

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS  
JULY 2, 2007  
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:10 P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Pastor Randy Young, Faith Center/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, Timm, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Conness –13-  
Absent: Holt -1-
3. Alderman Curran moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of June 25, 2007, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Holt absent).

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

4. Robert Lindstrom addressed Council regarding U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement and "Cool Cities" initiative.
5. John Weaver addressed Council regarding Marches, sightings, focus forward.
6. Lewis Crampton addressed Council regarding Green Communities/U.S. Conference of Mayors "Cool Cities" program.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

7. Alderman Wasco submitted two (2) Request for Service (one is a verbal request for a report regarding the cost of mowing, how many times property(s) mowed, and fines collected). Referred to Neighborhood Standards and Building.
8. Alderman Bell submitted three (3) Request for Service. Referred to Neighborhood Standards, Public Works and Police Department.
9. Alderman Bell submitted a Memorandum from from Vicki Manson, Neighborhood Development Administrator, regarding Tax Incentive Program (TIP). Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
10. Alderman Bell submitted a request from Oliver Emerson requesting a letter from the City stating that the alignment on South Main Street from Lane Street to Loomis Street will not change. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.

11. Alderman Bell submitted a Memorandum from Ginny Gregory, Planner II, Community Development Department, regarding Amendment of the Boundary of Rockford Enterprise Zone #1 and Creation of the Rockford River Edge Redevelopment Zone. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
12. Alderman Thompson-Kelly submitted an e-mail from Bruce Schandelmeier requesting the sidewalk be cleared of debris and overgrowth of trees and bushes. Referred to Public Works Department.
13. Alderman Thompson-Kelly submitted a draft regarding Section 17-3.1 and 2 of the Code of Ordinances. Referred to the Code and Regulation Committee.
14. Alderman Johnson submitted two e-mails from Mr. and Mrs. Benson regarding a problem with a fence. Referred to the Legal Department.
15. Alderman Johnson submitted five (5) Request for Service. Referred to Neighborhood Standards, Public Works and Police Department.
16. Alderman Johnson submitted a Request for Service to review the Colorado Avenue – Eastgate Parkway intersection and the curve on Colorado before stop sign. Referred to Traffic Commission.
17. Alderman Beach submitted a letter from Jason Moberg, contesting a parking citation. Referred to Mayor's Office and Legal Department.
18. Alderman McNeely submitted a request from Cheryl Floyd, Kimberly Taylor, United Faith Missionary Baptist Church Gospel Fest 2007, August 4, 8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., at Franz Park, requesting permission for closure of N. Pierpont from School to Andrews and Andrews from Carbaugh to N. Pierpont, barricades. Alderman McNeely moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Holt absent).
19. Alderman Beck submitted an e-mail from Bruce Schandelmeier requesting the sidewalk be cleared of debris and overgrowth of trees and bushes. Referred to Public Works Department. (See #13)
20. Alderman Curran submitted a Memorandum from Jim Ryan, City Administrator regarding the Winnebago County Animal Services presentation on Wednesday, July 18, 2007, at 5:30 p.m., Council Chambers. Referred to Finance & Personnel Committee.
21. Alderman Curran submitted an Informational Memorandum from Patrick Zuroske, Capital Program Manager regarding SOQ General Call (Request for Qualifications). Placed on file.
22. Alderman Mark submitted one (1) Request for Service. Referred to Public Works Department.

23. Alderman Mark submitted a request from Douglas Furze, Concerts for Charity, for Hot Fest for Hospice on August 10, 4:00 – 11:30 p.m., and August 11, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m., at Davis Park North Lawn, for permission for food and liquor outdoors within a confined space for a not-for-profit (outdoor "S"), tents on city owned property, freestanding banners for 8 days, street closures and detours, barricades, police. Alderman Mark moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Holt absent).
24. Alderman Mark submitted a request from James Hood for Lite the Night Walk requesting permission to erect a tent on property owned by the City, on July 18, at Davis Park. Alderman Mark moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Holt absent).
25. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jennifer Cacciapaglia, City Attorney regarding Noise Violation Penalty; Vehicle Impoundment. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee for the week of July 16, 2007.
26. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Cynthia Powers Hall, Director Mayor's Office of Tourism, Culture and Special Events regarding "SP" liquor license request for Alpha Kappa Alpha. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
27. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Ellwanger, Planner II, regarding 2830 17<sup>th</sup> Street Annexation. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
28. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Ellwanger, Planner II, regarding 1211 Brooke Road Annexation. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
29. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Ellwanger, Planner II, regarding 18<sup>th</sup> Street Annexation. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
30. Alderman Sosnowski submitted a request from Fred Belknap, Arco Pool & Spa for Spa Sales requesting permission to erect a tent for 7 days from 7/3 to 7/9 at 713 N. Perryville Road. Alderman Sosnowski moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Holt absent).

