

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 1, 2008
COUNCIL CONVENEED AT 6:19 P.M.**

1. The Clerk called the meeting to order in the absence of the Mayor, and recognized Alderman Jacobson who moved that Alderman Conness serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the meeting. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Johnson, Timm, Beck absent).
2. The invocation was given by Father Ron Montanye, St. Sebastian Orthodox Catholic Church/Police Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Page Karla Centeno.
3. Roll Call:
Alderman Conness, Mayor Pro Tem
Aldermen: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Beach, Holt, McNeely, (Conness) -11-
Absent: Johnson, Timm, Beck -3-
4. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of November 24, 2008, seconded by Alderman Jacobson.

Alderman Curran moved to amend item #3 in the Journal of Proceedings dated November 24, 2008 which was an amendment to item #46 of the Journal of Proceedings dated November 17, 2008 to reflect the funding source for the Demolition of 709 Lee Street and 315 Waldo Street should be Block Grant Funds, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Johnson, Timm, Beck absent).

The Journal of Proceeding as amended was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Johnson, Timm, Beck absent).

PUBLIC HEARING

5. Alderman Conness called upon Alderman Wasco to conduct a public hearing. Alderman Wasco called the hearing to order at 6:21 pm, stating that it was being held pursuant to 65 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/11-15.1-3, for the pre-annexation water agreement for property located at 5622 35th Street/Cathedral Baptist Church. He asked for questions or comments from the Council members, and then from the public, and closed the public hearing at 6:22 pm.

Meeting returned to the regular Order of Business at 6:22 pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

6. Vivian Foreman spoke to Council concerning a double standard policy with regards to zoning policies.
- 6a. Anthony Foreman expressed his discontent with decisions made by the City of Rockford with regards to his business.
- 6b. Patricia Cardenas voiced her disapproval for the lack of respect City leaders have shown Police Officers and frivolous spending on City projects.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. Alderman Thompson-Kelly submitted a letter from Tim Hoffman, Hoffman Property Management LLC. Referred to Community Development/Director Reid Montgomery.
8. Alderman Conness submitted a Memorandum from Rob Lamb, Industrial Development Manager, regarding the creation of the Rockford Global TradePark (GTP) Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District #3. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. Alderman Holt read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of a Redevelopment Agreement approving TIF funding for the rehabilitation of 2 residential condominium units and two commercial/retail storefronts at 221 East State Street. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. LAID OVER.
 10. Alderman Holt read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the attached River District North Plan and Project. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. LAID OVER.
 11. Alderman Holt read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the attached River District North Project Planning Area. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. LAID OVER.
 12. Alderman Holt read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending that the County Clerk be instructed to implement Tax Increment Financing per statute within the River District North Redevelopment Area. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. LAID OVER.
- 2008-567CR**
13. Alderman Holt read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the attached State of Illinois Agreement for Parking Spaces. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

Alderman Holt moved to suspend Rule 11, duly seconded. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Johnson, Timm, Beck absent). The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Johnson, Timm, Beck absent).

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

14. Alderman Curran submitted a Memorandum from Bonnie Henry, Director Property Maintenance Code Official regarding Emergency Demolition of 918 Kishwaukee Street. Swinson Materials, Inc. was contracted for the demolition in the amount of \$19,300.00. Placed on file.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

15. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Mental Health Services Contract for Human Services Head Start be made to Dick Rundall and Associates for the period of three years for a rate of approximately \$15,000 per year. The funding source is Federal Grant. LAID OVER.
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16. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report to whom was referred the memo of Glenn Trommels, Information Technology Director, regarding a Memorandum of Understanding for Computer Network, begs leave to report recommending approval of said Memorandum of Understanding.

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

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

17. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of December 1, 2008 in the amount of \$1,981,084.56. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

18. Alderman Wasco read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the following disbursements in settlement of the claims in regard to the property located at 2220 9th Avenue #1 West in Rockford with a release(s) to be obtained:

Draft #1: LDR Construction Service, Inc. in the amount of \$10,987.79
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24. Alderman Wasco read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance that traffic on Alliance Avenue be required to stop prior to entering the intersection of Sherman Avenue, in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-196.1 of the Code of Ordinances. LAID OVER.
25. Alderman Wasco read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that "No Action" be taken on the following items:

1. Request from Principal Dave Nold, Carlson Elementary School, to repeal the existing "Bus Stop" zone on the south side of Pepper Drive from 230 feet to 600 feet west of Pecan Drive.
2. Request from Michael Woldman and Alderman Wasco, 4th Ward, to repeal the existing "One-way" stop sign control at Live Oak Lane and Weaver Road and replace with "All-way" stop sign control.
3. Request from the East Ridge Drive residents group and Alderman Beach, 10th Ward, for "No Parking Anytime" on the north side of East Ridge Drive from Crosby Street to Wood Road.
4. Request from Alderman Sosnowski, 1st Ward, to repeal the existing "One-way" stop sign control at the intersection of Hedge Cliff Drive and Olde Creek Road.

