

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 23, 2009
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:23 P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Ron Montanye, Retired from St. Sebastian Orthodox Catholic Church/Police Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Page Shanice Smith.
2. Roll Call:

Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey

Aldermen: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -13-
Absent: McNeely -1-
3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of February 17, 2009, seconded by Alderman Wasco.

Alderman Curran made a motion to amend the Journal of Proceedings to add to the Agenda for February 23, 2009;

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Appointment to the CCA Human Services Board, Ms. Crystal Walker, to a three (3) year term, which would expire January 2012. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this appointment is up for passage on February 23, 2009).
2. Appointment to the CAA Human Services Board, Ms. Lisa Brown, to a one (1) year term, which would expire January 2010. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this appointment is up for passage on March 2, 2009).

Motion seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely absent). The Journal of Proceedings as amended was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely absent).

PUBLIC HEARING

4. Mayor Morrissey called upon Alderman Curran to conduct a public hearing. Alderman Curran called the hearing to order at 6:26 pm and stated that pursuant to the Bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois, a public hearing must be conducted by the City Council concerning the City Council's intent to sell bonds. Notice of this hearing was given by publication in the Rockford Register Star on February 13, 2009. That notice informed citizens of Rockford the purpose of the hearing was to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds of the City in the amount of \$25,000,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of improving and extending the waterworks system of the City, including major improvements designed to reduce to safe levels certain harmful

substances in the water supply, and further including the generation of power for the waterworks system, including, in connection with said improvements and extensions, all land or rights in land, mechanical, electrical and other services necessary, useful or advisable to the improvement and extension program, and, incidental to such improvements and expansion, to pay bond discount, bond interest, bond reserve account funding, legal, financing, and administrative expense. Alderman Curran asked for questions or comments from the general public and Council members with regard to the City Council's proposal to sell the bonds. The public hearing was closed at 6:30 pm.

The Meeting returned to the regular Order of Business at 6:30 pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5. Bruce Roberts mentioned the deteriorated condition of West State Street and commented on crime statistics and budgeted overtime for the Police Department.

Alderman McNeely joined the meeting at 6:34 pm.

6. Rod Lashock urged Council members to continue supporting public safety and public services.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. Alderman Sosnowski submitted a request from Emily Hartzog, Rockford Public Library, requesting permission for a freestanding banner for the Grand Opening of the Library from February 24, 2009 – March 9, 2009 at 6685 East State Street. Alderman Sosnowski moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED.
8. Alderman Curran submitted a Memorandum from Patrick Zuroske, Capital Program Manager, regarding Memorandum of Understanding Storm Sewer Repairs at Sinnissippi Centennial Path Park. Referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee.
9. Alderman Wasco submitted the Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes from the meeting held on February 18, 2009. Referred to the Code and Regulation Committee.
10. Alderman Wasco submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Roberts, Planner II, regarding the Final Plat #2 of Logistics Park. Referred to the Code and Regulation Committee.
11. Alderman Wasco submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Roberts, Planner II, regarding the annexation of 2102 North Lyford Road. Referred to the Code and Regulation Committee.
12. Alderman Wasco submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Roberts, Planner II, regarding the Final Plat #2 of Ferb's Subdivision. Referred to the Code and Regulation Committee.
13. Alderman Wasco submitted a Memorandum from Mark Rose, Land Acquisition Officer, regarding the Kishwaukee Street Bridge Project, Sanitary Sewer Easement to Rock River Water Reclamation District. Referred to the Code and Regulation Committee.