### **NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS**

31. Alderman Bell read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending that the Department of Community Development submit an application to IHDA for \$50,000 for a housing rehabilitation program for the Gilbert Avenue area, to be matched with City CDBG funds. LAID OVER.
32. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Real Estate Agent be made to Doyle, Woodhouse & Moore, subject to reserve of interested party for 30 days for a 6% commission fee for the sale of six vacant commercial lots. The funding source is Fire Department Operating Budget. LAID OVER.

- 33. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending award for the Sale of Property: 1105 Broadway be rejected as the Ordinance specified a development proposal for the property must be included with the bid. LAID OVER.
- 34. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the agreement for benefit consulting services with Rockford Consulting & Brokerage, Inc. for a 13 month period in the amount of \$115,000. The funding source is Health Insurance Fund. LAID OVER.

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- 35. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Motor Rewinding be made to the low bidder, Precision Drive of Freeport, IL for their total bid of \$45,884.00. The funding source is Water Division Operating Budget.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Johnson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Holt absent). 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, Beck, McNeely, Conness -13-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Holt -1-

- 36. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of July 2, 2007 in the amount of \$2,579,850.27. 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-  
Absent: Holt -1-

- 37. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance restricting parking to "Handicapped Parking" on the west side of Madison Street from 132 feet to 152 feet north of East State Street. LAID OVER.
- 38. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance that traffic on Regan Street be required to Yield prior to entering the intersection of Jackson Street. LAID OVER.
- 39. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance for "No Parking Anytime" on the east side of South First Street from Walnut Street to 105 feet south of Walnut Street. LAID OVER.

40. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance for a mid-block pedestrian crossing on Oak Grove Lane between 29<sup>th</sup> Street and Oak Knolls Avenue. LAID OVER.
41. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that a "25 MPH" speed limit be established on Oak Grove Lane from 29<sup>th</sup> Street to Oak Knolls Avenue, thus repealing the existing "30 MPH" speed limit. LAID OVER.
42. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that "No Action" be taken on the following items:
  1. Request from Alderman Bell, for No Parking Anytime on the west side of South Main Street from Loomis Street to 85 feet north of Loomis Street.
  2. Request from Reggie Roberson, Swilligan's Pub, to repeal and change to two(2) Hour Parking the following:
    - a. Commercial Loading Zone on the north side of Mulberry Street from Church Street to 75 feet west of Church Street.
    - b. Commercial and Passenger Loading Zone on the north side of Mulberry Street from 75 feet to 95 feet west of Church Street.
  3. Request from IDOT for "No Parking Anytime" on both sides of Kilburn Avenue (IL Route 70) from Auburn Street to Safford Road.
  4. Request from Alderman Beach and Audrey Jansen, to repeal the existing Yield control at the intersection of Oak Grove Lane and Oak Knolls Avenue and change to 4-way stop sign control.
  5. Request from Joe Dutton, to repeal the existing Yield control at the intersection of Barton Blvd. and Winnebago Street and change to 2-way stop control.

LAID OVER.

43. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending approval of the Tentative Plat of Harrison Park North #2, locate north of Harrison Avenue and west of Mulford Road, subject to the following conditions:
  1. The street cross-section shall be a commercial street section and not a residential street section. A pavement design is required and shall be submitted for review.
  2. The three-lane cross section on Wendy Lane shall extend to Columbia Parkway since the entrances to the two adjacent lots will be off of Wendy Lane.
  3. Additional right-of-way is required for the three-lane cross-sections on Columbia Parkway and Wendy Lane.
  4. The dedicated right-of-way along Mulford Road shall be wide enough to include the required left and right turn lanes into the development. A design shall be submitted to verify the required amount of right-of-way.
  5. A utility easement is required between Lots 11 and 12.