LAID OVER.

OFFICERS REPORTS

26. Alderman Conness, on behalf of Mayor Morrissey, presented a Proclamation proclaiming the month of December 2008 to be "NATIONAL DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING (3D) PREVENTION WEEK" in Rockford, Illinois and called upon the Rockford community to promote awareness of the impaired driving problem, to support programs and policies to reduce the incidence of impaired driving, and to promote safer and healthier behaviors regarding the use of alcohol and other drugs this December holiday season and throughout the year.
27. Alderman Conness, on behalf of Mayor Morrissey, presented a Proclamation proclaiming Monday, December 1, 2008 to be "AIDS AWARENESS DAY" in Rockford, Illinois and encouraged all citizens to take part in activities and observances designed to increase awareness and understanding of AIDS, to take part in AIDS prevention activities and programs, and to join in the efforts to prevent transmission of HIV and further spread of AIDS.
28. Alderman Conness, on behalf of Mayor Morrissey, presented a Proclamation proclaiming Friday, December 7, 2008 to be "PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY" in Rockford, Illinois and called upon all of our citizens to honor the members of the armed forces for the manner in which they bore the attack on that "DAY of Infamy" and to dedicate themselves anew to the vigilance which is the price of our liberty.
29. Alderman Conness announced the Alternative Drug Program will celebrate its one year anniversary on December 3, 2008 at 5:00 pm at the Saint Stanislaus Church located at 201 Buckbee Street.
30. Alderman Conness announced Steve Burchett from CCI will be providing a CCI Update presentation at the end of the meeting.

31. Alderman Conness submitted an appointment to the Rockford Area Arts Council, Alderman Frank Beach to a term ending June 2009. LAID OVER.
32. Alderman Conness commented the snow and ice removal situation near Gregory School will be addressed before the beginning of the school day tomorrow.
33. Tim Hanson, Director of Public Works, announced he will discuss snow and ice removal problems with contractors and the County Highway Department.
34. Alderman Thompson-Kelly commented she was very pleased with the first round of snow removal efforts in her Ward.
35. Alderman Thompson-Kelly thanked her colleagues for helping serve at the Thanksgiving Senior Luncheon at the Klehm Arboretum last week.
36. Alderman Jacobson commented last year he attended the Pearl Harbor service and encouraged everyone to attend this year's service at the Riverside Community Church.
37. Alderman Jacobson thanked Gene Koelker for his efforts to maintain the USS Rockford display located in the lobby of City Hall.
38. Alderman Conness also thanked Gene Koelker for his efforts.
39. Alderman Bell requested Tim Hanson, Director of Public Works, contact the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) regarding their snow and ice removal policy changes and inform him of those modifications.
40. Alderman Bell announced he will not be seeking re-election as Alderman of the 5th Ward after serving 37 years. He thanked both past and present Mayors, members of the council, constituents, City staff and the community for their support and encouraged continued commitment to help the senior citizens of this community. He received a standing ovation.
41. Alderman Conness remarked it's been a privilege and honor to have worked with him for the past sixteen years and joked that two Aldermen (Sosnowski and Holt) were not even born when he became an Alderman. He wished him the best of luck.
42. Alderman Beach also wished Alderman Bell the best of luck after retiring as Alderman.
43. Alderman Beach reported with sadness the death of Pat Hayes Parks, Rockford Park District employee. He offered words of condolences to her family and announced the Air Force Band dedicated their performance Monday night at the Coronado Theatre to her and a plaque was presented to her husband Peter.
44. Alderman McNeely wished Alderman Bell and his family the best of luck and that he will be truly missed.

