked for questions or comments from the Council members, and then from the public, and closed the public hearing at 6:26 pm.
5. Alderman Mark conducted a second public hearing. He called the hearing to order at 6:27 pm, stated that it was being held pursuant to 65 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/11-15.1-3, for an annexation agreement for property located at 118 Atwood Avenue. He asked for questions or comments from the Council members, and then from the public, and closed the public hearing at 6:27 pm.

The Meeting returned to the regular Order of Business at 6:27 pm.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

6. Alderman Conness submitted a Request for Service regarding a trash complaint in the Geneva Avenue neighborhood. Referred to Neighborhood Standards.
7. Alderman Johnson submitted one hundred fifty-eight (158) signatures on a petition supporting the proposed noise ordinance. Referred to Mayor Morrissey's Office and the Legal Department.
8. Alderman Johnson submitted an amended request from Alderman Thompson-Kelly, in conjunction with a Neighborhood Block Party, requesting barricades and permission to close the 700 block of Oakley on August 25, 2007 from 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Alderman Johnson moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly absent).

9. Alderman Johnson submitted three (3) Requests for Service. Referred to Neighborhood Standards and the Public Works Department.
10. Alderman Johnson submitted a News Release regarding the Broadway Super Pantry Grand Re-Opening, 3819 Broadway, on Thursday, July 26, 2007 at 1:30 pm. Placed on File.
11. Alderman Bell submitted two (2) Requests for Service. Referred to the Public Works Department.
12. Alderman Bell submitted a request from the Providence Baptist Church, 2209 Clifton Avenue. Referred to Mayor Morrissey's Office.
13. Alderman Bell submitted a flier regarding the 5th ward monthly meeting to be held on Thursday, July 26, 2007 at the Montague Branch Library, 1328 South Winnebago Street at 6:00 pm. Placed on File.
14. Alderman Bell submitted the Orchid 3rd/Union College Neighborhood Association Newsletter listing upcoming events, helpful phone numbers and a reminder of the monthly meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 25, 2007 at 6:30 pm at 711 Seminary Street, guest speaker Mayor Morrissey. Placed on File.
15. Alderman Bell submitted a Memorandum from Reid Montgomery, Director of Community and Economic Development regarding Planning and Development Discussion Item – RAEDC Quarterly Report. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
16. Alderman Bell submitted a Memorandum from Richard M. May, Commercial Development Coordinator, regarding Approval of Amended Development Agreement for Zion Development Corporation to receive \$50,000 in 7th Street TIF funds for interior remodeling of the former Pickerman's Deli space at 528 7th Street. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
17. Alderman Bell submitted a Memorandum from Richard M. May, Commercial Development Coordinator, regarding Community Development Block Grant [CDBG] Funding (\$58,392.45) for Zion Development Corporation to relocate utility poles, lines and cables along 4th Avenue between 7th and 8th Streets. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
18. Alderman Jacobson submitted a request from Salvador Martinez and Richard Lynn, LaTolteca, requesting permission for a freestanding banner for one month beginning July 25, 2007-August 25, 2007 at 1201 Sandy Hollow Road. Alderman Jacobson moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Bell. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly absent).
19. Alderman Jacobson submitted a request from Pastor Black, St. Edward's Parish Summerfest, requesting permission for food and liquor outdoors within a confined space, tent and carnival for two (2) days at 3004 11th Street on August 17, 2007 from 5:00 pm to midnight and August 18, 2007 from noon to midnight. Alderman Jacobson

moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Bell. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly absent).

