

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 2, 2009
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:35 P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Randy Young, Renewell Ministries/Police Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Girl Scout Troop 169.
2. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of March 2, 2009 to be "GIRL SCOUT WEEK" in Rockford, Illinois and called upon all citizens to support the mission of the programs of Girl Scouting.
3. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the month of March, 2009 to be "GUILFORD HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BOWLING MONTH" in Rockford, Illinois and he congratulated the Guilford High School Girls Bowling Team on a tremendous 2008-2009 Season.
4. Chief Epperson presented Officer David Nicosia with the Distinguished Service Medal Award for his quick thinking and timely actions at the scene of an armed robbery in progress, bringing order to this incident that could have been tragic.
5. Roll Call:

Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey

Aldermen: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-
Absent: -0-
6. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of February 23, 2009, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. Alderman Curran introduced Ms. Barbara Chevalier, Speer Financial, to address the City Council regarding the \$2,600,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009 Bond Sale.

Ms. Chevalier reported that bids were received covering \$1,650,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009A. She recommended accepting the one bid that was received from Bernardi Securities, Inc. at par less a discount of \$13,171.75 plus accrued interest being at a net interest rate of 4.876345%.

Ms. Chevalier also reported that bids were received covering \$950,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009B. There were three bids received. She recommended accepting the bid of Bernardi Securities, Inc. at par less a discount of \$9,464.50 plus accrued interest being at a net interest rate of 5.5843%.

2009-024-O

8. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of 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.

Alderman Curran moved to amend the Ordinance as follows:

"The bid tabulation for the bonds shall be inserted as Exhibit A and, the Successful Official Bond Bid Forms showing: Bernardi Securities, Inc., as purchaser of the Bonds, Series 2009A; and Bernardi Securities, Inc., as purchaser of the Bonds, Series 2009B, shall be inserted as Exhibit B."

Said motion to amend was seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Beach voted no). The Ordinance, as amended, was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2009-025-O

9. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of 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.

Alderman Curran moved to amend the Ordinance as follows:

"to add the appropriate interest rates, the amount of the tax levy and other necessary and relevant information to the successful bid per the ordinance submitted by Bond Counsel."

Said motion to amend was seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED. The Ordinance, as amended, 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-

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

10. Rod Lashock addressed Council members concerning the budget and essential public services.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

11. Alderman Beach submitted a letter from Deanna Humphrey regarding a parking ticket she received for violating the "snow emergency parking". Referred to the Legal Department, Mayor Morrissey's Office, Finance Department and the Public Works Department.
12. Alderman Wasco submitted a Memorandum from Ronald Schultz, City Attorney, regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement for Exchange of Property with Rock River Water Reclamation District. Referred to the Code and Regulation Committee.
13. Alderman Wasco submitted a Memorandum from Ronald Schultz, City Attorney, regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois EPA. Referred to the Code and Regulation Committee.
14. Alderman Curran submitted a Memorandum from Tim Holdeman, Superintendent, Water Division regarding an Emergency P.O. to Stenstrom Construction for the installation of a 12 inch water valve and valve box at State & Wyman. The estimated cost of the work is \$13,500. Placed on File.
- 14a. Alderman Johnson submitted two (2) Requests for Service. Referred to the Community Development Department/Code Enforcement.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

2009-075CR

15. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the Demolition of 307-309 College Avenue be made to the low bidder, Northern Illinois Service Co., of Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$25,685.00. The funding source is Motor Fuel Tax.

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

2009-076CR

16. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending awarding a sole source contract for Practice Ammunition to Kiesler Police Supply, Inc. for a period of one year at an estimated annual cost of \$40,000.00. Funding source: Police Department Operating Budget.

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

2009-077CR

17. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of an engineering agreement with McMahon Assoc., Inc. for design, bidding, and construction services associated with remodeling a portion of the north-end of the Water Division's main office at 1111 Cedar St. to accommodate a certified Water Quality Laboratory in an amount not to exceed \$28,800. Funding for the project will come from Water Division Operating Funds.

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

2009-078CR

18. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of Task Order #23 with McMahon Associates, Inc. for the design, programming, and configuration of Control Systems for water valves in an amount not to exceed \$38,400. The task order will be completed under a Master Agreement with McMahon Associates, Inc. Funding for the project will come from Water Bonds.