14. Alderman Johnson submitted two (2) Requests for Service. Referred to the Police Department and Community Development/Code Enforcement.
15. Alderman Johnson submitted an e-mail from Leigh Sterrenberg concerning the proposed furlough for non-union City employees. Referred to Rockford Fire Department.
16. Alderman Johnson submitted an e-mail from Diane Wakeley requesting information regarding the "survey markings" on sidewalks and streets in the area of 2344 19th Avenue. Referred to the Public Works Department.
17. Alderman Johnson submitted an e-mail from Anthony Maggio concerning a citation he received for a property code violation. Referred to the Legal Department and Finance Department.
18. Alderman Bell submitted a letter from David Marzahi, Executive Director of the Center of Economic Progress, thanking the City for their support and offering the Center's commitment to provide services to low-income families. Referred to the Human Services Department.
19. Alderman Timm submitted a letter from a concerned citizen regarding suspicious activity and lighting problems in the park near Pearl Avenue. Referred to the Police Department and the Public Works Department.
20. Alderman Timm submitted a letter from John Mangan concerning street lighting problems at various locations throughout the City. Referred to the Public Works Department.
21. Alderman Conness submitted a Memorandum from Jonah Katz, Planner II, Community and Economic Development Department, regarding the Kishwaukee Corridor Revitalization Plan – Presentation of Final Version of Plan from Consulting Firm HNTB and update from City Staff. Referred to the Planning and Development Committee.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

22. Alderman Wasco read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the designation of the Peacock Brewery Historic District pursuant to the amended Ordinance. LAID OVER.
23. Alderman Wasco read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the amendment to Section 113-35, paragraph 3(a) of the Historic Landmark Designation Ordinance. LAID OVER.
24. Alderman Wasco read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the settlement of the claim of Whitaker Construction Company for the sum of \$41,886.28 with a release to be obtained. LAID OVER.

25. Alderman Wasco read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the claim of James Bogdonas in the amount of \$2,667.96 with a release to be obtained. LAID OVER.

2009-069CR

26. Alderman Wasco read a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Special Use Permit for an on-premises electronic graphic display sign that exceeds the allowable 36 square feet to 136.5 square feet and APPROVE the Special Use Permit to allow an additional free-standing sign and APPROVE a Variation to increase the allowable height of a free-standing sign from 8 feet to 66 ½ feet along Interstate 90 in a C-3, Commercial General Zoning District at 7801 East State Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all building and fire codes.
2. That the sign shall be for on-premises advertising and community service messages.
3. Submittal of permanent Sign Permit for Staff review and approval.
4. That the sidewalk required along State Street shall be installed prior to issuance of this sign permit.
5. The electronic graphic display fixed image duration shall be no less than ten seconds.
6. That the sign shall be available for community service messages and announcements as outlined in the letter from the Clock Tower dated February 14, 2009 at a duration of one ten second message per minute.

Alderman Wasco moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Holt. MOTION PREVAILED. The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED.

27. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the increase in the Fire Alarm Monitoring annual fee to \$500.00 per year, to be billed quarterly, and the fees not collected for fire alarm monitoring prior to December 31, 2008 be waived for continuing customers. This fee increase shall be effective January 1, 2009, and shall be incorporated into the annual fee ordinance. LAID OVER.

2009-070CR

28. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Backflow Prevention Tests be made to Area Mechanical, of Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$1,710.00. The funding source is Property Fund.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman McNeely. 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-

29. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of February 23, 2009 in the amount of \$4,036,004.00. 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

30. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the month of March, 2009 to be "NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL & DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH" in Rockford, Illinois and urged all citizens to seek information from those organizations with expertise in matters concerning development disabilities.
31. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of February 23, 2009 to be "NO IDLE ZONE WEEK" in Rockford, Illinois and encouraged all citizens to support this worthwhile energy consuming effort by turning off their vehicles and avoid unnecessary idling.
32. Mayor Morrissey mentioned the Mayor's Office has available for sale RAMM (Rockford Area Minority Management) tickets for the event on February 27, 2008 at 6:00 pm at Giovanni's Restaurant on Bell School Road.
33. Mayor Morrissey announced the YWCA Leadership Luncheon will be held on March 2, 2009 at 11:30 am at Giovanni's Restaurant on Bell School Road.
34. Mayor Morrissey called attention to the Memorandum from Cyndie Powers Hall, Director of Tourism, Culture and Special Events, announcing the Rockford Arts and Lifestyle Network has changed its name to the "Element" and he mentioned their event last week that drew nearly 100 people in attendance.
35. Mayor Morrissey announced FEMA Region V will hold a Press Conference on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 1:00 pm to present the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Award to the City of Rockford. A location will be forthcoming.
36. Mayor Morrissey announced Reform Illinois, an independent advisory group, will be holding a Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 6:00 pm in the Zeke Giorgi Building, Auditorium, 200 South Wyman Street with discussion about government ethics and practices and recommendations to remedy state government.
37. Mayor Morrissey submitted an appointment to the CAA Human Services Board, Ms. Kim Philbrook, to a three (3) year term, which would expire January 2012. LAID OVER.

