

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 21, 2008
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:16 P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Pastor Elzie Marks, St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church/Police Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Karla Centeno, Council Page.
2. Roll Call:
Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey
Aldermen: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -13-
Absent: Jacobson -1-
3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of March 31, 2008, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Jacobson absent).

Alderman Jacobson joined the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4. John Weaver spoke about the majority of the community blaming each other for the problems with the schools and crime throughout our community instead for taking responsibility for changing the City for the better.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

5. Alderman Bell submitted a letter from Sally Martin requesting removal of the winter debris in the alley behind her home at 165 Broadway. Referred to Neighborhood Standards.
6. Alderman Bell submitted a two (2) Requests for Service. Referred to the Public Works Department.
7. Alderman Bell submitted a Memorandum from Reid Montgomery, Director of Community and Economic Development, regarding the RAEDC 2008- 1st Quarter Report. Referred to Planning and Development.
8. Alderman Thompson-Kelly submitted an e-mail from Debra Currere requesting the police department continue to enforce the noise ordinance in her neighborhood. Referred to the Police Department.
9. Alderman Wasco submitted three (3) Requests for Service. Referred to the Public Works Department.

10. Alderman Johnson submitted a letter from a constituent listing several properties with possible ordinance/code violations. Referred to Neighborhood Standards and Public Works Department/Brian Eber.
11. Alderman Johnson submitted four (4) Requests for Service. Referred to Neighborhood Standards, the Community Development Department and the Public Works Department.
12. Alderman Timm submitted a letter from a constituent concerning a drug house in her neighborhood. Referred to the Police Department.
13. Alderman Timm submitted a letter from a constituent concerning the on going problems at the corner of Rockton Avenue and Overdene. Referred to the Police Department.
14. Alderman Curran submitted a Memorandum from Patrick Hayes, Legal Director, regarding Renewal of Agreement with Rockford Township for Temporary Housing. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
15. Alderman Conness submitted a letter from a constituent concerning a construction project to a residence in his neighborhood. Referred to Neighborhood Standards.
16. Alderman Mark submitted the Liquor Advisory Board Minutes from the meeting held on April 15, 2008. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
17. Alderman Mark submitted the Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes from the meeting held on April 15, 2008. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
18. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Roberts, Planner II, regarding the pre-annexation review data (water agreement) for 5881 35th Street. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
19. Alderman Mark submitted a Request from Alberto Altamore, in conjunction with Magnolia Festival, requesting permission to use City Lot G and street for festival barricades, police assistance as available at City Lot G (west side of 1200 block North Main) and 1400 block of Latham Place (for activities, no liquor) from May 3, 2008 noon –11:30 pm and May 4, 2008 from noon – 8:00 pm. Alderman Mark moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED.
20. Alderman Mark submitted a Request from Zoe Norwood, in conjunction with Rockford Public Library Historic Reenactment, requesting permission to shoot off Civil War cannon, rifles and pistols (shooting only blanks). Approval to be conditioned upon obtaining approval and/or permit from Fire Department. Firearms will be put away after use at the location behind the Main Library on May 10, 2008 from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. Alderman Mark moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

21. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the code amendments for Special Events. LAID OVER.
22. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the annexation of 39XX Samuelson Road and 4006 Samuelson Road. The Legal Director shall be required to prepare the necessary ordinance and send all required notices, and that, after passage of the annexation ordinance, the Legal Director shall record the ordinance, plat and affidavits of notice in the Recorder's Office and file a copy of the Annexation Ordinance with the County Clerk. LAID OVER.
23. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the annexation of 9xx US 20 Bypass. The Legal Director shall be required to prepare the necessary ordinance and send all required notices, and that, after passage of the annexation ordinance, the Legal Director shall record the ordinance, plat and affidavits of notice in the Recorder's Office and file a copy of the Annexation Ordinance with the County Clerk. LAID OVER.
24. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the annexation of 7595 Walton Street. The Legal Director shall be required to prepare the necessary ordinance and send all required notices, and that, after passage of the annexation ordinance, the Legal Director shall record the ordinance, plat and affidavits of notice in the Recorder's Office and file a copy of the Annexation Ordinance with the County Clerk. LAID OVER.
25. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Tentative Plat of Faith Center. LAID OVER.
26. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Special Events Fee Schedule. LAID OVER.
27. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the modification to the annexation agreement for 18XX-20XX North Perryville Road. The Legal Director shall be required to draft a resolution for the same, send all notices and record the modification to the annexation agreement for 18XX-20XX North Perryville Road in the Recorder's Office. LAID OVER.
28. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the modification to the annexation agreement for 6771-6899 Mill Road (Pippel Tract). The Legal Director shall be required to draft a resolution for the same, send all notices and record the modification to the annexation agreement for 6771-6899 Mill Road (Pippel Tract) in the Recorder's Office. LAID OVER.
29. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the modification to the annexation agreement for 2102-2238 North Perryville Road. The Legal Director shall be required to draft a resolution for the same, send all notices and

