

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
MAY 14, 2007
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:15 P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Chaplain Ron Montanye, St. Sebastian Orthodox Catholic 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, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness –13-
Absent: Johnson –1- (Joined the meeting at 6:45 pm).
3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of May 7, 2007, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Johnson absent).

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

4. Alderman Wasco submitted a Request for Service for streetlight repair at intersection of Innsbruck and Inglenook. Referred to the Public Works Department.
5. Alderman Wasco submitted an e-mail from Russ Milano concerning the efficiency of the Rockford City website "Contact Us" function. Referred to the Information Technology Department and the Public Works Department.
6. Alderman Sosnowski submitted a Request from Josef Schwaiger, Josef Barbados Restaurant, in conjunction with Tommy Bahama Reception, requesting permission for food and liquor outdoors within a confined space at 6860 Spring Creek Road on May 17, 2007 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Alderman Sosnowski moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Johnson absent).
7. Alderman Holt submitted a Request from Jean Haynie, Benson and Stone Co., in conjunction with a Company Bar-B-Cue, requesting permission for liquor outdoors within a confined space at 1100 11th Street on May 23, 2007 from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Alderman Holt moved to grant to prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Johnson absent).
8. Alderman McNeely submitted a Request for Service in the 100-300 block of Miriam, which is experiencing a high volume of speeding traffic. Referred to the Police Department and the Public Works Department/Traffic.
9. Alderman McNeely submitted a Request for Service at 2500 block West State Street concerning weeds, parking lot and building problems. Referred to Neighborhood Standards and the Building Department.

10. Alderman Conness mentioned an e-mail from Gary Brock, 2499 Eggleston Road, requesting "No Parking" on Eggleston Road. Referred to the Public Works Department/Traffic.
11. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Bonnie Henry, Director Building Department regarding an Emergency P.O. for Emergency Demolition of 721 S. 3rd Street. Placed on File.
- 11a. Alderman Mark submitted an e-mail from a constituent concerning criminal activity in her neighborhood. Referred to the Police Department.
12. Alderman Mark submitted an e-mail from Wally Hansen regarding the removal of a tree located on Grove Street and 2nd Avenue that has a spray of orange paint on it. Referred to the Public Works Department.
13. Alderman Mark submitted an e-mail a constituent concerning a neighbor with possible ordinance violations on his property. Referred to Neighborhood Standards.
14. Alderman Mark submitted an e-mail from Mark Parsek concerning drainage problems and lawn repair from the Auburn Street project and problems with a neighbor. Referred to the Public Works Department and the Police Department.
15. Alderman Mark submitted the Rockford Traffic Commission Minutes of the meeting held on May 9, 2007. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
16. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Ellwanger, Planner II, regarding the Final Plat of College Center. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
17. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Ellwanger, Planner II, regarding the Final Plat of Washington Park #2. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
18. Alderman Mark submitted a Request from Don Swinson, in conjunction with the Court Street United Methodist Church Annual Flower Sale, requesting permission to put plants on tables and plants on sidewalks, reserving at least 40" for pedestrians at 215 North Court Street on May 18th and 19th from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Alderman Mark moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Johnson absent).
- 19a. Alderman Mark submitted a Request from Carol Wright, in conjunction with On The Waterfront Stars and Guitars Concerts, requesting barricades and permission for and police assistance and tents, closures, detours and outdoor liquor for a not-for-profit at Davis Park on June 21, 2007 through June 24, 2007. Alderman Mark moved to grant the Prayer for the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Johnson absent).
19. Alderman Jacobson submitted a Request for Service at 2813 20th Street for mowing. Referred to Neighborhood Standards.

20. Alderman Jacobson submitted a Request for Service at 4008 North Port concerning proper zoning for beehives. Referred to the Legal Department.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

2007-178CR

21. Alderman Bell read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending that the City Council approve the request for free parking in the Concourse and Pioneer Decks on May 29, 30, 31, and June 1, 2007 for the District 205 public high school graduations at the MetroCentre and Coronado.

Alderman Bell moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Johnson absent; Ald. Holt voted "no"). The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Johnson absent; Ald. Holt voted "no").

22. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that City Council DENY the claim of Al Bell for property damage in the amount of \$154.39. LAID OVER.
23. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Final Plat of Hutchin's Subdivision Plat #2. LAID OVER.
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(b) When a committee report has been initially placed on passage, the motion to lay over from any alderman, being duly seconded, shall lay over the committee report until the next meeting of the City Council, except zoning ordinances, which shall follow the statutory zoning procedures. This motion may be made only once on any committee report.

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Permit for a Planned Mixed Use Development consisting of a two-family residence, a fruit market/convenience store, and a restaurant/café' on a single lot in an R-1, Single-Family Residential District at 115, 117, 119 South Central Avenue.

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30. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Epson printers & Accessories for the Police Department be made to Advanced Public Safety, of Deerfield Beach, Florida for their total bid of \$58,870.15. The funding source is IDOT Grant Monies. LAID OVER.
31. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Water Quality Testing be made to the low bidder, PDC Laboratories, of Peoria, IL for their total bid of \$36,973.60. The funding source is Water Operating Budget. LAID OVER.
32. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Harrison Avenue Watermain be made to the low bidder, Civil Constructors of Freeport, IL for their total bid of \$382,730.30. The funding source is Water Alternate Revenue Bonds (WARB). LAID OVER.
33. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the contract for Employee Assistance Program (EAP) be made to ComPsych for the estimated annual cost of \$19,940.00. The funding source is Human Resources Operating Budget. LAID OVER.
34. Alderman Beck read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the contract for the Fire Station Feasibility Study be made to the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE), for an estimated cost of \$36,419.00. The funding source is Fire Department Operating Budget. LAID OVER.
35. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of May 14, 2007 in the amount of \$1,947,640.80. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

36. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of May 14, 2007 to be "National Police Week" in Rockford, Illinois and urged its citizens to honor and show our sincere appreciation for the police officers of our community by deed, remark and attitude.

37. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of May 14, 2007 to be "National Transportation Week" in Rockford, Illinois and urged all citizens to recognize the significant role transportation plays in all of our lives.
38. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of May 14, 2007 to be "Salvation Army Week" in Rockford, Illinois and urged citizens to recognize and appreciate the dedication and commitment the Salvation Army provides to our community's needs.
39. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of May 14, 2007 to be "National Nursing Home Week" in Rockford, Illinois and urged citizens to recognize and appreciate the dedication and commitment that Nursing Homes provide to our elderly citizens.

Alderman Johnson joined the meeting at 6:45 pm.

40. Mayor Morrissey announced that Rockford was awarded a one million-dollar grant from the USEPA to support clean up and remediation of Brownfield sites in the City. These funds will be used to assess and clean-up contamination at those sites. He thanked Wayne Dust, Community Development Department, and staff for their outstanding efforts to achieve this grant support.
41. Mayor Morrissey, on behalf of the 2007 Memorial Day Parade Committee, extended an invitation to the aldermen of the City of Rockford to participate in this years Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Service on Monday, May 28th. Any questions about the parade can be directed to Jeffrey Schroeder at 815/963-6003.
42. Mayor Morrissey submitted two (2) re-appointments to the Building Board of Appeals, James R. Lev, for a five (5) year term ending June 2012; William J. Waldorf, for a five (5) year term ending June 2012. LAID OVER.
43. Mayor Morrissey mentioned this morning he participated in a Drug Free Rockford event at Lewis Lemon School in celebration of the student's accomplishments in the youth prevention education program (PRIDE curriculum) implemented in the fall of 2006-2007 school year. He thanked George Davis, Director of Human Services, and staff for their continued support of this program and Dorothy Reddic for her leadership with the Drug Free Rockford Community Partnership and "PRIDE" curriculum.
44. Mayor Morrissey commented he had an opportunity last week to observe the Truancy Court proceedings and encouraged anyone with doubts or questions of it's effectiveness to attend a hearing. He announced a State law will go into effect this July that will allow the State to suspend driving privileges of young people who are chronically truant. He thanked everyone involved with this process for their continued efforts.
45. Mayor Morrissey mentioned tomorrow is the Springfield "Fly-In" Legislative Day in Springfield to lobby state legislators on significant issues in the City of Rockford, particularly the securing of our ability to start collecting the one percent (1%) sales tax on July 1, 2007.

