

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
JULY 18, 2011
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:24 P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Chaplain Wayne Ahrens, Five Gates Church/Rockford 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, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -11-
Absent: Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -3-
3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of July 11, 2011, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, McNeely absent).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4. Jim Buckingham spoke about attending the 4th of July festivities, crime in Rockford, the Riverwalk and announced he will be available to become the next Mayor.
5. Prophet Yusef spoke about unemployment in America.
6. Bruce Roberts spoke in opposition of geographic and community policing.
7. K. Edward Copeland spoke in support of geographic and community policing.
8. Students from ArtsPlace recited poetry and invited the community to their event this Thursday and Friday at Rockford College Clark Arts Center, 505 E. State Street, performance at 7:00 pm.
9. Alderman Beck made a motion to go into closed session to discuss collective negotiating matters and personnel matters regarding specific employees, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -3-

The meeting went into closed session at 6:45 p.m.

The meeting returned to open session at 7:35 p.m. and found the following aldermen present:

Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, Robertson -10-

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

10. Alderman Johnson submitted three (3) requests for service. Referred to Police Department, Community Development/Code Enforcement and Public Works Department.
11. Alderman Durkee submitted a Resolution requesting the IAFF 413 voluntarily reduce their wage increase. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
12. Alderman Wasco submitted a Memorandum from Julia Valdez, Deputy City Administrator/ Director of Human Resources, regarding upcoming special events:
 1. Bookerfest 2011, 8/13/11 & 8/14/11
 2. Labor Day Parade, 9/05/11
 3. Miracle Mile Festival, 8/12/11 & 8/13/11Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
13. Alderman Wasco submitted the Rockford Traffic Commission minutes from the meeting held on July 13, 2011. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

14. Alderman Beach read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the City Council approve the sale of the vacant lot at 628 Kent Street for a minimum bid of \$2,000, which includes advertising with preference to the adjoining property owner. LAID OVER.

2011-224CR

15. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Multi-Family Housing Weatherization Services – Valley View – 2011 be made to the sole bidder, Miller Engineering, of Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$220,100.00. The funding for this project is ARRA Grant Funding.

Alderman Beck moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Timm. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Elyea, McNeely absent). The Committee Report was placed on Passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a roll call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, Robertson -10-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Elyea, McNeely -4-

2011-225CR

16. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for City-Wide Street Repair #2 – 2011 be made to the low bidder, William Charles Construction, of Loves Park, Illinois for their total bid of \$454,500.57. The funding source is Sales Tax.

Alderman Beck moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Timm. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Elyea, McNeely absent). The Committee Report was placed on Passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a roll call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, Robertson -10-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Elyea, McNeely -4-

2011-226CR

17. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Fabrication & Installation of (4) V-Boxes be made to Bonnell Industries, of Dixon, Illinois for their total bid of \$31,648.00. The funding source is Equipment Fund.

Alderman Beck moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Timm. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Elyea, McNeely absent). The Committee Report was placed on Passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a roll call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, Robertson -10-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Elyea, McNeely -4-

2011-227CR

18. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Repair of Snow Plows be made to the low bidder, Bonnell Industries, of Dixon, Illinois for their bid of \$75.00/hour for an estimated total cost of \$26,950.00. The funding source is Equipment Fund.

Alderman Beck moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Timm. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Elyea, McNeely absent). The Committee Report was placed on Passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a roll call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, Robertson -10-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Elyea, McNeely -4-

2011-228CR

19. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Winnebago Street Bridge Deck and Pavement Replacement – 2011 be made to the low bidder, Civil Constructors, of Freeport, Illinois for their total bid of \$149,875.20. The funding source is Sales Tax.

Alderman Beck moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Timm. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Elyea, McNeely absent). The Committee Report was placed on Passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a roll call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, Robertson -10-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Elyea, McNeely -4-

2011-229CR

20. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for an Engineering Agreement: Keith Creek/Churchill Park be awarded to McClure Engineering Associates for a total-not-to-exceed cost of \$110,808.10. The funding source is Sales Tax funds.

Alderman Beck moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Timm. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Elyea, McNeely absent). The Committee Report was placed on Passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a roll call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, Robertson -10-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Elyea, McNeely -4-

21. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of July 18, 2011 in the amount of \$2,549,901.71. MOTION PREVAILED by a roll call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, Robertson -10-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Elyea, McNeely -4-

OFFICERS REPORTS

22. Mayor Morrissey referred to a Memorandum from Andres Sammul, Finance Director, regarding Financial Discussion - 2012 Budget and suggested dates for upcoming budget sessions.
23. Mayor Morrissey thanked Governor Quinn for his commitment and support of the Morgan Street Bridge Project.
24. Mayor Morrissey thanked Rockford Fire, Police, Public Works and Human Services employees for their efforts dealing with the extreme heat this week. He reported Chief Bergsten has called upon the unified command approach to best serve the citizens of Rockford during this week's dangerous heat conditions.

Alderman Jacobson exited the meeting at 7:49 pm

26. Alderman Mark thanked all the departments for their efforts dealing with the storm last Monday and thanked Paul Callaghan, ComEd, for his quick response to the many calls

and requests he had. He suggested making incremental steps towards changing the overhead power lines and putting them underground.

