

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS  
MAY 5, 2008  
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:07 P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Alderman Frank Beach 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, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -13-  
Absent: Thompson-Kelly -1-
3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of April 28, 2008, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly absent).

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

4. Joan Wardzala announced this Saturday, May 10, 2008 will be the "Crime Fighter Fair" to be held at West Middle School from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. There will be 25 speakers and 30 booths. She encouraged all to attend this fun and informational event.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

5. Alderman Curran submitted a Memorandum from Patrick Zuroske, Capital Program Manager, regarding Intergovernmental Agreement: City Well Wastewater Discharge. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
6. Alderman Curran submitted a Memorandum from Patrick Zuroske, Capital Program Manager, regarding Green Streets Initiative. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
7. Alderman Jacobson submitted a request from Ray King, in conjunction with All American Soap Box Derby Rally requesting barricades and cones to close Laude Drive east of 20<sup>th</sup> Street (neighbors have been contacted) on May 26, 2008 and May 27, 2008 from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm. Alderman Jacobson moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly absent).
8. Alderman Bell submitted a Memorandum from Rick May, Commercial Development Coordinator, regarding the Redevelopment Agreement Approving TIF Funding for Façade work at 4010 East State Street. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.

9. Alderman Bell submitted a Memorandum from Mayor Morrissey, regarding a Resolution Supporting the City of Chicago's bid for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
10. Alderman Wasco submitted a Claim for mailbox damage at 2947, 2949 and 2944 North Cliff Court. Referred to the Legal Department.
- 10a. Alderman Wasco submitted a Request for Service at 3568 Norfolk Chase. Referred to the Public Works Department.
11. Alderman Johnson submitted three (3) Requests for Service. Referred to the Code Enforcement Division, the Public Works Department and Public Works Department/Traffic.
12. Alderman Johnson submitted a Memorandum from Todd Cagnoni, Manager of Current Planning, regarding Liquor Codes – 100-foot separation for outdoor liquor sales in residential area. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
13. Alderman Beach requested the Police Department monitor and enforce the parking ordinance on Fairview near Fairview School. Referred to the Police Department.
14. Alderman Mark submitted a Request for Service. Referred to the Public Works Department/Traffic.
15. Alderman Mark submitted a letter from Mike Leifheit, Irish Rose, Inc, requesting consideration for an outside summer smoking garden behind his establishment. Referred to the Building Department.
16. Alderman Mark submitted a letter from Thomas Green to withdraw Zoning Application 015-08, 4850 North Main Street. Referred to Zoning Board of Appeals.
17. Alderman Mark submitted a request from Jeff Schroeder, in conjunction with the Memorial Day Parade, requesting police assistance, barricades for street closures and detours and street sweeping at 7<sup>th</sup> Street north of State Street, west of Wyman Street and disbands at Beattie Park. Memorial services east of the Public Library on Monday, May 26, 2008. Alderman Mark moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly absent).
18. Alderman Mark submitted a request from Cedric Johnson, in conjunction with American Red Cross Rock'n for the Red, requesting permission and assistance for activities, tents, outdoor liquor (outdoor "S") and barricades for closures and detour for portions of Wyman Street at Davis Park on June 21, 2008 from 7:30 am to midnight. Alderman Mark moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly absent).
19. Alderman Mark submitted a request from Carol Wright, in conjunction with On The Waterfront Stars and Guitars Rib Fest, requesting permission for tents, outdoor liquor for a not-for-profit (outdoor "S") and barricades for closures and detours on Wyman Street

at Davis Park on June 26, 2008 from 5:00 pm to midnight; June 27, 2008 from 5:00 pm to midnight; June 28, 2008 from noon to midnight and June 29, 2008 from noon to 7:00 pm. Alderman Mark moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly absent).

