

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 6, 2011
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:15P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Chaplain Calvin Malone, Jerusalem Missionary Church/ Police Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Page Yesenia Centeno.
2. Roll Call:

Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey

Aldermen: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-
Absent: -0-
3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of May 31, 2011, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4. Prophet Yusef spoke about famous people that have lived in public housing.
5. Roland Poska introduced Christopher Sims and invited everyone to attend an open mic event on July 4th at the Sullivan Center.
6. Nancy Gdowski reported violent crime is on the increase in Rockford and urged council members to shift the course of self destruction and to become proactive on crime.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. Alderman Beach submitted a Memorandum from Julia Valdez, Deputy City Administrator/ Director of Human Resources, regarding upcoming special events:
 1. Bethesda Alley Walk – 9/10/11
 2. Miracle Mile Naschair Challenge – 6/23/11
 3. Verdi Club Live on the Lawn – Country Rock on the Rock – 7/3/11Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
8. Alderman Beach submitted a Memorandum from Jennifer Cacciapaglia, City Attorney, regarding the Groundwater Ordinance for 1711 Seminary Street. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
9. Alderman Johnson submitted four (4) requests for service. Referred to Community Development/Code Enforcement and Public Works Department.
10. Alderman Johnson submitted an e-mail from Diane Wakeley requesting the fire hydrant in front of her home be painted. Referred to Public Works Department.

11. Alderman Elyea submitted a Memorandum from Reid Montgomery, Director of Community and Economic Development, regarding grant agreement approving funding for Keep Northern Illinois Clean and Beautiful for a total of \$22,100.00. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
- 11a. Alderman Elyea submitted a Memorandum from Reid Montgomery, Director of Community and Economic Development, regarding grant agreement approving funding for Miracle Mile for a total of \$30,000.00. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
12. Alderman Durkee submitted a request from Viki Bilich, Murphy's Pub and Grill, requesting permission for a motorcycle show, "Supporting the Troops" Poker Run and Bike Show on July 17, 2011 from 9:00 am to 11:00 pm at Murphy's Pub and Grill, 510 South Perryville Road. Alderman Durkee moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED.
13. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Patrick Zuroske, Capital Program Manager, regarding Intergovernmental Agreement: Morgan Street Rail Road Crossing. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee
14. Council Clerk submitted a letter from Comcast regarding the First Quarter Franchise Fee. Placed on File.
15. Alderman McNeely submitted a letter from Kathleen Waldron, ORCHiD Neighborhood, opposing the proposed redevelopment at the former site of Jane Addams Housing. Placed on File.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

16. Alderman Beach read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the acquisition of easements for the properties pertaining to the Falmouth Water Main Project. The Legal Director shall prepare the necessary ordinance. LAID OVER.
17. Alderman Beach read a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE a request for a Special Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development consisting of a limited industrial (kitchen cabinets) use, an office, and three (3) single-family apartments in an I-1, Light Industrial Zoning District at 1000 9th Street. Approval subject to the following conditions:
 1. Meeting all applicable Fire and Building codes specifically, documentation from a licensed design professional (Architect), licensed in the State of Illinois, indicating the current construction does not violate any building code requirements in regard to the change of use to an assembly use.
 2. Submittal of a Building permit for Staff review and approval.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact. The Legal Director is hereby instructed to prepare the necessary Ordinance. LAID OVER.

Alderman Beach moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely voted no). Alderman Thompson-Kelly made a motion to lay the committee report over, seconded by Alderman Jacobson.

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18. Alderman Beach read a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE a request for a Special Use Permit for a fuel center within Brynwood Square Shopping Center in a C-2, Limited Commercial District at 2601 North Mulford Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Fire and Building Codes.
2. Landscaping shall be installed in accordance with the revised landscaping plan as submitted at the May 17, 2011 ZBA inclusive of expanding the island south of fuel station and including an additional island in Kroger parking isle.
3. Submittal of a revised elevation plan for the gas canopy, support structures for canopy and kiosk for Staff's review and approval. The design shall include brick that matches the shopping center of the kiosk and support structures of canopy.
4. Compliance of lighting from kiosk, signage, and gas canopy.
5. Removal of the existing ATM machine and drive thru.
6. Should the Kroger grocery store discontinue operation within the shopping center that the gas station, canopy, fuel tanks and other improvements associated with the fuel center shall be removed in accordance with applicable state, federal and local regulations. This responsibility may not be assigned to other parties.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact. The Legal Director is hereby instructed to prepare the necessary Ordinance.

