

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 9, 2007
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:17 P.M.**

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

2. Roll Call:

Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey

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

Absent: Timm, McNeely –2-

3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of April 2, 2007, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Timm, McNeely absent).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4. Alberta Walker addressed Council regarding the Preservation of the NIMCA Loan Program.

5. Michael Smoron addressed Council regarding Zoning Policy and Procedures.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

6. Alderman Bell submitted a letter from Janine Roberson concerning the on-going problem of loud music in her neighborhood. Referred to Mayor Morrissey's Office, Police Department and the Public Works Department/Traffic.

7. Alderman Bell submitted a Memorandum from Rob Lamb, Industrial Development Manager, regarding a Development Agreement with the Abilities Center to create a titanium compaction facility. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.

8. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Bill Keith, Property & Equipment Superintendent regarding a Lease Agreement for Ingersoll. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.

9. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Patrick Hayes, Legal Director regarding Renewal of Agreement with Rockford Township for Temporary Housing. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.

10. Alderman Johnson submitted a Request for Service at 3614 Beach Street. Referred to Neighborhood Standards and the Building Department.

11. Alderman Thompson-Kelly submitted five (5) Requests for Service. Referred to Neighborhood Standards and the Public Works Department.

12. Alderman Mark submitted a Request for Service. Referred to the Public Works Department.
13. Alderman Mark submitted a follow-up letter from Stephen Moore again requesting assistance with the quality of water supplied to his residence. Referred to the Public Works Department/Director Bittner.
14. Alderman Mark submitted a letter from Attorney Bruce Ross-Shannon stating his concerns with the zoning procedure for the proposed RMTD transfer site. Referred to Mayor Morrissey's Office and the Legal Department.
15. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Ellwanger, Planner II, regarding the Central Park Realty Company Subdivision Plat #6. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
16. Alderman Sosnowski submitted a letter from David Fiduccia, Winnebago County Board Member, 4th Ward, stating his concerns with the proposed RMTD transfer site. Referred to Mayor Morrissey's Office.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

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22. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of April 9, 2007 in the amount of \$2,574,777.01. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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Nays: -0-
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OFFICERS REPORTS

27. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of April 9, 2007 to be "Holocaust Remembrance Week" in Rockford, Illinois in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and the righteous Gentiles who risked their own lives to save the lives of the persecuted.
28. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming Friday, March 30, 2007 to be "HE & SHE: Vallien and Hydman-Vallien Day" in Rockford, Illinois and extend a heartily welcome to Bertil Vallien and Ulrica Hydman-Vallien to the Rockford community and thank them for bringing their wonderful art work for all the citizens to enjoy.
29. Mayor Morrissey thanked George Davis, Director of Human Services, and his staff for hosting their Annual Recognition Awards Luncheon and Report to the Community. The luncheon event included two keynote speakers, Glenda Beard-Thrist and Hope Swanson, former recipients of assistance from our Human Services Department, who shared their success stories as a result of the City's support.
30. Mayor Morrissey mentioned a Memorandum from Brian Eber, Storm Water Project Manager, which provides an informational update on the Stormwater Flood Control System. An analysis on the projected five-year CIP in the amount of dollars relating to that project and follow-up to various questions that have been asked are included in the memo. Any questions can be directed to Mayor Morrissey's Office or the Public Works Department.
31. Mayor Morrissey called attention to two (2) Memorandums from Patrick Hayes, Legal Director, regarding procedural issues and the legality of the City's zoning practices and procedures that were raised at City Council last week. He mentioned the memorandums were distributed to all the Aldermen and stated any questions or concerns can be directed to Mayor Morrissey's Office or the Legal Department.
32. Mayor Morrissey announced Swedish Entrepreneurial Days will begin next Monday, April 16, 2007. As part of Chicago's E-Day's, Rockford will host two significant individuals from Sweden, Gunnar Lund and Joran Hagglund and on April 18, 2007 approximately two hundred delegates will travel from Chicago to Rockford to participate in two industry sector sessions as part of our efforts to further "Global Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Investment". For further information regarding specific events please contact Mayor Morrissey's Office.
33. Mayor Morrissey reported one of Rockford's Fire trucks was hit by a stray bullet earlier today and no one was injured in that incident. He advised the Police Department will be

investigating this crime and voiced his concern with those individuals using illegal guns in the streets of Rockford.