record the modification to the annexation agreement for 2102-2238 North Perryville Road in the Recorder's Office. LAID OVER.

30. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the contract for RATS Regional Freight Study be awarded to AECOM/CTE, assisted by Missman Stanley Associates, Inc. and PTV America, Inc. for an estimated cost of \$200,000. The funding source is RATS Unified Work Program/Traffic Engineering Budget. LAID OVER.
 31. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Hardware Supplies be made to Tri-B Hardware, of Rockford, IL for their estimated total bid of \$33,028.50. The funding source is Departmental Operating Budgets. LAID OVER.
 32. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of Task Order #16 with McMahon Associates, Inc. for work on the Water System Rehabilitation Project in an amount not to exceed \$30,400. The task order will be completed under a Master Agreement with McMahon Associates, Inc. Funding for the project will come from water Bonds. LAID OVER.
 33. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the Engineering Agreement: 3rd Street Ramp to Whitman over Sixth Street Ramp Rehabilitation be made to Smith Engineering Consultants Group, Inc. at a not-to-exceed cost of \$144,831.83 for inspection and design engineering of the 3rd Street Ramp. The funding for the project will come from Sales Tax funds. LAID OVER.
 34. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the Engineering Agreement: Searles Avenue Bridge Reconstruction be made to Smith Engineering Consultants Group, Inc. at a not to exceed cost of \$72,679.73 for preliminary analysis and design engineering of Searles Avenue Bridge. The funding for this project will come from Sales Tax funds. LAID OVER.
 35. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending an Intergovernmental Agreement for City Police Services be approved that provides for full reimbursement for eight police school liaison officers and their supervisory sergeant. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. LAID OVER.
 36. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending an interest free loan, repayable in its entirety by December 30, 2008 in the amount of \$150,000 from the City of Rockford General Fund be provided to the Friends of the Salvation Army for the renovation project of the nCENTER. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate Loan Agreement and other related documentation. LAID OVER.
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37. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Kishwaukee Street watermain improvements be made to Schlichting & Sons, of Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$2,066,819.00. The funding source is WRIA & Sales Tax.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED. The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2008-188CR

38. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Water & Street/Sewer Forestry Division PCC Patching 2008 be made to TCI Concrete, of Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$125,570.00. The funding source is Divisional Operating Budgets.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED. The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

39. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of April 21, 2008 in the amount of \$2,133,357.40. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

OFFICERS REPORTS

40. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of April 21, 2008 to be "Emily Bear Week" in Rockford, Illinois and congratulated this young Rockfordian on her amazing accomplishments and look forward to her beautiful music for years to come. Emily presented Mayor Morrissey with her new CD.
41. Mayor Morrissey invited Jim Pirages and Linda Sandquist, on behalf of the Community Foundation of Illinois, and winners of the 3rd Annual Poster Contest to come forward and receive a Proclamation. Mayor Morrissey presented them with a Proclamation proclaiming the week of April 21, 2008 to be "Go Outside and Play Week" in Rockford, Illinois and encouraged citizens of all ages to take advantage of our great natural playgrounds and to go outside. The three winners were introduced with their winning posters.