Alderman Beach moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED. The Committee Report was placed on Passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a roll call vote of:

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

19. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Engineering Agreement: Harrison Ave. Land Acquisition Service be made to O.R. Colan Associates for Land Acquisition Services for a total not to exceed cost of \$699,280. The funding for the project will come from Surface Transportation Program-Urban funds. LAID OVER.
20. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report having received a request for an Intergovernmental Agreement: North Main & Auburn St. Roundabout – Sanitary Sewer recommends the City create and execute an ordinance that approves the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Rock River Water Reclamation District. No funding is required for this agreement. LAID OVER.

21. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the Early Head Start expansion grant for the budget period 9/30/2011-3/29/2012. LAID OVER.
22. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report having reviewed the Phase II Outsourcing Assessment Report from Baker Tilly and the recommendations of the Outsourcing Subcommittee presented on May 9, recommend that staff proceed with items as outlined in the memo dated May 16, 2011 from Carrie Eklund, Central Services Manager. Staff will update the committee every 60 days on progress toward achieving recommendations. LAID OVER.
23. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of June 6, 2011 in the amount of \$1,832,466.74
24. Alderman Elyea read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the Downtown Parking Agreement between the City of Rockford and TRT Management. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. LAID OVER.

OFFICERS REPORTS

25. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming Saturday, June 11, 2011 to be "BIKER JAM DAY" in Rockford, Illinois and urged all citizens to support and enjoy the festivities of Biker Jam Day in support of Goldie Floberg Children's Home.
26. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of June 6, 2011 to be "RIDE THE RUMBLE TO ROCKFORD H.O.G. RALLY WEEK" in Rockford, Illinois and encouraged our citizens to participate in the events of the Ride The Rumble To Rockford.
27. Mayor Morrissey thanked everyone involved in organizing all the community events in Rockford this past weekend.
28. Mayor Morrissey announced the cooling sites throughout the city and surrounding area this summer which offer air conditioned relief during periods of excessive heat or when an Excessive Heat Advisory or Warning is issued by the National Weather Service. For more information, go to www.keepcool.illinois.gov.
29. Alderman Thompson-Kelly mentioned attending the Friday Night Flix at Davis Park and was delighted to see all the families attending the event. She also thanked Mike Dunn and RAVE for their efforts.
30. Alderman Thompson-Kelly expressed her concerns with the hundreds of weed complaints she alone has received and requested staff temporarily move employees from other departments to address this issue.

31. Alderman Jacobson reported the tragic drowning of a 2-year old child in his ward and asked for clarification of the city ordinance that regulates fences around portable pools. Referred to Community Development/Todd Cagnoni.
32. Alderman Beach announced the Phantom Regiment will be performing tomorrow night at Sinnissippi Park at 7:30 pm to kick-off the Park District's Music in the Park series and next Tuesday, June 14th the Rockford Concert Band will be performing at 7:30 pm at Sinnissippi Park. All concerts are free.
33. Alderman Beck also offered information about the Rockford Park District's Music in the Park series beginning June 7– August 11, 2011 with local bands performing every Tuesday and Thursday night at 7:30 pm at Sinnissippi Band Shell. Schedules can be located at the Rockford Park District website/Sounds of Summer.
34. Alderman Johnson thanked Fire Local 413 and Police Union for inviting her to attend their combined family picnic on Saturday.
35. Alderman Johnson offered belated congratulations to Phil Eaton for his 40 years of service at Rosecrance.
36. Alderman Thompson-Kelly congratulated her friend, Hazel Alexander, on the accomplishments of her son, Reggie. She announced Reggie Alexander will be performing for Michelle Obama next Monday at a fundraising event in California.
37. Alderman Jacobson thanked the organizers and volunteers of the Rockford AirFest for their time and efforts to make the event a success and thanked members of the SM&SF Club for their contributions.
38. Alderman McNeely announced the cooling center locations in her ward.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2011-077R

39. Alderman Beck, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the Central Services Manager to take Proposals for the following:
 - A. RFP: Well 31 Solar Panel Installation, funding source: WRIA
 - B. RFP: Charles Street Redevelopment, funding source: N/A
 - C. RFP: S. Main Street Corridor Lighting, funding source: IDOT, Sales Tax, & MFT

MOTION PREVAILED.

2011-078R

40. Alderman Beach, on behalf of Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for a special event permit for the Head of the Rock Regatta Athletic Event on October 9, 2011 from 7:30 am – 4:00 pm at the YMCA/Rock River. MOTION PREVAILED.

2011-079R

41. Alderman Beach, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for a special event permit for the North Calvin Park Boulevard Garden Walk on June 26, 2011 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the Calvin Park Boulevard Neighborhood. MOTION PREVAILED.

2011-080R

42. Alderman Beach, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for a special event permit and a liquor permit for consumption of liquor ("S" license) for REMISSION ACCOMPLISHED Spaghetti Dinner (proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society) on June 18, 2011 from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm at 126 15th Avenue. MOTION PREVAILED.

2011-081R

43. Alderman Beach, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution giving consent to allow the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to place DUI Memorial Signs along IDOT controlled Rights-of-Way within the corporate limits of the City of Rockford. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Mark voted no).

NEW BUSINESS

2011-073-O

44. Alderman Beach introduced and read an Ordinance amending Article 63, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Special Use Permit for fuel center within Brynwood Square Shopping Center in a C-2, Limited Commercial District at 2601 North Mulford Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
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 6. That the hours of operation for the fuel station shall be limited from 6:00 am to 11:00 pm.
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Nays: Thompson-Kelly -1-
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45. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 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
June 13, 2011
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 JUNE 13, 2011

A. CODE AND REGULATIONS

1. Beach - Groundwater Ordinance for 1711 Seminary Street
2. Beach - Municipal Parking Lot HH Project/Acquisition through Litigation
3. Beach – ZBA - Variation to build a pylon sign, a Variation to increase the sign height from the maximum 8’ to 20’ and; Variation to increase the maximum square footage allowed to 160 square feet per site sign in a C-3, Commercial General District at 7151 Walton Street
4. Beach - Amendments to Chapter 27, City of Rockford Municipal Code; Regulation of Trees and Shrubs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER JUNE 6, 2011

1. Beach - Code and Regulation - Recommending the acquisition of easements for the properties pertaining to the Falmouth Water Main Project. The Legal Director shall prepare the necessary ordinance.
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III. MISCELLANEOUS - APPOINTMENTS

1. Mayor Morrissey – Appointment – Community Action Board, Mr. Victory Bell for a three-year which would expire in July, 2014. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this appointment is up for passage on July 5, 2011)

- Motions and Resolutions

IV. MOTION AND RESOLUTIONS

1. Beach - Bethesda Alley Walk – 9/10/11
2. Beach - Miracle Mile Naschair Challenge – 6/23/11

- 3. Beach - Verdi Club Live on the Lawn – Country Rock on the Rock – 7/3/11
- 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).
- * 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, June 13, 2011, 5:15 p.m.

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

AGENDA

- 1. C & R 11-78 Special Events: Bethesda Alley Walk, 9/10
Miracle Miles Naschair Challenge 6/23
Verdi Clubs Live on the Lawn/Country Rock on
the Rock 7/3
- 2. C & R 11-79 Groundwater Ordinance for 1711 Seminary Street
- 3. C & R 11-73 Municipal Parking Lot HH Project/Acquisition through
Litigation
- 4. C & R 11-70 ZBA#016-11 **Variation** to build a pylon sign, a
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the maximum 8' to 20' and;
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footage allowed to 160 square feet per site
sign in a C-3, Commercial General District
at **7151 Walton Street**
- 5. C & R 11-77 Closed Session for Purposes of Pending or Threatening
Litigation

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Monday, June 13, 2011, 5:15 p.m.
Conference Room B, City Hall 2nd floor (south room)
AGENDA

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of Sole Source Contract: Ammunition for Police Department – Suspend rules
 - B. Award of Contract: Purchase of 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors
 - C. Award of Contracts: Multi-family Housing Weatherization Services
 - D. Award of Bid: Arterial Resurfacing #1 – Suspend rules
 - E. Resolution to take Bids/Proposals
 - F. Emergency Repairs to Air Compressor System – **Info only**
 - G. Vouchers
2. Intergovernmental Agreement Resolution: Morgan Street Rail Road Crossing

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, June 13, 2011, 5:30 p.m.
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA

1. Memorandum from Reid Montgomery, Director Community & Economic Development, regarding Grant Agreement Approving Funding for **Keep Northern Illinois Clean and Beautiful for a Total of \$22,100.**
2. Memorandum from Reid Montgomery, Director Community & Economic Development, regarding Grant Agreement Approving Funding for **Miracle Mile for a Total of \$30,000.**

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

Monday, June 13, 2011, 4:30 p.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA

1. Gaming SB 744
2. Historic Tax Credits SB 2168
3. General legislative update
4. New Business