

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
MAY 29, 2007
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:08 P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Pastor Kenneth R. Dismuke Sr., Fountain of Life Improving the Community Academy/Police Chaplain, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Page Karla Centeno.
2. Roll Call:
Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey
Aldermen: Sosnowski, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness –13-
Absent: Curran -1-
3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of May 21, 2007, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Curran absent).

PUBLIC HEARING

4. Mayor Morrissey called upon Alderman Mark to conduct a public hearing. Alderman Mark called the hearing to order at 6:12 pm, stated that it was being held pursuant to 65 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/11-15.1-3, for an annexation agreement for property located at 45xx Thompson Road (35th Street). He asked for questions or comments from the Council members, and then from the public, and closed the public hearing at 6:13 pm.

The Meeting returned to the regular Order of Business at 6:13 pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5. John Weaver addressed Council concerning drugs and violence in the City of Rockford and encouraged the participation of citizens and the aldermen.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

6. Alderman Bell submitted a flier regarding the Orchid 3rd Union College Neighborhood Association, Inc. meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 30th at the Jane Addams Community Center, 510 Seminary Street at 6:30 pm. Several Requests for Service were included in the flier. Referred to the Police Department and Neighborhood Standards.
7. Alderman Bell submitted a flier regarding the 5th Ward Monthly meeting to be held on Thursday, May 31st at the Montague Branch Library, 1328 South Winnebago Street. Placed on File.
8. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Ellwanger, Planner II, regarding the Final Plat of Arbor Heights. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.

9. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Ellwanger, Planner II, regarding the Final Plat of Redington Chase. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
10. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Ellwanger, Planner II, regarding the Final Plat #2 of Bello Reserves. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
11. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Kerry Partridge, City Attorney, regarding the 2007 Right-of-Way Vacation Policy and Procedures. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
12. Alderman Johnson submitted several Requests for Service. Referred to Neighborhood Standards, the Police Department and the Public Works Department.
13. Alderman Johnson submitted an e-mail from Jim Groff requesting the abandoned house on the corner of East Gate Parkway and 24th Street be cleaned up and the yard mowed. Referred to Neighborhood Standard and the Public Works Department.
14. Alderman Wasco submitted a Request for Service in Spring Lake Estates. Referred to the Public Works Department.
15. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Steve Ernst, RATS Study Director regarding Intergovernmental Agreement with IDOT for the Rockford area Transportation Study. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
16. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Patrick Hayes, Legal Director regarding Resolution for Prevailing Wages. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
17. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Alderman Frank Beach regarding Financing 2007 CIP Projects via Short Term Debt. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
18. Alderman Conness submitted an e-mail from Ron Schoepfer again requesting the sinkhole in front of his home be repaired. Referred to the Public Works Department.
19. Alderman Conness submitted an e-mail from Debbie Currere with concerns regarding deteriorating infrastructures and ordinance violations in the City. Referred to Neighborhood Standards and the Public Works Department.
20. Alderman McNeely submitted a Request for Service at 409 Tay Street for mowing. Referred to Neighborhood Standards.
21. Alderman Sosnowski submitted a Request from Cathy Flewell, in conjunction with the Linens and Things Tent Sale for permission to extend the sale until Sunday, June 3rd at 249 Deane Drive. Alderman Sosnowski moved to grant the prayer of the petitioner, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Curran absent).

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

22. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee report recommending the award of bid for Central Garage Roof Replacement be made to the low bidder, Freeport Industrial Roofing, of Freeport, IL for their total bid of \$19,250.00. The funding source is Building Fund. LAID OVER.

2007-206CR

23. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee report on the matter of compensation for employees who are not represented by any Union or Association, for a period of January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007, recommends that the City Council approve the Draft Ordinance.

