

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS  
MARCH 5, 2007  
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:15 P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Chaplain Randy Young, Faith Center/Police Chaplain, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Page Justin Francis and Girl Scout Troop #33.
2. Roll Call:

Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey

Aldermen: Sosnowski, Mark, Curran, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,  
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness –14-  
Absent: -0-
3. Alderman Conness moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of February 27, 2007, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

4. Tim Hughes addressed City Council regarding an Official Motto for Rockford.
5. Jim Keeling addressed City Council regarding Women's History Month/Alta May Hulett
6. Jack Philbrick addressed City Council regarding the Korean War Memorial.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

7. Alderman Beck moved that Mr. John E. Miller, Crowe Chizek and Company LLC, be permitted to address the City Council, said motion was seconded by Alderman Thompson-Kelly.

Alderman Beach made a motion to recess into closed session for the purpose of discussing possible threatened litigation, seconded by Alderman Conness.

Alderman Beck withdrew his motion and Alderman Thompson-Kelly withdrew her second.

MOTION PREVAILED on the motion to recess into closed session by a Roll Call vote of:

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

The meeting went into closed session at 6:32 pm. The meeting returned to open session at 6:57 pm, and found the following aldermen present: Aldermen Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness.

8. Alderman Mark made a motion that Mr. John E. Miller, Crowe Chizek and Company LLC, be permitted to address the City Council, seconded by Alderman Thompson-Kelly. MOTION PREVAILED.

Mr. Miller reported that bids were received for three series of General Obligation Bonds. Series 2007A and 2007B were for the Metro Centre project and Series 2007C was for the refinancing of a Series 1999 Bond Issue for interest rate savings. He recommended accepting the bid for the Series 2007A from LaSalle Financial Services, Inc. at a net interest rate of 4.164079% and for Series 2007B from Griffin, Kubik, Stephens, and Thompson, Inc. at a net taxable interest rate of 5.352496%. He also recommended accepting the bid for the Series 2007C from Harris, N.A. at a net interest rate of 3.849188%.

**2007-43-O**

9. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of an Ordinance confirming sale of an aggregate principal amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007, of the City of Rockford, Winnebago County, IL, consisting of \$6,635,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007A (Sales Tax Alternate Revenue Source), \$16,365,000 Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007B (Sales Tax Alternate Revenue Source), and \$\_\_\_\_\_ General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2007C (Sales Tax Alternate Revenue Source).

Alderman Beck moved to amend the Ordinance as follows:

Insert the following dollar amounts in the title of the Ordinance: "\$29,865,000" General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007 of the City of Rockford, Winnebago County, IL, consisting of "\$6,300,000" General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007A (Sales Tax Alternate Revenue Source), "\$16,700,000" Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007B (Sales Tax Alternate Revenue Source), and "\$6,865,000" General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2007C (Sales Tax Alternate Revenue Source). The bid tabulations for the bonds shall be inserted as Exhibit A, and the Successful Official Bond Bid Forms showing: LaSalle Financial Services, Inc., as purchaser of the Bonds, Series 2007A; Griffin, Kubik, Stephens, and Thompson, Inc., as purchaser of the Bonds, Series 2007B, and Harris, N.A., as purchaser of the Bonds, Series 2007C; shall be inserted as Exhibit B.

Said motion to amend was seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely voted no). The Ordinance, as amended, was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**2007-44-O**

10. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of an Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issue of \$6,300,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007A (Sales Tax Alternate

Revenue Source), of the City of Rockford, Winnebago County, IL, for the purpose of defraying the costs of certain Rockford Metro Centre improvements within the City, prescribing the details of said bonds and providing for the imposition of taxes to pay the same, and for the collection, segregation and application of certain sales tax receipts to pay said bonds.

Alderman Johnson moved to amend the Ordinance as follows:

“to add the appropriate interest rates, the amount of the tax levy and other necessary and relevant information to the successful bid per the ordinance submitted by Bond Counsel.”

Said motion to amend was seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely voted no). The Ordinance, as amended, was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**2007-45-O**

11. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of an Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issue of \$16,700,000 taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007B (Sales Tax Alternate Revenue Source), of the City of Rockford, Winnebago County, IL, for the purpose of defraying the costs of purchasing an American Hockey League franchise and the costs of certain Rockford Metro Centre improvements within the City, prescribing the details of said bonds and providing for the imposition of taxes to pay the same, and for the collection, segregation and application of certain sales tax receipts to pay said bonds.

