

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 1, 2010
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:16 P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Colonel Tom Lewis, Salvation Army/Police Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Page Yesenia Centeno.
2. Roll Call:

Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey

Aldermen: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -12-
Absent: Sosnowski, McNeely (late) -2-
3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of February 22, 2010, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Sosnowski, McNeely absent).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4. Jim Buckingham spoke about his concerns with the condition of the building located at 300 E. State Street.
5. Nancy Gdowski commented on *Forbes Magazine* article listing Rockford as #14 of the top 20 cities which are the most miserable and urged the City administration to reassess their priorities and needs of this community.
6. Daniel Wright expressed his concern, as a rehabilitated felon, that employment in the Rockford area would be very hard to find, and apologized for this criminal history.
7. John Weaver thanked Mayor Morrissey for the plaque presented at last week's meeting to him and Deborah and thanked City staff and citizens for helping them make Rockford a safe community.
8. Gwen Lashock expressed her concern that tax dollars are being misused to fund the river walk project.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

9. Alderman Wasco submitted a Memorandum from Ron Schultz, City Attorney, regarding RMTD Line of Credit. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
10. Alderman Wasco submitted a Memorandum from Patrick Zuroske, Capital Program Manager, regarding City-State Agreement: East State St. Resurfacing. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.

11. Alderman Wasco submitted a Memorandum from Patrick Zuroske, Capital Program Manager, regarding City-State Agreement: North Main & Auburn Roundabout. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
12. Alderman Johnson submitted a request for service from Paula Fitzpatrick concerning snowplow damage to her property. Referred to Public Works Department/Rebecca Edwards.
13. Alderman Johnson submitted a request for service a concerned constituent regarding disruptive behavior from residents in her neighborhood. Referred to Police Department.
14. Alderman Robertson submitted a request from Russell Longenecker, in conjunction with Antique Show and Sale Flea Market requesting a temporary banner at 5411 East State Street – Antiques on East State from May 21-31, 2010, June 26-July 4, 2010 and August 27-September 4, 2010. Alderman Robertson moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Beck. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Sosnowski, McNeely absent).
15. Alderman Elyea submitted a Memorandum from James Ryan, City Administrator, regarding Acquisition of Property; Downtown Area. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
16. Alderman Mark submitted a request from Paul Hare, in conjunction with the St. Patrick's Day Parade requesting permission for the event, barricades for street closures and detours and police assistance for traffic control; the parade beginning at North Madison and ending at Beattie Park on March 13, 2010 from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Alderman Mark moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Sosnowski, McNeely absent).

Alderman McNeely entered the meeting at 6:36 pm

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

17. Alderman Beach read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the sale of the vacant lots at 416 & 420 North Avon Street for a minimum bid of \$7,800.00, which includes advertising with preference to the adjoining property owner. LAID OVER.
18. Alderman Wasco read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending that the 2010 budget be adopted, and that the Budget Officer be directed to prepare the necessary Appropriation Ordinance. LAID OVER.
19. Alderman Wasco read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending that the 2010 License and Fee Schedule as attached be approved and that the Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. LAID OVER.
20. Alderman Wasco read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Symantec Anti-Virus Renewal be made to the low bidder, Carahsoft Technology Corporation, of Reston, Virginia for their alternate bid of \$24,349.20 for

three years paid up front. The funding source is Information Technology Budget. LAID OVER.

21. Alderman Wasco read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending that the City Council approve extension of Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Control Services with Winnebago County through April 1, 2010. LAID OVER.

2010-061CR

22. Alderman Wasco read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the Engineering Agreement: West State Street Land Acquisition Services (Kent Creek to Independence) be made to O.R. Colan Associates to perform relocation services for a total not to exceed cost of \$532,975.00. The funding for this project will come from IDOT funds and Motor Fuel Tax funds.