20. Alderman Beach submitted an e-mail from Louis Hagler, MD, supporting the proposed noise ordinance. Referred to Mayor Morrissey's Office
21. Alderman Beach submitted an e-mail from Michael W. Smith, supporting the proposed noise ordinance. Referred to Mayor Morrissey's Office.
22. Alderman Curran submitted a Memorandum from Mark Rose, Land Acquisition Officer, regarding Tax Abatement on Demolition and Foreclosure Property. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
23. Alderman Curran submitted a Memorandum from William Keith, Property and Equipment Superintendent regarding an Emergency P.O. for Pioneer Deck Walkway Repairs in the amount of \$10,275. Placed on file.
24. Alderman Curran submitted a Memorandum from William Keith, Property and Equipment Superintendent, regarding an Emergency P.O. for Salt Dome Demolition in the amount of \$13,500. Placed on file.
25. Alderman Mark submitted two (2) Requests for Service. Referred to Neighborhood Standards, Building Department and the Public Works Department.
26. Alderman Mark submitted a Request for Service at the corner of Churchill and Post Avenue. Referred to the Public Works Department.
27. Alderman Mark submitted a request from Elaine Harrington requesting a traffic sign change at the corner of Y Blvd. and North Second Street. Referred to the Public Works Department/Traffic.
28. Alderman Mark submitted an e-mail from Michael W. Smith, supporting the proposed noise ordinance. Referred to Mayor Morrissey's Office.
29. Alderman Mark submitted a second request from Carl Kole for a "no left turn between the hours of 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm" sign to be installed at the intersection of Highcrest and Chelsea. Referred to the Public Works Department/Traffic.
30. Alderman Mark submitted a Request for Service regarding illegal activity on Grant Street. Referred to the Police Department.
31. Alderman Mark submitted a request from Mary Donahue, Insignia Graphics, in conjunction with Telecris Plasma, requesting permission for a temporary banner attached to a building for an additional two (2) weeks until the permanent sign can be erected. Alderman Mark moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly absent).

32. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Mark Rose, Land Acquisition Officer, regarding a Request to vacate the alley next to 1810 Chestnut Street. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
33. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Ronald Schultz, City Attorney, regarding the Transfer of Cable Franchise to Comcast. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
34. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Mark Rose, Land Acquisition Officer, regarding the Proposed Sale of 1105 Broadway. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
35. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Mark Rose, Land Acquisition Officer, regarding a Request to buy City-owned vacant lot at 2608 18th Street. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
36. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Ellwanger, Planner II, regarding the Tentative Plat of Steven's Ridge Subdivision. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
37. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Ellwanger, Planner II, regarding the Annexation of Steven's Ridge Subdivision. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
38. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Ellwanger, Planner II, regarding the Tentative Plat of Highview Ridge. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
39. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Ronald Schultz, City Attorney, regarding the Groundwater Restriction Ordinance. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
40. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Ellwanger, Planner II, regarding the annexation of 2909 Kilburn Avenue. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
41. Alderman Mark submitted the Zoning Board of Appeal Minutes from the meeting held on July 17, 2007. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

42. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Mobile Radios for the Police Department be made to the sole bidder, Kwik Kall Communications, of Rockford, IL for their total bid of \$10,564.82. The funding source is Police Department Operating Budget. LAID OVER.
43. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for City Hall 2nd & 8th Floor Roof Replacement be made to the low bidder McDermaid Roofing, of Rockford, IL for their total bid of \$129,898.00. The funding source is Building Fund. LAID OVER.
44. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Central Garage Men's Bathroom Upgrade be made to the low bidder, Bennett

Construction, of Pecatonica, IL for their total bid of \$44,100.00. The funding source is Building Fund. LAID OVER.

45. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Network Appliance Storage Device and Support be made to the sole bidder, Datalink Corporation of Downers Grove, IL for their total bid of \$71,295.23. The funding source is Information Technology Fund. LAID OVER.

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46. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for City-Wide Alley Reconstruction – 2007 be made to the low bidder, Rockford Blacktop Construction, of Loves Park, IL for their total bid of \$351,705.13. The funding source is General Fund & Sales Tax.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman McNeely. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly absent). The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-292CR

47. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Engineering Agreement: Construction Engineering – Harrison Avenue Watermain Phase II be made to Hanson Professional Services, Inc. at a not-to-exceed cost of \$26,616.00. The funding source will be Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman McNeely. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly absent). The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

48. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of July 23, 2007 in the amount of \$1,339,037.97. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

49. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Noise Violation/Vehicle Impoundment Ordinance. LAID OVER.
50. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the annexation of xxxx South Mulford Road and xxxx Sandy Hollow Road. LAID OVER.
51. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the annexation of 1123 North Alpine Road. LAID OVER.
52. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the annexation of 1133 North Alpine Road. LAID OVER.
53. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the annexation of 5902 Sandy Hollow Road. LAID OVER.
54. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the annexation of 1555 New Milford Road. LAID OVER.

