

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 19, 2007
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:27 P.M.

1. The invocation was given by Chaplain Orville Richardson, Jefferson Heights Baptist Church/Police Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Page Shenitra Hyatt.

2. Roll Call:

Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey

Aldermen: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach,
Holt, Beck, Conness –12-

Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely –2-

3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of March 12, 2007, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly, McNeely absent).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4. Troy Tucker addressed Council announcing a Public Forum regarding 911 on March 20, 2007 at Club 505 on E. State Street.

5. Gary Marzorati addressed Council regarding the Future of the Rockford Mass Transit District (RMTD).

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

6. Alderman Conness submitted an e-mail from Dale Beyer requesting the installation of streetlights on Arnold Avenue from Harrison Avenue north on Arnold Avenue. Referred to the Public Works Department.

7. Alderman Conness submitted a request from Stanley Miller, Abidon Inc., requesting permission for a freestanding banner for five (5) weeks, March 16th – June 30th, at 5411 E. State Street (State Street Antique Mall). Alderman Conness moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Holt. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly, McNeely absent).

8. Alderman Curran submitted a request from Kimberly Galvan requesting the installation of a street light in the 1000 block of 14th Street. Referred to the Public Works Department.

9. Alderman Beach submitted a letter and pictures from Venessa Ross-Powell, Tender Beginnings Learning Center, requesting information on any laws that regulate the issuing of liquor licenses to business' directly next to a preschool/daycare facility. Referred to the Legal Department.

10. Alderman Beck submitted a letter from a constituent concerning the lack of signage directing traffic flow at the Parkview entrance to Anderson Gardens. Referred to the Public Works Department/Traffic.

11. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Brad T. Moberg, P.E. City Engineer, regarding an Emergency P.O. for Jefferson Street Bridge Repairs. Placed on file.
12. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Patrick Hayes, Legal Director regarding Intergovernmental Agreement for Ownership, Operation and Maintenance of a Striping Machine with Winnebago County. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
13. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Vicki Manson, Neighborhood Development Administrator regarding Partnership with Winnebago County in the administration of a grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
14. Alderman Mark submitted a request from Jim Columbi requesting 3-Hour Parking in the municipal lot behind C.J.'s Lounge and Northern Illinois Optical. Referred to the Public Works Department/Traffic.
15. Alderman Mark submitted the Rockford Traffic Commission Minutes of the Meeting held on March 14, 2007. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
16. Alderman Mark submitted a request from Mike DuPre, in conjunction with Rock River Raptors Tailgate Party, requesting permission for food and liquor outdoors within a confined space; charitable organization is Adrenaline Fast Pitch Softball, on March 24th from 4:00 pm-11:30pm; March April 14th from 4:00 pm-11:30 pm; March 28th from 4:00 pm-11:30 pm, at Davis Park North Lawn. Alderman Mark moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Beck. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly, McNeely absent).

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

17. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending that all bids for Symbols West Wall Remodeling be rejected and new bids be solicited immediately. LAID OVER.
18. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report regarding budgeted vacancies for the Department of Human Resources recommends the following position, Human Resources Manager be authorized to be filled. LAID OVER.
19. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending budgeted vacancies for the Department of Finance recommends the following positions, Accountant and Account Clerk be authorized to be filled. LAID OVER.
20. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending filling budgeted vacancies for the Department of Law, recommends that the Office Assistant position be authorized to be filled. LAID OVER.
21. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the Engineering Agreement Amendment for West State Street Crossover extension for a not-

to-exceed amount of \$199,797. The funding for this project will come from MFT. LAID OVER.

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22. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Clifton Avenue Reconstruction be made to the low bidder, Rockford Blacktop, of Rockford, IL for their total bid of \$163,797.53. The funding source is WARB.

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

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

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23. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Pressure Zone Boundary, Phase 2 be made to the low bidder, Rockford Blacktop, of Rockford, IL for their total bid of \$164,933.71. The funding source is WARB.

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

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

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24. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the Engineering Agreement for Construction Engineering for Harrison Avenue Bridges be made to Hanson Professional Services, Inc. at a not-to-exceed cost of \$1,033,800 for construction engineering. The construction engineering is eligible for up to \$400,000 from Major Bridge Replacement funds and \$600,000 from ICC Grade Crossing Protection Funds. Motor Fuel Tax funds will be utilized for the City's share of \$33,800.