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

2009-079CR

19. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the Engineering Agreement Amendment: 20th St. Water Main be made to Willett Hofmann & Assoc., Inc. for an additional \$17,300.87 for a total not to exceed cost of \$50,536.75 for additional design engineering. The funding source for this project is the \$25 million G.O. Limited Tax Debt Certificates, Series 2008.

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

2009-080CR

20. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the Memorandum of Understanding: Storm Sewer Repairs at Sinnissippi-Centennial Path Park. The cost for this project is estimated at a not to exceed cost of \$40,000. The funding for this project will come from the CIP Drainage Fund and Street Maintenance Division Bridge, Ditch, and Dam Maintenance Fund.

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

2009-081CR

21. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of March 2, 2009 in the amount of \$2,246,023.24. 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-

2009-082CR

22. Alderman Wasco read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Final Plat #2 of Logistics Park Subdivision.

Alderman Wasco moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Mark. 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-

2009-083CR

23. Alderman Wasco read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the settlement of the matter of Beets v. City of Rockford in the amount of \$85,000.00 with a release to be obtained.

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

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

24. Mayor Morrissey announced the Rockford Chamber of Commerce Manufacturers Dinner and Expo will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at Cliffbreaker's Restaurant. He encouraged all to attend this event.
25. Mayor Morrissey reported the mobile Lincoln Museum exhibit is currently in Rockford the remainder of the week, located west of Memorial Hall between Mulberry and Jefferson St. The exhibit will be open 12:00 (noon) to 8:00 pm Monday through Friday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday and 12:00 (noon) to 6:00 pm on Sunday. He encouraged all citizens to tour the exhibit.
26. Mayor Morrissey commented he attended the YWCA Women of Achievement Annual Awards Luncheon today featuring keynote speaker Philanthropist Malak Compton Rock. He congratulated all the recipients of the awards and mentioned that he presented a Proclamation proclaiming the month of March to be "Women's History Month".
27. Mayor Morrissey mentioned President Obama's speech to Congress last week concerning the state of American education and the drop-out crisis in this Country and thanked City Council members for their support for improvements in education.
28. Mayor Morrissey announced he will be delivering his 4th Annual State of the City Address on Thursday, March 5, 2009 at 6:00 pm at the Coronado Center for Performing Arts, 314 North Main Street.

29. Alderman Mark advised a DVD and handout have been provided to Council members in regards to "Saving the Kishwaukee River".
30. Alderman Jacobson reported with sadness the death of Joseph Gustitus, who served as 10th Ward Alderman until 1984. He also reflected on his many other accomplishments and expressed condolences to his family.
31. Alderman Jacobson also expressed his sympathy at the death of Jim Adams and offered condolences to his family.
32. Alderman Thompson-Kelly thanked County Board members and citizens for their e-mails concerning the article in the newspaper regarding West State Street and voiced her frustration with the Administration for continuing the years of neglect of the west side.
33. Alderman Curran announced the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting will begin at 4:00 pm next Monday, March 9, 2009 in Council Chambers to discuss the budget.
34. Alderman Wasco explained that his conduct at the conclusion of the closed session on February 25, 2009 was provoked by his frustration over the volume of data being presented to Aldermen and the rapidly deteriorating economic conditions within that material.
35. Alderman Bell thanked Mayor Morrissey for his continued support of proposed and current development projects during these difficult economic times and urged City staff to explore new sources to fund these projects. He pledged his support to move these projects forward.
36. Alderman McNeely reiterated Aldermen Thompson-Kelly and Bell's concerns with regard to development on West State Street and requested to be included in discussions with regard to that issue.
37. Alderman McNeely reported she had the opportunity to be a speaker at Bourbon Street last week in honor of "Black History Month". She thanked them for inviting her to participate in the program.
38. Alderman McNeely reported President Obama signed a Bill for "Fair Pay" for women in January, 2009.
39. Alderman McNeely announced her support for Senator Roland Burris and encouraged all to send letters and e-mails pledging their support.
40. Alderman Sosnowski announced the Rockford Public Library opened their new East Side Branch on East State Street last week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2009-084CR

41. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the designation of the Peacock Brewery Historic District pursuant to the amended Ordinance. 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-

2009-085CR

42. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of 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. 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-

2009-086CR

43. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of 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. 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-

2009-087CR

44. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of 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. 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-

45. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of 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.