Alderman Wasco moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly voted no). The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski -1-

23. Alderman Wasco read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the approval of vouchers for the week of March 1, 2010 in the amount of \$2,848,220.09. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski -1-

OFFICERS REPORTS

24. Mayor Morrissey reported on Friday night he attended the Rockford Association for Minority Management (RAMM) banquet at Giovanni's Restaurant honoring area students receiving RAMM scholarships. He commended Jessica Jones, Director of Human Resources, for her years of dedication to this program and mentioned the inspirational message keynote speaker Dr. Steven Perry delivered.
25. Mayor Morrissey mentioned on Saturday he attended the Second Annual Romanian Martisor event, a celebration of the beginning of Spring, hosted by the Sister Cities Program at the College of Medicine. Live Romanian folk dances, music and a video message provided by the Mayor of Cluj-Napoca, Romania and students involved in the exchange program made the event festive to all the attendees.
26. Mayor Morrissey also mentioned another Sister City event "Take a Tour of Italy" on Sunday hosted by the Greater Rockford Italian American Association. Approximately two

hundred people participated, sampling authentic Italian foods at various Italian service clubs throughout the City.

27. Mayor Morrissey commented he attended the Tuskegee Airmen event at the at Veteran's Memorial Hall on Saturday. He thanked the men for sharing their stories with the community.
28. Mayor Morrissey mentioned attending the Seth Atwood Memorial service on Sunday and recognized his numerous contributions to this community.
29. Mayor Morrissey thanked Steve Nailor, Better Roads Association, for inviting to Rockford Gary Hanning, State of Illinois Secretary of Transportation, Christine Reed, Director of Highways, and George Ryan, Director of District 2, Office of Transportation, to discuss the Capital Plan and tour our deteriorated roads and view our rail project site.
30. Mayor Morrissey invited the council members and citizens to attend the State of the City Address at the Coronado Theatre on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 6:00 pm. The event is free and open to the public.
31. Alderman Thompson-Kelly called attention to the Ellis Heights Newsletter distributed to all the aldermen and mentioned this month it features Jennifer Cacciapaglia, City Attorney.
32. Alderman Thompson-Kelly reported Lobbyist Michael Cassidy was at the Legislative Lobbying Committee meeting today. He reviewed several items and provided a list of bills for review, requesting input on those issues.
33. Alderman Jacobson expressed concern with the striping on a section of Harrison Avenue which has caused some accidents and inquired to the remedy the City is taking to fix the problem. Director Hanson announced this section of Harrison Avenue will be restriped in the Spring, weather permitting with no cost to the City and in the interim, signs will be posted in that area.
34. Alderman Jacobson thanked City staff for providing him with pictures and inspection reports concerning the property located at 300 East State Street, indicating the building to be in good condition.
35. Alderman Beach called attention to a Press Release from the Convention and Visitor's Bureau announcing Rockford will be hosting the Illinois Women's Bowling Association 2012 state tournament, bringing approximately 650 bowlers over the course of the 14-week tournament.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2010-062CR

36. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for the Sale of Property at 612 & 616 8th Street be made to

the sole bidder, Swedish American Foundation, of Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$2,900.00. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski -1-

2010-063CR

37. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the Engineering Agreement: Riverwalk – Museum Campus Phase II be awarded to McClure Engineering Associates, Inc. to perform design and construction engineering for a total not to exceed cost of \$332,715.24. The funding for this project will come from the General Fund.

Alderman Curran made a motion to send the committee report back to Finance and Personnel Committee, seconded by Alderman McNeely. MOTION FAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Elyea, McNeely -3-
Nays: Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, Robertson -10-
Absent: Sosnowski -1-

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

Ayes: Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -11-
Nays: Curran, McNeely -2-
Absent: Sosnowski -1-

2010-015-O

38. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 3, Section 3-55 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford that upon all other requirements of the Liquor Ordinance having been met, said amendments shall serve as City Council advice and consent for the Liquor Commissioner to issue a Liquor License to the following person:

Harmil Patel d/b/a Citgo Mini Mart, located at 2837 11th Street for the sale of alcohol by the package with a gas station and convenience store. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
2. Compliance with all City of Rockford Liquor Codes.
3. Submittal of Building Permit for Staff review and approval.
4. Submittal of detailed site and landscaping plans for Staff's review and approval.
5. That the freestanding sign shall be a landmark style sign in accordance with the Sign Ordinance replacing the existing freestanding sign.