42. Mayor Morrissey announced "Earthbeat Day" and the "Great American Clean-Up" events will be held this Saturday, April 26, 2008. "Earthbeat Day" will start at 8:30 am at the Christian Life High School Amphitheater and the "Great American Clean Up", will start at 8:00 am –12:00 pm with the central location at Trinity Lutheran Church, 200 N. First Street. Volunteers will be treated to a free lunch at the church. Organizations, groups or individuals that want to participate should call Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful at 815/637-1343.
43. Mayor Morrissey mentioned the Rockford Park District/City of Gardens Spring Kick-Off will be Wednesday April 30, 2008 at Cliffbreakers, 700 West Riverside Blvd. beginning at 5:00 pm with Keynote Speaker Dr. Cheryl Charles, PhD. For more information contact Ruth Miller, Program Director, City of Gardens, at 815/987-1689.
44. Mayor Morrissey mentioned this week is "Administrative Professionals Week" and thanked the staff in his office for their great support and hard work throughout the year and encouraged everyone to recognize administrative professionals this week.
45. Mayor Morrissey mentioned today Aldermen Bell, Sosnowski and himself attended the Tri-State Alliance Summit in Freeport along with economic development organizations from Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois. Representatives from both the House and Senate joined these organizations to collaborate on improving regional infrastructure, rural economic needs and transportation for the growth and development of this region.
46. Mayor Morrissey commented Alderman Bell, City staff and himself participated in the charrette this past Friday and Saturday, sponsored by the Pilgrim's Promise Community Development Corporation and the American Institute of Architects, to discuss the multiple visions for economic and infrastructure development for southwest Rockford.
47. Mayor Morrissey acknowledged Fire Chief Bill Robertson who announced his retirement last week and thanked him for his many years of service and expressed how honored he was to have worked with him.
48. Mayor Morrissey commented next week a Memorandum will be circulated to sign-up for Committee Appointments and Chairman.
49. Mayor Morrissey reported last week he was in Washington to support "Mayor's Against Illegal Guns" Coalition focusing on "loopholes" in Federal Laws with regards to gun sales to minor children and criminals. He announced his support for HB 758, which would require background checks on secondary gun sales and urged all citizens to contact State and Federal legislators to support HB 758.
50. Mayor Morrissey called upon Mark Stockman to speak about the "Arbor Day" event on Friday, April 25, 2008 at 10:00 am at Klehm Arboretum. A tree planting ceremony will take place in the triangle of land located directly in front of the entrance of Klehm Arboretum and Botanic Garden. He invited all to attend this event.
51. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming Friday, April 25, 2008 to be "Arbor Day" in Rockford, Illinois and urged all citizens to take support efforts to protect

our environment, and to support our city's urban forestry program which is an ongoing process of renewal and improvement that continues through the years.

52. Alderman Thompson-Kelly thanked all the City Administrative Assistants for their hard work and Diane Reed, Council Clerk, for her efforts to keep the City Council meetings running smoothly.
53. Alderman Thompson-Kelly thanked the Public Works/Street Division for their patience and courtesy to her and continued efforts to keep the potholes filled in the 7th Ward on Saturday and Sunday.
54. Alderman Jacobson wished Lucille Brands a happy 100th birthday.
55. Alderman Jacobson thanked Ken-Rock Community Center for hosting the Pine Manor neighborhood watch meeting last Wednesday and thanked Phil Nicolosi, Winnebago County State's Attorney, Rockford Police Deputy Chief's and Community Service Officers for reassuring the citizens of a plan going forward to keep their neighborhood safe. Chief Epperson reported ATV's have been ordered and until they arrive the Rockford Police Department is working with the Sheriff's Department on joint operations.
56. Alderman Jacobson thanked Fire Chief Robertson for his integrity and noted that he will be missed.
57. Alderman Bell also congratulated Fire Chief Robertson on his impending retirement and thanked him for his many years of service.
58. Alderman Bell commented he attended the charrette this past Friday and Saturday on behalf of the Pilgrim's Promise Community Development Corporation and the American Institute of Architects Northern Illinois. He thanked the airport for their hospitality and Mayor Morrissey for his positive comments on the future for southwest Rockford.
59. Alderman Bell mentioned events at the Macedonia Church and Coronado Theatre this past weekend
60. Alderman Bell announced the 5th Ward Monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2008 at the Montague Branch Library, 1238 South Winnebago Street at 6:00 pm. There will be a public hearing on the Asbestos Removal at the former Barber Coleman Plant and guest speaker Adam Smith, Director of Education and Lifelong Learning will discuss the Truancy Program.
61. Alderman Wasco thanked Tim Hanson and Brian Eber, Public Works Department, for their assistance to fix drainage problems in his ward.
62. Alderman Wasco thanked Adam Smith, Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, for speaking to the Rockford Area Association of Realtors about the Truancy Program and nFactor.