20. Alderman Mark submitted a request from Special Events Management, Chicago, Illinois with assistance from local running enthusiasts, requesting permission for barricades for closures and detours and police assistance with payment of support services by organizers of Sanco. The event will be held on May 18, 2008 at 7:00 am (street closures begin at 6:00 am) with the route starting at the corner of State and Wyman and finishing on the Chestnut Street Bridge. While participants may walk the route, after six hours they must move onto sidewalks and observe all traffic regulations. Street closures will be moved aside as soon as possible as runners clear the area, with streets near the Finish Line to be opened by approximately 3:30 pm. Alderman Mark moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly absent).
21. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Kerry Partridge, City Attorney, regarding Historic Preservation Code Amendments. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
22. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Roberts, Planner II, regarding the Final Plat of Stevens Ridge. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
23. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Ronald Schultz, City Attorney, regarding the Comcast Franchise Renewal. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
24. Council Clerk submitted a letter from Comcast announcing additional channels to the Comcast Digital Standard service. Placed on File.
25. Council Clerk submitted a letter from Comcast announcing additions and changes to the Comcast channel line-up. Placed on File.
26. Alderman Conness submitted an e-mail from Jack and Doris Weir requesting potholes at the intersection of Woodcreek and Brook Hill be filled. Referred to the Public Works Department.
27. Alderman Sosnowski submitted a note and article from Ed Roskowski regarding camera enforcement at intersections. Referred to Mayor Morrissey's Office.
28. Alderman Sosnowski submitted a Memorandum from himself regarding the Hiring Process for Police and Fire Chiefs. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.

#### **NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS**

29. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee recommending the award for Water Treatment Chemicals be made to the low bidders as summarized:

Viking Chemicals	Rockford, IL	\$103,971.57
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Hawkins, Inc.

Minneapolis, MN

\$ 86,000.00

The funding source is Water Division Operating Budget. LAID OVER.

30. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report regarding the Lease of Parking Area with The First Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Rockford, Illinois recommending approval of said Lease. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. LAID OVER.
31. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report regarding financing a portion of the Water Improvement Project through low interest loans from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), recommends the authorization and issuance of not to exceed \$47,500,000 in Waterworks System Revenue Bonds, IEPA Junior Lien Series, in one or more series. The Legal Director and Bond Counsel shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. LAID OVER.

**2008-212CR**

32. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Demolition of 1605 West State Street and 1212 Preston Street be made to Northern Illinois Service, of Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$74,102.00. The funding source for 1212 Preston St. is WURB and the funding source for 1605 W. State St. is 2008 State of Illinois funds.

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

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

**2008-213CR**

33. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the Architectural Agreement for Design of Sweeper Debris Wash Bay Station be made to McClellan & Blakemore Architects at a not to exceed cost of \$11,250.00. The funding source is Building Fund.

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

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

34. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of May 5, 2008 in the amount of \$4,672,642.29. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

Nays: -0-

Absent: Thompson-Kelly -1-

35. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the pre-annexation agreement for 5881 35<sup>th</sup> Street. LAID OVER.

36. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Modification of Special Use Permit #096-93 for twenty-five (25) foot by twenty-five (25) foot addition to an existing convenience store; APPROVE a Variation in the landscaping requirements to allow landscaping as shown on the site plan with the elimination of the internal northeast planter; and APPROVE a Variation from the required nine (9) parking spaces to five (5) parking spaces in a C-3, Commercial General District at 1621 North Alpine Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. A civil site plan shall be submitted for Staff review and approval.
2. Detailed elevations shall be submitted for Staff review and approval.
3. If new outdoor lighting will be provided, an illumination (photometrics) plan shall be submitted for Staff review and approval.
4. Approval of the Legal Department for the expansion of the packaged liquor sales in the proposed building addition.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 6/23/08; ZBA #022-08). LAID OVER.

37. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that the City Council APPROVE the Zoning Map Amendment from C-2, Commercial Community District to C-4, Commercial Oldtown District and APPROVE a Special Use Permit for a Planned Mixed Use Development consisting of a senior housing facility consisting of fifty (50) apartments for people over sixty-two (62) years and older in a C-4, Commercial Oldtown District at 206, 210, 212, 214 Lane Street, 15xx, 1517, 1519 Rock Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
2. Submittal of a detailed landscape plan and elevation plan for Staff review and approval.
3. The property is limited to fifty (50) units as proposed by the applicant.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 6/23/08; ZBA #018-08). LAID OVER.

38. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Liquor Advisory Board, thereby recommending that the City Council APPROVE the request by **Douglas Dobmeier for Rockford Residence Inn** for the sale of alcoholic liquor by the

drink in conjunction with a hotel during social hour events in a C-3, Commercial General Zoning District at 7542 Colosseum Drive. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
2. Compliance with all City of Rockford Liquor Codes.
3. The sale of alcohol shall be limited to the interior site plan submitted.

LAID OVER.

39. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Liquor Advisory Board, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the request from **William R. Williams III for Vista Marketing Group**, 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 6874 Weaver Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Compliance with the Liquor Ordinance.

LAID OVER.

40. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Liquor Advisory Board, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the request by **Thomas Lester for Tommy Swilligan's Pub** 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. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Compliance with the Liquor Ordinance.

REFERRED BACK TO LIQUOR ADVISORY BOARD.

41. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance that traffic on 29<sup>th</sup> Street be required to Stop prior to entering the intersection of Wind Point Drive, thus repealing the existing Yield sign control. LAID OVER.

42. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance for "No Parking Anytime" on the south side of Ogilby Road from South Main Street to ninety (90) feet west of South Main Street. LAID OVER.

43. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that "No Action" be taken on the following items:

1. Request from Joyce Jacobi, to repeal the existing "No Parking Anytime" restriction on the south side of Churchill Street from Camp Avenue to two hundred eighty (280) feet west of Camp Avenue.
2. Request from Nicole Houck, for a traffic signal at the intersection of Holiday Drive and Sandy Hollow Road.

LAID OVER.

### OFFICERS REPORTS

44. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming Monday, May 5, 2008 to be "Juror Appreciation Day" in Rockford, Illinois and urged all citizens to honor the excellent service and commitment of those citizens who perform jury duty.
45. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of May 5, 2008 to be "Literacy In Rockford Week" in Rockford, Illinois and urged all citizens to recognize and support the Literacy Council's efforts to provide educational opportunities for individuals who are striving to improve their lives.
46. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of May 5, 2008 to be "Rocktown Rockets Week" in Rockford, Illinois and wished the Rocktown Rockets team the best of luck at this years' Team America Rocketry Challenge.
47. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming Saturday, May 10, 2008 to be "Letter Carriers' Food Drive Day" in Rockford, Illinois and urged all citizens to contribute to this worthy event.
48. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of May 5, 2008 to be "St. Ambrogio Society's Week" in Rockford, Illinois in honor of the organization's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and urged the community to support this important part of Rockford's cultural history.
49. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of May 12, 2008 to be "World Trade Week" in Rockford, Illinois and urged all citizens to observe "World Trade Week" by promoting continuing awareness of the importance of world trade to our economy and our relations with other nations.
50. Mayor Morrissey submitted two re-appointments to the CAA Human Services Board, Catherine Ward to a one (1) year term ending May 2009; Kim Ellingson to a one (1) year term ending May 2009. LAID OVER.
51. Mayor Morrissey announced the City of Rockford along with the Emerald Ash Borer Task Force will be holding an Open House Forum in the Klehm Arboretum Gallery on Wednesday, May 7, 2008 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
52. Mayor Morrissey announced the groundbreaking celebration for the new United States Courthouse in Rockford will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at 2:00 pm at 327 South Church Street (Church and Green Street). He encouraged all to attend this celebration.
53. Mayor Morrissey reported last week he participated in the Northern Illinois Commuter Transportation Initiatives meeting and vote regarding commuter transportation. The

route selection yielded a unanimous vote and funding alternatives were discussed. Future meetings will be held for community members to participate in.