- 38. Rockford Police Chief Epperson introduced Craig Youngberg, Rockford Police Department, to make a presentation regarding data collection, reporting requirements as it relates to each individual agency, and auditing of crime data.
- 39. Alderman Curran announced on Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 5:30 pm. there will be an additional Finance and Personnel Committee meeting in Council Chambers, City Hall 2nd floor to discuss the budget. He encouraged all the aldermen to attend the meeting.
- 40. Alderman Mark recognized Troop 37 from St. Peter's Church in the audience.
- 41. Alderman Thompson-Kelly made a reminder that tomorrow is election day and encouraged everyone to vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2009-071CR

- 42. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the claim of Cecilia Hernandez in the amount of \$2,700.08 with a release to be obtained. 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-

2009-072CR

- 43. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the amendments to Chapter 16 of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances restricting and prohibiting the possession and use of traffic signal preemption devices. 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-

2009-073CR

- 44. Alderman Wasco 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 an auto salvage or junkyard in an I-2, General Industrial Zoning District at 371 Blackhawk Park Avenue. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Meeting all Building and Fire Codes.
- 2. Submittal of Building Permits for Staff review and approval.
- 3. Submittal of Engineered drawings for Staff's review and approval.
- 4. Submittal of detailed landscape plan to include the type of species to be planted for

- Staff's review and approval.
5. The site is limited to the storage of vehicles and shall not allow the dismantling of vehicles on this site.
 6. The fencing along Blackhawk Park Avenue (north side), Seminary Street (west side) and the first one hundred (100) feet of the south boundary should be eight (8) feet high solid wood staggering every one hundred (100) to one hundred twenty-five (125) feet as proposed by the applicant.
 7. The surface has to be covered in Recycled Asphalt Product (RAP) and stone as per the final approved plan by Staff.
 8. All conditions must be met prior to establishment of use.
 9. That the property shall conform to State and Federal EPA Regulations.

Alderman Bell made a motion to delete the word "junkyard" and replace it with the words "recycling facility", seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly voted no). The committee report as amended was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Beck, McNeely,
Conness -9-
Nays: Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt -5-
Absent: -0-

2009-019-O

45. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule Section 291, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford by adding the following:

That traffic on 19th Avenue be required to Stop prior to entering the intersection of 22nd Street, 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-

2009-020-O

46. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule Section 292, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford by adding the following:

That all traffic be required to Stop prior to entering the intersection of Elm Street and Main Street.

That all traffic on be required to Stop prior to entering the intersection of Main Street and Mulberry Street.

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-

2009-021-O

47. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule 289, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford by adding the following:

Restricting parking to "Passenger Loading Zone" on the west side of Main Street from 145 feet to 225 feet north of West State Street.

Restricting parking to "Passenger Loading Zone" on the west side of Main Street from 35 feet to 100 feet north of Elm Street.

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-

2009-022-O

48. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule 284, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford by adding the following:

"One Hour Parking" on the east side of Main Street from 35 feet to 250 feet north of Elm Street.

"One Hour Parking" on the west side of Main Street from 140 feet to 315 feet north of West State Street.