63. Alderman Wasco also thanked Fire Chief Robertson for dedication to the City and remarked he will truly be missed.
64. Alderman Wasco made a reminder that Lutheran High School's Pancake Day is Saturday, April 26th and for any aldermen planning to attend, he will be there at 9:30 am to buy.
65. Alderman Holt expressed his frustration with an incident that happened at a local hospital in the emergency room this past week. He requested information/statistics from the Fire Department concerning emergency medical calls and the individuals being transported to the hospital for non-emergency injuries. He indicated he would also be addressing the health care system with these concerns and the costs of health care.
66. Alderman Johnson mentioned Chief Robertson was a classmate of hers and he has made that class very proud.
67. Alderman Johnson announced on Saturday Alpine Park Playground in Rockford was renamed to "Pauleyground" and dedicated in memory of Mike Pauley, Landscape Architect, Project Manager and Capital Planning and Management with the Rockford Park District.
68. Alderman Johnson thanked John VanNest, Mark Bonne and East High School for inviting some alumni to perform in their production of "Annie". She thanked the students for their patience and mentioned Judge Holmgren, Lee Johnson, Denny Carlson, Cindy Rossati and Lenny Jacobson were also part of the cast.
69. Alderman McNeely reiterated Alderman Holt's comments regarding health care costs and emergency room concerns.
70. Alderman McNeely thanked Fire Chief Robertson for his years of service, his outstanding leadership and wished him and his family the best.
71. Alderman Beach thanked Fire Chief Robertson for his service and fondly remembered him scaling down the Amrock building at Davis Park during one of the Fire Safety Prevention days.
72. Alderman Beach reported an incident that happened on 22nd Street where a vehicle ran into a duplex after hitting a pothole. He thanked Tim Hanson, Director of Public Works, his staff and Nancy Johnson for their assistance with this situation.
73. Alderman Curran displayed a poster and announced the 6th Annual Police Benevolent and Protection Association "Cops and Bobbers" event will take place on at Rock Cut State Park on Saturday, June 14, 2008. He encouraged the aldermen to participate in this event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2008-189CR

76. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the Lifescape Community Service request for free parking. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2008-190CR

77. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the Healthy Neighborhoods Program Funding Recommendation Rockford Urban Ministries - \$29,900. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2008-191CR

78. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the Healthy Neighborhoods Program Funding Recommendation Booker Washington Center - \$37,500. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2008-077-O

79. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending approval of the attached Assisted Living/River Housing Redevelopment Plan and Project Area. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2008-078-O

80. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending approval of the Assisted Living/River Housing Redevelopment Project Planning Area. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2008-079-O

81. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending approval of Tax Increment Financing per statute within the AssistedLiving/River Housing Redevelopment Area. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

82. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending approval of the City of Rockford's 2020 Plan for purposes of holding a Public Hearing on Monday, April 28, 2008 and subsequent approval of said 2008 Amendments. HELD OUT.

2008-192CR

83. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report Recommending the approval of the Code Amendments for Departmental Reorganization. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2008-193CR

84. 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 Special Use Permit for the modification of an existing legally nonconforming billboard to an electronic graphic display billboard in a C-2, Commercial Community Zoning District at 5411 East State Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meet all Building and Fire Codes.
2. That the existing billboards located and listed on Exhibit A shall be removed prior to the operation and certificate of occupancy (operation) issued by the City for the electronic graphic display with the exception of panel 35715 and 35716 which shall be removed within two (2) years of adoption of this ordinance.
3. Submittal of Building Permit for Staff review and approval.
4. The electronic graphic display board shall be for the Eastern facing board.
5. That the billboard shall remain a non-conforming billboard.
6. That the billboard operates in conformance with the sign regulations for electronic graphic display signs.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 5/19/08; ZBA #009-08). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2008-194CR

