

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 9, 2007
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:11 P.M.

1. The invocation was given by Pastor Anthony Wilson, Providence Baptist Church/Police Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Page Mercedes Martinez.
2. Roll Call:

Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey

Aldermen: Sosnowski, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach,
Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness –12-
Absent: Curran, Jacobson –2-
3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of October 1, 2007, seconded by Alderman Sosnowski. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Curran, Jacobson absent).

PUBLIC HEARING

4. Mayor Morrissey called upon Alderman Mark to conduct a public hearing. Alderman Mark called the hearing to order at 6:14 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 34xx and 37xx Samuelson Road. He asked for questions or comments from the Council members, and then from the public, and closed the public hearing at 6:25 pm.

The Meeting returned to the regular Order of Business at 6:15 pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5. Deborah Weaver spoke to Council supporting her neighborhood; it's her choice to live there.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

6. Alderman Thompson-Kelly submitted two (2) Requests for Service. Referred to the Public Works Department.
7. Alderman Bell submitted a letter from Kenneth Nauert requesting removal of a deteriorated tree on city property on Christina Street between Nelson Blvd. and Buckbee Street. Referred to the Public Works Department.
8. Alderman Bell submitted a Memorandum from Richard M. May, Commercial Development Coordinator, regarding a Real Property and Sales Tax Rebate for Rick's Place Hotel, Museum and Restaurant Development, East Riverside and I-90. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
9. Alderman Timm submitted a request from Bill Pratt, Wesley Willows, requesting permission to hang freestanding banners at 3630 and 4552 North Rockton Avenue and

2661 W. Riverside Blvd. for nine (9) days from October 10, 2007 – October 19, 2007. Alderman Timm moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Curran, Jacobson absent).

10. Alderman Conness submitted a letter from Vikouski Household requesting installation of a street light on Marion Avenue and storm water drains on that street cleaned. Referred to the Public Works Department.
11. Alderman Beck submitted a request from Bill Pratt, Wesley Willows, requesting permission to hang freestanding banners at 6855 E. Riverside Blvd. for nine (9) days from October 10, 2007 – October 19, 2007. Alderman Timm moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Curran, Jacobson absent).
12. Alderman Beck submitted a request from Bill Pratt, Wesley Willows, requesting permission to hang freestanding banners at 3699 N. Main Street for nine (9) days from October 10, 2007 – October 19, 2007. Alderman Timm moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Curran, Jacobson absent).
13. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Patrick Zuroske, Capital Program Manager, regarding City-Wide Biennial Bridge Safety Inspections 2007. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
14. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Andres Sammul, Finance Director, regarding floodway acquisition project. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
15. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Patrick Hayes, Legal Director, regarding Retention of Outside Counsel. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
16. Alderman Beck submitted an Emergency P.O. from Mark Rose, Land Acquisition Officer, regarding appraisal services for flood impacted properties. Placed on file
17. Alderman Thompson-Kelly requested a copy of Resolution No. 2007-102R be sent to Senator Dave Syverson. Referred to Legal Department/Council Clerk.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

18. Alderman Bell read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of TIF Funding of \$19,864 to Lee R. and Charmaine D. Schreiner for renovation of 201 7th Street. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. LAID OVER.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

19. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Ellwanger, Planner II, regarding the Final Plat of Garrison School. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.

20. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Ellwanger, Planner II, regarding the annexation agreement of 3092 Samuelson Road. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

21. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report regarding the Final Plat of Ardsley Acres Subdivision. LAID OVER.
22. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Variation to reduce the side yard setback from the required six (6) feet to two and one half (2 ½) feet along the south property line; and APPROVE the Variation to reduce the rear yard setback from the required thirty (30) feet to twenty-four (24) feet along the west property line for the attached garage in an R-1, Single-family Residential Zoning District at 828 Paris Avenue. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. As per the submitted site plan and building elevation plan.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 11/19/07; ZBA #078-07). LAID OVER.

23. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Modification of Special Use Permit #146-97 to modify the hours of operation of the nightclub and the sales of liquor from 7:00 pm – 2:00 am to 11:00 am to 2:00 am in a C-2, Commercial Community District at 3780 East State Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 11/19/07; ZBA #074-07). LAID OVER.

24. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Special Use Permit for liquor sales by the drink in conjunction with a bar; and APPROVE the Special Use Permit for the outside sale of liquor by the drink in conjunction with outdoor seating in a C-3, Commercial Community Zoning District at 5801 Columbia Parkway. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Compliance with all City of Rockford Liquor Codes.
2. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
3. That a detailed site plan showing the configuration of the indoor tenant space and outdoor patio is submitted for Staff review and approval.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 11/19/07; ZBA #073-07). LAID OVER.

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25. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Special Use Permit for a Planned Mixed-Use Development consisting of a self-service laundry (Laundromat) in a I-1, Light Industrial District at 1830 15th Avenue. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
2. Building design must be in accordance to Exhibit E.
3. The dumpster enclosure must match the building design.
4. Site redevelopment must be in accordance to Exhibit F including sidewalks and possibly curb/gutter as determined by the Public Works Department.
5. Submittal of a detailed landscaping plan for staff review and approval.
6. Hours of operation shall be from 5:00 am to 12:00 (midnight).

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 11/19/07; ZBA #072-07).

Alderman Mark moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Johnson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Curran, Jacobson absent). The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Curran, Jacobson absent).

2007-436CR

26. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Zoning Map Amendment from C-2, Commercial Community District to C-3, Commercial General District; and APPROVE the Special Use Permit for a performance use of heavy equipment sales/service/rental and outdoor storage/sales/display of heavy equipment that cannot satisfy the minimum distance of six hundred (600) feet to a residential district in a C-3, Commercial Community District at 58xx Columbia Parkway.

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
2. Submittal of a site plan for staff review and approval.
3. Submittal of a landscaping plan and an illumination plan will be required for staff review and approval and meeting all applicable codes and ordinances prior to the issuance of a building permit.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 11/19/07; ZBA #079-07).

Alderman Mark moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Johnson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Curran, Jacobson absent). The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Curran, Jacobson absent).

27. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee report recommending approval of the agreement between the County of Winnebago, the City of Loves Park, the City of Rockford and Rockford Memorial Hospital/Rockford Health System regarding the City of Loves Park Riverside Special Assessments. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. LAID OVER.

28. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee report recommending approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with NIU on fiber optic connections. LAID OVER.
29. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of October 9, 2007 in the amount of \$2,955,988.81. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

Nays: -0-

Absent: Curran, Jacobson –2-

OFFICERS REPORTS

30. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of October 8, 2007 to be "Fire Prevention Week" in Rockford, Illinois and urged all citizens to lend support and share in the responsibility for maintaining fire safety conditions wherever they may play, work and live.
31. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of October 8, 2007 to be "Babes in Toyland Week" and urged all citizens to support this worthwhile event which promotes the arts for the children of our community.
32. Mayor Morrissey advised there will be a News Conference on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at the MetroCentre, 300 Elm Street to announce details of the naming rights partnership for the renovated arena's Club Lounge.
33. Mayor Morrissey called attention to a News Release from Winnebago County Board Chairman Scott Christiansen announcing the Kickoff Meeting for community input into preparation of the County's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan to be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Veteran's Memorial Hall Auditorium, 211 North Main Street.
34. Mayor Morrissey mentioned a Memorandum from K. William Morr, Superintendent Public Works Department, regarding Street Sweeper Operations for the week of October 9, 2007 indicating the areas and streets to be swept. For information regarding street sweeping, contact the Street Maintenance Division at 815/987-5763.
35. Mayor Morrissey mentioned a News Release regarding Discolored Water Alert. The Rockford Water Division will be unidirectional flushing fire hydrants in the following boundaries beginning Monday, October 8, 2007 for approximately four (4) weeks from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Thursday inside the boundary of Guilford Road to Charles Street and Prospect Street to Alpine Road. Any concerns may be directed to Larry Pierce at 815/987-5736 in the Rockford Water Quality Section or on the City's web site: www.ci.rockford.il.us.
36. Mayor Morrissey mentioned a matter was referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee regarding financing opportunities relative to mitigation work in the flood

areas specifically home acquisitions. He encouraged anyone effected by the flood to contact FEMA at 1-800-621-3362 to register for assistance.