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-

Aldermen Bell and Wasco exited the meeting 7:51 pm.

2009-074CR

49. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the request from Rockford Mass Transit District for written guarantee securing a revolving line of credit at an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 with AMCORE BANK, N.A., of Rockford, Illinois, this guarantee shall be reviewed annually, and the Legal Department be instructed to prepare the appropriate ordinance.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

50. Alderman Curran moved for the adoption of an appointment to the CCA Human Services Board, Ms. Crystal Walker, to a three (3) year term, which would expire January 2012.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

Alderman Wasco re-joined the meeting at 7:54 pm.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

51. Alderman Sosnowski suggested a Resolution that the City Council of the City of Rockford opposes any increase in the State Income Tax. The pressure of our citizens in this economic downturn requires the State to reduce costs and explore alternative revenues prior to resorting to an increase in income taxes. HELD OUT.

2009-016R

52. 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: Aluminum Boat for Fire Department, funding source: Grant Money

Bid: Fire Department Laundry Services, funding source: Fire Department Operating Budget.

MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Bell absent).

2009-017R

53. Alderman Beach, on behalf of the Legislative Lobbying Committee, moved for the adoption of a Resolution regarding the support of the Charter School Initiative, and specifically the Galapagos Charter School proposal that will be voted on by the Rockford Public School District 205 Board. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Bell absent; Ald. McNeely voted no).

2009-018R

54. Alderman Beach, on behalf of the Legislative Lobbying Committee, moved for the adoption of a Resolution regarding the opposition to the increase in the State Gas &

Cigarette Tax. Such a tax would have a disproportionately negative impact on Rockford area businesses near the border of neighboring states with lower taxes on these items. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Bell absent; Ald. McNeely voted no).

OFFICERS REPORTS

55. Alderman McNeely offered her condolences to the Box family and to Rev. Derrick Shelby for their recent loss.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2009—019R

- 55a. Alderman Conness, on behalf of the Planning and Development Committee, moved for the adoption of a Resolution calling a Public Hearing and convening a Joint Review Board in connection with approval of a Redevelopment Plan and Project for and the designation of the East River Redevelopment Project Area. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Bell absent; Ald. McNeely voted no).

NEW BUSINESS

56. Alderman Curran introduced and read an Ordinance confirming sale of an aggregate principal amount of \$2,600,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009, of the City of Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois, consisting of \$1,650,000 General Obligation Redevelopment Bonds (Sales Taxes Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2009A; and \$950,000 Taxable General Obligation Redevelopment Bonds (Sales Taxes Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2009B. LAID OVER.
57. Alderman Curran introduced and read an Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issue of \$2,600,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009 (Sales Taxes Alternate Revenue Source), of the City of Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois, consisting of \$1,650,000 General Obligation Redevelopment Bonds (Sales Taxes Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2009A; and \$950,000 Taxable General Obligation Redevelopment Bonds (Sales Taxes Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2009B; for the purpose of defraying the costs of certain improvements within the City, prescribing the details of said bonds and providing for the imposition of taxes to pay the same, and for the collection, segregation and application of certain sales tax receipts to pay said bonds. LAID OVER.

2009-023-O

58. Alderman Wasco introduced and read an Ordinance amending Article 64, and Article 63 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Special Use Permit for an on-premises electronic graphic display sign that exceeds the allowable 36 square feet to 136.5 square feet, a Special Use Permit to allow an additional free-standing sign and APPROVE a Variation to increase the allowable height of a free-standing sign from 8 feet to 66 ½ feet along Interstate 90 in a C-3, Commercial General Zoning District at 7801 East State Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
1. Meeting all building and fire codes.
 2. That the sign shall be for on-premises advertising and community service messages.

3. Submittal of permanent Sign Permit for Staff review and approval.
4. That the sidewalk required along State Street shall be installed prior to issuance of this sign permit.
5. The electronic graphic display fixed image duration shall be no less than ten seconds.
6. That the sign shall be available for community service messages and announcements as outlined in the letter from the Clock Tower dated February 14, 2009 at a duration of one ten second message per minute.