85. 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 Special Use Permit for the modification of an existing legally nonconforming billboard to an electronic graphic display billboard in an R-1, Single-family Residential Zoning District at 8539 East State Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all Building and Fire Codes.
2. That the existing billboards located and listed on Exhibit A shall be removed prior to the operation and certificate of occupancy (operation) issued by the City for the electronic graphic display with the exception of panel 35715 and 35716 which shall be removed within two (2) years of the adoption of this ordinance.
3. Submittal of Building Permit for Staff review and approval.
4. That the billboard shall remain a non-conforming billboard.
5. That the billboard operates in conformance with the sign regulations for electronic graphic display signs.
6. The electronic graphic display shall be for the Western facing board.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 5/19/08; ZBA #010-08). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2008-195CR

86. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTIANING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending the City Council APPROVE the Special Use Permit for a modification of an existing legally nonconforming billboard to an electronic graphic display billboard in a C-2, Commercial Community Zoning District at 6439 East Riverside Boulevard. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all Building and Fire Codes.
2. That the existing billboards located and listed on Exhibit A shall be removed prior to the operation and certificate of occupancy (operation) issued by the City for the electronic graphic display with the exception of panel 35715 and 35715 which shall be removed within two (2) years of the adoption of this ordinance.
3. Submittal of Building Permit for Staff review and approval.

4. The electronic graphic display shall be for both the Eastern and Western facing board.
5. That the billboard shall remain a non-conforming billboard.
6. That the billboard operates in conformance with the sign regulations for electronic graphic display signs.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 5/19/08; ZBA #011-08). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
 Nays: -0-
 Absent: -0-

2008-080-O

87. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 291 of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances to add the following:

"That traffic on Richmond Street be required to stop prior to entering the intersection of Greendale Drive, thus repealing the existing Yield sign control."

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
 Nays: -0-
 Absent: -0-

88. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 4, Section 4-28 of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances that upon all requirements of the Liquor Ordinance having been met, said amendment shall serve as City Council advice and consent for the Liquor Commissioner to issue a Liquor License to the following Establishments:

1. The unnamed establishment to be located at 317-325 West Jefferson Street, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Meet all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
 - b. Compliance with all City of Rockford Liquor Codes.
 - c. Submittal of a security plan for Staff review and approval.
 - d. The sale of alcohol shall be limited to the interior site plan submitted.

HELD OUT.

2008-196CR

89. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the contract for Premier MDC (Mobile Data Communications) System be made to Motorola for installation and implementation of the additional software for the

current CAD system in the amount of \$192,310. The funding source is Lawsuit Settlement Funding. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2008-197CR

90. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the Intergovernmental Agreement: South Main Street Railroad Trestle fascia painting be approved with the Union Pacific Railroad Company. The funding source is Sales Tax. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2008-021R

91. Alderman Mark, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution, requesting approval for a liquor permit for consumption of liquor outdoors on public property ("SP license) in conjunction with the Magnolia Fest on May 3, 2008 and 4, 2008. MOTION PREVAILED.

2008-022R

92. Alderman Curran, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the Central Services Manager to take bids for the following:

Bid: Demolition of 1605 W. State Street, funding source: WURB & State Funds
Bid: Water Division Landscaping, funding source: Water Division Operating Budget

MOTION PREVAILED.

NEW BUSINESS

2008-082-O

93. Alderman Bell introduced and read an ordinance recommending approval of the attached Agreement between Rockford Urban Ministries and the City of Rockford for \$29,900 to rehabilitate 20 homes in Weed and Seed areas via the Community Development Department's Healthy Neighborhoods Program.

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

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

94. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 4, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances, that upon all other requirements of the Liquor Ordinance having been met, this ordinance shall serve as City Council advice and consent for the Liquor Commissioner to issue a Liquor License to the following establishments:

1. Der Rathskeller located at 1132 Auburn Street.

LAID OVER.