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

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

25. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of March 19, 2007 in the amount of \$3,487,454.05. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm,
Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

26. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report REVERSING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council DENY the Zoning Map Amendment from C-2, Commercial Community District to C-3, Commercial General District and C-1, Limited Office District to C-3, Commercial General District and DENY a Special Use Permit for a Planned Mixed Use Development for a Bus Terminal, Transfer Center, including a joint development of retail spaces and parking at 7xx North Lyford Road.

Denial is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 4/23/07, ZBA #079-06). LAID OVER.

2007-101CR

27. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the claim of Madonna Gile for property damage in the amount of \$2,352.26, with a release to be obtained.

Alderman Mark moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly, McNeely absent). The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm,
Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

OFFICERS REPORTS

28. Mayor Morrissey expressed his appreciation for being the Mayor of this community and having the honor to deliver the State of the City Address at the Coronado Theatre on Thursday, March 15, 2007. He thanked everyone involved in coordinating the event, entitled "Leading Boldly and Working Together", citing accomplishments, proclaiming innovations and partnerships are the way to lead this community to excellence.
29. Mayor Morrissey announced on Friday, March 16, 2007, the American Hockey League (AHL) Board of Governors unanimously approved the sale and relocation of a franchise to Rockford, and the team's new 10-year affiliation agreement with the Chicago Blackhawks allowing the Rockford IceHogs to become members of the AHL. He thanked the Council and the community for their support with this two-year project.
30. Mayor Morrissey made a few comments regarding the budget and tonight's vote on it.

He thanked Council for continued discussion and debate regarding the Capital Plan, nature of that plan and how it impacts the citizens and the willingness to work together on some extremely difficult issues.

31. Mayor Morrissey mentioned a Press Conference held today announcing E-Days, the Swedish American Chamber of Commerce Entrepreneurial Days. In April, the City of Rockford will join the City of Chicago in hosting several hundred Swedish businesses, which will tour the Chicago and Rockford area to explore business opportunities. The Swedish Ambassador and other government officials will be visiting Rockford to discuss Rockford's opportunities for international and global growth. He thanked the RACVB, Economic Council and Steve Ward, Chairman of the Sister-City Committee, for their partnerships and support.
32. Mayor Morrissey submitted the appointment to the Rockford Housing Authority Board, David A. Sidney, to a five (5) year term, which would expire June 2012. LAID OVER.
33. Mayor Morrissey submitted the re-appointment to the Human Services CCA Board, Steve Vineyard, to a two (2) year term, which would expire January 2009. LAID OVER.
34. Alderman Jacobson announced last week he attended the 2008 Presidential Forum with the Firefighter's of America in Washington, D.C. He thanked E.J. Dilonardo for his invitation to sit-in with the Firefighters during their conference, and thanked Mayor Morrissey and Jim Ryan, City Administrator, for their time to discuss local issues, that he later spoke with U.S. Senators and Congressmen about. During their discussion, legislators informed him of 3.5 million dollars available for Homeland Security and a program, designed for communication between response teams in case of an emergency/disaster. He also discussed with Congressman Manzullo the 47 million dollars needed for the Federal Courthouse.
35. Alderman Jacobson spoke about his trip to Springfield a few weeks ago and commented on the success of the first reception hosted by the RACVB and Aldermen, inviting area legislators to join in discussion about local issues.
- 35a. Alderman Jacobson advised this Wednesday he will join Rockford area businessmen on a bus trip to Springfield to discuss ILBA issues in Rockford.
36. Alderman Bell thanked Alderman Jacobson for his comments regarding Homeland Security, the issue of communication and/or lack of during a time of disaster and steps the Federal Government is making towards funding and implementing a new program.
37. Alderman Bell mentioned the Orchid 3rd Union College Neighborhood monthly meeting will be held on March 28th at 6:30 pm at the Jane Addams Housing Development.
38. Alderman Bell mentioned the 5th Ward monthly meeting will be held on March 29th at the Montague Branch Library with Mayor Morrissey and City staff addressing the 1% Sales Tax Referendum. He encouraged all to attend.