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

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

59. Alderman Conness introduced and read an Ordinance recommending approval of the attached Second Amended Development Agreement with Hudson North Development, LLC. for redevelopment of certain properties in the North Main/Eddy Avenue TIF be approved in order to have that property revert to the Rockford Local Development Corporation in the event that the project is not completed by October 15, 2009. LAID OVER.
60. Alderman Conness introduced and read an Ordinance recommending approval of the attached Grant Agreement between the City of Rockford and Rockford Local Development Corporation. LAID OVER.
61. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 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
March 2, 2009
6:00 P.M.
AGENDA

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER FEBRUARY 23, 2009

1. Wasco - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the designation of the Peacock Brewery Historic District pursuant to the amended Ordinance.
2. Wasco - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the amendment to Section 113-35, paragraph 3(a) of the Historic Landmark Designation Ordinance.
3. Wasco - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the settlement of the claim of Whitaker Construction Company for the sum of \$41,886.28 with a release to be obtained.
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II. ORDINANCES LAID OVER FEBRUARY 23, 2009

1. Conness - Ordinance - Recommending approval of the attached Second Amended Development Agreement with Hudson North Development, LLC. for redevelopment of certain properties in the North Main/Eddy Avenue TIF be approved in order to have that property revert to the Rockford Local Development Corporation in the event that the project is not completed by October 15, 2009.
2. Conness - Ordinance - Recommending approval of the attached Grant Agreement between the City of Rockford and Rockford Local Development Corporation.
3. Curran - Ordinance - Confirming sale of an aggregate principal amount of \$2,600,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009, of the City of Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois, consisting of \$1,650,000 General Obligation Redevelopment Bonds (Sales Taxes Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2009A; and \$950,000 Taxable General Obligation Redevelopment Bonds (Sales Taxes Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2009B.
4. Curran - Ordinance - Authorizing and providing for the issue of \$2,600,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009 (Sales Taxes Alternate Revenue Source), of the City of Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois, consisting of \$1,650,000 General Obligation Redevelopment Bonds (Sales Taxes Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2009A; and \$950,000 Taxable General Obligation Redevelopment Bonds (Sales Taxes Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2009B; for the purpose of defraying the costs of certain improvements within the City, prescribing the details of said bonds and providing for the imposition of taxes to pay the same, and for the collection, segregation and application of certain sales tax receipts to pay said bonds.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

A. LAID OVER FEBRUARY 23, 2009

1. Mayor Morrissey – Appointment - CAA Human Services Board - Ms. Kim Philbrook, to a three (3) year term, which would expire January 2012. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this appointment is up for passage on March 30, 2009).

B. HELD OUT FEBRUARY 23, 2009

- 1.* Mayor Morrissey - Appointment - CAA Human Services Board - Ms. Lisa Brown, to a one (1) year term, which would expire January 2010. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this appointment is up for passage on March 2, 2009).

IV. RESOLUTIONS HELD OUT FEBRUARY 23, 2009

1. Sosnowski - Resolution - That the City Council of the City of Rockford opposes any increase in the State Income Tax. The pressure of our citizens in this economic downturn requires the State to reduce costs and explore alternative revenues prior to resorting to an increase in income taxes.

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. Wasco – Ordinance - Recommending the approval of the amendments to Chapter 16 of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances restricting and prohibiting the possession and use of traffic signal preemption devices.
2. Wasco – Ordinance - Special Use Permit for an auto salvage or junkyard in an I-2, General Industrial Zoning District at 371 Blackhawk Park Avenue.
2. Curran – Ordinance - Recommending approval of the request from Rockford Mass Transit District for written guarantee securing a revolving line of credit at an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 with AMCORE BANK, N.A., of Rockford, Illinois, this guarantee shall be reviewed annually.