Alderman Beck moved to amend the Ordinance as follows:

“to add the appropriate interest rates, the amount of the tax levy and other necessary and relevant information to the successful bid per the ordinance submitted by Bond Counsel.”

Said motion to amend was seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely voted no). The Ordinance, as amended, was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**2007-46-O**

- 12. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of an Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issue of \$6,865,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2007C (Sales Tax Alternate Revenue Source), of the City of Rockford, Winnebago County, IL, for the purpose of refunding certain previously issued and outstanding general obligation bond of the City, prescribing the details of said bonds, providing for the imposition of taxes to pay the same, and for the collection, segregation and application of certain sales tax receipts to pay said bonds, and further providing for the execution of an escrow agreement in connection with such issuance.

Alderman Beck moved to amend the Ordinance as follows:

“to add the appropriate interest rates, the amount of the tax levy and other necessary and relevant information to the successful bid per the ordinance submitted by Bond Counsel.”

Said motion to amend was seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED. The Ordinance, as amended, was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,  
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness –14-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: -0-

**2007-80CR**

- 13. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending ratification of the contracts with MidAmerican Energy for the period March, 2007 through December, 2008 at the rates quoted therein. The funding source is Departmental Operating Budgets. MOTION PREVAILED.

**2007-81CR**

- 14. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Final Plat of University Centre #13. MOTION PREVAILED.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- 15. Alderman Timm submitted a letter from Dorothy Helman concerning the traffic lights at the intersections of Auburn, Cumberland and Harlem Blvd. Referred to the Public Works Department/Traffic.
- 16. Alderman Conness submitted an e-mail from Deb Whitmire requesting signage about the traffic lights on Sandy Hollow indicating lane directions. Referred to the Public Works Department/Traffic.
- 16a. Alderman Conness submitted a letter from Matthew and Marilyn Parrish commending the City’s snow removal staff, Mike Johnson and co-workers of Rabine Paving for their

thorough and proficient efforts removing snow from the streets in their neighborhood. Referred to Mayor Morrissey's Office and the Public Works Department.

17. Alderman Johnson submitted a Request for Service at 2244 Colorado. Referred to Neighborhood Standards.
18. Alderman Johnson submitted a Request for Service regarding a drainage problem in the cul-de-sac at the end of 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Referred to the Public Works Department.
19. Alderman Bell submitted a letter, petition and check from Ronald Ballard, Macedonia Baptist Church, requesting a street name change. Referred to the Code and Regulation Committee.
20. Alderman Beach submitted a letter from the resident's of the Valley Pines Condos listing several concerns that have not been addressed by the developers of the outdoor theater at 1801 Samuelson Road. Referred to Mayor Morrissey's Office and the Code and Regulation Committee.
21. Alderman Curran submitted a letter from Judy Wright requesting a handicapped parking sign in front of her home at 216 Washington. Referred to the Public Works Department/Traffic.
22. Alderman Mark submitted a Request for Service. Referred to Zoning Department/Todd Cagnoni.
23. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Mark Rose, Land Acquisition Officer, regarding the proposed sale of 1105 Broadway (vacant lot). Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
24. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Mark Rose, Land Acquisition Officer, regarding the Tax Abatement on Demolition and Foreclosure Property. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
25. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Kerry Partridge, City Attorney, regarding the Littering Ordinance, Section 19-42. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
26. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Bill Keith, Superintendent of Property & Equipment, regarding Lease Agreement with the City of Rockford for the vacant Quizno's lease space. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.

#### **NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS**

27. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending payment to Barron Industries in the amount of \$1.4 million for relocation costs from 120 Morgan St., with a credit of \$400,000 which was previously paid. (Morgan Street Bridge project) Funding source: Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds. LAID OVER.

28. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of March 5, 2007 in the amount of \$1,640,341.67. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

Nays: -0-

Abstain: Holt –1-

Absent: -0-

29. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that “No Action” be taken on the following items:

- 1) Request from Alderman Ann Thompson, 7<sup>th</sup> Ward for the traffic signal installation at the following intersections:
  - a) Auburn Street and Avon Street
  - b) Auburn Street and Pierpont Avenue
  - c) Johnston Avenue and School Street
- 2) Request from Ron Bare to prohibit left turn for westbound traffic on Broadway at 15<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 3) Request from Anthony Cruz for “No Parking Anytime” and “Residential Permit Parking” on the west side of Foster Avenue between Preston Street and Anderson Street.

LAID OVER.

30. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance for “No Parking Anytime” 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.

31. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw on Ordinance for “No Parking Anytime” on the east side of South Main Street from Cedar Street to Mill Street, thus repealing all existing parking ordinances in this roadway section. LAID OVER.

32. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance for “No Parking Anytime” on the west side of South Main Street from Cedar Street to Morgan Street, thus repealing all existing parking ordinances in this roadway. LAID OVER.

33. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw on Ordinance that traffic on Waveland Avenue be required to Yield prior to entering the intersection of Green Street. LAID OVER.

34. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance that traffic on Sheffield Avenue be required to yield prior to entering the intersection of Green Street. LAID OVER.
35. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that the City Council APPROVE the 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; APPROVE a Variation to reduce the required parking spaces from two (one fully enclosed) to one parking space (not fully enclosed); and APPROVE 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 3502 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 the operation and use of passenger vehicle sales shall not be leased to a second party, but operated by the fee simple owner and resident of the property.
  5. That a parking lot permit be approved by the City in conformation 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.
  6. Signage on this property shall be limited to the same approximate size and location as the existing signage on the lot and signage plan shall be submitted for Staff approval.

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

36. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the public utility easement dedication from Elm Street to Mulberry Street in favor of Insight Communications, 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.

**2007-82CR**

37. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the settlement of Jonathan Allen and the City of Rockford in the amount of \$20,000.00 with a release to be obtained.

Alderman Mark moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED. The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,  
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: -0-

**2007-83CR**

38. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Final Plat of Red Oak Estates, #8.

Alderman Mark moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED. The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,  
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: -0-

39. Alderman Bell read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the modification of the attached Intergovernmental Agreement providing for the improvement of the MetroCentre with the Metro Authority. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate Ordinance. LAID OVER.

**OFFICERS REPORTS**

40. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of March 5, 2007 to be "Girl Scout Week" in Rockford, Illinois and called upon all citizens to support the mission and programs of Girl Scouting.
41. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of March 5, 2007 to be "National Sleep Awareness Week" in Rockford, Illinois and urged citizens to educate themselves in the importance of a good night's rest.
42. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of March 5, 2007 to be "RVC SIFE Environmental Leadership Week" in Rockford, Illinois and encouraged citizens to support this program and educate themselves on the importance of protecting our environment for our future.
43. Mayor Morrissey called attention to the Snow and Ice Report for the Week of February 26, 2007 to March 4, 2007. Copies provided to the Aldermen for review.
44. Mayor Morrissey updated council on graffiti abatement and stated the materials used to clean up the graffiti will not be effective until the temperature rises above 32 degrees. Once there is a break in the weather, clean up will begin. Any questions can be directed to the Mayor's Office or the Public Works Department.
45. Mayor Morrissey announced a joint meeting of the Code and Regulation and Planning and Development Committees to be held next Monday, March 12, 2007 at 4:00 pm in

Council Chambers, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The meeting will allow the consulting firm of Hitchcock Design Group to present its findings up to this point and discuss alternative plans for redevelopment of this section of the North Main corridor.