LAID OVER.

44. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending approval of the Final Plat of Chateau Center Subdivision, located west of Rockton Avenue and south of Halsted Road. LAID OVER.
45. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending approval of the annexation of 118 Atwood Avenue. LAID OVER.
46. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending approval of the annexation of 120 Atwood Avenue. LAID OVER.
47. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending approval of the Tentative Plat of Chandham Subdivision, located west of 35<sup>th</sup> Street and south of Linden Road, subject to the following conditions:
  1. Street names shall be labeled on the plat.
  2. Sidewalk shall be constructed along 35<sup>th</sup> Street and along both sides of all streets within the proposed plat.
  3. The cul-de-sac to the north of the plat shall be a maximum length of 500 feet measured from the centerline of the intersection of 35<sup>th</sup> Street to the center of the cul-de-sac.
  4. The proposed tentative plat shows specific areas to be dedicated as detention areas and drainage ways. This property is adjacent to an area subject to a delineated FEMA Floodplain. As such, Section 10(f) of Chapter 11.5 of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinance will apply. Since final determination of the FEMA Floodplain is not available at this time, the concept of the proposed tentative plat is approved, subject to final determination of the boundary. Approval of this tentative plat will not guarantee approval of the number of lots proposed, as the lot and street layout may be revised pending the study required by Section 10(f). Final platting of the area in question will not be allowed to occur until the FEMA boundary is determined.
  5. In order to avoid the sanitary manhole and storm manhole conflict the watermain on the northern street that fronts lots 57-72 shall be moved to the north side of the street and the storm sewer to the south side of the street. The watermain in the street that fronts lots 91-96 shall be moved to the east side of the street and the storm sewer to the west side.
  6. The Utility companies may require additional utility easements.
  7. That there be maintenance of the detention area by the Condominium Association.

Alderman Mark moved this item be REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE, approved by acclamation.

48. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending approval of the vacation for Star Street in the amount of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) and the closure of the drive-way at the corner of Kishwaukee. Alderman Mark moved this item be REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE, approved by acclamation.

## OFFICERS REPORTS

49. Mayor Morrissey reported American in Bloom judges would be in Rockford from July 9 to the 11<sup>th</sup>, encouraged all citizens to participate to beautify our City. There will also be a reception for the judges and council members on Tuesday, July 10, 2007, from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m., to be held at the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois located at 946 N. Second Street.
50. Mayor Morrissey wished everyone a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, and discourage the unlawful use of fireworks.
51. Mayor Morrissey announced changes to the garbage pickup schedule because of the Fourth of July holiday. Collection today and tomorrow will remain the same. Wednesday there will be no collection. The Wednesday through Thursday collection schedule will shift one day because of the holiday; waste to be collected on Wednesday will be collected on Thursday, and waste to be collected on Thursday will be collected on Friday. The Household Hazardous Waste Site, 3333 Kishwaukee, will be open the weekend of July 7-8.
52. Mayor Morrissey presented Officer Jason DoBran with the Illinois Law Enforcement Medal of Honor. Officer DoBran and Officer Poole rescued residents from a burning home on June 16, 2006. Officer Poole was presented his award in Springfield from Governor Blagojevich on May 27, 2007 (Officer DoBran was unable to attend).
53. Alderman Jacobson reported Alderman Johnson, E. J. Dileonardo, IAFF President and himself attended the swearing in ceremony last Tuesday in Chicago for Fred Kapala to become a Federal Judge.
54. Alderman Jacobson thanked Legal Director Patrick Hayes for his assistance in resolving a liquor issue in his Ward.
55. Alderman Wasco thanked the Mayor and Legal Director Patrick Hayes for all their work in Springfield to overturn the Governor's veto of the 1% sales tax. Alderman Wasco recognized Representative Jefferson was in the audience and thanked him for all of his efforts. Alderman Wasco also thanked Representative Winters and Senator Syverson.
56. Mayor Morrissey also recognized all of the outstanding bipartisan support, thanked Representative Jefferson, Senator Marlin, City Administrator Jim Ryan, Legal Director Patrick Hayes, private citizens, the business community, and council members for all their work.
57. Alderman Bell added his compliments to Representative Jefferson, and also thanked representatives in the Governor's office for their efforts.