OFFICERS REPORTS

55. Mayor Morrissey submitted a re-appointment to the Housing Authority Board, Mr. Chandler Anderson, to a five-year term, which would expire July 2012. LAID OVER.
56. Mayor Morrissey announced a press conference will be held on July 26, 2007 at 4:00 pm in the lobby of City Hall regarding the ground breaking for the new Stanley Street Water Facility.
57. Mayor Morrissey announced the Rockford Area Chamber of Commerce will be holding the Mayor's Business Luncheon on Wednesday, August 29, 2007 at 11:30 am at Giovanni's. Please contact Chris in Mayor Morrissey's Office if you are interested in attending by Friday, August 24, 2007.
58. Mayor Morrissey commented on the shootings over past weekends and long term social ills that plague our community. He emphasized the City will continue to partner with the Sheriff's Department, Rockford Housing Authority, Community Collaboration, Inc. and the Rockford School District, recognizing the severity of these problems and implementing strategies to make this a better community. He encouraged anyone with ideas and suggestions to contact the Mayor's Office.
59. Alderman Bell submitted a letter from John David Murphy, R.I.D.C. Corporation, 1350 Preston Street, requesting information on available funds for improvements to the business. Referred to Community Development Department.
- 59a. Alderman Bell mentioned he met with Mr. Martinez and discussed the recent acts of violence, community involvement and the possibility of permits/licenses for vendors.

- 60. Alderman Wasco requested a meeting with Mayor Morrissey and Human Resources Department to clarify the action taken by this administration with regards to the discipline of the city employees involved in the copper issue.
- 61. Alderman Sosnowski announced the Republican caucus would be meeting at Players instead of the Olympic immediately following the Council meeting.
- 62. Alderman Sosnowski submitted a request to create a policy that addresses large water bills. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2007-293CR

- 63. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of 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

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

Nays: -0-

Absent: Thompson-Kelly, Conness -2-

2007-294CR

- 64. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of 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	

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

Nays: -0-

Absent: Thompson-Kelly -1-

2007-295CR

65. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the annexation of xxxx 18th Street. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-296CR

66. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the annexation of 1211 Brooke Road. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-297CR

67. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the annexation of 2830 17th Street. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-298CR

68. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the denial of the claim of Javar Davis for property damage in the amount of \$569.56. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-299CR

69. 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 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). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-135-O

70. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of 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. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-136-O

71. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of 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.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-137-O

72. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of 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.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-138-O

73. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of 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.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-139-O

74. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of 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.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-300CR

75. 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.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

76. 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 INDEFINITELY.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2007-75R

77. Alderman Mark, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution that the Mayor and Legal Director are authorized to execute the Agreement to Annex to the City of Rockford in Exchange for Water Connection by and between Anthony D. Hunt (120 Atwood Avenue) and the City of Rockford. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly absent).

2007-76R

78. Alderman Mark, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution that the Mayor and Legal Director are authorized to execute the Agreement to Annex to the City of Rockford in Exchange for Water Connection by and between Emily Horton (118 Atwood Avenue) and the City of Rockford. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly absent).

NEW BUSINESS

79. Alderman Curran introduced and read an Ordinance recommending approval of the amendment to Ordinance No. 2007-86-O, Section 7 changing the date from December 31, 2012 to June 30, 2012. All other terms of said Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. LAID OVER.
80. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 1604, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a Variation to increase the number of allowable free-standing signs from one (1) to two (2) 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 and billboard structure will be removed.

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

81. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 1604, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a 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 needs to conform to City of Rockford Ordinance.

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

82. Alderman Bell submitted a letter from Barbara Schneeberger, W.A. Whitney Co., regarding the W.A. Whitney Employee Open House to be held on August 8, 2007 at the Whitney Technology Center located at 650 Race Street in celebration of 100 years of manufacturing in Rockford. Placed on File.