46. Mayor Morrissey called attention to the Memorandum announcing the appointments of Aldermen Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Wasco, Mark, Beach and Sosnowski to the Legislative Advisory and Lobbying Committee.
47. Mayor Morrissey commented on a News Release announcing Amtrak has completed a "Feasibility Report on Proposed Amtrak Service" between Chicago and Dubuque, Iowa via Rockford, Illinois, requested by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). This report was generated in response to a July, 2006 town meeting hosted by U.S. Senator Dick Durbin who was joined by Congressman Donald Manzullo, Amtrak, IDOT representatives, labor officials and community leaders from six counties. Mayor Morrissey invites further discussion on this issue.
48. Alderman Jacobson expressed his appreciation for his appointment to the Legislative Advisory and Lobbying Committee, and announced several aldermen will be in Springfield on March 7, 2007 when the Governor announces his budget. A meeting has been scheduled with area legislators at 3:00 pm and a reception has been scheduled from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Hilton in the Lincoln Room.
49. Alderman Jacobson announced he will be traveling to Washington D.C. to attend meetings scheduled with U.S. Senators Durbin, Obama and their staff.
50. Alderman Bell appreciated the update regarding the graffiti abatement and reported the 5<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> wards have been saturated with graffiti. He reiterated when the temperature becomes warmer, clean-up efforts will begin.
51. Alderman Bell mentioned he had a conversation with a realtor who was showing some buildings in the 5<sup>th</sup> ward and that his clients were concerned about the graffiti problem.
52. Alderman Bell submitted a letter from Israel Ibarra, East High School student, concerning "bumpy and uneven" roads and requested the City repair them. Referred to Mayor Morrissey's Office and the Public Works Department.
53. Alderman Curran expressed concern regarding the condition of Harrison Avenue and the urgency to repair the numerous potholes. He indicated he called the Public Works Department to fill the holes and was informed the construction site was to be maintained by Rockford Blacktop, the contractor of that project. As of today, some of the potholes have been filled, but he still has concerns with the liability of the construction site.
54. Alderman Curran thanked the City for repairing Rural Street and Chelsea, but has noticed deterioration, cracks and "webbing" in the streets. He suggested the City consider changing their specifications or try new innovative ideas to ensure the streets hold up for more than two or three years.

55. Alderman Thompson-Kelly indicated she had made several requests to the Public Works Department to have two particular streets in her ward snowplowed in the winter, patched in the spring and street signs installed. She indicated the signs have not been installed and emphasized she would like her request completed. Referred to the Public Works Department.
56. Alderman Johnson reiterated Alderman Curran's concern with the condition of Harrison Avenue and indicated she had spoken with Larry Laursen, Public Works Department. He advised that very soon the driving lane would be switched over to the part that has been repaired.
57. Alderman Johnson commented she attended the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual YWCA Leader Luncheon, Women of Achievement and mentioned Mayor Morrissey and a group of ladies from City Hall were present. She congratulated all the winner and specifically Sharon Nesbit-Davis, the wife of George Davis, Director of Human Services, for receiving the Mildred Berry Award for education.
58. Alderman Beach expressed concern with Com Ed's utility rate increase and found after his calculations that his rate is up about 46%, over twice what Com Ed indicate the increase would be. He suggested anyone with extremely high utility bills forward a copy to Senator Syverson or any legislator for the purpose of collecting data for future discussion on this matter.
59. Alderman McNeely expressed concern that a letter addressed and mailed to her at City Hall had been opened and responded to without her knowledge. She indicated Ms. Dismuke was requesting to have a fence and tree replaced after being removed for construction on Trenton Avenue for new curbs, gutters and sidewalks. Alderman McNeely recalls previously speaking with city staff about this and was told the items would be replaced and again is requesting this matter be resolved. She emphasized her disapproval of her mail being opened and would appreciate this not happening again. No letter submitted.
60. Alderman Conness commented he too has received several calls concerning the potholes on Harrison Avenue and advised he received a memo that indicated plans to switch the north side lane to the south side lane within the week, all plans contingent on the normal spring weather for this to occur. Anyone interested in the progress of the Harrison Avenue project can attend the monthly meetings at the bank on Harrison Avenue. For dates and times of the meetings please contact Alderman Conness.
61. Alderman Holt requested the Public Works Department provide him with a schedule or plan for proactively filling potholes. Referred to the Public Works Department.
62. Alderman Timm encouraged all to attend the St. Bernadette's Parrish 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Fair on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Personnel from the Rockford Fire Department will be available to check cholesterol and blood pressure, and personnel from the Rockford Police Department will be there as well.

## MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

### 2007-30R

64. Alderman Beck, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution recommending to take bids for the following: Gray Iron Sewer Castings, funding source Divisional Operating Budgets; Pressure Zone Boundary, Phase 2, funding source: WARB; Demolition of 1430 N. Court St., funding source: CDBG; Clifton Avenue Reconstruction, funding source: WARB. MOTION PREVAILED.

### 2007-31R

65. Alderman Beck, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution recommending that sales tax revenues that exceed the estimates identified in the City Budget and Capital Improvements program will be used for additional local roadway improvements and additional revenues are identified as the amounts above the dollars needed to construct past and current projects identified in the Capital Program, including inflating increases for projects in the future. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Wasco, Holt voted no).

### 2007-32R

66. Alderman Mark, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution that the City Council of the City of Rockford objects to Winnebago County Zoning Item #Z-08-07; Zoning Map Amendment from the AG, Agricultural Priority District to the R4, Multiple-Family Residential District at 7725 and 7753 West State Street. MOTION PREVAILED).

## NEW BUSINESS

67. Alderman Bell introduced and read an Ordinance recommending that the West State-Central Redevelopment Project Planning Area be approved. LAID OVER.
68. Alderman Bell introduced and read an Ordinance recommending that the West State-Central Redevelopment Plan and Project be approved. LAID OVER.
69. Alderman Bell introduced and read an Ordinance recommending that the County Clerk be instructed to implement tax increment financing per statute within the West State-Central Redevelopment Area. LAID OVER.
70. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance recommending the approval of the Registration of the Sellers of Scrap Copper in the City of Rockford. LAID OVER.
71. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance recommending approval of the attached Intergovernmental Agreement for a written guaranty securing a revolving line of credit for the Rockford Mass Transit District, by and between the City of Rockford, a municipal corporation, and the Rockford Mass Transit District, is hereby approved. The Mayor and Legal Director are hereby authorized to execute and attest the attached. LAID OVER.

72. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 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, 2<sup>ND</sup> floor City Hall**  
**425 E. State Street, Rockford**  
**March 12, 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 5, 2007**

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

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## **II. ORDINANCES LAID OVER MARCH 5, 2007**

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5. Beck - Ordinance - Recommending approval of the attached Intergovernmental Agreement for a written guaranty securing a revolving line of credit for the Rockford Mass Transit District, by and between the City of Rockford, a municipal corporation, and the Rockford Mass Transit District, is hereby approved. The Mayor and Legal Director are hereby authorized to execute and attest the attached.

## **III. MISCELLANEOUS HELD OUT MARCH 5, 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).
- 2\*. Mayor Morrissey - Appointment - Homestead Board, Robert King, for a term to expire June 2010. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage on March 12, 2007).
- 3.\* Mayor Morrissey - Appointment - Mechanical Board, Brad Glidden, to replace Mark Glidden, for a term to expire October 2009. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage on March 12, 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).

**JOINT CODE & REGULATION / PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES**

**Monday, March 12, 2007, 4:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
AGENDA**

1. Envision North Main Project

**CODE AND REGULATION COMMITTEE**

**Monday, March 12, 2007, 5:00 p.m.  
Conference Room A, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (north room)  
AGENDA**

1. C & R 07-48 Claim of Cyndi Furney
2. C & R 07-09 ZBA#079-06 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  
Special Use Permit for Planned Mixed Use Development for a Bus Terminal, Transfer Center, including joint development of retail spaces and parking at 7xx North Lyford Road
3. C & R 07-50 Littering Ordinance, Section 19-42

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**Monday, March 12, 2007, 5:00 p.m.  
Conference Room B, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (south room)  
AGENDA**

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
  - A. Award of Bid: Symbols West Wall Remodeling
  - B. Resolution to take Bids
  - C. Change Order: Kishwaukee Bridge (Engineering)
  - D. Vouchers
2. Jurisdictional Transfer: Kishwaukee Bridge – Suspend rules
3. City-State Agreement: Kishwaukee Street, Harrison Avenue to Buckbee Street – Suspend rules
4. Hiring Requests (Laid over 2/26)
5. 2007 Budget (Laid over 2/26)
6. Lease Agreement for the Vacant Quizno's Lease Space
7. Tax Abatement on Demolition & Foreclosure Property

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Monday, March 12, 2007, 5:00 p.m.  
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
AGENDA**

1. Resolution from Alderman Jeff Holt regarding development of a separate CDBG CIP Program to submit to federal government to amend the City CDBG Plan.