



City Council

~ Agenda ~

Regular Meeting

Monday, December 6, 2021

5:35 PM

City Hall, Second Floor
Rockford, IL 61104
<http://www.rockfordil.gov/>

The following represents, in general, the chronological order of proceedings at the City Council/Committee Meetings: Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Public Speaking and City Council/Committee Agendas.

Meeting will be live streamed on Channel 17 and via this link:

<http://rockfordcityil.iqm2.com/citizens/default.aspx>.

The Mayor has determined that an all in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, aldermen may appear electronically or by phone. Public speaking will continue to take place in-person in City Council Chambers.

Items appearing on the City Council Standing Committee Agendas for today's date may receive a vote at committee and come before the City Council meeting tonight held after the committee meeting. Final vote may be taken on said items at the City Council meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

C. Acceptance of the Journal

- 1. Journal of proceedings for the City Council meeting held on October 4, 2021.**
- 2. Journal of proceedings for the City Council meeting held on October 18, 2021.**
- 3. Journal of proceedings for the Strategic Planning Session held on October 28, 2021.**

II. PROCLAMATIONS

III. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**A. Planning and Development Committee**

1. Memorandum from Todd Cagnoni, City Administrator, regarding the proposed funding (long-term loan) for the capitalization of Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) in partnership with Northern Illinois Community Development Corporation (NICDC) and Rockford Local Development Corporation (RLDC) and local Financial Institutions. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
2. Memorandum from Karl Franzen, Community and Economic Development Director, regarding a proposed Redevelopment Agreement with Harrison Kishwaukee LLC for 707 Harrison Avenue. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
3. Memorandum from Karl Franzen, Community and Economic Development Director, regarding the 2022 Funding Agreement with the Rockford Area Economic Development Council (RAEDC). Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
4. Memorandum from Todd Cagnoni, City Administrator, regarding a Development Agreement with Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity for a Critical Residential Repair Program. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.

B. Code and Regulation Committee

1. Memorandum from Megan McNeill, Assistant City Attorney, regarding the Annexation of 49xx Marion Avenue. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
2. Memorandum from Megan McNeill, Assistant City Attorney, regarding the 3rd Quarter Report from July - September 2021 on Liquor License Establishments with Video Gaming, subject to the 50% requirement. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
3. Memorandum from Scott Capovilla, Planning and Zoning Manager, regarding the Tentative Plat of Quick Trip Store No. 7206 Subdivision. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
4. Memorandum from Scott Capovilla, Planning and Zoning Manager, regarding the Final Plat No. 2 of Twenty-Four/Seven Subdivision. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
5. Memorandum from Nicholas Meyer, Legal Director, regarding an ordinance establishing a Civilian Oversight Board. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.

C. Finance and Personnel Committee

1. Memorandum from Jennifer Cacciapaglia, Executive Director, Mayor's Office of Domestic and Community Violence Prevention, regarding an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Rockford Park District and the City of Rockford for a Collaborative Summer Youth Program. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.

IV. PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. Matthew Cacci
2. Rev. Earl Dotson, Sr.
3. Kenneth Dickens
4. John Tac Brantley

V. NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning and Development Committee

1. Committee recommends approval of the revised Rockford Historic Preservation Plan. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

B. Code and Regulation Committee

1. Committee recommends sustaining the Traffic Commission's approval for the request to establish "2-Hour Parking" on the south side of East Jefferson Street from 40' east of Hall Street to 125' east of Hall Street. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
2. Committee recommends sustaining the Traffic Commission's approval to establish handicap parking on the south side of Elm Street from 45' west of South Court Street to 85' west of South Court Street. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
3. Committee recommends sustaining the Traffic Commission's approval for a restriction that traffic on Anderson Street be required to yield prior to entering the intersection with Foster Avenue. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
4. Committee recommends sustaining the Traffic Commission's approval for a restriction that traffic on Andrews Street be required to yield prior to entering the intersection with Bayliss Avenue. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