46. Alderman Bell commented he was in attendance at Whitney Gardens today to witness the presentation of the one million-dollar grant to support the Brownsfield Sites clean-up and redevelopment initiative efforts. He thanked all that were instrumental in attaining this grant.
47. Alderman Bell expressed frustration with some citizens in the 5th Ward who continually line the streets with garbage and debris. He referred this problem to City administration and the Neighborhood Standards Department for follow-up.
48. Alderman Bell voiced his concern with the on-going graffiti problem in the 5th and 13th Ward. He encouraged citizens to report any suspicious activity to the Police Department and again emphasized the importance of the State's Attorney's Office and Police Department adopting stringent requirements and disciplinary action to the individuals arrested for graffiti.
49. Alderman Bell thanked Mayor Morrissey for attending the Pilgrim Baptist Church groundbreaking for the new elevator. He commended Rev. Board and his congregation for their positive contributions to the City and wished them continued success.
50. Alderman Mark thanked Mayor Morrissey for recognizing "National Transportation Week" because he too is employed in the transportation field. He believes Rockford has been put in a great position to improve and enhance the transportation industry with the addition of the Lowe's Distribution facility.
51. Alderman Mark commented last weekend was the 2nd Annual Magnolia Fest at North Main and Auburn Street and thanked Mayor Morrissey, Aldermen Beck, Johnson and Timm for attending the event. Fest goers were treated to a sunny day filled with entertainment, food, fun and magnolias for sale.
52. Alderman Mark mentioned this coming Saturday will be an event downtown called the "Commercial Renovation Tour Old Buildings New Attitudes". Several businesses/buildings are involved in this tour with tickets available at the River District Office, \$12 in advance.
53. Alderman Jacobson thanked Mayor Morrissey and Patrick Hayes, Legal Director, for inviting him to attend a day in Springfield with them last Monday and looks forward to the Springfield "Fly-In" tomorrow.
54. Alderman Jacobson requested Patrick Hayes, Legal Director, notify the property owner of 4008 North Port regarding the zoning restrictions on having beehives on that property. Referred to the Legal Department.
55. Alderman McNeely reported with deep sadness the passing of Judy Owens Donahue and conveyed condolences to her family.
55. Alderman McNeely mentioned she received several phone calls regarding graffiti in her ward and voiced their frustrations with the continuing cycle of clean-up efforts and reoccurrence of graffiti. She suggested setting restrictions on the sale of spray paint.

She also voiced her concerns with the Weed-n-Seed program, agreeing with the intent to clean-up areas of the City, but noticing a shift of crime and violence to other sections of the City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2007-179CR

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 Annexation Agreement and Zoning Map Amendment from County AG to City R-1, Single-Family Residential District for Parcel I and to C-2, Commercial Community District for Parcel II at 45XX Thompson Road (35th 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 front-building elevation plan for Staff review and approval.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 6/18/07, ZBA #018-07). 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-

2007-180CR

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 Zoning Map Amendment from City C-3 to City C-4, Commercial Old Town District at 304 Lafayette Avenue, 331 North Madison Street and 409 North Madison Street.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 6/18/07, ZBA #017-07). 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-

2007-181CR

59. 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 Residential Development, consisting of Commercial Retail, nine (9) four-unit buildings and two (2) three-unit buildings of multi-family and forty (40) single-family residential units in a C-2, Commercial Community District, C-1, Limited Office District, R-2, Two-family Residential District and R-1, Single-family Residential District at 1007, 1127, 1129 North Alpine Road and 4591, 46XX, 4627,

