

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR
CASINO PRESENTATIONS**

Date and Time:

September 23, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. CDT.

Place:

Coronado Performing Arts Center
314 North Main Street
Rockford, Illinois

Purpose:

The City of Rockford, Illinois shall hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 7(e-5) of the Illinois Gaming Act, 230 ILCS 10/7(e-5), to discuss the items described below as they pertain to the Applicants who responded to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Proposed Casino Development for the City of Rockford (the “**Applicants**”), to permit the Applicants to present their casino proposals, and to afford the public an opportunity to present written and/or oral comments and questions relevant to these items, as well as any other details concerning the Applicant’s proposed casino.

The items to be certified by the City are:

- (1) that the Applicant has negotiated with the City in good faith;
- (2) that the Applicant and the City have mutually agreed on the permanent location of the casino;
- (3) that the Applicant and the City have mutually agreed on the temporary location of the casino;
- (4) that the Applicant and the City have mutually agreed on the percentage of revenues that will be shared with the City;
- (5) that the Applicant and the City have mutually agreed on any zoning, licensing, public health, or other issues that are within the jurisdiction of the municipality or county; and
- (6) that the City Council has passed a resolution or ordinance in support of the casino.

**Proposed
Casino
Locations:**

Applications have been submitted for the following locations:

7801 E. State St., Rockford, IL PIN# 12-23-476-005

650 Race St. Rockford, IL PIN# 11-27-230-019

8055 Springbrook Rd., Rockford, IL PIN# 12-11-226-001; 12-12-101-003

Protocol:

1. The hearing will be open to the public on a first come basis. Auditorium doors will open at 5:00 p.m. The auditorium seats approximately 2,400 persons. There will be no reserved seating.

2. The session will commence promptly at 5:30 p.m. CDT with brief opening remarks by Mayor McNamara. The City's consultants will serve as presiding officer at the public hearing.
3. Each Applicant will make a formal presentation of its respective casino proposal. The order of the presentations will be decided by a "blind" drawing conducted by the Mayor. Each Applicant will be allotted up to **45** minutes to make its presentation. After each presentation, there will be an intermission of approximately **10** minutes to allow the next Applicant to set up.
4. Immediately following conclusion of all presentations, representatives of the Applicants as well as the City and its consultants will respond to questions from the public.
5. Audience members who wish to comment or ask questions at the public hearing will be required to state their name. Questions may be addressed to any Applicant, the City or the City's consultants. Due to the anticipated number of participants, each person is encouraged to speak for a maximum of **3** minutes.
6. Written comments may be submitted at any time before or at the public hearing and will be placed in the hearing record.

Written comments shall be submitted to:
Nicholas O. Meyer, Legal Director
City of Rockford
425 E. State St.
Rockford, IL 61104
Nicholas.Meyer@rockfordil.gov

7. The City expects all attendees to show a high degree of respect to the Applicants, the City and its consultants, and those persons who choose to ask questions. Banners, placards or signs of any kind will not be permitted in the auditorium otherwise the rules of decorum of the Rockford City Council (including Rule 23) shall apply.
8. It is anticipated that the session will end by 10:30p.m., but may be extended at the City's discretion.
9. **A recording of the session will be posted to the City's webpage at: www.rockfordil.gov/casino.**