5. Committee recommends sustaining the Traffic Commission's recommendation of "No Action" be taken on the following items:
 1. A request to establish an all-way stop at the intersection of 19th Street and Willis Avenue, thus repealing the existing traffic control of Willis Avenue yielding for 19th Street; and
 2. A request to establish "No Parking Any Time" on the west side of North Prospect Street from Crosby Street to Prospect Court, thus repealing the existing restriction of "No Parking Any Time" on the west side of North Prospect Street from Crosby Street to 50' south of Crosby Street.
6. Committee recommends sustaining the Traffic Commission's approval of the proposed amendment to the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances Section 16-149, Trucks Parking in Certain Designated Areas. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
7. Committee recommends sustaining the Zoning Board of Appeals' approval of a Modification of Special Use Permit #049-15 for a new 40' x 30' detached garage in an R-1, Single –Family Residential Zoning District at 127 North Henrietta Avenue (Ponds Family Properties/Applicant). Subject to conditions. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
8. Committee recommends sustaining the Zoning Board of Appeals' approval for a Special Use Permit for a gas station with convenience store and an auto repair shop in a C-3, General Commercial Zoning District at 2837 11th Street (Jayendra Kumar for Yorker Real Estate LLC/Applicants). Subject to conditions. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
9. Committee recommends sustaining the Zoning Board of Appeals' approval for a Variation to reduce the required 102 parking spaces to 76 parking spaces in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District at 6820 East State Street (Adam Firsell for Core Rockford 1, LLC/Applicant). Subject to conditions. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
10. Committee recommends approval for a Special Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development consisting of a banquet hall for parties and weddings in a C-1, Limited Office Zoning District at 3114 North Rockton Avenue (Attorney Andrew Vella for Jennifer Dominguez/Applicant). Thus reversing the Zoning Board of Appeals' recommendation for a denial. Subject to conditions. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. (APPROVAL REQUIRES 10 VOTES)

11. Committee recommends sustaining the Liquor and Tobacco Advisory Board's approval for the Sale of Liquor by the Drink in conjunction with a wedding and events facility with outdoor seating in a C-4, Urban Mixed-Use Zoning District at 214 East State Street (The Standard -214 East State Street LLC dba The Standard on State/Applicants). Subject to conditions. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
12. Committee recommends sustaining the Liquor and Tobacco Advisory Board's approval for the Sale of Tobacco Products in conjunction with a gas station and convenience store in a C-3, General Commercial Zoning District at 3003 11th Street (Mahmod Abdulqader/11th Street Gas Mart, Inc. dba Shell Gas/Applicant). Subject to amended conditions. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

C. Finance and Personnel Committee

1. Committee recommends approval of the vouchers in the amount of \$10,179,837.62 as approved at the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on November 22, 2021.
2. Committee recommends approval of the proposed sale of the city-owned property located at 1022 Benton Street and XXX Chamberlain Street (11-23-427-004 and 11-23-427-002) to Rock River Valley Blood Center for \$3,000.00. The buyer is a contiguous property owner and is planning to use the parcel for expansion of their business. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
3. Committee recommends approval of the Amended Collaborative Agreement between the City of Rockford Health & Human Services and Rosecrance, Inc. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
4. Committee recommends approval of the Early Head Start Child Care Partnership Non-Federal Share Waiver Request in the amount of \$82,264.00 for the grant period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
5. Committee recommends approval of the Early Head Start Care Special Needs Waiver request of the requirement to serve at least ten percent (10%) of children with identified special needs during the 2020-2021 program year. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
6. Committee recommends approval of the general wage increase for non-represented employees. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
7. Proposed purchase of property at XXX New Milford School Road (Part of Pins 15-23-276-001, 15-23-276-002 and 15-24-151-025) in the amount of \$232,200. The property is being sold by Dorothy L. Evans Living Trust and Evans Family Trust. The property is being purchased by the Water Division for the future site of the Well 24 water treatment plant addition as identified in the FY 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER

A. Planning and Development Committee

B. Code and Regulation Committee

1. Committee recommends approval of the proposed Amendments to the City of Rockford Liquor Code Section 3-54 Persons and premises not to be licensed, paragraph (13). The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. (LAID OVER November 15, 2021)
2. Committee recommends sustaining the Zoning Board of Appeals' approval for a Special Use Permit for a Crematory in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District at 215 North 6th Street (Lance Bifulk/Applicant). Subject to conditions. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. (LAID OVER November 15, 2021)

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1. Committee recommends approval of the Lease Agreement between the City of Rockford and Bee Money Apiaries, LLC for the property located at 16xx North Lyford Road. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. (LAID OVER November 15, 2021)

VII. OFFICERS REPORTS

VIII. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Planning and Development Committee

B. Code and Regulation Committee

C. Finance and Personnel Committee

1. Committee recommends approval of the Award of Bid: City-Wide Pavement Marking 2021 - Bikes to Countryman, Inc., of Rockford, Illinois in the amount of \$96,720.00. The project is estimated to be completed in spring of 2022. The funding source is Sales Tax.
2. Committee recommends approval of the Award of Bid: Intersection Bike Detection Equipment to ITS PLUS, INC., of Plano, Texas in the amount of \$61,565.00. The installation is planned for the spring/summer of 2022 and shall include seven intersections. The funding source is Sales Tax.