6. The sale of alcohol shall be limited to the interior of the convenience store that was submitted.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -12-
Nays: Beach -1-
Absent: Sosnowski -1-

2010-016-O

39. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 3, Section 3-55 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford that upon all other requirements of the Liquor Ordinance having been met, said amendments shall serve as City Council advice and consent for the Liquor Commissioner to issue a Liquor License to the following person:

Ya Min Sun d/b/a Oriental Dragon, Inc. located at 3053 North Perryville Road for the sale of liquor by the drink in conjunction with a restaurant. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Compliance with all City of Rockford Liquor Codes.
2. The liquor license is limited to beer and wine and no packaged sales.
3. Hours of operation are limited as provided on the submitted letter labeled Exhibit F.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -12-
Nays: Beach -1-
Absent: Sosnowski -1-

2010-017-O

40. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Article 63, of the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Rockford for a modification of Special Use Permit #122-01 from a Planned Mixed-Use Development for a recovery home for young adolescent women between the ages of 14-18 not to exceed 12 residents plus staff to a Planned Mixed-Use Development consisting of an addiction recovery home for adolescent people not to exceed 12 residents plus staff in an R-1, Single-Family Residential Zoning District at 2415 East State Street and 127 Hollister Avenue. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Any expansions or changes shall require Modification to the Special Use Permit.
2. This modification shall not include the single-family residence located 127 Hollister Avenue, which shall not be used as a recovery home.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -13-

Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski -1-

2010-018-O

41. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule Section 291 of the Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following:

That traffic on Carol Court be required to Stop prior to entering the intersection of Esmond Drive, thus repealing the existing Yield Sign control.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski -1-

2010-019-O

42. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule Section 303 of the Ordinances of the City of Rockford to repeal the following:

Mid-Block Pedestrian Crosswalk on Ninth Street 200 feet south of 23rd Avenue.
Mid-Block Pedestrian Crosswalk on Ninth Street 300 feet north of Harrison Avenue.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski -1-

2010-020-O

43. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule Section 303 of the Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following:

Mid-Block Pedestrian Crosswalk in the 300 block of North Main Street between the parking deck and the Coronado Performing Arts Center.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski -1-

2010-021-O

44. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule Section 281 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to repeal the following:

No Parking 6:00 am to 9:00 am restriction on the west side of South 6th Street from 15th Avenue to 22nd Avenue, in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-164 of the Code of Ordinances, thus restoring unrestricted parking.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson,
Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski -1-

2010-022-O

45. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule Section 281, of the Ordinance of the City of Rockford to add the following:

No Parking during Regular School Days, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm on the north side of Arbutus Road from 73 feet to 115 feet west of Madron Road.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson,
Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski -1-

2010-023-O

46. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule Section 308 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following:

A Bus Stop Zone, on Monday through Saturday, from 6:00 am to 5:30 pm, on the south side of Mulberry Street from Church Street to 90 feet west of Church Street.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson,
Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski -1-

2010-064CR

47. Alderman Elyea moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending that the sale of the remaining four Shopstead units located at 1708, 1712, 1718 and 1720 West State Street be approved on the terms outlined in the attached memorandum. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate Ordinance.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson,
Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski -1-

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2010-019R

48. Alderman Wasco, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the Central Services Manager to take bids/proposals for the following:
- A. RFP: Harrison Avenue Phase II, funding source: Sales Tax, MFT, and WRIA
 - B. RFP: Pavement Management & Assessment, funding source: Sales Tax
 - C. Bid: City-Wide Crack Sealing 2010, funding source: Sales Tax

MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Sosnowski absent).