4669, 4689, 4707, 48XX, 4921, 4875 Guilford Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
2. Conformance with the Annexation Agreement, Ordinance 2006-112-O, effective July 17, 2006.
3. Conformance with an approved Petition for Annexation of 4875 Guilford Road (12-20-227-027).
4. Substantial conformance with the commercial building elevations identified as exhibit E attached, by SEC Architects, dated December 11, 2006.
5. Substantial conformance with the multi-family building elevations identified as exhibit D attached, by SEC Architects, dated December 11, 2006.
6. Substantial conformance with single-family residential building elevations identified as exhibit F attached, dated April 6, 2007.
7. Substantial conformance with landscaping plans for the site development of the commercial and multi-family portions submitted by the applicant dated December 11, 2006 by GNI Development, M. Buckler, identified as exhibit J.
8. Substantial conformance with the preservation of trees as submitted in preliminary tree preservation plan identified as exhibit G attached, by Arnold Lundgren & Associates, dated January 22, 2007.
9. Substantial conformance with the Tentative Plat submitted by the applicant identified as exhibit H attached, by Arnold Lundgren & Associates, dated January 22, 2007.
10. The gated portions shall be configured in a way such that the stacking of vehicles not spill out to Guilford Road. A mechanism to allow for quick access by emergency vehicles is required.
11. Decks or patios may be allowed within the required thirty (30) foot rear yard setback along the westerly property line adjacent to the western portion of the condominium development identified as exhibit K. The maximum allowable encroachment shall not exceed ten (1) feet. The appropriate building permits must be obtained prior to construction.
12. As the site develops submittal of landscaping, signage, illumination, dumpster locations will be required for staff review and approval and meet all applicable codes and ordinances prior to issuance of building permit.
13. That a Tentative Plat and Final Plat is approved for the property in accordance with the City's Subdivision regulation inclusive of required public improvements prior to issuance of building permit and development of site,

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 6/18/07, ZBA #015-07). 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-

2007-182CR

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 Performance Use consisting of a fast food restaurant with a drive-thru window that can not meet the required minimum distance of 600 feet from a residential district and APPROVE the Variation to reduce the perimeter landscape strip from the required ten (10) feet to 8.5 feet along 11th Street in a C-3, Commercial General Zoning District at 2637, 2641, 2643 11th Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
2. Submittal of a revised site plan including the dumpster location to match the design of the building.
3. Submittal of a detailed landscaping plan including an elevation of the proposed fencing.
4. The bypass lane to the alley shall be eliminated.
5. That the sight-obscuring fence and landscaping shall be extended north along the alley to the northernmost property line.
6. Hours of operation shall be limited to 6:00 am to Midnight.

Approval is based on the Finding of Fact (LAD 6/18/07, ZBA #011-07). 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-

2007-183CR

61. 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 Special Use Permit for a Planned Residential Development consisting of a three-family residential apartment building in an R-2, Two-family Residential District at 224 South Gardiner Avenue.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 6/18/07, ZBA #019-07). 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-

2007-184CR

62. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the annexation of 45XX Thompson Road (35th Street). 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-

2007-185CR

63. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the annexation of 1007, 1127, 1129 North Alpine Road and 4591, 46XX, 4627, 4669, 4689, 4707, 48XX, 4921, 4875 Guilford Road. 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-

2007-186CR

64. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the contract for Radiological Testing Services be made to Environmental, Inc. for three years for an estimated annual amount of \$47,000. The funding source is Water Division Operating Budget. 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-

2007-187CR

65. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending all proposals for FMLA Management be rejected and new proposals be solicited immediately. The funding source is Human Resources Operating Budget. 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-

2007-188CR

66. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the contract for Auctioneering Services be made to Action Auctioneering, of Rockford, IL at a rate of 6% of proceeds for titled equipment and 12% for non-titled equipment. 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-

2007-189CR

67. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the following task orders with McMahon Associates, Inc., for work on the Water System Rehabilitation Project: Task Order #8 in the not to exceed amount of \$90,000; Task Order #9, in the not to exceed amount of \$89,500, and Amendment to Task Order #1, in the not to exceed amount of \$50,000. The funding source is Water Alternate Bonds. 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-

2007-190CR

68. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the following task orders with Strand Associates, Inc., for engineering services on the Water System Rehabilitation Project: Task Order #13 in the amount of \$578,620 and Task Order #14 in the amount of \$33,980.00. The funding source is Water Alternate Bonds. 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-

2007-96-O

69. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending approval of the Agreement with Rockford Township and the Human Services Department for emergency assistance in the amount of \$10,000. 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-

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2007-56R

70. Alderman Mark, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for a temporary street closure of Illinois Route 2 (Wyman Street), a State Highway in the City of Rockford, from Cedar to Chestnut Streets for the Davis Park Concert/On The Waterfront from June 21, 2007 to June 24, 2007. MOTION PREVAILED.