54. Mayor Morrissey commented today he attended the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus in Chicago with presentations and discussions concerning the potential of a Metropolitan Nation, new relationships between the federal government and regional economies and the Chicago 2016 Olympic Bid.
55. Mayor Morrissey mentioned the possibility of a Resolution regarding the 2016 Olympic Bid to be read in at next week's council meeting and referred to the Planning and Development Committee to discuss Rockford's support of the Olympic Bid.
56. Mayor Morrissey noted the two (2) pending Zoning Board of Appeal appointments will be placed up for passage with rule suspensions in tonight's meeting.
57. Mayor Morrissey congratulated the organizers of the Cinco de Mayo parade and festival for a successful celebration.
- 57a. Mayor Morrissey commented on an e-mail he received from folks that live in the Dallas/Fort Worth area that had visited Rockford. They mentioned attending an IceHogs game and engaging in friendly conversation with the fans. Mayor Morrissey made a reminder the next IceHogs game will be on Wednesday at 7:05 pm at the MetroCentre.
58. Alderman Holt mentioned the Union Pacific Railroad/Illinois Commerce Commission is sponsoring an educational program, which acquaints the public with the hazards at railroad-highway crossings on Monday at Patriot's Gateway. He encouraged the Aldermen to RSVP to this event.
58. Alderman Bell congratulated the St. Ambrogio Club on their 90<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary.
59. Alderman Bell mentioned he marched in the Cinco de Mayo parade on Saturday and enjoyed the festivities at Marinelli Field.
60. Alderman Timm thanked the Rockford City Police Officers for their commitment and diligent efforts in his ward and listed twenty-eight (28) traffic citations issued to drivers between April 28<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>.
61. Alderman Mark congratulated the Churchill Grove neighborhood on a successful garage sale this past weekend and mentioned the Junior League House on Parade was this past weekend also. He thanked Alberto Altamore and his committee for another successful Magnolia Festival with great food, entertainment and fun. Festival goers braved the cold and rain on Saturday, but were treated to a sunny day on Sunday.
61. Alderman Mark reported the "30 means 30" signs are back in the Highcrest, Harlem Blvd. neighborhoods and to reduce your speed while driving through residential areas.
62. Alderman Johnson thanked all those who participated in the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Leadership Prayer Luncheon last week. She thanked Mayor Morrissey for his comments and praised

the music for it's powerful message. She also thanked Alderman Beach for making arrangements for the aldermen to attend.

63. Alderman Johnson announced Alderman Curran and herself will be at booth #63 at the "100 Men Who Cook" event this weekend at the Indoor Sports Center at 6:00 pm. She encouraged all to attend and support the Literacy Council.
64. Alderman Jacobson mentioned Saturday, May 3, 2008 was "Comcast Care Day" in Rockford and thanked all that participated in planting the trees in the rain.
65. Alderman Jacobson displayed a photo of the first All Terrain Vehicle purchased by the Rockford Police Department for enforcement of areas within the City that cannot be reached by a squad. He is hopeful another can be purchased in the near future.
66. Alderman Conness reported the resurfacing project for the Newburg/Alpine area is scheduled to be complete the end of May or the first part of June, weather permitting.
67. Alderman Conness reported that barricades have been placed on Harrison Avenue to re-direct traffic so the landscaping and final part of this project can be completed by the end of May or first part of June.
68. Alderman Curran reflected on his teenage years in Lake Geneva, his interest in aerospace, building rockets and later working on the Space Shuttle.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **2008-214CR**

71. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Replat of Lots 60, 70 and 71 of Plat #3 Lakewood Hills. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

### **2008-215CR**

72. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Final Plat of Stenstrom Industrial Park #6. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**2008-216CR**

73. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Replat of Lots 7 and 8 of Plat #1 of Lakewood Hills. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**2008-217CR**

74. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the Final Plat of Swedish American North Annex. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**2008-218CR**

75. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the Replat of Lots 4 and 5 of Plat #1 of Lakewood Hills. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**2008-219CR**

76. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that City Council APPROVE the Amendments to Sections 17-2 and 25-61 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to Weed Control and Management. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**2008-220CR**

77. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the code amendments for Special Events. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**2008-221CR**

78. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Special Events Fee Schedule. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**2008-093-O**

79. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance regarding the approval of the amendments for the Community and Economic Development Department Reorganization and Building Department Elimination. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**2008-094-O**

80. 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.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**2008-222CR**

81. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of 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. The initial budget reflected in said agreement shall be a draft subject to approval of the City Council no later than July 28, 2008. All other future annual budgets shall be approved prior to the budget year. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**2008-223CR**

82. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the Engineering Agreement: City-Wide Residential Reconstruction for the design engineering required for the reconstruction of 10<sup>th</sup> Ave (20<sup>th</sup> St – 22<sup>nd</sup> St.); 12<sup>th</sup> St. (4<sup>th</sup> Ave – 5<sup>th</sup> Ave); Hill St. (2<sup>nd</sup> St. – 3<sup>rd</sup> St.); and, Dexter St. (Forest View Rd – Wentworth Ave.) be awarded to Fehr-Graham & Associates, Inc. at a not-to-exceed cost of \$113,439.62 for design engineering and construction inspection. The funding for this project is Sales Tax funds. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**2008-224CR**

83. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the Engineering Agreement: City-Wide Residential Reconstruction for the design engineering required for the reconstruction of Reed Ave. (11<sup>th</sup> St. to Kinsey St.), Roosevelt Rd. (Lapey St. to 11<sup>th</sup> St.), Roosevelt Rd. & Lapey Street Intersection, Russell/Taylor & Alley (SW of Auburn & Kilburn Intersection) be awarded to Willett Hofmann & Associates, Inc. at a not to exceed cost of \$69,543.68 for design engineering and construction inspection. The funding for this project is Sales Tax funds. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**2008-225CR**

84. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the Engineering Agreement: City-Wide Residential Reconstruction for the design engineering required for the reconstruction of Locust St. (Horsman St. to Rockton

Ave.); Loomis St. (Main St. to Court Ave.); Park Ave. (Horsman St. to Rockton Ave.), and Park Ave. (Winnebago St. to Court St.) be awarded to Homer Chastain & Associates LLP at a not to exceed cost of \$118,449.00 for design engineering and construction inspection. The funding for this project is Sales Tax funds. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**2008-226CR**

85. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending a need for confidentiality still exists for the following closed session minutes, as the cases and matters are still pending. 1/20/04, 5/24/04, 2/7/05, 2/28/05, 6/6/05, 7/11/05, 8/8/05, 10/24/05, 10/31/05, 11/14/05, 12/5/05, 12/12/05, 2/6/06, 2/21/06, 4/10/06, 5/1/06, 5/15/06, 5/22/06, 6/5/06, 6/12/06, 6/19/06, 7/3/06, 8/21/06, 8/28/06, 9/25/06, 10/23/06, 2/5/07, 2/26/07, 3/5/07, 4/9/07, 8/6/07, 11/5/07, 11/13/07 and 1/14/07. The minutes for session on the following dates be open to the Public: 6/6/05, 7/11/05 and 2/21/06. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**2008-227CR**

86. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending that the Agreement with Rockford Township and the Human Services Department be approved. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

87. Alderman Curran moved the appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Mr. Scott Sanders, to replace Thomas Przytulski, Jr. who resigned, to a term to expire June 2011.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 18, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly absent). MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly absent).

88. Alderman Curran moved the appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Ms. Alicia DiBenedetto, term ending June 2009.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 18, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly absent). MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly absent).

## MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

### 2008-028R

89. Alderman Mark, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution requesting permission from IDOT for temporary closure of Illinois Route 2 (Wyman Street) from Cedar to Chestnut Street for On The Waterfront Stars and Guitars Ribfest on from June 26, 2008 to June 29, 2008 at Davis Park. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson Kelly absent).

### 2008-029R

90. Alderman Mark, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution requesting permission from IDOT for temporary closure of Illinois Route 2 (Wyman Street) from Cedar to Chestnut Street for Red Cross festival on June 21, 2008. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly absent).

### 2008-030R

91. Alderman Mark, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution requesting permission from IDOT for temporary closure of Illinois Route 2 (Wyman Street) from Chestnut Street to Park Avenue, Illinois Route 2 (Park Avenue) from Wyman Street to Main Street, and Illinois Route 2 (Main Street) from Park Avenue to Fisher Avenue for the Memorial Day Parade on May 26, 2008. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly absent).

### 2008-031R

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: Water Division & SSF Division Bituminous Patching 2008, funding source: Water & Street Division Operating Funds

Bid: Brush Chipper, funding source: Street Division Capital

Bid: Two (2) Slope Mowers, funding source: Street Division Capital

Bid: City-Wide Alley Reconstruction Phase I, funding source: Sales Tax

MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly absent).

### 2008-032R

93. Alderman Curran, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the use of Motor Fuel Tax funds for City/State Joint Project, East State St. Sidewalk – North End in the amount of \$51,900.73. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly absent).

## NEW BUSINESS

94. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance recommending the annexation of property commonly known as 39xx Samuelson Road. LAID OVER.
95. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance recommending the annexation of property commonly known as 7595 Walton Street. LAID OVER.
96. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance recommending the annexation of property commonly known as 9xx US 20 Bypass. LAID OVER.
97. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance recommending that Island Avenue from West State Street to South Main Street be honorarily designated as "Hopson Avenue". LAID OVER.

### **2008-095-O**

98. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance recommending approval of the amendments to Sections 17-2 and 25-61 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to Weed Control and Management.

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

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

### **2008-096-O**

99. Alderman Bell introduced and read an Ordinance recommending approval of the attached 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.

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

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

100. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 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, 2<sup>ND</sup> floor City Hall**  
**425 E. State Street, Rockford**  
**May 12, 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 HEARINGS**

1. Pre-annexation of 2102-2238 North Perryville Road
2. Pre-annexation of 6771-6899 Mill Road (Pippel Tract)
3. Pre-annexation of 18xx-20xx North Perryville Road

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**II. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER MAY 5, 2008**

1. Curran - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the award for Water Treatment Chemicals be made to the low bidders as summarized:

Viking Chemicals	Rockford, IL	\$103,971.57
Hawkins, Inc.	Minneapolis, MN	\$ 86,000.00

The funding source is Water Division Operating Budget.

3. Curran - Finance and Personnel - Regarding the Lease of Parking Area with The First Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Rockford, Illinois recommending approval of said Lease. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
4. Curran - Finance and Personnel - Regarding financing a portion of the Water Improvement Project through low interest loans from the Illinois Environmental

Protection Agency (IEPA), recommends the authorization and issuance of not to exceed \$47,500,000 in Waterworks System Revenue Bonds, IEPA Junior Lien Series, in one or more series. The Legal Director and Bond Counsel shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

4. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the pre-annexation agreement for 5881 35<sup>th</sup> Street.
5. Mark - Code and Regulation - SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Modification of Special Use Permit #096-93 for twenty-five (25) foot by twenty-five (25) foot addition to an existing convenience store; APPROVE a Variation in the landscaping requirements to allow landscaping as shown on the site plan with the elimination of the internal northeast planter; and APPROVE a Variation from the required nine (9) parking spaces to five (5) parking spaces in a C-3, Commercial General District at 1621 North Alpine Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
  1. A civil site plan shall be submitted for Staff review and approval.
  2. Detailed elevations shall be submitted for Staff review and approval.
  3. If new outdoor lighting will be provided, an illumination (photometrics) plan shall be submitted for Staff review and approval.
  4. Approval of the Legal Department for the expansion of the packaged liquor sales in the proposed building addition.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 6/23/08; ZBA #022-08).