3. Committee recommends approval of the Award of Bid: Shepherd Trail Facility Indoor Shooting Range to Rockford Structures Construction Co., of Machesney Park, Illinois in the amount of \$1,305,000.00. The project is estimated to be completed in eight months. The funding source is \$8 Million Bond Proceeds/Police Operating Budget/Build Illinois Bond Funds.
4. Committee recommends approval of the Award of Joint Purchasing Contract: Three (3) Ambulances to Fire Service, Inc., of Naperville, Illinois in the amount of \$1,065,405.00 (\$315,135.00 for each ambulance and \$40,000.00 for loose equipment, including cardiac monitor). The funding source is Capital Lease Funds/Fire Department Capital Budget.
5. Award of Joint Purchasing Contract: Two (2) Fire Engines to MacQueen Emergency Equipment Group, of St. Paul, Minnesota in the amount of \$1,300,000.00. The funding source is Capital Lease Funds/Fire Department Capital Budget.
6. Committee recommends approval of the Contract Renewal - Third Party Administrator for Medical and Hospital benefits for the 2022 Health Insurance Plan to BlueCross/Blue Shield of Illinois for the contract amount/rates of \$53.78 Per Employee Per Month - PPO Plan and \$27.96 Per Employee Per Month - HSA Plan, following the reduction for prescription rebate. Total estimated annual administration costs - \$683,213 based on 924 PPO participants and 259 HSA participants. The contract duration is one year. The funding source is the Health Insurance Fund.
7. Committee recommends approval of the Contract Renewal - Dental Benefits for 2022 Year Plan with Metropolitan Life Insurance for contract amount /rates of \$27.84 Employee Only coverage, \$65.75 Employee + One, \$126.20 Family. At the current enrollment level the total estimated annual premium will be \$1,201,830.00. The contract duration is one year. The funding source is Health Insurance Fund.
8. Committee recommends approval of the Contract Renewal - Employer paid Group Term Life Insurance for City of Rockford Employees with Metropolitan Life Insurance for the contract amount/rates: \$.108 per \$1,000.00 of life insurance coverage and \$.025 per \$1,000.00 of AD&D coverage. At the current employee count the total estimated annual premium will be \$47,493.00. The contract duration is one year. The funding source is Health Insurance Fund.
9. Committee recommends approval of the Award of Engineering Agreement: Riverfront Path Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) to Fehr Graham, of Rockford in the amount of \$201,410.00. The contract duration is through 2022. The funding source is Motor Fuel Tax funds.

10. Committee recommends approval of the Resolution for Improvement under the Illinois Highway Code authorizing the use of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the Riverfront Path ITEP in the amount of \$300,000.00.
11. Committee recommends approval of the Acceptance of Grant Award for the 2021 Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women's Improving Criminal Justice Responses Program Grant in the amount of \$499,999.00. The grant does not require a cost match. The grant term is from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2024.
12. Committee recommends approval of the Acceptance of Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HOME-ARP (American Rescue Plan) Grant Award in the amount of \$3,579,012.00. The grant award, will provide funds to benefit individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or in other vulnerable populations.
13. Committee recommends approval and Acceptance of Administration of Children and Families, Office of Head Start Annual Continuation of Head Start/Early Head Start Services for the period of April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023, and approval of the Self-Assessment Report, Self-Assessment Work Plan and Program Goals.

IX. NEW BUSINESS (ORDINANCES)

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X. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Motion for Closed Session in order to discuss Pending and Threatened Litigation**

XI. ADJOURNMENT

THE CITY OF ROCKFORD INTENDS TO COMPLY WITH THE INTENT AND SPIRIT OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. IF A SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER, PERSONAL P.A. SYSTEM, OR OTHER SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE CALL THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT AT (779) 348-7391 AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE, SO WE CAN BE PREPARED TO ASSIST YOU