2008-083-O

95. 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 modification of an existing legally nonconforming billboard to an electronic graphic display billboard in a R-1, Single-family Residential Zoning District at 8539 East State Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all Building and Fire Codes.
2. That the existing billboards located and listed on Exhibit A shall be removed prior to the operation and certificate of occupancy (operation) issued by the City for the electronic graphic display with the exception of panel 35715 and 35716 which shall be removed within two (2) years of the adoption of this ordinance.
3. Submittal of Building Permit for Staff review and approval.
4. That the billboard shall remain a non-conforming billboard.
5. That the billboard operates in conformance with the sign regulations for electronic graphic display signs.
6. The electronic graphic display shall be for the Western facing board.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 5/19/08; ZBA #010-08).

Alderman Mark moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman McNeely. MOTION PREVAILED. The Ordinance was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2008-084-O

96. 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 modification of an existing legally nonconforming billboard to an electronic graphic display billboard in a C-2,

Commercial Community Zoning District at 5411 East State Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meet all Building and Fire Codes.
2. That the existing billboards located and listed on Exhibit A shall be removed prior to the operation and certificate of occupancy (operation) issued by the City for the electronic graphic display with the exception of panel 35715 and 35716 which shall be removed within two (2) years of adoption of this ordinance.
3. Submittal of Building Permit for Staff review and approval.
4. The electronic graphic display board shall be for the Eastern facing board.
5. That the billboard shall remain a non-conforming billboard.
6. That the billboard operates in conformance with the sign regulations for electronic graphic display signs.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 5/19/08; ZBA #009-08).

Alderman Mark moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman McNeely. MOTION PREVAILED. The Ordinance was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2008-085-O

97. 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 modification of an existing legally nonconforming billboard to an electronic graphic display billboard in a C-2, Commercial Community Zoning District at 6439 East Riverside Blvd. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all Building and Fire Codes.
2. That the existing billboards located and listed on Exhibit A shall be removed prior to the operation and certificate of occupancy (operation) issued by the City for the electronic graphic display with the exception of panel 35715 and 35716 which shall be removed within two (2) years of the adoption of this ordinance.
3. Submittal of Building Permit for Staff review and approval.
4. The electronic graphic display shall be for both the Eastern and Western facing board.
5. That the billboard shall remain a non-conforming billboard.
6. That the billboard operates in conformance with the sign regulations for electronic graphic display signs.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 5/19/08; ZBA #011-08).

Alderman Mark moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman McNeely. MOTION PREVAILED. The Ordinance was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2008-086-O

98. Alderman Curran introduced and read an Ordinance recommending approval of the attached Intergovernmental Agreement: I-90/East State Street multi-use path with the Illinois Tollway Authority.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman McNeely. MOTION PREVAILED. The Ordinance was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2008-087-O

99. Alderman Curran introduced and read an Ordinance recommending approval of the attached Intergovernmental Agreement: Springfield Avenue and Auburn Road Intersection Improvements with Winnebago County.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman McNeely. MOTION PREVAILED. The Ordinance was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

100. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 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
April 28, 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 Participation
- Petitions and Communications
- New Committee Reports (Reports of Standing Committees – Code and Regulation, Finance and Personnel, Planning and Development - and other select committees)
- Officers Reports
- Unfinished Business of previous meeting

I. PUBLIC HEARING

1. 2008 Amendment to 2020 Plan

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER APRIL 21, 2008

1. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the code amendments for Special Events.
2. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the annexation of 39XX Samuelson Road and 4006 Samuelson Road. The Legal Director shall be required to prepare the necessary ordinance and send all required notices, and that, after passage of the annexation ordinance, the Legal Director shall record the ordinance, plat and affidavits of notice in the Recorder's Office and file a copy of the Annexation Ordinance with the County Clerk.
3. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the annexation of 9xx US 20 Bypass. The Legal Director shall be required to prepare the necessary ordinance and send all required notices, and that, after passage of the annexation ordinance, the Legal Director shall record the ordinance, plat and affidavits of notice in the Recorder's Office and file a copy of the Annexation Ordinance with the County Clerk.
4. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the annexation of 7595 Walton Street. The Legal Director shall be required to prepare the necessary ordinance and send all required notices, and that, after passage of the annexation ordinance, the Legal Director shall

record the ordinance, plat and affidavits of notice in the Recorder's Office and file a copy of the Annexation Ordinance with the County Clerk.

5. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the Tentative Plat of Faith Center.
6. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the Special Events Fee Schedule.
7. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the modification to the annexation agreement for 18XX-20XX North Perryville Road. The Legal Director shall be required to draft a resolution for the same, send all notices and record the modification to the annexation agreement for 18XX-20XX North Perryville Road in the Recorder's Office.
8. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the modification to the annexation agreement for 6771-6899 Mill Road (Pippel Tract). The Legal Director shall be required to draft a resolution for the same, send all notices and record the modification to the annexation agreement for 6771-6899 Mill Road (Pippel Tract) in the Recorder's Office.
9. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the modification to the annexation agreement for 2102-2238 North Perryville Road. The Legal Director shall be required to draft a resolution for the same, send all notices and record the modification to the annexation agreement for 2102-2238 North Perryville Road in the Recorder's Office.
10. Curran - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the contract for RATS Regional Freight Study be awarded to AECOM/CTE, assisted by Missman Stanley Associates, Inc. and PTV America, Inc. for an estimated cost of \$200,000. The funding source is RATS Unified Work Program/Traffic Engineering Budget.
11. Curran - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the award for Hardware Supplies be made to Tri-B Hardware, of Rockford, Illinois for their estimated total bid of \$33,028.50. The funding source is Departmental Operating Budgets.
12. Curran - Finance and Personnel - Recommending approval of Task Order #16 with McMahon Associates, Inc. for work on the Water System Rehabilitation Project in an amount not to exceed \$30,400. The task order will be completed under a Master Agreement with McMahon Associates, Inc. Funding for the project will come from water Bonds.
13. Curran - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the Engineering Agreement: 3rd Street Ramp to Whitman over Sixth Street Ramp Rehabilitation be made to Smith Engineering Consultants Group, Inc. at a not-to-exceed cost of \$144,831.83 for inspection and design engineering of the 3rd Street Ramp. The funding for the project will come from Sales Tax funds.
14. Curran - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the Engineering Agreement: Searles Avenue Bridge Reconstruction be made to Smith Engineering Consultants Group, Inc. at

a not to exceed cost of \$72,679.73 for preliminary analysis and design engineering of Searles Avenue Bridge. The funding for this project will come from Sales Tax funds.

15. Curran - Finance and Personnel - Recommending an Intergovernmental Agreement for City Police Services be approved that provides for full reimbursement for eight police school liaison officers and their supervisory sergeant. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
16. Curran - Finance and Personnel - Recommending an interest free loan, repayable in its entirety by December 30, 2008 in the amount of \$150,000 from the City of Rockford General Fund be provided to the Friends of the Salvation Army for the renovation project of the nCENTER. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate Loan Agreement and other related documentation.

III. ORDINANCES

A. LAID OVER APRIL 21, 2008

1. Mark - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 4, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances, that upon all other requirements of the Liquor Ordinance having been met, this ordinance shall serve as City Council advice and consent for the Liquor Commissioner to issue a Liquor License to the following establishments:

1. Der Rathskeller located at 1132 Auburn Street.

B. HELD OUT APRIL 21, 2008

1. Bell - Ordinance - Recommending approval of the City of Rockford's 2020 Plan for purposes of holding a Public Hearing on Monday, April 28, 2008 and subsequent approval of said 2008 Amendments.
2. Mark - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 4, Section 4-28 of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances that upon all requirements of the Liquor Ordinance having been met, said amendment shall serve as City Council advice and consent for the Liquor Commissioner to issue a Liquor License to the following Establishments:

1. The unnamed establishment to be located at 317-325 West Jefferson Street, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Meet all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
 - b. Compliance with all City of Rockford Liquor Codes.
 - c. Submittal of a security plan for Staff review and approval.
 - d. The sale of alcohol shall be limited to the interior site plan submitted.

III. MISCELLANEOUS HELD OUT APRIL 21, 2008

- 1.* Mayor Morrissey - Appointment – Zoning Board of Appeals – Mr. Scott Sanders, to replace Thomas Przytulski, Jr. who resigned, to a term to expire June 2011. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment is up for passage on May 12, 2008).