* 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, March 2, 2009, 5:00 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. C & R 09-16 February Traffic Commission Minutes
2. C & R 09-17 Final Plat #2 of Ferb's Subdivision
3. C & R 09-18 Final Plat of Logistics Park #2
4. C & R 09-19 Kishwaukee St. Bridge Project
5. C & R 09-21 ZBA#063-08 Special Use Permit for a banquet facility/nightclub in a C-4, Urban Mixed-Use Zoning District at 301 South Main Street
6. C & R 09-22 ZBA#001-09 Special Use Permit for a fast food restaurant with a

drive-through in an I-1, Light Industrial Zoning District at 3416 South Alpine Road

7. C & R 09-23 ZBA#002-09 (a) Ann Agreement for 2102 N. Lyford Rd.
(b) Zoning Map Amend for 2102 N. Lyford Rd.
8. C & R 09-27 Annexation of 2102 North Lyford Road
9. C & R 09-24 ZBA#003-09 Special Use Permit for an auto transmission shop in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District at 1200 Auburn Street & 1439 North Main Street
10. C & R 09-25 ZBA#004-09 Modification of Special Use Permit #202-76 for an expansion of used car sales
Variation to reduce the perimeter landscape strip from ten (10) feet to seven (7) feet in a C-3, Commercial General District at 3326, 3328, 3336 Kishwaukee Street
11. C & R 09-26 ZBA#005-09 Zoning Text Amendment to amend sections
12. C & R 09-20 Closed Session For Purposes of Pending Litigation

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Monday, March 2, 2009, 5:15 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. Bond Sale Results - Report from Financial Advisor
2. 2009 Budget
3. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Vouchers
 - B. Award of Bid: Demolition of 307-309 College Avenue
 - C. Award of Contract: Homeless Management Information System (Laid over 2/23)
 - D. Award of Contract: Police Ammunition – Suspend rules
 - E. Engineering Agreement: Water Operations Center Building Remodeling – Suspend rules
 - F. Engineering Agreement: Water System Rehabilitation Project – Task Order 23 – Suspend rules

- G. Engineering Agreement: Water System Rehabilitation Project – Soil Characterization – Suspend rules
 - H. Engineering Agreement Amendment: 20th St. Water Main – Suspend rules
 - I. City State Agreement: Independence Avenue Bridge
 - J. City/State Agreement: Harrison Avenue Irrigation
 - K. City/State Agreement: Searles Avenue Bridge
 - L. Resolution for Improvement Under the IL Highway Code – Independence Avenue Bridge
 - M. Resolution for Improvement Under the IL Highway Code - City/State Harrison Avenue Irrigation
 - N. Resolution for Improvement Under the IL Highway Code - Searles Avenue Bridge
 - O. Resolution to take Bids/Proposals
 - P. Emergency Purchase Order: Water Valve at State & Wyman
4. Memorandum of Understanding: Storm Sewer Repairs at Sinnissippi-Centennial Path Park

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Monday, March 2, 2009, 4:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA**

Presentation at 4:30 pm, Council Chambers City Hall 2nd floor; Re: Kishwaukee Corridor Revitalization Plan – Presentation of Final Version of Plan from Consulting Firm HNTB and update from City Staff.

1. Memorandum from Jonah Katz, Planner II, Community and Economic Development Department, regarding the Kishwaukee Corridor Revitalization Plan – Presentation of Final Version of Plan from Consulting Firm HNTB and update from City Staff.
2. Memorandum from Richard M. May, Commercial Development Coordinator, regarding a Redevelopment Agreement approving TIF Funding for the construction of the Rockford Renaissance Development LLC, a mixed-use development, at West State Street and Springfield Avenue.

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

**Monday, March 2, 2009, 4:30 p.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA**

1. Update on Animal Control Issues
2. 2009 Lobbying Day in Springfield
3. Legislative Initiatives for 2009 Update
4. Intergovernmental Agreement on Code Enforcement
5. 2009 Lobbyist
6. New Business