NEW BUSINESS

83. Alderman Bell introduced and read an Ordinance recommending that the boundary of Rockford Enterprise Zone #1 be amended to exclude that area to be included in the River Edge Redevelopment Zone. LAID OVER.
84. Alderman Bell introduced and read an Ordinance recommending that 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. LAID OVER.
85. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 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 30, 2007
6:00 P.M.
AGENDA

The following represents, in general, the chronological order of proceedings at the City Council meeting:

- Call to Order by the Mayor
- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call and determination of quorum
- Acceptance of Journal of Proceedings
- Public Hearing
- Public Participation
- Petitions and Communications
- New Committee Reports (Reports of Standing Committees – Code and Regulation, Finance and Personnel, Planning and Development - and other select committees)
- Officers Reports
- Unfinished Business of previous meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER JULY 23, 2007

1. Curran - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the award for Mobile Radios for the Police Department be made to the sole bidder, Kwik Kall Communications, of Rockford, IL for their total bid of \$10,564.82. The funding source is Police Department Operating Budget.
2. Curran - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the award for City Hall 2nd & 8th Floor Roof Replacement be made to the low bidder McDermaid Roofing, of Rockford, IL for their total bid of \$129,898.00. The funding source is Building Fund.
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4. Curran - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the award for Network Appliance Storage Device and Support be made to the sole bidder, Datalink Corporation of Downers Grove, IL for their total bid of \$71,295.23. The funding source is Information Technology Fund.
5. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the Noise Violation/Vehicle Impoundment Ordinance.

6. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the annexation of xxxx South Mulford Road and xxxx Sandy Hollow Road.
7. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the annexation of 1123 North Alpine Road.
8. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the annexation of 1133 North Alpine Road.
9. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the annexation of 5902 Sandy Hollow Road.
10. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the annexation of 1555 New Milford Road.

II. ORDINANCES LAID OVER JULY 23, 2007

1. Curran - Ordinance - Recommending approval of the amendment to Ordinance No. 2007-86-O, Section 7 changing the date from December 31, 2012 to June 30, 2012. All other terms of said Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.
2. Mark - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 37, Section 1604, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a Variation to increase the number of allowable free-standing signs from one (1) to two (2) 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 and billboard structure will be removed.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 8/20/07, ZBA #044-07).
3. Mark - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 37, Section 1604, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a 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 needs to conform to City of Rockford Ordinance.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 8/20/07, ZBA #021-07).
4. Bell - Ordinance - Recommending that the boundary of Rockford Enterprise Zone #1 be amended to exclude that area to be included in the River Edge Redevelopment Zone.

5. Bell - Ordinance - Recommending that 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.

III. MISCELLANEOUS LAID OVER JULY 23, 2007

1. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment – Housing Authority Board, Mr. Chandler Anderson, to a five-year term, which would expire July 2012. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this re-appointment will be up for passage on August 27, 2007).

IV. 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 30, 2007, 4:30 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. C & R 07-155 July Traffic Commission Minutes
2. C & R 07-183 Transfer of Cable Franchise to Comcast
3. C & R 07-157 Bradley Heights Annexation
4. C & R 07-159 Municipal Code Re-Codification Project

5. C & R 07-178 Tentative Plat of Steven's Ridge Subdivision
6. C & R 07-180 Stevens Ridge Subdivision; East of Rockton Avenue & North of Elmwood Road
7. C & R 07-179 Tentative Plat of Highview Ridge
8. C & R 07-181 Annexation of 2909 Kilburn Avenue
9. C & R 07-124 ZBA#038-07 (A) Special Use Permit for the sale of alcohol by the drink within the indoor restaurant
(B) Special Use Permit for the sale of alcohol by the drink with the outdoor seating area in a C-1, Limited Office District at 6957 Olde Creek Road, Suite 100
10. C & R 07-160 ZBA#035-07 Special Use Permit for a Planned Mixed Use Development consisting of a group home for adjustment, private education, counseling facility, worship center, and dormitory in a C-1, Limited Office District at 3520 School Street
11. C & R 07-122 ZBA#036-07 Special Use Permit for a Performance Use consisting of an auto repair facility, auto sales, auto rebuild/body shop that can not satisfy the performance criteria of 600 feet from the nearest residential district in an I-1, Light Industrial District at 3919 Sandy Hollow Road
12. C & R 07-161 ZBA#045-07 Special Use Permit for package liquor sales in conjunction with a restaurant, conference center and hotel in a C-2, Commercial Community District at 700 West Riverside
13. C & R 07-162 ZBA#046-07 (A) Special Use Permit for an expansion of outdoor liquor sales by the drink in the area to the west of the building
(B) Variation to allow a deck in the front yard as a permitted obstruction in a C-3, Commercial General District at 4414 Charles Street
14. C & R 07-163 ZBA#047-07 (A) Special Use Permit to allow a tree house as a permitted obstruction in rear yard
(B) Variation to increase the maximum allowable height of an accessory building (tree house) from eighteen (18) feet to twenty (20) feet in an R-1, Single-Family