Alderman Holt made a motion to amend the committee report by deleting the words "for continuing customers", seconded by Alderman Beach.

After discussion, Alderman McNeely made a motion to add the words "non-continuing customers must pay delinquent fees".

Alderman Holt rejected Alderman McNeely's friendly amendment.

Alderman Sosnowski made a motion to lay the committee report over, seconded by Alderman Timm.

Alderman McNeely withdrew her motion.

Alderman Holt's amendment to the committee report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Sosnowski, McNeely voted no).

Alderman Sosnowski made a motion to lay the committee report over, seconded by Alderman Timm. LAID OVER.

46. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of an appointment to the CAA Human Services Board, Ms. Lisa Brown, to a one (1) year term, which would expire January 2010. MOTION PREVAILED.

2009-026-O

47. Alderman Conness moved the adoption of 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. 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-

2009-027-O

48. Alderman Conness moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending approval of the attached Grant Agreement between the City of Rockford and Rockford Local Development Corporation. 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-

Alderman Johnson exited the meeting at 8:18 pm

49. Alderman Sosnowski moved for the adoption of 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.

Alderman Holt made a motion to lay the Resolution over, seconded by Alderman McNeely. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Johnson absent). LAID OVER.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2009-020R

50. Alderman Curran, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution that the City approve an Agreement between the City of Rockford and the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation for the repair and rehabilitation of the Independence Ave. Bridge in the City of Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois. The funding for the City's share will come from Motor Fuel 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-

2009-021R

51. Alderman Curran, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution that the City approve an Agreement between the City of Rockford and the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation for irrigation along Harrison Ave. (Alpine Rd. to Mulford Rd.) in City of Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois. The funding for the City's share will come from Motor Fuel 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-

2009-022R

52. Alderman Curran, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution that the City approve an Agreement between the City of Rockford and the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation for the repair and rehabilitation of the Searles Ave. Bridge in the City of Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois. The funding for the City's share will come from Motor Fuel 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-

2009-023R

53. Alderman Curran, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for Improvement under the Illinois Highway Code authorizing the use of Motor Fuel Tax funds for Independence Ave. Bridge in the amount of \$104,000.00. 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-

2009-024R

54. Alderman Curran, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for Improvement under the Illinois Highway Code authorizing the use of Motor Fuel Tax funds for Harrison Ave. irrigation in the amount of \$80,000.00. 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-

2009-025R

55. Alderman Curran, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for Improvement under Illinois Highway Code authorizing the use of Motor Fuel Tax funds for Searles Ave. Bridge in the amount of \$60,000.00. 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-

2009-026R

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

RFP: Harrison Avenue Relocation, funding source: 2009 Sales Tax
Bid: Water Treatment Improvements, Group 3, funding source: Water Bonds
Bid: Electrical Services, funding source: Property Operating Fund
Bid: HVAC Services, funding source: Property Operating Fund
Bid: Carpentry Services, funding source: Property Operating Fund
Bid: Roofing Services, funding source: Property Operating Fund
Bid: Plumbing Services, funding source: Property Operating Fund
Bid: Downtown Streetscape, funding source: 2009 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-
(13-1; Downtown Streetscape)
Nays: McNeely (Downtown Streetscape) -1-
Absent: -0-

NEW BUSINESS

57. Alderman Wasco introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16 of the city of Rockford Code of Ordinances restricting and prohibiting the possession and use of traffic signal preemption devices. LAID OVER.
58. Alderman Wasco introduced and read an Ordinance amending Article 63 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Special Use Permit for an auto salvage or recycling center 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 8' high solid wood staggered every 100 to 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.

LAID OVER.

59. Alderman Curran introduced and read an ordinance approving the Intergovernmental Agreement for a written guaranty securing a revolving line of credit for the Rockford Mass Transit District, by and between the City of Rockford, a municipal corporation, and the Rockford Mass Transit District. LAID OVER.

60. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 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, 2ND floor City Hall
425 E. State Street, Rockford
March 9, 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)

I. NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS TO BE READ IN MARCH 9, 2009

A. CODE AND REGULATIONS

1. Wasco – Final Plat #2 of Ferb's Subdivision.
2. Wasco – ZBA – Approval of a Special Use Permit at 301 South Main Street.
3. Wasco – ZBA – Approval of a Modification of a Special Use Permit and Variation at 3326, 3328, 3336 Kishwaukee Street.
4. Wasco – ZBA- Approval of a Special Use Permit at 1200 Auburn Street and 1439 North Main Street.
5. Wasco – Amendment to the Zoning Text Amendment; Use Table 20-1; use Table 22-02-G; 51-008-B-9; 80-009-C; 92-009 and 92-010 of the City of Rockford Ordinance.
6. Wasco – Approval of sanitary sewer easement to Rock River Water Reclamation District for the Kishwaukee Street Bridge Project.
7. Wasco – ZBA – Approval of a Special Use Permit at 3416 South Alpine Road.
8. Wasco – Approval of the Annexation Agreement for 2102 North Lyford Road.
9. Wasco – Approval of the Annexation of 2102 North Lyford Road.
10. Wasco – ZBA – Approval of the Zoning Map Amendment for 2102 North Lyford Road.

11. Wasco – Traffic – Main Street to Stop prior to entering West State Street.
 12. Wasco – Traffic – No Parking Anytime on south side of Franklin Place from North Main Street to the Rock River.
 13. Wasco – Traffic – No Parking Anytime on the west side of Bancroft Court from Strathmoor Drive to the end.
 14. Wasco – Traffic – No Parking Anytime on both sides of Gramercy Court from Gramercy Drive to the end.
 15. Wasco – Traffic – No Parking Anytime on the west side of Gramercy Drive from Strathmoor Drive to the end.
- Officers Reports
 - Unfinished Business of previous meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER MARCH 2, 2009

1. Curran - Finance and Personnel - 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. This fee increase shall be effective January 1, 2009, and shall be incorporated into the annual fee ordinance.

III. ORDINANCES LAID OVER MARCH 2, 2009

1. Wasco - Ordinance - Amending 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 - Amending Article 63 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Special Use Permit for an auto salvage or recycling center in an I-2, General Industrial Zoning District at 371 Blackhawk Park Avenue. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
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 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.
3. Curran - Ordinance - Approving the Intergovernmental Agreement for a written guaranty securing a revolving line of credit for the Rockford Mass Transit District, by and between the City of Rockford, a municipal corporation, and the Rockford Mass Transit District.

III. MISCELLANEOUS HELD OUT 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).

IV. RESOLUTIONS LAID OVER 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.

IV. 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 designation of the Peacock Brewery Historic District pursuant to the amended Ordinance.
- 2. Wasco – Ordinance - Recommending the approval of the amendment to Section 113-35, paragraph 3(a) of the Historic Landmark Designation Ordinance.

* 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 9, 2009, 5:00 p.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA**

1. C & R 09-10 Adjusting Time Parking Violation Fines
2. C & R 09-28 Exchange of Property w/Rock River Water Reclamation District
3. C & R 09-29 Intergovernmental Agreement w/Illinois EPA
4. C & R 09-30 Closed Session for Purposes of Pending Litigation

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

**Monday, March 9, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA**

1. 2009 Budget
2. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of Bid: Wood Grinding – Suspend rules
 - B. Award of Bid: Aluminum Boat for Fire Department – Suspend rules
 - C. Award of Contract: Homeless Management Information System (Laid over 2/23)
 - D. Resolution to take Bids/Proposals
 - E. Vouchers

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Monday, March 9, 2009, 5:15 p.m.
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA**

1. Memorandum from Richard M. May, Commercial Development Coordinator, regarding a Resolution calling a Public Hearing and Convening a Joint Review Board Meeting for the Designation of the Broadway Redevelopment Project Area (TIF District).
2. Memorandum from Jonah Katz, Planner II, Community and Economic Development Department, regarding the Kishwaukee Corridor Revitalization Plan.
3. 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 9, 2009, 5:00 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. 2009 Lobbyist