Alderman Beck moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Timm. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Curran absent). The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness –12-
Nays: McNeely –1-
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24. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee report on the matter of collective bargaining agreement between the Rockford Public Library, City of Rockford and the American Federation State, County and Municipal Employees Council 31, to be effective January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2009, hereby begs leave to report recommending that the City Council approve such agreement. LAID OVER.
25. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of May 29, 2007 in the amount of \$2,310,535.55. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

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1. Request from Alderman Victory Bell for No Parking Anytime on the west side of South Main Street from Loomis Street to 85 feet north of Loomis Street.
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OFFICERS REPORTS

33. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming Tuesday, June 5, 2007 to be "Hunger Awareness Day" in the City of Rockford, Illinois and called upon all citizens and businesses to join in supporting the Northern Illinois Food Bank during this national campaign to provide meals for our children, secure additional resources for the communities it serves and for its year-long efforts in providing food assistance in Northern Illinois.
34. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the month of May 2007 to be "Rockford Ice Hogs Colonial Cup Championship Month" in the City of Rockford, Illinois and congratulate the Rockford Ice Hogs, including all the players, Coach Steve Martinson and staff, on their championship season.
35. Mayor Morrissey mentioned the Rockford's Ellis Heights Weed & Seed Neighborhood has distributed and made available their June Neighborhood News and Network newsletter which includes important dates, meetings and upcoming events.
36. Mayor Morrissey announced the Rockford Police Department has been awarded the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00. The Department will be designating funds to equipment, training, cameras, computers, software and gear for our field force unit and the new M3 street team.
37. Mayor Morrissey submitted re-appointments as Directors of their Municipal Department

in the City of Rockford. Bonnie Henry, Building Department; Reid T. Montgomery, Community Development Department; Andres Sammul, Finance Department; George Davis, Human Services Department; Patrick W. Hayes, Legal Department; Jessica L. Jones, Human Resources Department; William Bittner, Public Works Department. LAID OVER.

38. Mayor Morrissey submitted appointments to the Human Services CCA Board, Cathy Ward, to a one (1) year term ending May 2008; Saul Serna, to a three (3) year term ending May 2010; Yvonne Alexander, to a one (1) year term ending May 2008; Kim Ellingson, to a one (1) year term ending May 2008. LAID OVER.
39. Mayor Morrissey submitted re-appointments to the Fair Housing Board, Alice Howard, to a three (3) year term ending May 2010; Joe Dailing, to a three (3) year term ending May 2010; Raymond Matlock, to a three (3) year term ending May 2010. LAID OVER.
40. Mayor Morrissey submitted re-appointments to the Traffic Commission, Dock Ward, to a five (5) year term ending May 2012; Fred Lierman, to a five (5) year term ending May 2012; Cedonia Ahlstrand, to a five (5) year term ending May 2012. LAID OVER.
41. Mayor Morrissey mentioned the Rockford Police Department has provided two maps to the Aldermen indicating the Community Services Officer assigned to various wards and a lay-out of the Aldermanic Wards. A follow-up map will be provided which will merge the information from both maps into one.
42. Alderman Conness expressed his concern with the police department rotating the Community Service Officers to different areas of the City, emphasizing the importance of their knowledge and understanding of issues in that area and rapport with the citizens and alderman of that ward. He suggested the department keep the officers assignments for a longer period of time.
43. Alderman Conness reflected on the skepticism by many to bring a hockey team to the Metro Centre several years ago and was happy to announce and congratulate the Rockford Ice Hogs as Colonial Cup Champions for the 2006-2007 season after winning game seven (7) of that series at the Metro Centre in front of a record crowd. He commended the administration for their diligence to bring the AHL to Rockford.
44. Alderman Bell mentioned two incidents in his ward over the past weekend and thanked Chief Epperson and his staff for their communications with him regarding those incidents.
45. Alderman Thompson-Kelly congratulated all the seniors from the area high schools on graduating.
46. Alderman Thompson-Kelly announced that Head Start is still accepting applications for the 2007-2008 school year for children that are 3-4 years old by September 1, 2007. Staff members may be contacted between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm at Henrietta Head Start at 200 North Johnston Avenue or Fairgrounds Head Start at 902 Acorn Street.