Zoning District at 407 North Gardiner Avenue

15. C & R 07-164 ZBA#048-07 Special Use Permit for the outside sale of liquor by the drink in conjunction with a sit down restaurant in a C-3, Commercial General Zoning District at 6860 Spring Creek Road
16. C & R 07-165 ZBA#049-07 (A) Special Use Permit for the sale of package liquor in conjunction with a convenience store and gas station
(B) Modification of Special Use Permit #080-98 to extend business hours from 10:00 p.m. closing time to 12:00 a.m. in a R-1, Single-Family Residential District at 3307 Charles Street
17. C & R 07-166 ZBA#050-07 Special Use Permit for a Planned Residential Development consisting of one (1) Two-Family Residence on two zoning lots in an R-2, Two-Family Zoning District at 707, 709, 711, 71 North Alpine Road
18. C & R 07-167 ZBA#051-07 (A) Special Use Permit for a limited repair shop and towing facility with outside storage that does not satisfy the Performance Criteria of 600 feet away from a residential district
(B) Variation to allow parking on gravel
(C) Variation to allow existing fence to replace required landscaping in an C-3, Commercial General Zoning District at 3115 Auburn Street
19. C & R 07-168 ZBA#052-07 Special Use Permit for the sale of liquor by the drink (indoors) in conjunction with a sit down restaurant in a C-2, Commercial Community District at 631 Highgrove Place
20. C & R 07-169 ZBA#053-07 Variation from the required 65 parking spaces to 52 parking spaces in a C-2, Commercial Community District at 1710 Rural Street
21. C & R 07-171 ZBA#055-07 (A) Zoning Map Amendment from R-1, Single-family and R-3, Multi-family Districts to R_2, Two-family Residential Zoning District
(B) Special Use Permit for a Planned Residential Development consisting of twenty-three, two-family residences in an R-2, Two-family Residential Zoning District

at 1815, 1819, 1827 East Riverside
Boulevard & 6970 Hiatt Drive

22. C & R 07-172 ZBA#056-07 Special Use Permit for a Planned Mixed-Use Development consisting of a teen club/banquet hall (night club) in a C-4, Commercial Oldtown District at 1510 9th Street
23. C & R 07-173 ZBA#057-07 Special Use Permit for a Planned Mixed-use Development consisting of a parking lot in an R-2, Two-family Residential Zoning District at 2332 South 6th Street and 1002 23rd Avenue
24. C & R 07-169 ZBA#053-07 Special Use Permit for off-site business advertising sign in a C-3, Commercial General District at 4xx North Mulford Road
25. C & R 07-184 Sale of Property located at 3101 11th Street

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 RFP: Fueling System – Laid over 7/23
 - B. Award of Contract: Chestnut Street Curb & Gutter
 - C. Engineering Agreement: Logistics Parkway – Phase II
 - D. Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code: Kishwaukee Street Demolitions
 - E. Resolution to take proposals
 - F. Informational Memorandum: Amendment Harrison Avenue Watermain – Phase II
 - G. Informational Memorandum: Kishwaukee Street Corridor Plan
 - H. Vouchers
2. Tax Abatement on Demolition & Foreclosure Property
3. Municipal Revenue Bond Financing for Wesley Willows

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Monday, July 30, 2007, 5:00 p.m.
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA**

1. Memorandum from Vicki Manson, Neighborhood Development Administrator, regarding the Tax Incentive Program (TIP).
2. Minority and Women Construction Management Training Program Proposal.
3. RACVB Quarterly Report.
4. Memorandum from Richard M. May, Commercial Development Coordinator, regarding Approval of Amended Development Agreement for Zion Development Corporation to receive \$50,000 in 7th Street TIF funds for interior remodeling of the former Pickerman's Deli space at 528 7th Street.
5. Memorandum from Richard M. May, Commercial Development Coordinator, regarding Community Development Block Grant [CDBG] Funding (\$58,392.45) for Zion Development Corporation to relocate utility poles, lines and cables along 4th Avenue between 7th and 8th Streets.

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, August 28, 2007, 7:30 a.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA**

Next meeting scheduled for August 28, 2007.