NEW BUSINESS

49. Alderman Beach introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule Section 308, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following:

Residential Parking Zone on both sides of the 300 block of West Jefferson Street between Church Street and Main Street.

LAID OVER.

50. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 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 8, 2010
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 8, 2010

A. CODE AND REGULATIONS

1. Beach – Traffic – Fifteen Minute Parking restriction on the north side of East State Street from 175 feet to 198 feet north of 2nd Street, thus repealing the existing Two Hour Parking restriction.
2. Beach – Traffic - Fifteen Minute Parking restriction on the west side of North Main Street from 35 feet to 100 feet north of Elm Street, thus repealing the existing Passenger Loading Zone.
3. Beach – Traffic – Residential Parking Zone from residential permit parking on both sides of the 300 block of Market Street between 1st Street and 2nd Street, being eight permits for the residents at 317 Market Street.
4. Beach – Traffic – “40 MPH” speed limit on Bell School Road from Spring Brook Road to Riverside Blvd.
5. Beach – LAB – **Mohammad Akhtar Bhatti d/b/a B.P. at Mulford** located at 320 North Mulford Road.
6. Beach – ZBA – Approve Zoning Map Amendment and Variation and Deny Variation at 901 9th Street and 1216 9th Avenue.
7. Beach – Plat of Alpine Terrace

8. Beach – Rock River Water Reclamation District Easement Agreement for Cameron Avenue Sanitary Sewer on Parcel 11-10-277-002.
- Officers Reports
 - Unfinished Business of previous meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER MARCH 1, 2010

1. Beach - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the sale of the vacant lots at 416 & 420 North Avon Street for a minimum bid of \$7,800.00, which includes advertising with preference to the adjoining property owner.
2. Wasco - Finance and Personnel - Recommending that the 2010 budget be adopted, and that the Budget Officer be directed to prepare the necessary Appropriation Ordinance.
3. Wasco - Finance and Personnel - Recommending that the 2010 License and Fee Schedule as attached be approved and that the Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
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5. Wasco - Finance and Personnel - Recommending that the City Council approve extension of Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Control Services with Winnebago County through April 1, 2010.

III. ORDINANCES LAID OVER MARCH 1, 2010

1. Beach - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 16, Schedule Section 308, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following:

Residential Parking Zone on both sides of the 300 block of West Jefferson Street between Church Street and Main Street.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS LAID OVER

- Motions and Resolutions

- V. 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. Sosnowski – Ordinance - Recommending that the sale of the remaining four Shopstead units located at 1708, 1712, 1718 and 1720 West State Street be approved on the terms outlined in the attached memorandum.
- * 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 8, 2010, 5:15 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. C & R 10-20 New Special Events Ordinance

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Monday, March 8, 2010, 5:15 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of Bid: Wood Grinding
 - B. Award of Bid: Rental of Traffic Control Devices
 - C. Award of Bid: Demolition of 2224 N. Court, and 1505 & 1609 Clifton – Suspend rules
 - D. Award of Bid: Day Avenue Reconstruction Phase II – Suspend rules
 - E. Award of Bid: Hecker Avenue Reconstruction – Suspend rules
 - F. Rescind Award of Contract: Commercial Labor – Suspend rules
 - G. Engineering Agreement: Walnut Street – State Street Alley
 - H. Engineering Agreement: 6th Ward Drainage

- I. Engineering Agreement Amendment: 3rd Street Bridge
- J. Resolution to take Bids/Proposals
- K. Vouchers
2. City-State Agreement: East State Street Resurfacing
3. City-State Agreement: North Main & Auburn Roundabout Phase II
4. RMTD Line of Credit
5. Financial Discussion

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Monday, March 8, 2010, 5:30 p.m.
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA**

1. Memorandum from James R. Ryan, City Administrator, regarding the Acquisition of Property – Downtown Area.

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

**Monday, March 8, 2010, 4:00 p.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA**

1. 2010 Lobbyist Contract
2. Priority Lists to Lobbyist
3. New Business