39. Alderman Bell reported Alderman McNeely fell today and broke a bone in her leg. He extended his prayers to her.
40. Alderman Bell announced he would be attending the graffiti meeting tomorrow at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers on Alderman McNeely's behalf.
41. Alderman Bell commented that yesterday he had the opportunity to participate in a mock trial sponsored by "The Hands That Help" organization.
42. Alderman Mark held up a newspaper and indicated that an article had been written about the Riverwalk that provided specific information, dollar amounts and the area the Riverwalk project would go, but failed to mention that none of that information has been decided yet. Alderman Mark did express the importance of keeping the residents of Indian Terrace informed of any plans involving this project.
43. Mayor Morrissey acknowledged Rochelle Mayor Chet Olson in the audience and thanked him for his leadership on Broadband deployment in public and private partnerships.
44. Mayor Morrissey followed-up Alderman Mark's remarks regarding the Riverwalk by reiterating a project plan has not been completed nor has a plan to finalize a process to execute the project been determined. He expressed his disappointment with the lack of responsible journalism with regards to the newspaper articles about the Riverwalk. He invited the Council and community to contact him with any questions or concerns regarding the Riverwalk project and advised information will be available on the City of Rockford website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2007-102CR

45. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement establishing the Northern Illinois Technology Triangle Commission with Boone County, City of Rochelle, Northern Illinois University, Ogle County, Winnebago County, and the City of Rockford. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate Ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly, McNeely absent).

2007-103CR

46. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending the 2007 Program not be amended, but that additional funds for CIP/Infrastructure be proposed for the 2008 CDBG Program in accordance with the approval process timeline attached. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly, McNeely absent).

OFFICERS REPORTS

47. Alderman Bell thanked Rochelle Mayor Olson for his leadership and direction regarding the Northern Illinois Technology Triangle.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2007-104CR

48. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the annexation of 6178 11th Street, 24xx Blackhawk Road and 61xx 11th Street – Tract I. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm,
Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

2007-105CR

49. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the annexation of 24xx Blackhawk Road – Tract II. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm,
Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

2007-106CR

50. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the annexation of 1818 Morgan Street. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm,
Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

2007-107CR

51. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the sale of a portion of 1009 Kishwaukee Street for a minimum bid of \$19,000.00 which includes all costs and advertising. The City of Rockford shall retain ownership of the easterly twenty-five (25) feet of 1009 Kishwaukee Street for future roadway improvements. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm,
Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

2007-108CR

52. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Zoning Map Amendment from County AG to City R-2, Two-family Residential District for Tract I and APPROVE the Special Use Permit for Planned Residential

Development in an R-2, Two-family Residential District for Tract I at 6178 11th Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The terms of the Annexation Agreement.
2. Submittal of a Tentative Plat and Final Plat for City review and approval.
3. Submittal of a drainage study for Staff review.
4. Submittal of a revised site plan for Staff review and approval.
5. The building's front elevation shall be replicate of Exhibit E.
6. Submittal of a revised landscaping plan for Staff review and approval.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 4/23/07, ZBA #008-07). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

2007-109CR

53. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Zoning Map Amendment from County AG to City I-1, Light Industrial District for Tract II at 24xx Blackhawk Road.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 4/23/07, ZBA #008-07). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

2007-110CR

54. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Tentative Plat of Arbor Heights Subdivision. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

2007-111CR

55. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of 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 an existing church and parking lot; and APPROVE the Variation to allow landscaping as shown

on the submitted plan in an R-2, Two-family Residential District at 940 and 950 North Rockton Avenue. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. A parking lot permit and approval from Public Works Department is required prior to improvements to the site.
2. Improvements to the site must be in accordance with Exhibit E.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 4/23/07, ZBA #004-07). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

2007-112CR

56. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Variation to reduce the front yard setback from thirty (30) feet to seventeen (17) feet along South Mulford Road in a C-2, Commercial Community Zoning District at 252 South Mulford Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Submittal and approval of a detailed landscaping plan.
2. Submittal and approval of building elevations and site plan before building permit approval.
3. That sidewalks be installed along South Mulford Road and Fincham Road.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 4/23/07, ZBA #003-07). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

2007-113CR

57. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Zoning Map Amendment from I-1, Light Industrial to R-2, Two-family Residential District and R-1, Single-family Residential District to R-2, Two-family Residential District for Tract I and a Special Use Permit for a Planned Residential Development for existing two-family residences for Tract II in an R-2, Two-family Residential District at 2901, 2915, 2919, 2923, 2927 and 2931 24th Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Submittal of elevation drawings prior to issuance of a building permit for staff's review and approval.
2. The existing driveways must be paved with either concrete or blacktop. A re-plat

must be approved and recorded prior to issuance of building permits.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 4/23/07, ZBA #001-07). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