2007-57R

71. Alderman Beck, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, submitted a Resolution to take proposals for the following: Real Estate Agent for Vacant Commercial Lots, funding source: Fire Department Operating Budget. MOTION PREVAILED.

NEW BUSINESS

72. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 292, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances by adding the following:

"All traffic be required to Stop prior to entering the intersection of North First Street and Prairie Street".

"All traffic be required to Stop prior to entering the intersection of North First Street and Lafayette Avenue".

"All traffic be required to Stop prior to entering the intersection of West State Street and Kilburn Avenue".

LAID OVER.

73. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 293, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances by adding the following:

"That traffic on 19th Avenue be required to Yield prior to entering the intersection of 23rd Street".

LAID OVER.

74. Alderman Bell introduced and read an Ordinance recommending approval of the Lease Agreement with Joseph James Partners, LLC. and the City of Rockford. LAID OVER

75. Alderman Bell introduced and read an Ordinance recommending approval of the attached 2007 River District Work Plan and \$40,000 in funding, 50% from the East Side TIF District and 50% from the West Side TIF District. LAID OVER.

76. Alderman Jacobson introduced and read an Ordinance amending Rule 19(d) of Chapter 2, Section 2-42, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances by adding the following:

Rule 19. There shall be four (4) standing committees appointed by the mayor as follows:

(d) Legislative Lobbying Committee. The Legislative Lobbying Committee shall act on behalf of, and as a liaison for, the City of Rockford, Illinois and legislators in Springfield and/or Washington, D.C. The Legislative Lobbying Committee shall set their agenda items to reflect City Council issues and concerns, as well as other issues of importance to the City of Rockford.

The Planning and Development Committee shall be composed of a chairman, co-chairman and two (2) other members. The Finance and Personnel Committee shall be composed of a chairman, co-chairman and three (3) other members. The Code and Regulations Committee shall be composed of a chairman, co-chairman and three (3)

other members. Each alderman shall be assigned to one of the following committees: the Planning and Development Committee, the Finance and Personnel Committee or the Code and Regulations Committee.

The Legislative Lobbying Committee shall be composed of the Republican and Democratic Party Caucus Chairs or their designees, as well as four additional Aldermen, two from the Democratic caucus and two from the Republican caucus, appointed by their respective caucuses. The Legislative Lobbying Committee shall meet on an as-needed basis.

LAID OVER.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

77. Alderman Johnson submitted four (4) Requests for Service. Referred to Neighborhood Standards and the Police Department.
78. Alderman Johnson submitted an e-mail from Rebecca Strang concerning an on-going noise problem with car amplification systems in vehicles that frequent her neighborhood. Referred to the Police Department.
79. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 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
May 21, 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 MAY 14, 2007

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Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 6/18/07, ZBA #016-07).

9. Beck - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the award for Epson printers & Accessories for the Police Department be made to Advanced Public Safety, of Deerfield Beach, Florida for their total bid of \$58,870.15. The funding source is IDOT Grant Monies.
10. Beck - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the award for Water Quality Testing be made to the low bidder, PDC Laboratories, of Peoria, IL for their total bid of \$36,973.60. The funding source is Water Operating Budget.
11. Beck - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the award for Harrison Avenue Watermain be made to the low bidder, Civil Constructors, of Freeport, IL for their total bid of \$382,730.30. The funding source is Water Alternate Revenue Bonds (WARB).
12. Beck - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the contract for Employee Assistance Program (EAP) be made to ComPsych for the estimated annual cost of \$19,940.00. The funding source is Human Resources Operating Budget.
13. Beck - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the contract for the Fire Station Feasibility Study be made to the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE), for an estimated cost of \$36,419.00. The funding source is Fire Department Operating Budget.

II. ORDINANCES LAID OVER MAY 7, 2007

1. Mark - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 16, Section 292, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances by adding the following:

"All traffic be required to Stop prior to entering the intersection of North First Street and Prairie Street".