47. Alderman Thompson-Kelly expressed appreciation for attending the conference in Las Vegas last week and thanked the Mayor and City staff for their assistance. She mentioned attending several informative meetings and workshops and indicated she will be providing information to the Aldermen in the near future.
48. Alderman Thompson-Kelly thanked the Rockford Police Department Community Officers for reaching out to the residence in the City and believes their efforts are making a difference.
49. Alderman Mark commented tomorrow night the City of Rockford is hosting a Community Design Shirred at the Riverfront Museum Park and Assembly Hall. The Design Shirred will begin at 2:00 pm followed by a public participation. The purpose of the Shirred is to work collectively to develop alternative design ideas for the Riverwalk between Whitman Street and Beattie Park.
50. Alderman McNeely was happy to announce a constituent in her ward, Vella Brown, 116 South Independence Avenue, had received an award certificate of Excellence from the Community Development Department for maintaining her property with complete absence of litter and great detail with the beautiful landscaping.
51. Alderman McNeely asked City staff if there were still openings available for the Community Leadership Training at Lewis Lemon School and Nelson Park offered to twenty (20) local high school students. Chief Epperson advised there are still openings available.
52. Alderman Mark made a motion to appoint Alderman Sosnowski as Mayor Pro Tem to complete the meeting, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Curran absent). Mayor Morrissey exited the meeting at 6:45 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2007-207CR

53. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the contract for Network/Video Project Management be made to Broadband Development Group for an estimated amount of \$15,000. The funding source is Metro Narcotics Fund and Crime Stoppers Grant. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness –12-

Nays: McNeely –1-

Absent: Curran -1-

2007-208CR

54. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of Task Order #15 with Strand Associates, Inc. for engineering services on the Water System Rehabilitation Project in an amount not to exceed

\$15,000. The funding source is Water Alternate Revenue Bonds. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-209CR

55. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of Task Order #10 with McMahon Associates, Inc. for work on the Water System Rehabilitation Project in an amount not to exceed \$220,000. The funding source is Water Alternate Revenue Bonds. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-210CR

56. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of a contract with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. for construction engineering services on the Airport Area Watermain project in an amount not to exceed \$135,000. The funding source is Water Alternate Revenue Bonds. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-211CR

57. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the vacation request for the alley located between North Court Street, North Church Street, John and Salem Streets for the price of three thousand two hundred dollars (\$3,200.00). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-213CR

58. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the annexation of 4808 Spring Creek Road. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-101-O

59. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 602 and 800.3, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a Zoning Map Amendment from County AG to City R-1, Single-Family Residential District for Parcel I and to C-2, Commercial Community District for Parcel II at 45xx Thompson Road (35th Street). Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The terms of the Annexation Agreement.
2. Submittal of a Tentative Plat and Final Plat for City review and approval.
3. Submittal of a front-building elevation plan for Staff review and approval.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 6/18/07, ZBA #018-07). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-102-O

60. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 1603 and Section 1604, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a Special Use Permit for a Performance Use consisting of a fast food restaurant with a drive-thru window that cannot meet the required minimum distance of 600 feet from a residential district and Variation to reduce the perimeter landscape strip from the required ten (10) feet to 8.5 feet along 11th Street in a C-3, Commercial General Zoning District at 2637, 2641, 2643 11th Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
2. Submittal of a revised site plan including the dumpster location to match the design of the building.
3. Submittal of a detailed landscaping plan including an elevation of the proposed fencing.
4. The bypass lane to the alley shall be eliminated.
5. That the sight-obscuring fence and landscaping shall be extended north along the alley to the northernmost property line.
6. Hours of operation shall be limited to 6:00 am to Midnight.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 6/18/07, ZBA #011-07). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness –13-

