

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:18 P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Chaplain Sherman Nichols, Central Christian Church, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the City Council Page Yesenia Centeno.
2. Roll Call:

Mayor Lawrence Morrissey

Aldermen: Durkee, Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo,
Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -13-
Absent: Hilton -1-
3. Alderman Beach moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of September 3, 2013 seconded by Alderman Hervey. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Hilton absent).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4. John Brantley reported he continues to help the youth of Fairgrounds and Blackhawk taking them to church and to IMPACT meetings. He asked for donations to continue his efforts.
5. Prophet Yusef recited scripture and spoke about the effects military video games have on American children, encouraging active participation in violence and rewarding them for that behavior.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

6. Alderman Hervey submitted a Memorandum from Matt Vitner, PE, City Engineer, regarding an Intergovernmental Agreement for City-State Agreement: US 20 (Bypass) Bridges over the Rock River. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
7. Alderman Thompson-Kelly submitted a request for services at Evergreen and Auburn Street for trimming of overgrown shrubs. Referred to Community Development/Code Enforcement.
8. Alderman Thompson-Kelly submitted a request for services at 911 King Street for sidewalk repair. Referred to Public Works Department.
9. Alderman Thompson-Kelly submitted her Certification By Elected Official Form of Hours Required – 600. Provided to the Human Resources Department.
10. Alderman Thompson-Kelly submitted and read a letter from Victory Bell, CAA Board Member, concerning the restructuring of the Rockford Human Services Department. Referred to Mayor Morrissey's Office.

11. Alderman Durkee submitted a Memorandum from Jovita Donahue, regarding a Freeway Rockford, Inc. Inducement Letter - 4701 Boeing Drive. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
12. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Julia Valdez, Director of Human Resources, regarding upcoming special events:
 1. Octoberfest – 10/05/13
 Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

13. Alderman Hervey read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending an Intergovernmental Agreement: City-Wide Crack Sealing be made to the Village of Machesney Park for a total not to exceed cost of \$135,000 (\$75,000 from the City and \$40,000 from the Village) to perform crack sealing operations during the 2013 construction season. The project will be bid on a per ton basis. The city's portion of the funding for this project will come from Sales Tax. LAID OVER.
14. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of September 9, 2013 in the amount of \$1,091,223.59. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes:	Durkee, Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -13-
Nays:	-0-
Absent:	Hilton -1-
15. Alderman Beck read a Code and Regulation Committee Report REVERSING the Liquor and Tobacco Advisory Board thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the sale of tobacco in conjunction with a convenience store in the name of **Nabil A. Alkaplany d/b/a S&N Convenience Store** in a C-3, Commercial General Zoning District at 2338 Charles Street.
 1. The property shall meet all applicable Building and Fire Codes
 2. Compliance with all City of Rockford Tobacco Codes
 3. The sale of rose tubes, airplane-sized bottles and any other products that can be deemed to be easily manufactured into crack pipes is prohibited.
 4. The sale of water pipes and "huka" pipes are prohibited
 5. That inside window display signage is limited to 35% of window surface area
 6. That there shall be no temporary exterior signage
 7. That the windows shall not be obstructed with bars or other devices that block the windows
 8. That a landscaping plan by submitted for staff review and approval which includes the addition of perimeter landscaping along Charles Street and Rockford Avenue.

9. That prior to the issuance of a tobacco license all conditions of approval are satisfied including installation of landscaping in accordance with the staff approved plan.

The Legal Director is hereby instructed to prepare the necessary Ordinance. LAID OVER.

OFFICERS REPORTS

16. Mayor Morrissey mentioned The Wall Street Journal published an article over the weekend reporting Rockford has the largest percentage of underwater mortgages in the country. He mentioned Rockford is exploring a locally funded program to help support second mortgages to fill the gap between what a homeowner owes and what the appraisal comes in at when the house is being purchased.