2007-114CR

58. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Modification of Special Use Permit Ordinance #2001-274-O, for the brewing of beer, sale of liquor by the drink and the sale of packaged liquor approved on December 10, 2001 for Parcel 1 to allow expansion onto Parcel II; and APPROVE the Special Use Permit for outdoor sale of liquor by the drink for Parcel I and II in a C-4, Commercial Oldtown District at 213-215 and 217 East State Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The sale of liquor by the drink shall only be permitted in conjunction with an operating on-site brewery.
2. The sale of packaged liquor shall only be permitted in conjunction with an operating on-site brewery.
3. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
4. Meeting City's code on outdoor sales of alcoholic liquor.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 4/23/07, ZBA #007-07). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

2007-115CR

59. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council DENY the Variation to increase the maximum square footage for an accessory building from seven hundred twenty (720) square feet to eight hundred sixty-four (864) square feet and to increase the width of driveway off an alley from twenty-four (24) feet to thirty-two (32) feet in a R-1, Single-family Residential Zoning District at 615 North London Avenue.

Denial is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 4/23/07, ZBA #002-07). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

2007-116CR

60. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Special Use Permit for a self-service gas station and car wash; APPROVE the Special Use Permit for packaged liquor sales that does not satisfy all Performance Criteria; and APPROVE the Variation to reduce the rear setback from ten (10) feet to three (3) feet for Lots 20, 21 and 22, Light-Industrial Zoning District at 2501 North Main Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Fire and Building Codes.
2. Submittal of a revised Site Plan, Landscaping Plan, Illumination Plan and Building Elevations for Staff review and approval prior to Zoning Clearance for a building permit.
3. Package liquor sales are in conjunction with the convenience store as a secondary use.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 4/23/07, ZBA #005-07). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Holt, Beck, Conness -11-
Nays: Beach -1-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

2007-117CR

61. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending that the 2007 budget be adopted, as amended per the March 8, 2007 Memorandum, and that the Budget Officer be directed to prepare the necessary Appropriation Ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

Alderman Wasco made a motion to amend the 2007 budget proposal to increase the local roads transfer from the General Fund to the CIP Fund from \$840,000 to \$1,000,000, increasing the total to the local street CIP to 2.45 million to 3.45 million, seconded by Alderman Sosnowski.

After discussion, Alderman Sosnowski made a friendly amendment to set up a contra account with the 1 million dollars, those funds generated from taking 1.2% off every city budget, and in approximately 60 days voting on the allocation of those funds, seconded by Alderman Wasco. After further discussion, Alderman Wasco withdrew this second.

The amendment to the Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly, McNeely absent). The Committee Report as amended was placed on passage.

NEW BUSINESS

62. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance recommending approval of this Ordinance, the Mayor and Legal Director are hereby authorized to execute and attest the attached Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement between the City of Rockford and Illinois Department of Transportation. LAID OVER.

2007-55-O

63. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance making appropriation for the City of Rockford, a Municipal Corporation, to finance those functions pertaining to its government and affairs including but not limited to the General Fund, Information Services Fund, 911 Communications Fund, Motor Fuel Tax Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Parking System Fund, Sanitation Fund, Building Maintenance Fund, Equipment Maintenance Fund, Central Stores Fund, Water Fund, Community Development Block Grant Fund, Redevelopment Fund, Tourism Promotion Fund, East Side Tax Increment Financing District Fund, West Side Tax Increment Financing District Fund, Seventh Street Tax Increment Financing District Fund, South Rockford Tax Increment Financing District Fund, Southeast Area Tax Increment Financing District Fund, Lincolnwood Tax Increment Financing District Fund, Springfield Corners Tax Increment Financing District Fund, North Main Tax Increment Financing District Fund, Global Park Tax Increment Financing District Fund, Lincolnwood #2 Tax Increment Financing District Fund, River Oaks Tax Increment Financing District Fund, Garrison Tax Increment Financing District Fund, Hope VI Tax Increment Financing District Fund, Kishwaukee/Harrison Tax Increment District Fund, State and Alpine Tax Increment Financing District Fund, Main and Auburn Tax Increment Financing District Fund, Jackson School Tax Increment Financing District Fund, West Side #2 Tax Increment Financing District Fund, State and Kilburn Tax Increment Financing District Fund, State and Central Tax Increment Financing District Fund, Preston & Central Tax Increment Financing District Fund, Tuberculosis Sanitarium Fund, Public Library Fund, Human Services Fund, Police Pension Fund, Fire Pension Fund, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, Health Insurance Fund, Unemployment Insurance Fund, Worker's Compensation Fund, Auditing Fund, Debt Service Fund, OTB Special Project Fund, Risk Management Fund, and Underground Storage Tank Removal Fund for the year 2007, as amended by Alderman Wasco's motion to amend to cut budgets by 1.2% and immediately devote the savings to local roads.