Nays: -0-
Absent: Curran -1-

2007-103-O

61. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 1603 of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a Special Use Permit for a Planned Residential Development consisting of Commercial Retail, nine (9) four-unit buildings and two (2) three-unit buildings of multi-family, and forty (40) single-family residential units, in a C-2, Commercial Community District, C-1, Limited Office District, R-2, two-family Residential District and R-1, Single-Family Residential District at 1007, 1127, 1129 North Alpine Road and 4591, 46XX, 4627, 4669, 4689, 4707, 48XX, 4921, 4875 Guilford Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
2. Conformance with the Annexation Agreement, Ordinance 2006-112-O, effective July 17, 2006.
3. Conformance with an approved Petition for Annexation of 4875 Guilford Road (12-20-227-027).
4. Substantial conformance with the commercial building elevations identified as exhibit E attached, by SEC Architects dated December 11, 2006.
5. Substantial conformance with the multi-family building elevations identified as exhibit D attached, by SEC Architects dated December 11, 2006.
6. Substantial conformance with single-family residential building elevations identified as exhibit F attached, dated April 6, 2007.
7. Substantial conformance with landscaping plans for the site development of the Commercial and multi-family portions submitted by the applicant dated December 11, 2006 by GNI Development, M. Buckler, identified as exhibit J.
8. Substantial conformance with the preservation of trees as submitted in preliminary tree preservation plan identified as exhibit G attached, by Arnold Lundgren & Associates, dated January 22, 2007.
9. Substantial conformance with the Tentative Plat submitted by the applicant identified as exhibit H attached, by Arnold Lundgren & Associates, dated January 22, 2007.
10. The gated portions shall be configured in a way such that the stacking of vehicles not spill out to Guilford Road. A mechanism to allow for quick access by emergency vehicles is required.
11. Decks or patios may be allowed within the required thirty (30) foot rear yard setback along the westerly property line adjacent to the western portion of the condominium development identified as exhibit K. The maximum allowable encroachment shall not exceed ten (1) feet. The appropriate building permits must be obtained prior to construction.
12. As the site develops submittal of landscaping, signage, illumination, dumpster locations will be required for staff review and approval and meet all applicable codes and ordinances prior to issuance of building permit.
13. That a Tentative Plat and Final Plat is approved for the property in accordance with the City's Subdivision regulation inclusive of required public improvements prior to issuance of building permit and development of site,

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 6/18/07, ZBA #015-07). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-104-O

62. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending the approval of the annexation of property commonly known as 45xx Thompson Road. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-105-O

63. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending the approval of the annexation of property commonly known as 4875 Guilford Road. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-106-O

64. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 800.5, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances Zoning Map Amendment from City C-3 to City C-4, Commercial Old Town District at 304 Lafayette Avenue, 331 North Madison Street and 409 North Madison Street.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 6/18/07, ZBA #017-07). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

65. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the vacation request for Starr Street for the price of thirteen thousand two hundred dollars (\$13,200.00).

Alderman Mark moved to refer this item back to committee, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Curran absent).

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2007-61R

66. Alderman Beck, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, submitted a Resolution to take bids for the following: Airport Boundary Watermain, funding source WARB; Real Estate Agent, funding source, Legal Department Operating Budget. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Curran absent).

2007-62R

67. Alderman Mark, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution that the Mayor and Legal Director are authorized to execute the attached Annexation Agreement by and between the owners of 45xx Thompson Road (35th Street) and the City of Rockford. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-63R

68. Aldermen Wasco and Mark moved the adoption of a Resolution that the City Council of the City of Rockford hereby formally requests the Illinois Legislature to amend the pending gaming legislation to include Rockford as a host site for a gaming facility, and further that the City Council of the City of Rockford fully supports the Depressed Communities Development Fund or similar vehicle designed to share the benefit of gaming revenues with depressed communities throughout our State.

Alderman McNeely made a motion to amend the Resolution to include the monies generated to be allocated to the four (4) zip code areas; 61101, 61102, 61103, 61104, seconded by Alderman Bell.

MOTION FAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: McNeely –1-
Nays: Sosnowski, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness –12-
Absent: Curran -1-

The original Resolution was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Holt, Beck, Conness –10-
Nays: Sosnowski, Beach, McNeely –3-
Absent: Curran -1-

NEW BUSINESS

69. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Rule 11(b) of Section 2-42 Rules of Procedure and Order of Business of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to read as follows:

Rule 11

- (a) Every ordinance and committee report, except zoning ordinances which shall follow the statutory zoning procedures shall be read when introduced and lie over until the next regular meeting of the council.
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LAID OVER.

70. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Section 4-20.1 and Section 4-20.2 of Chapter 4, Alcohol Liquor, Article I, In General, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford (as it relates to the On The Waterfront Open Seal Ordinance Renewal).
LAID OVER.

71. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 1603, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford for a Special Use Permit for a Planned Mixed-Use Development consisting of a two-family residence, a fruit market/convenience store and a restaurant/café' on a single lot in an R-1, Single-Family Residential District at 115, 117 and 119 South Central Avenue.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 6/18/07, ZBA #016-07). LAID OVER.

2007-107-O

72. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance, that the Mayor and Legal Director are hereby instructed to execute this Ordinance covering compensation of the Employees of the City of Rockford who are not represented by any Union or Association, for a period of January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.