- 27. Alderman Beck agreed with Alderman Mark's comments and expressed the concerns of his constituents who continually lose power for extended periods of time.
- 28. Alderman Wasco commended the Public Works Department staff for their help with the aftermath of the storm and thanked Jim Ryan, City Administrator, for scheduling additional days for yard waste collection. He announced a neighborhood meeting has been scheduled for July 28, 2011 at 5:30 pm to discuss concerns with ComEd representatives.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2011-086-O

- 29. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Legal Director to execute and attest the attached Agreement between City of Rockford and Northern Illinois University. MOTION PREVAILED by a roll call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, Robertson -10-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Elyea, McNeely -4-

- 30. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of an appointment to the Rockford Area Convention and Visitors Board; Mr. Gordon Kaye, to replace Jim Ryan. MOTION PREVAILED by a roll call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, Robertson -10-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Elyea, McNeely -4-

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2011-103R

- 31. Alderman Beck, 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. Bid: Sawyer Road Reconstruction, funding source: Sales Tax
- B. Bid: Ethel Avenue Turn Lane, funding source: Sales Tax
- C. Bid: Kishwaukee Street Resurfacing, funding source: Sales Tax

MOTION PREVAILED by a roll call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, Robertson -10-

Nays: -0-
Absent: Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Elyea, McNeely -4-

2011-104R

32. Alderman Beck, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution approving an Agreement Amendment between the City of Rockford and the State of Illinois Department of Transportation for improvements to the Morgan Street Bridge in the additional amount of \$1,065,477 from the City's allotment of motor Fuel Tax and/or Sales Tax Funds in the Capital Improvements Plan. MOTION PREVAILED by a roll call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, Robertson -10-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Elyea, McNeely -4-

2011-105R

33. Alderman Beach, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution requesting permission from IDOT for temporary closures of portions of North Main from Park Avenue to Harlem Boulevard on September 11, 2011 for the BART Ride, Biking for the Arts. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Elyea, McNeely absent).

2011-106R

34. Alderman Beach, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for a special event permit and liquor permit for consumption of liquor outdoors on private property ("S" license) for the American Legion Oktoberfest Event on September 17, 2011 from 9:00 am to 11:00 pm at 3835 Broadway. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Elyea, McNeely absent).

2011-107R

35. Alderman Beach, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for a special event permit and liquor permit for consumption of liquor outdoors on private property ("S" license) for St. Patrick's Food and Music Festival on August 7, 2011 from 12:00 (noon) to 10:00 pm at 2505 School Street. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Elyea, McNeely absent).
36. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 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
July 25, 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 JULY 25, 2011

A. CODE AND REGULATIONS

1. Beach – Traffic – “No Action” on the following items:
 - a. Repeal existing traffic control of Loomis St. stopping for Corbin St. to replace with all-way stop control at the intersection of Corbin St. and Loomis St.
 - b. Prohibit commercial vehicles on Magnolia St. from Blackhawk Park Ave. to Seminary St.
2. Beach - Amendments to Chapter 27, City of Rockford Municipal Code; Regulation of Trees and Shrubs
4. 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**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER JULY 18, 2011

1. Beach - Code and Regulation - Recommending that the City Council approve the sale of the vacant lot at 628 Kent Street for a minimum bid of \$2,000, which includes advertising with preference to the adjoining property owner.

- Motions and Resolutions

III. MOTION AND RESOLUTIONS

1. Beach - Bookerfest 2011, 8/13/11 & 8/14/11
2. Beach - Labor Day Parade, 9/05/11
3. Beach - Miracle Mile Festival, 8/12/11 & 8/13/11
4. Beach – Labor Day Parade

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).

1. Beach – Ordinance - APPROVE a Special Use Permit for the expansion of cultural exhibits and APPROVE a Variation to reduce parking to two (2) parking spaces per site plan, and to allow landscaping as per site plan submitted without the need for Variation in an R-1, Single-family Residential Zoning District at 1129 South Main Street
2. Beach – Ordinance - APPROVE a Special Use Permit for charitable food pantry in an I-1, Light Industrial District at 401, 421 South Rockton Avenue.
3. Beach – Ordinance - APPROVE a Special Use Permit for auto repair, rim and tire installation and sales in a C-4, Urban Mixed Use Zoning District at 1601 Broadway.

* 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, July 25, 2011, 5:15 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. C & R 11-103 July Traffic Commission Minutes
2. C & R 11-108 Special Events: 1)Bookerfest 8/13 & 8/14
2)Labor Day Parade 9/5
3)Miracle Mile Festival

3. C & R 11-63 Amendments to Chapter 27, City of Rockford Municipal Code; Regulation of Trees and Shrubs
4. C & R 11-70 ZBA#016-11 **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**
5. C & R 11-109 Closed Session for Purposes of Pending or Threatening Litigation

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Monday, July 25, 2011, 5:15 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of Bid: Whitman Street Interchange Repairs – Suspend Rules
 - B. Award of Bid: Springbrook Road Reconstruction – Suspend Rules
 - C. Award of Bid: City-Wide Bike Routes – Suspend Rules
 - D. Rescind Award of Contract: Multi-Family Housing Weatherization Services – Suspend Rules
 - E. Award of Bid: Window Replacement – Fire Station #11
 - F. Award of Contract: Infrared Cameras – Human Services
 - G. Change Order to Contract: Refrigerators for Human Services
 - H. Engineering Agreement Amendment: Morgan Street Bridge
 - I. Resolution to take Bids
 - J. Vouchers
2. Intergovernmental Agreement: Ethel Avenue Turn Lane – Suspend Rules
3. Intergovernmental Agreement: Alpine Dam Improvements – Suspend Rules
4. 2011 Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance
5. 2012 Fee Ordinance

6. Financial Discussion
7. Resolution Aldermen Durkee and Thompson-Kelly on Request to IAFF 413 on 2011 wages

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Monday, July 25, 2011, 5:45 p.m.
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA**

1. Memorandum from Jovita Donahue, Development Specialist, regarding request from Midtown District for Financial Support for year 2011.

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

**Monday, July 25, 2011, _____ p.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA**

No Meeting Scheduled.