- 44a. Alderman McNeely thanked Legal Director Patrick Hayes for addressing her concerns with regards to Taser policy issue and is hopeful the City can move forward to resolve.
- 44b. Alderman McNeely congratulated Gwyn Gulley, 17th Judicial Circuit Judge, and Joe Bruscato, Winnebago County State's Attorney, and wished them best of luck in their new elected positions.
- 44c. Alderman McNeely thanked George Davis, Director of Human Services, and his staff for providing assistance to several individuals in her ward.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2008-569CR

- 45. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the Tentative Plat of Riverside Station. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
 Beach, Holt, McNeely, Conness -11-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Johnson, Timm, Beck -3-

2008-231-O

- 46. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 3, Section 3-55 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford upon all other requirements of the Liquor Ordinance having been met, said amendments shall serve as City Council advice and consent for the Liquor Commissioner to issue a Liquor License to the following person:

1. **James Pantazelos d/b/a Jimmy P's** located at 5051 East State Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
 - b. Compliance with all City of Rockford Liquor Codes.
 - c. The hours of operation will be limited to 11:00 am to 10:00 pm Sunday through Thursday for the restaurant.
 - d. The hours of operation will be limited to 11:00 am to 11:00 pm Friday and Saturday for the restaurant.
 - e. The hours of operation will be limited to 11:00 am to 12:00 am Sunday through Thursday for the Sports Bar.
 - f. The hours of operation will be limited to 11:00 am to 1:00 pm Friday through Saturday for the Sports Bar.
 - g. The sale of alcohol shall be limited to the interior site plan and outdoor seating areas that were submitted.
 - h. The outdoor seating areas must be enclosed by a fence of at least five (5) feet in height and approved by Staff.
 - i. That the freestanding sign shall be reduced in height in accordance with the Sign Ordinance.
 - j. That the property shall not operate as a banquet facility or nightclub and shall

- not have a cover charge or dance floor.
- k. That there shall not be a concentrated or open floor space greater than 150 square feet.
 - l. That authorized live entertainment shall be restricted to Friday and Saturday nights only.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2008-232-O

47. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Article 62 and Article 21-001-B of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Zoning Map Amendment from RE, Rural Estate District to C-1, Limited Office Zoning District at 4301 North Main Street.
MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2008-233-O

48. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Article 64 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Variation to increase the allowed height from eight (8) feet to sixteen (16) feet for a pylon pole freestanding sign; and a Variation to increase the allowed square footage from sixty-four (64) to eighty-eight (88) square feet for a pylon pole freestanding sign in a C-2, Limited Commercial District at 2583 McFarland Road.
Approval is subject to the following condition:

1. That the sign shall be sixteen (16) foot in height measured from the adjacent curb, seventeen (17) foot four (4) inches in height measured from grade, and eight-eight (88) square feet in size as per the submitted exhibit.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2008-570CR

49. Alderman Holt moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of a Development Agreement with ADV Partners, LLC. approving TIF funding for the rehabilitation of the Johnson & Tillson Building, 202 North Madison Street with the clarification that the contracts for pre-sold units contains no

contingencies before City funds are disbursed. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2008-571CR

50. Alderman Holt moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of a Development Agreement with Proform Construction Inc. approving TIF funding for the Construction of 3 residential and 3 commercial condominium units at 409 North Madison Street with the clarification that the contracts for pre-sold units contains no contingencies before City funds are disbursed. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2008-572CR

51. Alderman Holt moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the attached draft Ordinance removing certain parcels from the West Side #1 TIF District so that the parcels can be included in the new River District North TIF District. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Beach, Holt, Conness -12-
Nays: McNeely -1-
Absent: Johnson, Timm, Beck -3-

2008-234-O

52. Alderman Holt moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending approval of the attached Kishwaukee Harrison #2 Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Plan and Project Area. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2008-235-O

53. Alderman Holt moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending approval of the attached Exhibit A is designated the Kishwaukee Harrison #2 Tax Increment Financing District Planning Area. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2008-236-O

54. Alderman Holt moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending that the County Clerk be instructed to implement Tax Increment Financing per statute within the Kishwaukee Harrison #2. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2008-573CR

55. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the renewal of the Third Party Administrator for Worker's Compensation Contract with Employer's Claim Service, Inc. for one year beginning January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 at a total annual cost of \$47,000 payable in quarterly installments. The funding source is Worker's Compensation Fund. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Beach, Holt, Conness -8-
Nays: Mark, Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -3-
Absent: Johnson, Timm, Beck -3-

2008-574CR

56. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Sale of Property West of 1308 Wisconsin Avenue be made to the sole bidder, Janice M. Guidry, of Rock Island, Illinois for her total bid of \$700.00. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2008-575CR

57. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report regarding Permit Fee Associated with the Solicitors and Peddlers Ordinance, recommends approval of a \$50.00 fee for the initial and renewal licenses. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Beach, Holt, McNeely, Conness -11-
Nays: -0-

Absent: Johnson, Timm, Beck -3-

2008-576CR

58. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the Northern Illinois Technology Triangle Project funding 2008 in the amount of \$150,000. The funding source is Redevelopment Fund. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Beach, Holt, McNeely, Conness -11-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Johnson, Timm, Beck -3-