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Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness –12-
Nays: McNeely –1-
Absent: Curran -1-

73. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 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
May 29, 2007
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

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Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 6/18/07, ZBA #016-07).

III. MISCELLANEOUS

A. LAID OVER MAY 29, 2007

1. Mayor Morrissey - Re-appointments of the Directors of their Municipal Departments in the City of Rockford.

Building Department	Bonnie B. Henry
Community Development	Reid T. Montgomery
Finance Department	Andres Sammul
Human Services	George Davis
Legal Department	Patrick W. Hayes
Human Resources Department	Jessica L. Jones
Public Works Department	William Bittner

2. Mayor Morrissey - Appointment - Human Services CCA Board, Cathy Ward, to a one (1) year term ending May 2008. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage on July 2, 2007).
3. Mayor Morrissey – Appointment – Human Services CCA Board, Saul Serna, to a three (3) year term ending May 2010. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage on July 2, 2007).
4. Mayor Morrissey – Appointment – Human Services CCA Board, Yvonne Alexander, to a one (1) year term ending May 2008. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage on July 2, 2007).
5. Mayor Morrissey – Appointment – Human Services CCA Board, Kim Ellingson, to a one (1) year term ending May 2008. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage on July 2, 2007).
6. Mayor Morrissey - Re-appointment - Fair Housing Board, Alice Howard, to a three (3) year term ending May 2010. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage on July 2, 2007).
7. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment – Fair Housing Board, Joe Dailing, to a three (3) year term ending May 2010. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage on July 2, 2007).
8. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment – Fair Housing Board, Raymond Matlock, to a three (3) year term ending May 2010. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage on July 2, 2007).

9. Mayor Morrissey - Re-appointment - Traffic Commission, Dock Ward, to a five (5) year term ending May 2012. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage on July 2, 2007).
10. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment – Traffic Commission, Fred Lierman, to a five (5) year term ending May 2012. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage on July 2, 2007).
11. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment – Traffic Commission, Cedonia Ahlstrand, to a five (5) year term ending May 2012. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage on July 2, 2007).

B. HELD OUT MAY 29, 2007

- 1.* Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment - Building Board of Appeals, James R. Lev, for a five (5) year term ending June 2012. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage on June 18, 2007).
- 2.* Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment – Building Board of Appeals, William J. Waldorf, for a five (5) year term ending June 2012. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage on June 18, 2007).

* same action taken before

- Motions and Resolutions
- 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).
- 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).

AGENDA

CODE AND REGULATION COMMITTEE

Monday, June 4, 2007, 4:45 p.m.

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

1. C & R 07-108 Final Plat #2 of Bello Reserve
2. C & R 07-109 Plat of Redington Chase
3. C & R 07-110 Final Plat of Arbor Heights

4. C & R 07-111 Sale of City Owned Property – 1407 Michigan Avenue
5. C & R 07-90 Request from Lamar Outdoor Advertising
6. C & R 07-96 ZBA#020-07 Special Use Permit for an auto repair shop that does not satisfy the Performance Criteria of 600 feet away from a residential district in a C-3, Commercial General Zoning District at 3415 Auburn Street
7. C & R 07-99 ZBA#023-07 (A) Variation to reduce the rear yard setback for an accessory building from 2 ½ feet to 0 feet along the north property line
(B) Variation to increase the maximum height of an accessory building from 18 feet to 21.5 feet in an R-1, Single-Family Residential Zoning District at 1822 National Avenue
8. C & R 07-112 2007 Right-of-Way Vacation Policy & Procedures
9. C & R 07-91 Star Street Vacation

AGENDA

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Monday, June 4, 2007, 5:15 p.m.

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

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of Bid: Summer Food Program
 - B. Resolution to take Bids/Proposals
 - C. Change Order: Fire Prevention Headquarters
 - D. Vouchers
2. Intergovernmental Agreement with IDOT for the Rockford Area Transportation Study
3. Resolution for Prevailing Wages

AGENDA

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, June 4, 2007, 5:15 p.m.

CD Conference Room , City Hall 2nd floor

1. Approval of Lease Agreement with Main Street Partners of Rockford LLC for the former Gas & Electric Building located at 303 N. Main Street.

AGENDA

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 26, 2007, 7:30 a.m.

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

AGENDA

Next Scheduled Meeting Is June 26, 2007.