37. Mayor Morrissey thanked Council members and Department Heads for attending the annual Council Retreat at the Hilton Garden Inn last Tuesday.
38. Mayor Morrissey commented he attended a New Conference at EIGERLab this morning along with Alderman Thompson-Kelly regarding the Minority and Women's Construction Management Training Program. This program is a partnership between the City, County, DCEO and Rock Valley College in an effort to improve minority and women's contracting.
39. Mayor Morrissey spoke about the rash of gunfire over the weekend with another tragic homicide, and thanked the Rockford Police Department for their efforts to control these volatile situations. He praised the citizens in this community for supporting their neighborhoods and mentioned CeaseFire will hold a vigil later this week in response to the recent violence.
40. Alderman Thompson-Kelly expressed her concern with the amount of violence and shootings in the community and suggested Council partner with the Police Department and the community to discuss a plan/course of action in response to the overwhelming amount of gun violence in the City.
41. Alderman Thompson-Kelly stated she agreed with Alderman Wasco with regards to dividing tax monies equally between all the wards for alley, sidewalk and road repairs and also voiced her frustration from earlier discussion in committee with the lack of support from fellow aldermen.
42. Alderman Bell reiterated Mayor Morrissey's comments concerning crime, commented on the poverty rate and addressed a bigger symptom of the overall problem in the community, education and the school system. He called upon elected officials and citizens to join together in resolving these problems facing Rockford.
43. Mayor Morrissey congratulated all those who participated in the nFactor effort this past year and thanked Aldermen Mark and Timm for supporting their efforts at a fundraiser held at Anderson Gardens this past week. He thanked Adam Smith, Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, and Council for supporting the truancy efforts and addressing educational issues.
44. Alderman Beach addressed the attitude of today's youth, commented on the Cultural Revolution and its impact on society and emphasized the importance for churches to become involved in the lives of our children regardless of their faith.
45. Alderman Mark advised the Zoning Advisory Committee has released the proposed new Zoning Ordinance. Two informational meetings have been scheduled the first will be on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at the downtown Public Library, 215 North Wyman Street at 3:00 pm and the second on October 11, 2007 at Heartland Community Church, 1280 South Alpine Road at 6:00 pm. The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on October 23, 2007 in Council Chambers, City Hall 2nd floor.

46. Alderman Mark announced the Coronado Theatre will be celebrating its 80th Birthday this coming weekend with performances on Saturday at 4:30 pm in conjunction with the music academy and Coronado Performing Arts.
47. Alderman McNeely thanked Deborah and John Weaver, representing the Coronado /Haskell Neighborhood Association, for their efforts to raise awareness of the importance of keeping neighborhoods safe. McNeely mentioned the neighborhood association will be having a "Sweep it and Keep it" Campaign during the month of October. Any neighborhood groups or individuals that would like to take part in this effort may contact the Weavers at 815/968-2205.

Alderman Curran joined the meeting at 7:03 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2007-437CR

48. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Tentative Plat of Guilford Crossings. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The section of private street between Landis Land and Guilford Road shall have one name with suffix of Lane, Street, Way, etc. The east cul-de-sac shall have the same street but with a suffix of Court. The south stub street shall be the same street name but with a suffix of Circle. The street names shall be shown on the final plat.
 - b. The final plat shall be reviewed to reflect the revised drainage study submitted to Public Works on April 9, 2007 or the most recent approved drainage study.
 - c. A copy of the Homeowner's Association agreements shall be submitted. The agreement shall include maintenance of the detention areas, private streets and a dormant SSA to be activated in the event of the Homeowner's Association disbanding.
 - d. A six-foot utility easement shall be placed along the rear lot lines of the plat. This can be placed within the drainage easement provided it is not located over a storm sewer pipe. Along the rear lot lines the grade shall be relatively flat for the placement of the utility transformer boxes. Twelve-foot utility easements shall be placed between the lots running from the rear lot line to the proposed streetlight at all street light locations.
 - e. For lots 33-38 demonstration of the buildable and non-buildable portions of the lots shall be identified and shown as it relates to the one hundred-year flood limit.
 - f. A "click 2 enter" system must be installed for quick access for emergency vehicles with regards to the gated portion of the development.