58. Alderman Bell attended a pig roast Saturday for ORCHID/College Neighborhood Association, and noted quite a few homes are being rehab'd and commended the residents for their efforts, and he encouraged residents of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward how extremely important it is to clean-up the Ward.
59. Alderman Bell attended the Raptors football game on Saturday, which was attended by 4,000 people. The Raptors won their region and will be going to LaFayette next week and if they win that one, they will be in the finals.
60. Alderman Bell attended a Fountain of Youth graduating class on Friday, impressed with the young individuals and commended the Fountain of Youth organization.
61. Alderman Thompson-Kelly thanked Wendy Williams and Brad Moberg of the Public Works Department for keeping her informed of projects.
62. Alderman Thompson-Kelly, attended a health screening over the weekend which was attended by the director of the Health Department, and that it was a successful event.
63. Alderman Thompson-Kelly thanked Officer Carla Redd for accompanying her on a drive through of her Ward, and praised Officer Redd for all her work and that she is an asset to the community.
64. Alderman Beach mentioned a difficult business and residence in his ward and that he will be contacting the Mayor to speak to him privately regarding this matter.
65. Alderman Beach noted the Rockford Concert Band is directed by City employee, Mark Rose, who has a master's degree in music. The concerts are held every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m., at the Sinnissippi Band Shell, and encouraged everyone to attend this family-oriented event.
66. Alderman Timm reported for the past ten years an area in the 9<sup>th</sup> Ward has had problems with shootings, prostitution, drugs and other problems, last week there was a sweep by the Building Department, Police Department and Neighborhood Standards. The area is much better than it was a year ago, but there will be another sweep in 60 days. Alderman Timm asked Chief Epperson to have an officer drive through that area when they are available.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **2007-252CR**

67. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending that the Coronado Theatre Management and Operations Agreement, approved June 5, 2007, be amended to increase the line of credit by \$250,000. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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



Nays: Thompson-Kelly -1-  
Absent: Holt -1-

68. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council DENY a Special Use Permit for a Performance Use consisting of a car wash, auto repair, tire shop and auto sales that cannot satisfy the performance criteria of six hundred (600) feet from a residential district in an I-1, Light Industrial District; and APPROVE a Special Use Permit for a Performance Use consisting of a car wash, auto repair and tire shop that cannot satisfy the performance criteria of six hundred (600) feet from a residential district in an I-1, Light Industrial District at 1816 11<sup>th</sup> Street with added conditions 5 & 6. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
2. No overnight outside storage of vehicles waiting repair.
3. Certificate of Occupancy may be issued until all required landscaping have been installed according to Exhibit D.
4. All vehicles waiting for repair shall be currently licensed and registered.
5. There shall be no outside storage of vehicle parts or tires.
6. There shall be no repair of vehicles outside of the building.
7. Submittal of a revised site plan showing location of a dumpster and dumpster enclosure.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 7/16/07, ZBA #032-07). Alderman Mark made a motion to refer this item back to Committee, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE.

**2007-124-0**

69. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 1603, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a Modification of a Special Use Permit Ordinance #1993-282-O for a church and related activities, including daycare and possible day school approved on November 1, 2993, to allow for a church addition that will consist of classrooms, a fellowship hall and a kitchen in an R-1, Single-Family Residential District is hereby approved at 3555 McFarland Road. Approval is based on the following conditions:

1. Submittal of a site plan for Staff review and approval.
2. Submittal of a modified landscaping plan including size and botanical name of Species for Staff review and approval.
3. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 7/16/07, ZBA #026-07). 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-  
Absent: Holt -1-

**2007-125-0**

20. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 1603, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a Special Use Permit for sale of liquor by the drink in conjunction with a sit-down restaurant with only indoor seating in a C-2, Commercial Community Zoning District at 701 Highgrove Place. Approval is based on the following conditions:
1. Compliance with all City of Rockford Liquor Codes.
  2. That the sale of liquor by the drink is in conjunction with the restaurant.
  3. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 7/16/07, ZBA #024-07). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**2007-126-0**

71. Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending the approval of the sale of City owned property at 1407 Michigan Avenue at a minimum bid of \$300.00 plus advertising costs. 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-  
Absent: Holt -1-

**2007-127-0**

72. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending the approval of the proposed Street and Alley Vacation Policy and Procedures. 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-  
Absent: Holt -1-

**2007-253CR**

73. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the Engineering Agreement for Elliot Golf Course Drainage be made to Municipal Design and Environmental Services, Inc. at a not-to-exceed cost of \$11,770.00 for design engineering, including topographic survey, preparation of construction documents, construction staking and as-built survey, and construction management. The funding will come from CIP Project Development – Drainage Funds. 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-  
Absent: Holt -1-

74. Alderman Curran moved the re-appointment of Alice Howard to the Fair Housing Board, for a three (3) year term ending May 2010. 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-  
Absent: Holt -1-

75. Alderman Curran moved the re-appointment of Joe Dailing to the Fair Housing Board, for a three (3) year term ending May 2010. 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-  
Absent: Holt -1-

76. Alderman Curran moved the re-appointment of Raymond Matlock to the Fair Housing Board, for a three (3) year term ending May 2010. 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-  
Absent: Holt -1-

77. Alderman Curran moved the re-appointment of Dock Ward to the Traffic Commission, for a five (5) year term ending May 2012. 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-  
Absent: Holt -1-

78. Alderman Curran moved the re-appointment of Fred Lierman to the Traffic Commission, for a five (5) year term ending May 2012. 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-

Absent: Holt -1-

79. Alderman Curran moved the re-appointment of Cedonia Ahlstrand to the Traffic Commission, for a five (5) year term ending May 2012. 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-  
Absent: Holt -1-

80. Alderman Jacobson moved the adoption of a Resolution that the City Council of the City of Rockford, Illinois requesting that the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services respectfully reconsider its decision to cease operations of The Mill and reopen the same pending a thorough and fair investigation into certain allegations.

Be if further resolved that at the conclusion of said investigation into those allegations the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services take action, should any be required at all, that fairly and appropriately corrects and deters any misconduct that is founded. Alderman Jacobson requested this item be HELD OUT for two weeks.

## MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

### 2007-72R

81. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a resolution to take bids for the following: City-Wide Street Resurfacing, funding source: General Fund & Sales Tax; City-Wide Street Reconstruction, funding source: General Fund & Sales Tax; City-Wide Alley Resurfacing, funding source: General Fund & Sales Tax; City-Wide Alley Reconstruction, funding source: General Fund & Sales Tax; West State Street Corridor Demolition, funding source: IDOT/State. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Holt absent).

## NEW BUSINESS

82. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Rule 19 of Chapter 2, Section 2-42, as follows:

*Rule 19.* There shall be four (4) standing committees, three (3) committees appointed by the mayor as follows:

(a) *Planning and development committee.* The planning and development committee shall be responsible for anticipating and identifying the immediate and long term needs of the city and formulating comprehensive plans, policies, or programs to address those needs in a manner which will promote the commerce and the public welfare of the city.

(b) *Finance and personnel committee.* The finance and personnel committee shall be responsible for all matters having to do with the city's finances and the relationship

between the city and its employees which do not arise from the actions or recommendation of other committee established hereby.

(c) *Code and regulation committee.* The code and regulation committee shall be responsible for all matters related to the city's codes, ordinances and regulations and any proposed changes thereof.

(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.

83. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance approving the Agreement for Use of Right of Way by and between the City of Rockford, Illinois and Kentucky Data Link, Inc., a Kentucky Corporation. LAID OVER.
84. Alderman Bell introduced and read an Ordinance amending Paragraph II(G) of the Coronado Theatre Management and Operations Agreement dated June 12, 2006, to increase the line of credit provided therein by \$250,000. The Mayor and Legal Director shall execute an Addendum to said Agreement. LAID OVER.

#### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

85. Alderman Jacobson wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
86. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Luanne J. Pfeifer  
Acting 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**  
**JULY 9, 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 JULY 2, 2007**

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3. Curran - Finance and Personnel - Recommending award for the Sale of Property: 1105 Broadway be rejected as the Ordinance specified a development proposal for the property must be included with the bid.
4. Curran - Finance and Personnel - Recommending approval of the agreement for benefit consulting services with Rockford Consulting & Brokerage, Inc. for a 13 month period in the amount of \$115,000. The funding source is Health Insurance Fund.
5. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance restricting parking to "Handicapped Parking" on the west side of Madison Street from 132 feet to 152 feet north of East State Street.

6. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance that traffic on Regan Street be required to Yield prior to entering the intersection of Jackson Street.
7. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance for "No Parking Anytime" on the east side of South First Street from Walnut Street to 105 feet south of Walnut Street.
8. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance for a mid-block pedestrian crossing on Oak Grove Lane between 29<sup>th</sup> Street and Oak Knolls Avenue.
9. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending that a "25 MPH" speed limit be established on Oak Grove Lane from 29<sup>th</sup> Street to Oak Knolls Avenue, thus repealing the existing "30 MPH" speed limit.
10. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending that "No Action" be taken on the following items:
  6. Request from Alderman Bell, for No Parking Anytime on the west side of South Main Street from Loomis Street to 85 feet north of Loomis Street.
  7. Request from Reggie Roberson, Swilligan's Pub, to repeal and change to two(2) Hour Parking the following:
    - c. Commercial Loading Zone on the north side of Mulberry Street from Church Street to 75 feet west of Church Street.
    - d. Commercial and Passenger Loading Zone on the north side of Mulberry Street from 75 feet to 95 feet west of Church Street.
  8. Request from IDOT for "No Parking Anytime" on both sides of Kilburn Avenue (IL Route 70) from Auburn Street to Safford Road.
  9. Request from Alderman Beach and Audrey Jansen, to repeal the existing Yield control at the intersection of Oak Grove Lane and Oak Knolls Avenue and change to 4-way stop sign control.
  10. Request from Joe Dutton, to repeal the existing Yield control at the intersection of Barton Blvd. and Winnebago Street and change to 2-way stop control.
11. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending approval of the Tentative Plat of Harrison Park North #2, locate north of Harrison Avenue and west of Mulford Road, subject to the following conditions:
  1. The street cross-section shall be a commercial street section and not a residential street section. A pavement design is required and shall be submitted for review.
  2. The three-lane cross section on Wendy Lane shall extend to Columbia Parkway since the entrances to the two adjacent lots will be off of Wendy Lane.



3. Additional right-of-way is required for the three-lane cross-sections on Columbia Parkway and Wendy Lane.
  4. The dedicated right-of-way along Mulford Road shall be wide enough to include the required left and right turn lanes into the development. A design shall be submitted to verify the required amount of right-of-way.
  5. A utility easement is required between Lots 11 and 12.
12. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending approval of the Final Plat of Chateau Center Subdivision, located west of Rockton Avenue and south of Halsted Road.
  13. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending approval of the annexation of 118 Atwood Avenue.
  14. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending approval of the annexation of 120 Atwood Avenue.

## **II. ORDINANCES LAID OVER JULY 2, 2007**

1. Mark – Ordinance - Amending Rule 19 of Chapter 2, Section 2-42, as follows:

*Rule 19.* There shall be four (4) standing committees, three (3) committees appointed by the mayor as follows:

(a) *Planning and development committee.* The planning and development committee shall be responsible for anticipating and identifying the immediate and long term needs of the city and formulating comprehensive plans, policies, or programs to address those needs in a manner which will promote the commerce and the public welfare of the city.

(b) *Finance and personnel committee.* The finance and personnel committee shall be responsible for all matters having to do with the city's finances and the relationship between the city and its employees which do not arise from the actions or recommendation of other committee established hereby.

(c) *Code and regulation committee.* The code and regulation committee shall be responsible for all matters related to the city's codes, ordinances and regulations and any proposed changes thereof.

(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.

2. Mark - Ordinance - Approving the Agreement for Use of Right of Way by and between the City of Rockford, Illinois and Kentucky Data Link, Inc., a Kentucky Corporation.
3. Bell – Ordinance - Amending Paragraph II(G) of the Coronado Theatre Management and Operations Agreement dated June 12, 2006, to increase the line of credit provided therein by \$250,000. The Mayor and Legal Director shall execute an Addendum to said Agreement.