He also mentioned The Chicago Tribune published an article over the weekend reporting the fantastic successes of Rockford's aerospace industry and efforts to partner with the Rockford Public Schools to provide training programs for the aerospace industry in an effort to build a local pipeline of future aerospace and aviation workers.
17. Mayor Morrissey reminded council and community members, if anyone is interested in the position of 6th Ward Alderman to please contact the Mayor's Office and forward your resume to the same. Appointments will be set up for candidates that have submitted their resume.
18. Mayor Morrissey reported a memorandum has been distributed from Chief Bergsten, Fire Department, regarding a grant that has been secured through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to send up to 85 participants from the Rockford region to attend a Community Specific Integrated Emergency Management Course at the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) in Emmitsburg, Maryland. All course fees, travel and lodging for this course are covered under the grant. This training will improve the response should a disaster occur and improve lines of communication of daily operations.
19. Mayor Morrissey mentioned in his absence next Monday, Alderman Beck will serve as Pro Tem for the City Council meeting.
20. Mayor Morrissey announced the Fairgrounds Community Center Partners meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2013.
21. Mayor Morrissey announced on that September 21st at Davis Park there will be a free concert, "We Are One", to support our community. He encouraged everyone to attend this event.
22. Alderman Thompson-Kelly asked Mayor Morrissey if the final internal report regarding the stimulus funding investigation was his recommendation as well as from administration and also asked for the timeline on those recommendations.

Mayor Morrissey advised Jim Ryan, City Administrator, put the report together and he concurred with those recommendations. He also advised that some of those

recommendations need council approval before action is taken and anticipates within the next few weeks referrals will be made.

23. Alderman Thompson-Kelly requested copies of all resumes/applications for the 6th Ward Alderman position and his recommendation for that position.

Mayor Morrissey reminded council members that his recommendation for 6th Ward Alderman will need council approval and noted he will make those resumes available.

24. Alderman Hervey asked when the deadline is to submit an application for the 6th Ward Alderman position.

Mayor Morrissey advised next Friday, September 20, 2013 is the deadline.

25. Alderman Oddo announced a special meeting will be held for the residents of the Rolling Green area at Heartland Church on Saturday, September 14, 2013 at 10:00 am in light of the events that occurred this past week.

26. Alderman McNeely asked Mayor Morrissey if the appointment to the 6th Ward Alderman position would be for the remainder of the term or would a special election be held.

Mayor Morrissey advised there would be a special election as laid out in the State of Illinois Election Law. He asked Patrick Hayes, Legal Director, to provide council members with that information.

Mayor Morrissey stated the special election would be held during the next municipal election.

Patrick Hayes, Legal Director, reminded council members when Alderman Sosnowski resigned; Aldermen Durkee was appointed and then elected mid-term in a special election. He advised the next municipal election will be in the spring of 2015.

Alderman McNeely also asked since out-going Alderman Hilton is a democrat, does the Democratic Central Committee have a say in the selection of the appointment.

Patrick Hayes advised under the Municipal Code there is no restriction of the appointee as it relates to their party affiliation. It is the Mayor's discretion to appoint anyone that is qualified living in that ward and then subject to approval of the city council. By history and tradition here, a large number of those appointees have been of the same party affiliation as the out-going alderman. The Municipal Code does not bind the Mayor to a party.

27. Alderman McNeely voiced her concern with the recommendation to remove the Human Services Department from the City and transitioning the Head Start Program into an expanded partnership with the Rockford School District. She will be contacting HUD to discuss these issues.

28. Alderman Chiarelli announced Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful Recycling Center, 4665 Hydraulic Road, will be open beginning September 14, 2013 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (noon) every Saturday.
29. Alderman Chiarelli noted that the weekly Request for Service Report each alderman receives via email every Sunday morning has a new status column indicating when the request is open and closed.
Glenn Trommels, IT Director, informed council members the new status column will keep them current with the progress of a request for service.

Mayor Morrissey invited any suggestions or recommendations to improve the format of the weekly reports.

30. Alderman Chiarelli thanked Patrick Zuroske, Public Works, and external partners for completing the Charles Street/Mulford Road bike path.
31. Alderman McNeely submitted a letter from the Utility Workers Union of America regarding FirstEnergy Corp., the electric company chosen by the City of Rockford, concerning an investigation by the Public Utilities Commission of that company. A copy of the letter and attachment is available in the Legal Department.

Alderman McNeely asked for an update of the income the city has received since the start of the electrical aggregation program with FirstEnergy Corp.