IV. REVIEW OF CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

* 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, April 28, 2008, 4:45 p.m.

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

AGENDA

- 1. C & R 08-85 April Traffic Commission Minutes
- 2. C & R 08-96 Preannexation of 5881 35th Street (for water)
- 3. C & R 08-89 ZBA#018-08 (A) Zoning Map Amendment from C-2, Commercial Community District to C-4, Commercial Oldtown District
(B) Special Use Permit for the Planned Mixed Use Development consisting of a senior housing facility consisting of 50 apartments for people over 62 years and older in a C-4, Commercial Oldtown District at 206, 210, 212, 214 Lane Street & 15xx, 1517. 1519 Rock Street
- 4. C & R 08-90 ZBA#019-08 (A) Special Use Permit for an on-premise electronic graphic display sign that exceeds the allowable 36

- square feet to 136.5 square feet
- (B) Special Use Permit to allow for an additional free-standing sign
 - (C) Variation to increase the allowable height of a free-standing sign from eight (8) feet to sixty-six and one half (66 ½) feet along Interstate 90 in a C-3, Commercial General Zoning District at 7801 East State Street
5. C & R 08-91 ZBA#020-08 (A) Annexation Agreement & Zoning Map Amendment from County AG to City R-2, Two-Family Residential District
- (B) Special Use Permit for a Planned Residential Development consisting of twelve (12) 3-unit condominium structures in an R-2, Two-Family Residential District at 1801 Samuelson Road
6. C & R 08-92 ZBA#022-08 (A) Modification of Special Use Permit 096-93 for a 25 foot x 25 foot addition to an existing convenience store
- (B) Variation in the landscaping requirements to allow landscaping as shown on the site plan with the elimination of the internal northeast planter
 - (C) Variation from the required nine (9) parking spaces to have five (5) parking spaces in a C-3, Commercial General Zoning District at 1621 North Alpine Road
7. C & R 08-93 08-LAB-009 Request for a Liquor License to for the sale of alcoholic liquor by the package in conjunction with a gas station/convenience store in a C-3, Commercial General District at 6874Weaver Road
8. C & R 08-94 08-LAB-010 Request for a Liquor License to allow for the sale of alcoholic liquor by the drink in conjunction with a sit down restaurant/tavern in a C-4, Commercial Oldtown District at 200 North Church Street

9. C & R 08-95 08-LAB-011 Request for a Liquor License to allow for the sale of alcoholic liquor by the drink in conjunction with a hotel during social hour events in a C-3, Commercial General District at 7542 Colosseum Drive

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Monday, April 28, 2008, 5:15 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of Bid: Water Annual Quality Report
 - B. Award of Bid: Water Treatment Chemicals
 - C. Award of Bid: City-Wide Crack Sealing – Suspend rules
 - D. Award of Bid: City-Wide Residential Resurfacing – Suspend rules
 - E. Architectural Agreement - Design of Sweeper Debris Wash Bay station
 - F. Engineering Agreements: Residential Reconstruction - Various Streets
 - G. Resolution: IDOT Enhancement Funds for Downtown Riverwalk Phase II
 - H. Resolution: East State Street /Pedestrian Safety Project
 - I. Resolution to take Bids/Proposals
 - J. Emergency Demolition: 522 Cedar Street
 - K. Change Order: Kishwaukee Street Overhead Utility Relocation
 - L. Change Order: Kishwaukee Street Water Main Design
 - M. Vouchers
 - √ Training/Travel Expenses for Police Department
2. Renewal of Agreement with Rockford Township for Temporary Housing
3. Review of Closed Session Minutes

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Monday, April 28, 2008, 5:15 p.m.
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA**

1. Memorandum from Richard M. May, Commercial Development Coordinator, regarding the 2008 Marketing Management Agreement between the City of Rockford and Riverfront Development Group for a total of \$75,000 in TIF funds for Arts, Housing, and Lifestyle Marketing Group.
2. RAEDC 2008- 1st Quarter Report.

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

**Thursday, May 8, 2008, 4:00 p.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA**