

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 20, 2007
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:22 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, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness –12-
Absent: Bell, Thompson-Kelly –2-
3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of August 13, 2007, seconded by Alderman Timm. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Bell, Thompson-Kelly absent).

PUBLIC HEARING

4. Mayor Morrissey called upon Alderman Mark to conduct a public hearing. Alderman Mark called the hearing to order at 6:24 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 41xx Owen Center Road. He asked for questions or comments from the Council members, and then from the public, and closed the public hearing at 6:25 pm.

The Meeting returned to the regular Order of Business at 6:25 pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5. Thomas Ristick addressed Council supporting political issues and a unified community.
6. Reggie Taylor addressed Council supporting the Minority Women Construction Management Program.
7. Allen Penticoff addressed Council supporting the Noise Ordinance and suggested including muffler noise.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

8. Alderman Conness submitted a letter from Arne Larson concerning speeding traffic in his neighborhood. Referred to the Public Works Department/Traffic, the Police Department and Mayor Morrissey's Office.
9. Alderman Conness submitted a letter Pam and Gale Rigotti with questions and concerns regarding a development behind their home. Referred to the Zoning Department, Community Development, Police Department and Mayor Morrissey's Office.

10. Alderman Conness submitted an e-mail from Gary Brock concerning drainage problems on Eggleston Court. Referred to the Public Works Department and Mayor Morrissey's Office.
11. Alderman Curran submitted a letter from Susan O'Connor requesting the "No Parking" from Summit to Crosby be reviewed for possible revision. Referred to the Public Works Department/Traffic.
12. Alderman Jacobson submitted a Memorandum from Richard M. May, Commercial Development Coordinator, regarding TIF Funding of \$30,429 per year for 6.5 years for a total of \$200,000 for renovation of Whitehouse Shopping Center, 308-320 N. Alpine Road by Kaney Aviation Properties, LLC. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
13. Alderman Johnson submitted five (5) Requests for Service. Referred to Neighborhood Standards and the Public Works Department.
14. Alderman Mark submitted two (2) Requests for Service. Referred to the Building Department, Neighborhood Standards and the Public Works Department.
15. Alderman Mark submitted a request from Rita Pirrello-Epperson, in conjunction with a Block Party, requesting barricades and permission to block off the 1700 block of Stratford Lane (cul-de-sac) on August 26, 2007 (Rain date August 27, 2007) from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Alderman Mark moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Bell, Thompson-Kelly absent).

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

2007-347CR

16. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for PCC Patching be made to the low bidder, TCI Concrete of Rockford, IL for their total bid of \$72,770.00. The funding source is Sales Tax.

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

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

17. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of August 20, 2007 in the amount of \$1,254,951.72. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

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

18. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the City Council of the City of Rockford DENY the claim of Sangela Vanmanivoy for property damage in the amount of \$225.00. LAID OVER.
19. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the sale of property located at 903, 909 and 913 Rockton Avenue and 919 Whitman Street. LAID OVER.
20. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the honorary name change for the Winnebago Street Viaduct. The viaduct shall be named the "Gregory D. Calleia Viaduct." LAID OVER.
21. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Final Plat #2 of Ardsley Acres Subdivision. LAID OVER.
22. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Final Plat #3 of Buckley Commercial Center. LAID OVER.

2007-348CR

23. 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 the sale of alcohol by the drink within the indoor restaurant; and APPROVE the Special Use Permit for the sale of alcohol by the drink within the outdoor seating area in a C-1, Limited Office District at 6957 Olde Creek Road, Suite 100-1. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
 1. Meet all applicable liquor codes.
 2. This Special Use Permit is limited to the space identified as Suite 100-1, and the identified adjacent patios.
 3. That the sale of alcohol by the drink is in conjunction with a restaurant.
 4. The outdoor seating area on the west side shall not have any music, and/or television playing after 10:00 pm and must be closed by 11:00 pm.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 8/20/07, ZBA #038-07).

Alderman Mark moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Bell, Thompson-Kelly absent). The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Bell, Thompson-Kelly absent; Ald. Beach voted no).

2007-349CR

24. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Final Plat of Harrison Park North #2 Subdivision.

Alderman Mark moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Bell, Thompson-Kelly absent). The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Bell, Thompson-Kelly absent).

OFFICERS REPORTS

25. Mayor Morrissey thanked Council members, City staff and the community for their supportive efforts to those affected by the August 7, 2007 flood and expressed his sympathy to those dealing with flood damage, most for a second time in less than a year. He stated officials from FEMA and IEMA reiterated how impressed they were with the outstanding response provided by the City of Rockford team and he praised Jim Ryan, City Administrator, for his leadership to this community during his absence.
26. Mayor Morrissey thanked Council members and the community for passing the referendum this past spring which will provide available funds to do emergency repairs on the Alpine Dam and indicated engineering proposals have been sent out. He mentioned sending a letter to Congressman Manzullo, Senator Durbin and copies to Council, which summarized the meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers, and that he toured the Alpine Dam with Jim Ryan, Brian Eber and Congressman Manzullo on Sunday.
27. Mayor Morrissey thanked staff for their diligent work to get an RFP out this week regarding the City-Wide Storm Water Management Master Plan. He called attention to an informational memorandum provided to Council for review and mentioned future discussions on the CIP and possible adjustments based on recent events.
28. Mayor Morrissey thanked Tim Hanson, Director Public Works, for coordinating with the County and IDOT clean up of debris in various drainage areas. Please contact Mayor Morrissey's Office or the Public Works Department with any areas of concern.
29. Mayor Morrissey submitted an Amended Memo regarding the Appointment of Mr. Jay Graham to the Metro Authority Board to a term ending June 2008 to fill Gary Mazorati's term who resigned from the Metro Authority Board.
30. Mayor Morrissey announced the Rockford Police Department and the Public Works Department is sponsoring a seminar on combating graffiti vandalism on Wednesday, August 22, 2007 at the Public Safety Building classrooms located at 420 W. State Street. Two sessions will be offered, 9:00 am – 11:30 am and 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm and admission is free. Randy Campbell, retired California Highway Patrol Officer, will be making the presentation.
31. Mayor Morrissey mentioned the Rockford Police Department 2006 Bias Free Policing Report has been provided to Council and media for review. Any questions can be directed to Mayor Morrissey's Office or the Rockford Police Department.
32. Mayor Morrissey announced a News Release regarding a Discolored Water Alert beginning Monday, August 20, 2007 for approximately one week, Monday through Thursday from 7:00 am – 3:00 pm. The Rockford Water Division will be unidirectional

flushing fire hydrants in the following boundaries, Spring Creek to the south, Alpine Road to the west, Highcrest to the north and Glenview Road to the east.

33. Alderman Conness mentioned that sometime in November there will be a grand opening/ribbon cutting ceremony for the Harrison Avenue project and although the whole project may not be complete, the roadway will be open.
34. Alderman Conness commented in the 14th Ward several drainage ways were clogged and caused problems during the storm of August 7, 2007. He mentioned he had received numerous phone calls concerning the flood and zoning issues and asked if anyone has not received a return call from him to please call again.
35. Alderman McNeely passed around a picture of the volunteers that painted the home at 514 Foster Avenue for the Paint-A-Thon last weekend and expressed how thankful the homeowner was with their efforts.
36. Alderman Holt reported he has received numerous phone calls from constituents looking for direction on what to do with their flood-damaged homes. Alderman Holt requested a meeting with Mayor Morrissey to discuss a timeline, a course of action and solutions regarding those homes. Mayor Morrissey advised those individuals with questions should contact the Human Services Department at 815/987-5685.
37. Alderman Holt advised Aldermen Beach, Johnson, Jim Ryan, City Administrator, Senator Durbin, Congressman Manzullo and himself met with Col. Robert Sinkler of the Army Corps. Of Engineers, who expressed their desire to assist the City, however that assistance would not come anytime soon.

UNINISHED BUSINESS

2007-350CR

38. Alderman Jacobson moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending that \$25,000 be allocated annually to the Minority and Women Construction Management Training Program. Funding Source Community Development Block Grant. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-351CR

39. Alderman Jacobson moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the Redevelopment Agreement for Captains Cabin Inc. to receive \$200,000 in State and Alpine TIF funds for rehabilitation of the Alpine Inn, 4406 East State Street. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-352CR

40. Alderman Jacobson moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the creation of the Tax Incentive Program for qualified residential housing assistance in TIF redevelopment areas as presented. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-353CR

41. Alderman Jacobson moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the 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. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

- 41a. Alderman Jacobson announced Items II. 1 & 2 were read in error on August 13, 2007 and will be read in under New Business in tonight's meeting.

2007-354CR

42. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the vacation request for the alley to the east of the property located at 1810 Chestnut Street. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-355CR

43. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the sale of 2608 18th Street for five hundred dollars (\$500.00), which includes advertising costs with preference to adjoining property owners. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-356CR

44. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the City of Rockford decline the offer brought by a real estate agent, Ed Hornbeck, for the purchase of 3101 11th Street and recommend that an RFP be issued for the property's sale. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Bell, Thompson-Kelly absent; Ald. Wasco, Holt voted no).

2007-163-O

45. Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending approval that the following property be vacated and closed inasmuch as the property is no longer required for public use and public interest will be best served by such vacation (Star Street). As a condition to and upon passage of this ordinance, six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) plus the proposed improvements and the closure of the northern most access of Kishwaukee Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Seal and re-strip front parking lot.
2. Stripe rear parking lot
3. Install an inhibitor to prevent public from entering the front parking lot after business hours.
4. Improve lighting in front parking lot
5. Improve lighting in rear parking lot (if Star Street is acquired from the City of Rockford).

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-164-O

46. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending the approval of the annexation of 41xx Owen Center Road. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

47. Alderman Curran, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, read in a Resolution providing for the issuance of Daily Adjustable Rate Revenue Bonds, Series

2007 (Wesley Willows Obligated Group) in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$22,000,000 of the City of Rockford, IL (the Series 2007 Bonds) and execution of related documents. LAID OVER.

2007-90R

48. Alderman Mark, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for the annexation agreement of property at 41xx Owen Center Road. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Bell, Thompson-Kelly absent).

NEW BUSINESS

2007-165-O

49. Alderman Jacobson introduced and read an Ordinance recommending approval of the 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.

Alderman Jacobson moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Bell, Thompson-Kelly absent). The Ordinance was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-166-O

50. Alderman Jacobson introduced and read an Ordinance recommending approval of the Redevelopment Agreement for Captain's Cabin Inc. to receive \$200,000 in State and Alpine TIF funds for rehabilitation of the Alpine Inn, 4406 East State Street.

Alderman Jacobson moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Bell, Thompson-Kelly absent). The Ordinance was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

51. 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 the sale of packaged liquor in conjunction with a convenience store and gas station; and modification of Special Use Permit #080-98 to extend business hours from 10:00 pm to 11:00 pm in an R-1, Single-Family Residential District at 3307 Charles Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The Special Use Permit for the sale of packaged liquor shall expire in two (2) years from the date approved by City Council.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 9/17/07, ZBA #049-07). LAID OVER.

52. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 1604, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a Special Use Permit for an expansion of outdoor liquor sales by the drink in the area to the west of the building; and a Variation to allow a deck in the front yard as a permitted obstruction in a C-3, Commercial General District at 4414 Charles Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting applicable liquor codes
2. Approval of a building permit prior to occupying the deck area.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 9/17/07, ZBA #046-07). LAID OVER.

53. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 1604, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a Special Use Permit to allow a tree house as a permitted obstruction in rear yard; and a 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 Gardiner Avenue.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 9/17/07, ZBA #047-07). LAID OVER.

54. 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 the sale of liquor by the drink (indoors) in conjunction with a sit-down restaurant in a C-2, Commercial Community Zoning District at 631 Highgrove Place.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 9/17/07, ZBA #052-07). LAID OVER.

55. 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 off-site business advertising sign in a C-3, Commercial General Zoning District at 4xx North Mulford Road.

1. Must obtain a sign permit including a site plan indicating the location of the sign and proposed landscaping prior to installation of sign.
2. The installation of sign must be in accordance to Exhibit D.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 9/17/07, ZBA #053-07). LAID OVER.

56. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 603 and Section 1603, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a Zoning Map Amendment from R-1, Single-Family and R-3, Multi-Family Districts to R-2, Two-Family Residential Zoning District; and a Special Use Permit for Planned Residential Development consisting of twenty-three (23), two-family residences in an R-2, Two-Family Residential Zoning District at 1815, 1819 and 1827 East Riverside Boulevard and 6970 Haitt. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable building and fire codes.
2. The most northerly two-family buildings that exceed the 500 foot requirement shall have a fire suppression system installed as they are affected by the over length cul-de-sac.
3. Substantial conformance with the two-family building elevations identified as Exhibit D, dated June 14, 2007.
4. Substantial conformance with the two-family layout identified as Exhibit E, dated June 14, 2007, as revised July 17, 2007.
5. Substantial conformance with landscaping plans for the site development identified as Exhibit F, dated June 14, 2007 as revised July 17, 2007. Additional foundation landscaping for each building shall be reviewed and approved by staff prior to building permitting.
6. Substantial conformance with the tentative plat submitted by the applicant identified as Exhibit G, by Arc Design, dated June 15, 2007 as revised July 17, 2007.
7. For buildings ten, eleven and twelve as indicated on the landscaping plan identified as Exhibit F, a minimum of ten (10) feet between the two-family residences and any stormwater detention easements must be maintained to allow for a minimum of a ten (10) foot deck or patio to be placed at the rear of the residential units.
8. That a Tentative Plat and Final Plat is approved for the property in accordance with the City's Subdivision regulation inclusive of required public improvements prior to issuance of building permit and development of site.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 9/17/07, ZBA #055-07). LAID OVER.

57. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance recommending the approval of the annexation of 2909 Kilburn Avenue. LAID OVER.

58. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance recommending the approval of the annexation of Steven's Ridge. LAID OVER.

59. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance recommending the approval of the annexation of Bradley Heights/Larchmont Subdivision. LAID OVER.

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

"No Parking Anytime" on both sides of Chestnut Street from West State Street to Rockton Avenue. LAID OVER.

61. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 289, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances to add:

Parking be restricted to "Passenger Loading Zone" on the south side of Preston Street from forty-five (45) feet to eight-five (85) feet west of Concord Avenue. LAID OVER.

2007-167-O

62. 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 the sale of alcohol by the drink within the indoor restaurant ; and a Special Use Permit for the sale of alcohol by the drink within the outdoor seating area in a C-1, Limited Office District at 6957 Olde Creek Road, Suite 100-1. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meet all applicable liquor codes.
2. This Special Use Permit is limited to the space identified as Suite 100-1 and the identified adjacent patios.
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Nays: Beach –1-
Absent: Bell, Thompson-Kelly –2-

OFFICERS REPORTS

63. Alderman Beach submitted a letter from Ethel Liston regarding infrastructure and development within the City. Referred to Community Development and the Public Works Department.
64. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 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
AUGUST 27, 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 HEARINGS

1. Annexation of Steven's Ridge Subdivision.
2. Wesley Willows Bond Issue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER AUGUST 20, 2007

1. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending that the City Council of the City of Rockford DENY the claim of Sangela Vanmanivoy for property damage in the amount of \$225.00.
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III. RESOLUTIONS LAID OVER AUGUST 20, 2007

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IV. ORDINANCES LAID OVER AUGUST 20, 2007

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8. Mark – Ordinance - Recommending the approval of the annexation of Steven's Ridge.
9. Mark - Ordinance - Recommending the approval of the annexation of Bradley Heights/Larchmont Subdivision.

10. Mark - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 16, Section 280, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances to add:

“No Parking Anytime” on both sides of Chestnut Street from West State Street to Rockton Avenue.

11. Mark - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 16, section 289, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances to add:

Parking be restricted to “Passenger Loading Zone” on the south side of Preston Street from forty-five (45) feet to eight-five (85) feet west of Concord Avenue.

V. MISCELLANEOUS HELD OUT AUGUST 20, 2007

1. Jacobson – Re-appointment – Board of Fire and Police Commission, Ms. Henrietta Dotson-Williams, to a three year-term which would expire 2010. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this re-appointment will be up for passage on September 17, 2007).
2. Jacobson – Appointment – Metro Authority Board, Mr. Jay Graham, to a five year-term, which would expire June 2008. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this re-appointment will be up for passage on September 17, 2007).
- 3.* 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).
- 4.* 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, August 27, 2007, 4:45 p.m.
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA**

1. C & R 07-218 Claim of Tim Sharp in the amount of \$1,325.62
2. C & R 07-216 Proposed Sale of 1105 Broadway
3. C & R 07-213 Agreement with Metro Centre on Encroaching Structure
4. C & R 07-208 Final Plat of Alpine Crossings
5. C & R 07-211 Right-of-Way Vacation along the south side of Linden Road at 4502 35th Street

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

**Monday, August 27, 2007, 5:15 p.m.
Conference Room B, City Hall 2nd floor (south room)
AGENDA**

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of Bid: Kishwaukee Street Demolitions – Suspend rules
 - B. Resolution to take Proposals
 - C. Vouchers

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Monday, August 27, 2007, 5:15 p.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA**

1. Memorandum from Dwayne A. Collins, Grants Compliance Specialist II regarding the Healthy Neighborhoods Program.
2. Memorandum from Richard M. May, Commercial Development Coordinator, regarding TIF Funding of \$30,429 per year for 6.5 years for a total of \$200,000 for renovation of Whitehouse Shopping Center, 308-320 N. Alpine Road by Kaney Aviation Properties, LLC

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, August 28, 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