Jim Ryan, City Administrator, advised that city council elected to pass on 100% of the savings to our citizens and not receive a commission.

Alderman McNeely then asked for an update of the savings to our citizens.

Jim Ryan advised he will contact FirstEnergy Corp. to see if that information is available.

32. Alderman Beach informed Alderman McNeely he has seen a 28% reduction on his monthly electric bill.
- 32a. Alderman Beach asked if there is an automatic renewal with FirstEnergy Corp. after the three year agreement has expired and also asked if there is a program available for gas energy.

Jim Ryan reported currently under Illinois law there is not an aggregation process for natural gas although it is available in other states. He does not believe there is a renewal for the aggregation process.

There was discussion about the aggregation process and impact, and staff committed to informing council on those matters in detail next week.

33. Alderman Elyea asked what the timeline is to get out of the Public Safety Building and for an update on the progress of implementing geo policing.

Jim Ryan, City Administrator, stated an update will be provided at the budget meetings. He also reminded council they authorized the purchase of the Fran Kral building as a potential site for district 2 geo policing, but not necessarily set in stone at that location. He also added that a design firm is finding specifications for requests for proposals that will be available in approximately two to three weeks.

34. Alderman Newburg asked when the one year trial program for geo policing will begin and will it be affected by the move from the Public Safety Building.

Chief Epperson advised the new collective bargaining agreement with the PBPA allows for a one year trial period, that process will begin in January 16, 2014. He also noted some of the existing space at the Public Safety Building will be used in the interim to start up geo policing.

35. Alderman McNamara asked what the cost will be to the city to rehabilitate a portion of the Public Safety Building.

Chief Epperson advised existing space where the county probation office was will be rented at approximately \$2,000.00 a month in addition to the current costs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2013-325CR

36. Alderman Durkee moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the creation of an East State and Alpine TIF Signage Program for assistance in promoting the cleanup of the business corridor by removing decaying business signs and replacing with signage that meets current City code requirements. Program funded by East State and Alpine TIF revenue. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely voted no; Ald. Hilton absent).

2013-326CR

37. Alderman Durkee moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of an amendment to the Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-27. - Time of regular meetings, to reflect a change in the committee meeting times and City Council time as follows:

- A. Planning and Development – 4:00 pm
- B. Codes and Regulations – 5:00 pm
- C. Finance and Personnel – 6:00 pm
- D. City Council Meetings – 7:00 pm

The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

Alderman Getchius made a motion to lay the committee report over, seconded by Alderman Newburg. MOTION FAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Getchius, Beach -2-

Nays: Durkee, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo,
Newburg, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -11-
Absent: Hilton -1-

The committee report was placed up for passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Newburg, Elyea,
Chiarelli -7-
Nays: Durkee, Getchius, Oddo, Beach, Beck, McNeely -6-
Absent: Hilton -1-

2013-327CR

38. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the annexation of 4317 Wilshire Avenue. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo,
Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Hilton -1-

39. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Liquor and Tobacco Advisory Board, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the sale of beer and wine with a gas station and convenience store in the name of **Sadaf Jadoon d/b/a Sunny Pantry** in a C-3, Commercial General Zoning District at 818 South 6th Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable building and fire codes.
2. Compliance with all City of Rockford Liquor and Tobacco Codes
3. The sale of beer and wine shall be limited to the interior site plan that was submitted as Exhibit E.
4. The sale of beer and wine shall be no more than 35% of annual gross sales
5. Hours of operation and days shall be 5:00 AM to Midnight Monday thru Sunday
6. The sale of rose tubes, airplane-sized bottles and any other products that can be deemed to be easily manufactured into drug paraphernalia is prohibited.
7. There shall be no single serving sales of beer or other malt liquor in volumes of 40 ounces or less.
8. Window display signage is limited to 35% of window area.
9. That the windows shall not be covered with bars or other devices that block the windows.

The Legal Director is hereby instructed to prepare the necessary Ordinance.

Alderman Newburg made a motion to refer the item back to committee, seconded by Alderman Beach. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Hilton absent). REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE

2013-328CR

40. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Variation to increase the maximum allowed fence height in the front yard from four (4) feet to six (6) feet along 8th Street in an R-2, Two-family Residential Zoning District at 612, 616 8th Street and 1209 5th Avenue.

Approval is based on the Findings of Facts. The Legal Director is hereby instructed to prepare the necessary Ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo,
Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-
Nays: Hervey -1-
Absent: Hilton -1-

2013-329CR

41. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance for "No Parking Anytime" between the driveways of 7558 and 7560 Blairmore Drive. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo,
Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Hilton -1-

2013-330CR

42. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance establishing "No Parking Anytime" between the driveways of 7521 and 7536 Blairmore Drive. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo,
Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Hilton -1-

2013-331CR

43. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance establishing "No Parking Anytime" between the driveways of 7553 and 7563 Royal Troon Drive. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo,
Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Hilton -1-

2013-332CR

44. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance establishing "No Parking Anytime" between the driveways of 7511 Blairmore Drive and 7566 Royal Troon Drive. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Hilton -1-

2013-333CR

45. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report - recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance establishing "2 Hour" parking for 19 spaces in Municipal Parking Lot EE, thus repealing "Permit Only" parking for 19 spaces in Municipal Parking Lot EE. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Hilton -1-

2013-334CR

46. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance establishing a mid-block crossing at 3300 block of Corbridge Lane. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Hilton -1-

2013-335CR

47. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance establishing "2 Hour" parking restriction on the west side of Court Street from Chestnut Street to Cedar Street, thus repealing "Federal Courthouse Permit Parking Only 8am – 5pm M-F" restriction on the west side of Court Street from Chestnut Street to Cedar Street. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Hilton -1-

2013-336CR

48. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that "No Action" be taken on the following items:

1. Request to establish stop control for 16th Street to stop for 12th Avenue at the intersection of 16th Street and 12th Avenue.
2. Request to establish all-way stop control at the intersection of 2nd Avenue and Saint Louis Avenue.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-
Nays: Getchius -1-
Absent: Hilton -1-

2013-135-O

49. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of an Ordinance for the sale of City owned property at vacant lot located at 325 Penfield Place, PIN #11-26-160-006, at a minimum bid of \$350.00 with preference to the adjacent property owner. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Chiarelli -12-
Nays: McNeely -1-
Absent: Hilton -1-

2013-136-O

50. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of an Ordinance for an Intergovernmental Agreement for Data Sharing between the City of Rockford and the Rockford Housing Authority. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Chiarelli -12-
Nays: McNeely -1-
Absent: Hilton -1-

OFFICERS REPORTS

51. Alderman Thompson-Kelly announced the National POW-MIA Recognition Day will be held on September 20, 2013 with a candle-light ceremony at the Field of Honor in Loves Park at 7:00 pm.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2013-147R

52. Alderman Beck, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for the Miracle Mile Organization requesting a special event permit for the Miracle Mile Rockford Car Show on Saturday, October 12, 2013 from 7:30 am – 5:30 pm at 4007 East State Street. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Hilton absent).

2013-148R

53. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of a Resolution, by the City Council of the City of Rockford, Illinois that the Mayor execute an agreement for City-Wide Pavement Marking with Mark-It Corporation, of Romeoville, Illinois for their bid of \$56,997.40. The funding source is Sales Tax. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Hilton -1-

2013-149R

54. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of a Resolution, by the City Council of the City of Rockford, Illinois that the Mayor execute an agreement for Engineering Services for Harrison Avenue Reconstruction (20th St. to 11th St) Phase II Design with Fehr Graham and Associates, LLC in the amount of \$887,975.87. The funding source is Sales Tax. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Hilton -1-

NEW BUSINESS

55. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance for the annexation of property commonly known as 4317 Wilshire Avenue. LAID OVER.
56. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance amending Article 64 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Variation to increase the maximum allowed fence height in the front yard from four (4) feet to six (6) feet along 8th Street in an R-2, Two-Family Residential Zoning District at 612, 616 8th Street and 1209 5th Avenue. LAID OVER.
57. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule Section 280 of the Code of Ordinances to add the following, to-wit:
- “No Parking Anytime” between the driveways of 7558 and 7560 Blairmore Drive.
- “No Parking Anytime” between the driveways of 7521 and 7536 Blairmore Drive.

"No Parking Anytime" between the driveways of 7553 and 7563 Royal Troon Drive

"No Parking Anytime" between the driveways of 8511 Blairmore Drive and 7566 Royal Troon Drive.

LAID OVER.

58. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule Section 285 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following and repealing the following, to-wit:

"Two Hour Parking" for nineteen (19) spaces in Municipal Parking Lot EE, thus repealing "Permit Only" parking for nineteen (19) spaces in Municipal Parking Lot EE.

"Two Hour Parking" restriction on the west side of Court Street from Chestnut Street to Cedar Street, thus repealing "Federal Courthouse Permit Parking Only 8am – 5pm Monday through Friday" restriction on the west side of Court Street from Chestnut to Cedar Street.

LAID OVER.

59. Alderman beck introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule Section 303, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following, to-wit:

Establishing a mid-block crossing at 3300 block of Corbridge Lane

LAID OVER.

60. Alderman Durkee introduced and read an Ordinance approving an amendment to the Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-27. - Time of regular meetings, to reflect a change in the committee meeting times and City Council time. LAID OVER.

61. Alderman Durkee introduced and read an Ordinance approving the Agreement regarding the East State and Alpine TIF Signage Program. LAID OVER.

62. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 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
September 16, 2013
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
- Petitions and Communications
- Proclamations
- Committee Reports
- Officers Reports

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

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 4. The sale of water pipes and "huka" pipes are prohibited
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 6. That there shall be no temporary exterior signage
 7. That the windows shall not be obstructed with bars or other devices that block the windows
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9. That prior to the issuance of a tobacco license all conditions of approval are satisfied including installation of landscaping in accordance with the staff approved plan.

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II. ORDINANCES LAID OVER SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

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III. MOTION/RESOLUTIONS READ IN SEPTMEBER 16, 2013

1. Beck - Octoberfest – 10/05/13

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).

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* 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, September 16, 2013, 5:00 p.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA

1. C & R 13-160 Special Event: Octoberfest 10/05/13
2. C & R 13-111 Public Safety Committee
3. C & R 13-147 ZBA#026-13- Variation in the perimeter landscape strip from 20 feet to triangular landscaping on the western and eastern frontage on Charles Street; Variation to reduce interior landscaping; Variation to reduce required 50% building foundation landscaping; Variation to reduce the front yard setback from 15 feet to 0 feet along Charles Street and 21st Street in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District and I-1, Light Industrial Zoning District at 2409, 2425 Charles Street & 24xx Charles Street
4. C & R 13-64 Request for the Sale of Packaged Liquor with a gas station and convenience store in a C-3 Commercial General Zoning District at 818 South 6th Street

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Monday, September 16, 2013, 5:15 p.m.
Conference Room B, City Hall 2nd floor (south room)
AGENDA

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of Bid: Street Sweeping
 - B. Award of RFP: Emergency Solutions Grant Awards
 - C. Award of Contract: Affordable Care Act Counseling
 - D. Award of Third Party Funding Agreement: SupplyCore Technology Group and City of Rockford ICJIA Grant
 - E. Award of Re-Entry Services Agreement: LSSI and City of Rockford
 - F. Engineering Agreement: Keith Creek 5th to 6th Street – Creek Bank Stabilization Design
 - G. Resolution to take proposals
 - H. Vouchers
2. City-State Agreement: Bridges over the Rock River

3. Consideration of appointees to the Ad-Hoc Committee on Tax Increment Financing

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, September 16, 2013, 5:30 p.m.

CD Conference Rm., City Hall 2nd floor

AGENDA

1. Memorandum from Jovita Donahue, Economic Development Administrator, regarding a Freeway Rockford, Inc. Inducement Letter – 4701 Boeing Drive.
2. Memorandum from Alderman Tim Durkee regarding the RAEDC Annual Contract.
3. Consideration of appointees to the Ad-Hoc Committee on Tax Increment Financing.
4. Memorandum from Alderman Tim Durkee Regarding the Review of the 2020 Plan.

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

Monday, September 16, 2013, ___ p.m.

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

AGENDA

No Meeting Scheduled.