- g. That a pedestrian easement (path) be dedicated along the east portion of the development and an easement shall be identified and noted on the final plat.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-438CR

49. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the claim of Tim Sharp for property damage in the amount of \$500.00 with a release to be obtained. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-439CR

- 49a. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the claim of Kevin Knight for property damage in the amount of \$437.89 with a release to be obtained. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-440CR

50. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance that traffic on Apawamis Way be required to stop prior to entering the intersection of Featherstone Road.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-441CR

51. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance for a Residential Permit Parking zone on the south side of Chestnut Street from thirty (30) feet to one hundred eighty-five (185) feet west of Court Street. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-442CR

52. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance that traffic on 19th Street be required to stop prior to entering the intersection of 7th Avenue. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-443CR

53. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance that traffic on Citadel Drive be required to stop prior to entering the intersection of Houston Road. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-444CR

54. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance restricting parking to “Handicapped Parking” on the west side of Dickerman Street from forty-seven (47) feet to eighty-two (82) feet south of Cunningham Street. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-445CR

55. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance for “No Parking Anytime” on both sides of Trainer Road from three hundred seventy (370) feet to six hundred fifty (650) feet south of Thomas Parkway. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

Nays: -0-
Absent: Jacobson -1-

2007-446CR

56. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance for “No Parking Anytime” on the west side of Triton Avenue from Garrett Lane to four hundred (400) feet north of Garrett Lane. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-447CR

57. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that “No Action” be taken on the following items:

1. Request from Dave Berry for “Residential Parking Permits” for the one hundred (100) block of South Second Street.
2. Request from Deb Sartino for “No Parking Anytime” on the south side of Brigadoon Road from ninety (90) feet to one hundred seventy (170) feet west of Brookview Road.
3. Request from Alderman Wasco, 4th Ward to repeal the existing “No Left Turn 7-9am, 4-6pm” at North Mulford Road and Palo Verde Drive.
4. Request from Susan O’Connor to repeal the existing “No Parking 7am-6pm” on the east side of Summit Street from Revell Avenue to Crosby Street.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-213-O

58. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance for the annexation of property commonly known as 34xx and 37xx Samuelson Road. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-214-O

59. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of an Ordinance regarding the TIF Funding of \$11,351.50 for renovation of Auto Clinic of Rockford, Inc. 4109 East State Street for repair of flood damage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-215-O

60. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of an Ordinance regarding the Agreement for Reimbursement of Oversized Facility (Redington Chase) by and between the City of Rockford, a municipal corporation, and Eagle Land Development Company. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

61. Alderman Beck moved the appointment for the Metro Authority Board, Dr. William Stephen Minore, to a one-year term, which would expire June 2008 to fill Gretchen Hudson's term who resigned from the Board. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2007-105R

62. Alderman Mark, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution that the Mayor and Legal Director be authorized to execute the Annexation Agreement by and between Donald E. Wernberg and Edwin J. Quante and the City of Rockford, a municipal corporation. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Jacobson absent).

2007-106R

63. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a resolution to take bids/proposals for the following:

Bid: Elimination of Water Services & Fire Suppression Systems at City Yards, funding source: Preston-Central TIF
RFP: Broker Services for the City of Rockford's Investments, funding source: General Fund.

MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Jacobson absent).

NEW BUSINESS

2007-216-O

64. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 1603, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a Special Use Permit for a Planned Mixed Use Development consisting of a self-service laundry (Laundromat) in an I-1, Light Industrial District at 1830 15th Avenue.