### **III. MISCELLANEOUS HELD OUT JULY 2, 2007**

- 1..\* Mayor Morrissey - Re-appointment - Human Services CAA Board, Ms. Karen Hoffman to a three (3) year term, which would expire June 2010. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this re-appointment will be up for passage on July 30, 2007).
- 2.\* Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment – Citizen Participation Committee, Angie Goral, to a three (3) year term, which would expire May 2010. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this re-appointment will be up for passage on July 16, 2007).
- 3.\* Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment – Citizen Participation Committee, Cherene Sweeney, to a three (3) year term, which would expire May 2010. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this re-appointment will be up for passage on July 16, 2007).
- 4.\* Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment – Citizen Participation Committee, Joyce Higgins, to a three (3) year term, which would expire May 2010. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this re-appointment will be up for passage July 16, 2007).
- 5.\* Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment – Citizen Participation Committee, Gerald O. Albert, to a three (3) year term, which would expire May 2010. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this re-appointment will be up for passage on July 16, 2007).
- 6.\* Mayor Morrissey – Appointment – Citizen Participation Committee, Ray Cooper replacing Roger Sexton, to a term which would expire May 2010. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage July 16, 2007).
- 7.\* Beach – Re-appointment – Mechanical Board, Judd L. Gastel, to a five (5) year term, which would expire June 2012. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage on July 9, 2007).

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

\* same action taken before

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

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**POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

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

**CODE AND REGULATION COMMITTEE**

**Monday, July 9, 2007, 4:45 p.m.**

**Conference Room A, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (north room)**

**AGENDA**

1. C & R 07-144 SP Liquor License Permit for Alpha Kappa Alpha
2. C & R 07-143 Claim of Javar Davis in the amount of \$569.56
3. C & R 07-91 Star Street Vacation
4. C & R 07-134 Tentative Plat of Chandham Subdivision
5. C & R 07-145 Forced Annexation of 2830 17<sup>th</sup> Street
6. C & R 07-146 Forced Annexation of 18<sup>th</sup> Street
7. C & R 07-147 Forced Annexation of 1211 Brooke Road
8. C & R 07-119 ZBA#033-07 Variation to allow a pool in the front yard as a permitted obstruction in an R-1, Single-Family Residential District at 602 Garfield
9. C & R 07-120 ZBA#034-07 Special Use Permit for an auto body shop that does not

satisfy the performance Criteria of 600 feet away from a residential district in a C-3, C Commercial General Zoning District at 3014 Auburn Street

10. C & R 07-107 ZBA#032-07 Special Use Permit for a Performance Use consisting of a car wash, auto repair, tire shop and auto sales that cannot satisfy the performance criteria of 600 feet from a residential district in an I-1, Light Industrial District at 1816 11<sup>th</sup> Street
11. C & R 07-142 Review of closed session minutes

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**Monday, July 9, 2007, 5:15 p.m.**

**Conference Room B, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (south room)**

**AGENDA**

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
  - A. Award of Contract: Airport Boundary Watermain
  - B. Award of RFP: Downtown Parking Study
  - C. Award of RFP: Storage & Disposal of Impound Vehicles
  - D. Award of RFP: Towing
  - E. Resolution to take Bids/Proposals
  - F. Engineering Agreement for Water System Rehabilitation Project: Task Order #5
  - G. Engineering Agreement: Kishwaukee Street Utility Relocation
  - H. Vouchers
    - √ Training/Travel Expense for Police Department
2. Amendment to Sunset Date of Non-Home Rule Municipal Sales Tax

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Monday, July 9, 2007, 5:15 p.m.**

**CD Conference Room, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor**

## **AGENDA**

1. Memorandum from Vicki Manson, Neighborhood Development Administrator, regarding the Tax Incentive Program (TIP).
2. Memorandum from Ginny Gregory, Planner II, regarding an Amendment of the Boundary of Rockford Enterprise Zone #1 Creation of the Rockford River Edge Redevelopment Zone.
3. Letter from Oliver Emerson regarding alignment on South Main Street from Lane Street to Loomis Street.

## **AGENDA**

### **LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, July 24, 2007, 7:30 a.m.**

**Conference Room A, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (north room)**

## **AGENDA**

Next meeting scheduled for July 24, 2007.