2008-237-O

59. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of an Ordinance for the Levy and assessment of taxes for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008 of the City of Rockford, County of Winnebago, and State of Illinois. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Beach, Holt, McNeely, Conness -11-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Johnson, Timm, Beck -3-

2008-238-O

60. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of an Ordinance to increase the 2008 tax levy for street and bridge purposes from .06% of the value as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue of all taxable property in the City of Rockford to .10% of the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue of all taxable property in the City of Rockford. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Beach, Holt, McNeely, Conness -11-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Johnson, Timm, Beck -3-

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2008-112R

61. Alderman Wasco, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of the Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Legal Director to execute the pre-annexation agreement by and between Cathedral Baptist Church and the City of Rockford, a municipal corporation for a water connection and related services. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Beach, Holt, McNeely, Conness -10-

Nays: Thompson-Kelly -1-

Absent: Johnson, Timm, Beck -3-

2008-113R

62. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the Central Services Manager to take bids for the following:

Bid: Demolition of 2601 West State Street, funding source: CDBG

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Beach, Holt, McNeely, Conness -11-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Johnson, Timm, Beck -3-

NEW BUSINESS

63. Alderman Holt introduced and read an Ordinance recommending approval of the attached Development Agreement with ADV Partners, LLC. approving TIF funding for the rehabilitation of the Johnson & Tillson Building, 202 North Madison Street with the clarification that the contracts for pre-sold units contains no contingencies before City funds are disbursed. LAID OVER.
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2008-239-O

65. Alderman Holt introduced and read an ordinance approving the attached State of Illinois Agreements for Parking Spaces.

Alderman Holt moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Johnson, Timm, Beck absent). The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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Nays: -0-

Absent: Johnson, Timm, Beck -3-

OFFICERS REPORTS

66. Steve Burchett gave a CCI update presentation.
67. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Reed
City Council Clerk

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

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
City Council Chambers, 2ND floor City Hall
425 E. State Street, Rockford
December 8, 2008
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)

I. NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS TO BE READ IN DECEMBER 8, 2008

A. CODE AND REGULATIONS

1. Wasco – ZBA - APPROVE a SUP for a group home for adjustment consisting of a private education, counseling and workshop center with dormitory at 310 Arnold Avenue.
2. Wasco – ZBA - APPROVE a Variation to increase the allowable number of business identification wall signs from two to three at 7310 Walton Street.
3. Wasco – LAB - DENY the sale of liquor by the drink in conjunction with a Sport's Bar and Grill in the name of **Alice Rene Jones d/b/a Thirty Something Sport's Bar and Grill** at 1405-1407 North Main Street.
4. Wasco – LAB – APPROVE the sale of beer and wine by the drink in conjunction with a restaurant in the name of **Joseph DeSerto d/b/a Maciano's Pizza and Pastaria** at 5801 Columbia Parkway #101.
5. Wasco – LAB – APPROVE the sale of packaged liquor in conjunction with a convenience store in the names of **Gamil Elzofri, Sala Elzofri and Muammar Elzofri d/b/a Eddie's Food Mart, Inc.** at 1203 7th Street.
6. Wasco – ZBA – APPROVE the Variation to increase the sign height from the maximum allowable height of twenty feet to twenty-five feet within a shopping center at 1601 North Alpine Road.

7. Wasco – ZBA – APPROVE the Variation to increase the maximum allowable wall signs above the ground floor from two to three at 2902 McFarland Road.
 8. Wasco – ZBA – APPROVE the Variation to reduce the required parking from 247 parking spaces to 173 parking spaces at 5051 East State Street.
- Officers Reports
 - Unfinished Business of previous meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER DECEMBER 1, 2008

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7. Wasco - Code and Regulation - Recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance for "No Parking Anytime" on the south side of Chestnut Street from Court Street to South Main, in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-137 of the Code of Ordinances, thus repealing the existing "Two Hour Parking" restriction.
8. Wasco - Code and Regulation - Recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance that traffic on Taylor Street be required to stop prior to entering the intersection of North Avon Street, in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-196.1 of the Code of Ordinances.
9. Wasco - Code and Regulation - Recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance that traffic on Alliance Avenue be required to stop prior to entering the intersection of Sherman Avenue, in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-196.1 of the Code of Ordinances.
10. Waco - Code and Regulation - Recommending that "No Action" be taken on the following items:
 1. Request from Principal Dave Nold, Carlson Elementary School, to repeal the existing "Bus Stop" zone on the south side of Pepper Drive from 230 feet to 600 feet west of Pecan Drive.
 2. Request from Michael Woldman and Alderman Wasco, 4th Ward, to repeal the existing "One-way" stop sign control at Live Oak Lane and Weaver Road and replace with "All-way" stop sign control.
 3. Request from the East Ridge Drive residents group and Alderman Beach, 10th Ward, for "No Parking Anytime" on the north side of East Ridge Drive from Crosby Street to Wood Road.
 4. Request from Alderman Sosnowski, 1st Ward, to repeal the existing "One-way" stop sign control at the intersection of Hedge Cliff Drive and Olde Creek Road.
11. Conness - Planning and Development - Recommending approval of a Redevelopment Agreement approving TIF funding for the rehabilitation of 2 residential condominium units and two commercial/retail storefronts at 221 East State Street. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
12. Conness - Planning and Development - Recommending approval of the attached River District North Plan and Project. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
13. Conness - Planning and Development - Recommending approval of the attached River District North Project Planning Area. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