"All traffic be required to Stop prior to entering the intersection of North First Street and Lafayette Avenue".

"All traffic be required to Stop prior to entering the intersection of West State Street and Kilburn Avenue".

2. Mark - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 16, Section 293, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances by adding the following:

"That traffic on 19th Avenue be required to Yield prior to entering the intersection of 23rd Street".
3. Bell - Ordinance recommending approval of the Lease Agreement with Joseph James Partners, LLC. and the City of Rockford.
4. Bell - Ordinance - Recommending approval of the attached 2007 River District Work Plan and \$40,000 in funding, 50% from the East Side TIF District and 50% from the West Side TIF District.
5. Jacobson - Ordinance - Amending Rule 19(d) of Chapter 2, Section 2-42, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances by adding the following:

Rule 19. There shall be four (4) standing committees appointed by the mayor as follows:

(d) Legislative Lobbying Committee. The Legislative Lobbying Committee shall act on behalf of, and as a liaison for, the City of Rockford, Illinois and legislators in Springfield and/or Washington, D.C. The Legislative Lobbying Committee shall set their agenda items to reflect City Council issues and concerns, as well as other issues of importance to the City of Rockford.

The Planning and Development Committee shall be composed of a chairman, co-chairman and two (2) other members. The Finance and Personnel Committee shall be composed of a chairman, co-chairman and three (3) other members. The Code and Regulations Committee shall be composed of a chairman, co-chairman and three (3) other members. Each alderman shall be assigned to one of the following committees: the Planning and Development Committee, the Finance and Personnel Committee or the Code and Regulations Committee.

The Legislative Lobbying Committee shall be composed of the Republican and Democratic Party Caucus Chairs or their designees, as well as four additional Aldermen, two from the Democratic caucus and two from the Republican caucus, appointed by their respective caucuses. The Legislative Lobbying Committee shall meet on an as-needed basis.

III. MISCELLANEOUS LAID OVER MAY 14, 2007

1. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment - Building Board of Appeals, James R. Lev, for a five (5) year term ending June 2012. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage on June 18, 2007).

2. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment – Building Board of Appeals, William J. Waldorf, for a five (5) year term ending June 2012. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage on June 18, 2007).

IV. MISCELLANEOUS HELD OUT MAY 14, 2007

- 1.* Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment – Rockford Mass Transit District Board, Venita Hervey, to a four (4) year term ending February 2011. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage on May 21, 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, May 21, 2007, 4:45 p.m.
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA**

1. C & R 07-92 May Traffic Commission Minutes
2. C & R 07-93 Claim of John Bates in the amount of \$104.99
3. C & R 07-94 Washington Park Final Plat #2
4. C & R 07-95 Final Plat of College Center

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

**Monday, May 21, 2007, 5:15 p.m.
Conference Room B, City Hall 2nd floor (south room)
AGENDA**

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of Bid: Stanley Street Pumping Station

- B. Award of Bid: Club Car Carryall w/Ambulance Kit – Suspend rules
 - C. Award of Contract: Network/Video Project Management
 - D. Engineering Agreement for Water System Rehabilitation Project: Task Order #15
 - E. Engineering Agreement for Water System Rehabilitation Project Task Order #10
 - F. Engineering Agreement for Airport Boundary Watermain
 - G. Resolution to take Bids/Proposals
 - H. Emergency Repair of Harrison Avenue Bridge over the Rock River
 - I. Emergency Purchase Order for Repair of Bucket Truck
 - J. Vouchers
2. Compensation for Non-represented Employees (Laid over 5/14)

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Monday, May 21, 2007, 5:15 p.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA

NO MEETING SCHEDULED.

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE
Tuesday, May 22, 2007, 7:30 a.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA

- 1. 4/23/07CC#7, Ald. Johnson Referral re Congressional Leadership Directory Online
- 2. Old Business
 - a) Discussion of By-laws/Rules
 - b) Report of Current Agenda(s) of State Legislators and Mayor's Office
 - c) Alderman Beach Request Re: Home Rule Communities
 - d) Update SB113
- 3. New Business