6. Mark - Code and Regulation - SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that the City Council APPROVE the Zoning Map Amendment from C-2, Commercial Community District to C-4, Commercial Oldtown District and APPROVE a Special Use Permit for a Planned Mixed Use Development consisting of a senior housing facility consisting of fifty (50) apartments for people over sixty-two (62) years and older in a C-4, Commercial Oldtown District at 206, 210, 212, 214 Lane Street, 15xx, 1517, 1519 Rock Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
  1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
  2. Submittal of a detailed landscape plan and elevation plan for Staff review and approval.
  3. The property is limited to fifty (50) units as proposed by the applicant.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 6/23/08; ZBA #018-08).

7. Mark - Code and Regulation - SUSTAINING the Liquor Advisory Board, thereby recommending that the City Council APPROVE the request by **Douglas Dobmeier for Rockford Residence Inn** for the sale of alcoholic liquor by the drink in conjunction with a hotel during social hour events in a C-3, Commercial General Zoning District at 7542 Colosseum Drive. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
  1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.

2. Compliance with all City of Rockford Liquor Codes.
  3. The sale of alcohol shall be limited to the interior site plan submitted.
8. Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Liquor Advisory Board, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the request from **William R. Williams III for Vista Marketing Group**, 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 6874 Weaver Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
1. Compliance with the Liquor Ordinance.
9. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance that traffic on 29<sup>th</sup> Street be required to Stop prior to entering the intersection of Wind Point Drive, thus repealing the existing Yield sign control.
10. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance for "No Parking Anytime" on the south side of Ogilby Road from South Main Street to ninety (90) feet west of South Main Street.
11. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending that "No Action" be taken on the following items:
1. Request from Joyce Jacobi, to repeal the existing "No Parking Anytime" restriction on the south side of Churchill Street from Camp Avenue to two hundred eighty (280) feet west of Camp Avenue.
  2. Request from Nicole Houck, for a traffic signal at the intersection of Holiday Drive and Sandy Hollow Road.

### III. ORDINANCES LAID OVER MAY 5, 2008

1. Mark - Ordinance - Recommending the annexation of property commonly known as 39xx Samuelson Road.
2. Mark - Ordinance - Recommending the annexation of property commonly known as 7595 Walton Street.
3. Mark - Ordinance - Recommending the annexation of property commonly known as 9xx US 20 Bypass.
4. Mark - Ordinance - Recommending that Island Avenue from West State Street to South Main Street be honorarily designated as "Hopson Avenue".

### IV. RESOLUTIONS

1. Mark – Resolution – Pre-annexation of 2102-2238 North Perryville Road
2. Mark – Resolution - Pre-annexation of 6771-6899 Mill Road (Pippel Tract)

3. Mark – Resolution - Pre-annexation of 18xx-20xx North Perryville Road

**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. Curran - Ordinance - Authorizing the Mayor and Legal Director are hereby authorized to execute and attest the attached Intergovernmental Agreement for Acceptance of City Well Wastewater Discharge by and between Rock River Water Reclamation District and the City of Rockford.

2. Curran - Ordinance - AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$47,500,000 WATERWORKS SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, IEPA JUNIOR LIEN SERIES, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, OF THE CITY OF ROCKFORD, WINNEBAGO COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING SYSTEM OF SAID CITY, PRESCRIBING ALL THE DETAILS OF SAID BONDS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION, SEGREGATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE REVENUES OF THE SYSTEM OF SAID CITY.