34. Alderman Jacobson mentioned the Legislative Advisory and Lobbying Committee met for the first time today at 4:15 pm. Their objective was to formulate some by-laws, which will be available to all Council members when finalized and advised the next meeting will be held on April 24, 2007 at 7:30 am in Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room).
35. Alderman Jacobson thanked Aurelio Delarosa, President of the Police Union, for inviting some of the aldermen for dinner and discussion last week and mentioned the Fire Department would be having their dinner this week.
36. Alderman Jacobson announced Senator Syverson will be hosting "Breakfast with the Senator" on April 11, 2007 from 7:30 am – 9:00 am at the Stockholm Inn on Charles Street. This event will give citizens the opportunity to have one-on-one dialogue with the Senator to discuss pertinent issues to them and their families.
37. Alderman Jacobson announced Senators Burzynski and Syverson will be hosting an open forum on Monday, April 23, 2007 at 6:00 pm at Northern Illinois University to discuss issues and concerns affecting the residents of this community.
38. Alderman Thompson-Kelly thanked George Davis, Director of Human Services and his staff for hosting the Annual Awards Luncheon she attended today. She acknowledged Theresa Brown in the audience and thanked former Alderman Betty Cleary for her leadership in this community. She also wished Betty Cleary a happy belated birthday.
39. Alderman Bell commented on the Rockford Fire truck incident today and wished to thank Chief Epperson for notifying him when the shooting took place in Blackhawk Court. He encouraged the citizens to take a more active role in their neighborhoods and to identify the activity and report it to law enforcement agencies.
40. Alderman Wasco reported he has had some storm water issues in the 4th Ward and thanked the Public Works Department for their quick response in filling a sink hole and assisting the citizens with their concerns.
41. Alderman Wasco reminded everyone there will be a meeting at Midway Village on Guilford Road on April 11, 2007 at 7:00 pm regarding the Road Referendum. The Citizens Group that is leading the fight for that cause will be available for discussion. Alderman Wasco expressed his disappointment with comments he heard on a radio talk show and was hopeful that as a community, the focus should be placed on the issue of the Road Referendum and debate respectfully, keeping it at a cordial level.
42. Alderman Curran thanked the Rockford Art Museum for inviting the Aldermen to the opening night at the HE & SHE Exhibit. He was thoroughly impressed and mesmerized with the technical aspects of their work and encouraged all to view these amazing pieces.

43. Alderman Mark commented on an article in the *Rockford Register Star* yesterday that mentioned most of the roads in Rockford are in good condition. He indicated the importance of focusing on the fact that the roads are in disrepair, not the importance of how many are in disrepair versus how many feet are satisfactory.
44. Alderman Mark encouraged everyone to join the Rockford Dance Company for Russian Nights on April 14, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Coronado Theatre.
45. Alderman Mark announced the Mendelssohn Club will be hosting their annual "Felix's Cabaret" event on Saturday, April 14, 2007 at City Hall, 425 E. State Street and invited all to attend this benefit.
46. Alderman Sosnowski thanked council for giving him the ability to ask for an outside opinion regarding the Rockford Mass Transit proposal that is coming up for vote tonight. He informed council members that he had spoken with two different attorneys on this matter and their letters/opinions have been provided for their viewing. He indicated that when the committee report comes up for passage he would be requesting that Attorney Michael Smoron be allowed to speak to Council.
47. Alderman Bell mentioned there will be a meeting regarding the 1% Sales Tax Referendum on April 10, 2007 at 6:00 pm at the Booker Washington Center, 1005 South Court Street, and encouraged all to attend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2007-132CR

48. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Tree Removal be made to the lowest bidder meeting specifications Tree Care Enterprises, of Rockford, IL for their total estimated annual price of \$160,210.00. The funding source is Street Division Operating Budget. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

Nays: -0-

Absent: Timm, McNeely -2-

2007-133CR

49. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Gray Iron Sewer Castings be made to the sole bidder, Neenah Foundry, of Neenah, WI for their total bid of \$59,980.00. The funding source is Divisional Operating Budgets. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

Nays: -0-

Absent: Timm, McNeely -2-

2007-134CR

50. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the approval of an Agreement between the City and Rockford Area Arts Council. The funding source is Off Track Betting. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-135CR

51. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending that the City Council approve the attached Agreement with Sunil Illinois LLC for a 50% rebate of the City of Rockford Retailers' Occupation Tax (sales tax) for a period of 5 years for the new 10,500 square foot Dollar Tree store at 11th Street and Pershing to be constructed by Sunil Illinois LLC. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

Alderman Curran made a motion to lay the committee report over. Motion failed for the lack of a second.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-136CR

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

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

2007-137CR

53. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw on Ordinance for "No Parking Anytime" on both sides of Kleckner Road from McFarland east to the end. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

Nays: -0-
Absent: Timm, McNeely -2-

2007-138CR

54. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance to designate Rote Road from Perryville Road to Bell School Road as a "Through Street". MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2007-139CR

55. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the City Council of the City of Rockford DENY the claim of Michael Norup for property damage in the amount of \$1,276.68. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

56. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of 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).

Alderman Sosnowski made a motion to send the committee report back to the Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Alderman Holt. During discussion on that motion a second motion was made by Alderman Sosnowski to suspend the rules and allow an outside individual to address council on this matter, seconded by Alderman Holt. The motion to allow an outside individual to address council on this matter was placed on passage. MOTION FAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Wasco, Johnson, Beach, Holt -5-
Nays: Curran, Mark, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Beck, Conness -7-
Absent: Timm, McNeely -2-

The motion to send the committee report back to the Zoning Board of Appeals was placed on passage. MOTION FAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Wasco, Johnson, Beach, Holt –5-
Nays: Curran, Mark, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Beck, Conness –7-
Absent: Timm, McNeely –2-

The committee report was placed on passage. MOTION FAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Wasco, Johnson, Beach, Holt –6-
Nays: Mark, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Beck, Conness, Morrissey -7
Absent: Timm, McNeely –2-

2007-140CR

Alderman Mark made a motion to amend the committee report as follows: Code and Regulation Committee Report recommends that the action of the Zoning Board of Appeals be SUSTAINED, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE 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 APPROVE a Special Use Permit for a Planned Mixed Use Development for a Bus Terminal, Transfer Center, including joint development of retail spaces and parking at 7xx North Lyford Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable building and fire codes.
2. Submittal of a detailed site plan, landscaping plan and illumination plan for staff's review and approval prior to issuance of a building permit.
3. Submittal of a building design elevation for staff's review and approval prior to issuance of a building permit.
4. That a tentative plat and final plat is approved for the property in accordance with the City's Subdivision regulating inclusive of required public improvements to Lyford Road prior to issuance of building permit and development of site.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 4/23/07, ZBA #079-06), seconded by Alderman Bell. The motion to amend the committee report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Beck, Conness –7-
Nays: Sosnowski, Wasco, Johnson, Beach, Holt –5-
Absent: Timm, McNeely –2-

The amended committee report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Beck, Conness –7-
Nays: Sosnowski, Wasco, Johnson, Beach, Holt –5-
Absent: Timm, McNeely –2-

2007-74-O

57. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending the approval of the vacation for Stanley Street between Cedar Street and Preston Street. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

58. Alderman Beach announced it was his birthday and treats will be furnished after council.
59. Alderman Jacobson announced the Democratic caucus would be held in Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room) after the City Council meeting.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2007-43R

60. Alderman Beck, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, submitted a Resolution to take bids/proposals for the following: RFP: Ambulance Fee Billing, funding source: Fire Dept. Operating Budget; RFP: Emergency Shelter Grants, funding source Human Services Grants. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Timm, McNeely absent).

2007-44R

61. 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 Items #Z-10-07; Zoning Map Amendment from the AG, Agricultural Priority District to the CG, Commercial General District. The Legal Department is instructed to file this resolution as required by law. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Timm, McNeely absent).

2007-46R

62. Alderman Sosnowski suggested a Resolution that the Codes and Regulation Committee consider forming an Adhoc Committee to evaluate our zoning processes and evaluate our Ordinances and which Ordinances are typically waived by staff. In addition, this Adhoc Committee should also look at our policies and procedures regarding objections and make them consistent with state law. Referred to the Code and Regulation Committee.

2007-47R

63. Alderman Curran suggested a Resolution that City Council revisits the ordinance governing layovers of committee reports by two (2) aldermen (The "Curran Rule"). Referred to the Code and Regulation Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

64. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance recommending approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement for Ownership, Operating and Maintenance of a Striping Machine by and between Winnebago County and the City of Rockford. LAID OVER.
65. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance recommending the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Winnebago County to assist in the administration of a grant from Illinois Housing Development Authority be approved. LAID OVER.
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2007-75-O

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

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 3. Note: This lot does not have vehicular access to Broadway.
 4. If this lot is not developed according to the development plan within one year or transfer of title, then title shall revert back to the City of Rockford.

LAID OVER.

69. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 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
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425 E. State Street, Rockford
April 16, 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

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II. ORDINANCES LAID OVER APRIL 9, 2007

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III. MISCELLANEOUS HELD OUT APRIL 9, 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).

* 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, April 16, 2007, 4:45 p.m.
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA

1. C & R 07-65 Resolution from Ald. Jacobson re: Street Name Change
2. C & R 07-72 Central Park Realty Company Subdivision Plat #6
3. C & R 07-73 Resolution from Ald. Curran re: Revisiting the ordinance governing layovers of committee reports by two (2) aldermen

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Monday, April 16, 2007, 5:15 p.m.
Conference Room B, City Hall 2nd floor (south room)
AGENDA

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of Bid: Coronado Mechanical/Controls Service Agreement
 - B. Award of Bid: City-Wide PCC Patching – Suspend rules
 - C. Resolution to take Bids/Proposals
 - D. Vouchers
2. Renewal of Agreement with Rockford Township for Temporary Housing
3. Lease Agreement for Ingersoll
4. Informational Update: Stormwater/Flood Control System

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, April 16, 2007, 5:15 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. Memorandum from Ronald N. Schultz, City Attorney, regarding the Workforce Investment Board Lease.
2. Memorandum from Rob Lamb, Industrial Development Manager regarding Referral of Development Agreement with the Abilities Center to create a titanium compaction facility.

LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY AND LOBBYING COMMITTEE

Monday, April 24, 2007, 7:30 a.m.

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

AGENDA

No meeting scheduled.