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

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm,
Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

Alderman Beach exited the meeting at 7:50 pm

64. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 280 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following:

That a "No Parking Anytime" sign be posted on the West Side of South Main Street from Cedar Street to Morgan Street, thus repealing all existing parking ordinances in this roadway section.

That a "No Parking Anytime" sign be posed on the East Side of South Main Street from Cedar Street to Mill Street, thus repealing all existing parking ordinances in this roadway section.

That a "No Parking Anytime" sign be posted on the East Side of South Main Street from 210' south of Mill Street to Morgan Street, thus repealing all existing parking ordinances in this roadway section.

LAID OVER.

65. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 293 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following:

That traffic on Sheffield Avenue be required to Yield prior to entering the intersection of Green Street.

That traffic on Waveland Avenue be required to Yield prior to entering the intersection of Green Street.

LAID OVER.

66. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance to execute the attached public utility easement dedication from Elm Street to Mulberry Street in favor of Insight Communication, Inc., for construction of an underground fiber optic cable across certain property owned by the City of Rockford. Insight is relocating this cable as part of the West State Street to Chestnut Street Crossover improvement. LAID OVER.

2007-56-O

67. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 1604 and Section 1603 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford for a (A) Special Use Permit for a Planned Mixed-Use Development consisting of a single-family residence and a performance use of passenger vehicle sales that cannot satisfy the performance criteria of 600 feet from a residential district; and (B) a Variation to the required parking spaces from two (one fully enclosed) to one parking space (not fully enclosed); and (C) a Variation from the required Type "C" Landscape Buffer to remain "as is" on the west 1/3 of the lot in a C-3, Commercial General District at 3205 Kishwaukee Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. That the number of vehicles displayed for sale on the property shall be limited to twelve (12). Total number of vehicles allowed on the property shall not exceed fifteen (15).
2. That the property and use shall comply with all Building and Fire Codes.
3. That the property is developed as per the submitted concept drawing with the modification to include a four foot (4') landscape strip along the north and south property lines for Staff review and approval.
4. That a parking lot be approved by the City in conformance with this Special Use Permit (ZBA #080-06) and City of Rockford codes and regulations. That the design and construction of parking/display lot inclusive of proposed brick pavers be submitted for Staff review and approval.
5. Signage on this property shall be limited to the same approximate size and location as the existing signage on the lot and a signage plan shall be submitted for Staff approval.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 3/19/07, ZBA #080-06).

Alderman Mark moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly, Beach, McNeely absent). The Ordinance was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Holt, Beck, Conness -11-
 Nays: -0-
 Absent: Thompson-Kelly, Beach, McNeely -3-

68. Alderman Bell introduced and read an Ordinance recommending approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement providing for the improvement of the MetroCentre with the Metro Authority. (Read in error, see Item #71, 3/12/07 Council Minutes).

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69. Alderman Bell introduced and read an Ordinance recommending approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement Establishing the Northern Illinois Technology Triangle Commission.

Alderman Bell moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly, Beach, McNeely absent). The Ordinance was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Holt, Beck, Conness -11-
 Nays: -0-
 Absent: Thompson-Kelly, Beach, McNeely -3-

70. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 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 26, 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 MARCH 19, 2007

1. Beck - Finance and Personnel - Recommending that all bids for Symbols West Wall Remodeling be rejected and new bids be solicited immediately.
2. Beck - Finance and Personnel - Regarding budgeted vacancies for the Department of Human Resources recommends the following position, Human Resources Manager be authorized to be filled.
3. Beck - Finance and Personnel - Recommending budgeted vacancies for the Department of Finance recommends the following positions, Accountant and Account Clerk be authorized to be filled.
4. Beck - Finance and Personnel - Recommending filling budgeted vacancies for the Department of Law, recommends that the Office Assistant position be authorized to be filled.
5. Beck - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the Engineering Agreement Amendment for West State Street Crossover extension for a not-to-exceed amount of \$199,797. The funding for this project will come from MFT.
6. Mark - Code and Regulation - REVERSING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council DENY the Zoning Map Amendment from C-2,

Commercial Community District to C-3, Commercial General District and C-1, Limited Office District to C-3, Commercial General District and DENY a Special Use Permit for a Planned Mixed Use Development for a Bus Terminal, Transfer Center, including a joint development of retail spaces and parking at 7xx North Lyford Road.

Denial is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 4/23/07, ZBA #079-06).

II. ORDINANCES LAID OVER MARCH 19, 2007

1. Beck - Ordinance - Recommending approval of this Ordinance, the Mayor and Legal Director are hereby authorized to execute and attest the attached Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement between the City of Rockford and Illinois Department of Transportation.
2. Mark - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 16, Section 280 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following:

That a "No Parking Anytime" sign be posted on the West Side of South Main Street from Cedar Street to Morgan Street, thus repealing all existing parking ordinances in this roadway section.

That a "No Parking Anytime" sign be posed on the East Side of South Main Street from Cedar Street to Mill Street, thus repealing all existing parking ordinances in this roadway section.

That a "No Parking Anytime" sign be posted on the East Side of South Main Street from 210' south of Mill Street to Morgan Street, thus repealing all existing parking ordinances in this roadway section.

3. Mark - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 16, Section 293 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following:

That traffic on Sheffield Avenue be required to Yield prior to entering the intersection of Green Street.

That traffic on Waveland Avenue be required to Yield prior to entering the intersection of Green Street.

4. Mark - Ordinance - To execute the attached public utility easement dedication from Elm Street to Mulberry Street in favor of Insight Communication, Inc., for construction of an underground fiber optic cable across certain property owned by the City of Rockford. Insight is relocating this cable as part of the West State Street to Chestnut Street Crossover improvement.

III. MISCELLANEOUS LAID OVER MARCH 19, 2007

1. Mayor Morrissey - Appointment - Rockford Housing Authority Board, David A. Sidney, to a five (5) year term, which would expire June 2012. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage on April 23, 2007).

2. Mayor Morrissey - Re-appointment - Human Services CCA Board, Steve Vineyard, to a two (2) year term, which would expire January 2009. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage on April 23, 2007).

IV. MISCELLANEOUS HELD OUT MARCH 19, 2007

- 1.* Mayor Morrissey - Re-appointment - CAA Board, Lisa Brown, for a two (2) year term to expire January 2009. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this re-appointment will be up for passage on April 2, 2007).

* same action taken before

- Motions and Resolutions
- New Business (note: Ordinances may be read in under New Business and Rule 11 suspended and final vote taken. Committee Reports would have previously been voted on).
- Adjournment

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POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

The following items appear on the City Council Standing Committee Agendas as noted. Items may receive a vote at committee and come before the first City Council meeting held after the committee meeting. Rule 11 can be suspended and final vote taken on said items at the City Council meeting (no rule suspension is necessary to take a vote on vouchers).

CODE AND REGULATION COMMITTEE

**Monday, March 26, 2007, 4:45 p.m.
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA**

1. C & R 07-63 March Traffic Commission Minutes
2. C & R 07-64 Claim of Michael Norup

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

**Monday, March 26, 2007, 5:15 p.m.
Conference Room B, City Hall 2nd floor (south room)
AGENDA**

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of Bid: Storage & Disposal of Impound Vehicles

- B. Resolution to take bids/proposals
 - C. Engineering Agreement Amendment Kishwaukee Bridge
 - D. Change Order: Logistics Parkway
 - E. Emergency P.O. Morgan Street Bridge Repairs
 - F. Vouchers
 - √ Training/Travel for Police Department
2. Informational Road Assessment
 3. Intergovernmental Agreement for a Striping Machine with Winnebago County
 4. Partnership with Winnebago County in the Administration of a Grant

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, March 26, 2007, 5:00 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. Memorandum from Reid Montgomery, Director of Community & Economic Development regarding a Proposal for Renewal of the Contract between RLDC & City of Rockford.
2. Memorandum from Jovita Donahue, Development Specialist, regarding a Revision of abatement start date for Norstar Mechanical Industries Enterprise Zone Property Tax Abatement.