14. Conness - Planning and Development - Recommending that the County Clerk be instructed to implement Tax Increment Financing per statute within the River District North Redevelopment Area. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

III. ORDINANCES LAID OVER DECEMBER 1, 2008

1. Conness - Ordinance - Recommending approval of the attached Development Agreement with ADV Partners, LLC. approving TIF funding for the rehabilitation of the Johnson & Tillson Building, 202 North Madison Street with the clarification that the contracts for pre-sold units contains no contingencies before City funds are disbursed.
2. Conness - Ordinance - Recommending approval of the attached Development Agreement with Proform Construction Inc. approving TIF funding for the construction of 3 residential and 3 commercial condominium units at 409 North Madison Street with the clarification that the contracts for pre-sold units contains no contingencies before City funds are disbursed.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

A. LAID OVER DECEMBER 1, 2008

1. Mayor Morrissey - Appointment - Rockford Area Arts Council, Alderman Frank Beach to a term ending June 2009. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this appointment is up for passage on January 5, 2009).

B. HELD OUT DECEMBER 1, 2008

1. Mayor Morrissey - Appointment - Library Board, Ms. Lisa Frost to replace Frank Witt whose term expired June 2008. Ms. Frost's appointment is a 3-year term and would expire in June 2011. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this appointment is up for passage on December 29, 2008).
2. Mayor Morrissey - Re-appointment - Library Board, Mr. Brad Long, term to expire June 2011. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this appointment is up for passage on December 29, 2008).

- Motions and Resolutions

V. 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).

1. Conness – Ordinance - Recommending approval of the attached draft Ordinance removing certain parcels from the West Side #1 TIF District so that the parcels can be included in the new River District North TIF District.

- * same action taken before

- Adjournment

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POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

The following items appear on the City Council Standing Committee Agendas as noted. Items may receive a vote at committee and come before the first City Council meeting held after the committee meeting. Rule 11 can be suspended and final vote taken on said items at the City Council meeting (no rule suspension is necessary to take a vote on vouchers).

CODE AND REGULATION COMMITTEE

Monday, December 8, 2008, 5:00 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. C & R 08-232 ZBA#058-08 Modification of Special Use Permit #066-90 for expansion of equipment storage and recycling of salvage materials area in an I-2, General Industrial District at 2xx Quaker Road & 217 Peoples Avenue
2. C & R 08-227 08-LAB-034 Request for the Sale of Liquor by the drink in conjunction with a restaurant with bar in a C-4, Urban Mixed District at 205 West State Street. (Applicants: Sunil Puri/First Rockford Restaurant, LLC dba 205)
3. C & R 08-234 Intergovernmental Agreement: Combined Pipe Utility Easements
4. C & R 08-213 Ordinance for Outdoor Sales
5. C & R 08-237 Closed Session for Purposes of Pending Litigation (Attorney Angela Hammer)

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Monday, December 8, 2008, 5:15 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Ratification of Electrical Supply Contract
 - B. Award of Bid: Leak Correlator
 - C. Award of Bid: Rental of Cherry Valley Farm Site

- D. Award of Bid: Demolition of 315 Waldo Street & 709 Lee Street – Suspend rules
- E. Award of Contract: Armored Vests – Suspend rules
- F. Engineering Agreement: Kishwaukee Street Bridge – Suspend rules
- G. Engineering Agreement Amendment: 35th Street Water Main – Suspend rules
- H. Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Code: Kishwaukee Street Bridge
- I. Resolution to take Proposals
- J. Emergency Repairs to Quint
- K. Vouchers

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Monday, December 8, 2008, 5:15 p.m.
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA**

1. Memorandum from Rob Lamb, Industrial Development Manager, regarding the referral of the creation of the Rockford Global TradePark (GTP) Tax Increment Financing District #3.

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

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

No Meeting Scheduled.