3. Curran - Ordinance - Authorizing the Mayor and Legal Director are hereby authorized to execute and attest the attached Agreement with Rockford Township and the Human Services Department for emergency assistance in the amount of \$10,000.00.

4. Curran - Ordinance - Authorizing the Mayor and Legal Director are hereby authorized to execute and attest the attached Lease of Parking Area by and between The First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rockford, Illinois and the City of Rockford.

5. Mark – Ordinance - Recommending the approval of the code amendments for Special Events.

6. Mark – Ordinance - Recommending the approval of the Special Events Fee Schedule.

**VI. MISCELLANEOUS**

**A. LAID OVER MAY 5, 2008**

1. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment – CAA Human Services Board – Catherine Ward to a one (1) year term ending May 2009. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this appointment is up for passage on June 9, 2008).

2. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment – CAA Human Services Board - Kim Ellingson to a one (1) year term ending May 2009. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this appointment is up for passage on June 9, 2008).

**B. HELD OUT MAY 5, 2008**

- 1. Mayor Morrissey – Appointment - Library Board - Quiana Preston, term ending June 2010. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment is up for passage on June 2, 2008).
- 2. Mayor Morrissey – Appointment – Library Board - Jeffrey Glass, term ending June 2009. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment is up for passage on June 2, 2008).
- 3. Mayor Morrissey – Appointment – Library Board - Edward Geeser, term ending June 2011. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment is up for passage on June 2, 2008).

**VII. REVIEW OF CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

- \* 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, May 12, 2008, 4:45 p.m.**

**Conference Room A, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (north room)**

**AGENDA**

- 1. C & R 08-102 Final Plat of Stevens Ridge
- 2. 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
- 3. C & R 08-101 Comcast Franchise Renewal

4. C & R 08-114 Historic Preservation Code Amendments
5. C & R 08-100 Liquor Code – 100 ft. separation for outdoor liquor sales to residential area
6. C & R 08-99 Closed Session for Purposes of Pending Litigation

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**Monday, May 12, 2008, 5:15 p.m.**

**Conference Room B, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (south room)**

**AGENDA**

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
  - A. Award of Bid: Fire Department Uniform Shoes
  - B. Award of Bid: Floor Mats, Towels, & Mops
  - C. Award of Bid: Water Division Landscaping
  - D. Award of Bid: Paint Supplies & Materials
  - E. Award of Bid: Bituminous Patching for Water, Street, Sewer, & Forestry Divisions – Suspend rules
  - F. Award of Bid: Roof Replacement for the Equipment Building
  - G. Award of Contract: Police Consulting Services (Laid over 5/5)
  - H. Award of Contract: eCivis Grants Network
  - I. Engineering Agreement Amendment: 35<sup>th</sup> Street Water Main – Suspend rules
  - J. Engineering Agreement: Clinton Street Reconstruction – Suspend rules
  - K. Engineering Agreement: State Street Sidewalks – Suspend rules
  - L. Resolution to take Bids
  - M. Vouchers
2. 2008 License & Fee Schedule (Laid over 5/5)
3. Intergovernmental Agreement: City Well Wastewater Discharge – Suspend rules
4. Resolution for Green Streets Initiative
5. Hiring Process for Police and Fire Chief

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Monday, May 12, 2008, 5:15 p.m.  
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
AGENDA**

1. Memorandum from Patrick W. Hayes, Legal Director, regarding the transfer of East Side Center Parking Lot.
2. Memorandum from Richard M. May, Commercial Development Coordinator, regarding a Redevelopment Agreement Approving TIF Funding for Façade Work at 4010 East State Street shopping Center by Stewart S. Olson d/b/a Olson Enterprises from the East State and Alpine TIF District.
3. Resolution Supporting the City of Chicago's bid for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

**LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE**

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

1. Rockford" Day
2. Update of Legislative Calendar
3. RFQ for 2009 Lobbyist
4. New Business