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
2. Building design must be in accordance to Exhibit E.
3. The dumpster enclosure must match the building design.
4. Site redevelopment must be in accordance to Exhibit F including sidewalks and possibly curb/gutter as determined by the Public Works Department.
5. Submittal of a detailed landscaping plan for staff review and approval.
6. Hours of operation shall be from 5:00 am to 12:00 (midnight).

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 11/19/07; ZBA #072-07).

Alderman Mark moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Johnson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Jacobson absent). The Ordinance was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-217-O

65. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 800.4 and Section 1603, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a Zoning Map Amendment from C-2, Commercial Community District to C-3, Commercial General District and a Special Use Permit for a performance use of heavy equipment sales/service/rental and outdoor storage/sales/display of heavy equipment that cannot satisfy the minimum distance of six hundred (600) feet to a residential district in a C-3, Commercial Community District at 58xx Columbia Parkway. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

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Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness –13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Jacobson –1-

66. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. 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
OCTOBER 15, 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

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER OCTOBER 9, 2007

1. Bell - Planning and Development - Recommending approval of TIF Funding of \$19,864 to Lee R. and Charmaine D. Schreiner for renovation of 201 7th Street. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
2. Mark - Code and Regulation - Regarding the Final Plat of Ardsley Acres Subdivision.
3. Mark - Code and Regulation - SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Variation to reduce the side yard setback from the required six (6) feet to two and one half (2 ½) feet along the south property line; and APPROVE the Variation to reduce the rear yard setback from the required thirty (30) feet to twenty-four (24) feet along the west property line for the attached garage in an R-1, single-family Residential Zoning District at 828 Paris Avenue. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
 1. As per the submitted site plan and building elevation plan.Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 11/19/07; ZBA #078-07).
4. Mark - Code and Regulation - SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Modification of Special Use Permit #146-97 to modify the hours of operation of the nightclub and the sales of liquor from 7:00 pm –

2:00 am to 11:00 am to 2:00 am in a C-2, Commercial Community District at 3780 East State Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 11/19/07; ZBA #074-07).

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1. Compliance with all City of Rockford Liquor Codes.
2. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
3. That a detailed site plan showing the configuration of the indoor tenant space and outdoor patio is submitted for Staff review and approval.

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7. Beck - Finance and Personnel - Recommending approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with NIU on fiber optic connections.

II. MISCELLANEOUS HELD OUT OCTOBER 9, 2007

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

* 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).

CODE AND REGULATION COMMITTEE
Monday, October 15, 2007, 4:45 p.m.
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA

1. C & R 07-244 Final Plat 1 of Garrison School
2. C & R 07-250 Annexation of 3092 Samuelson Road
3. C & R 07-243 Claim of Stephen Schach in the amount of \$748.13
4. C & R 07-245 Claim of Lisa Henderson in the amount of \$1,535.13
5. C & R 07-246 Claim of Larry Kerska in the amount of \$122.25
6. C & R 07-239 ZBA#077-07 **Special Use Permit** for a Planned Mixed Use Development for an industrial use and up to ten (10) temporary living trailers to house approximately 96 temporary workers for up to 90 days and for up to one temporary meal trailer in an I-2, General Industrial District at **302 Peoples Avenue**

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Monday, October 15, 2007, 5:15 p.m.
Conference Room B, City Hall 2nd floor (south room)
AGENDA

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of RFP: Parking Deck Elevator Maintenance – Suspend rules
 - B. Award of Bid: Street, Sewer, Traffic, & Water Materials – Suspend rules
 - C. Award of Bid: SCBA Equipment for the Fire Department – Suspend rules
 - D. Engineering Agreement: City-Wide Biennial Bridget Safety Inspections 2007
 - E. Resolution to take bids/proposals
 - F. Emergency PO for Repair of Wall & Overhead Door at City Yards
 - G. Vouchers
2. Retention of Outside Counsel
3. Floodway Acquisition Project

CIP Project Update

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Monday, October 15, 2007, 5:15 p.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA**

No agenda submitted.

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

**Conference Room B, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA**