

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 13, 2010
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:21 P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Alderman Frank Beach and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Page Yesenia Centeno.
2. Roll Call:

Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey

Aldermen: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Beach, Timm, Elyea, Robertson -11-
Absent: Beck, McNeely -2-
3. Mayor Morrissey reported with sadness the death of Brad Moberg, Public Works employee for 35 years. He offered words of condolences to his family and asked for a moment of silence in his memory. He thanked the City employees for their assistance with the luncheon at City Hall after the funeral service.
4. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of December 6, 2010, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Beck, McNeely absent).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5. Prophet Yusef congratulated the Boylan Titans football team on winning the Class 6A Championship and explained the difference between public and catholic education.
6. E.J. Dilonardo encouraged the community to support the IAFF "just jeans" clothing drive for Carpenter's Place.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. Alderman Johnson submitted an e-mail from Brett Beaman regarding snow removal concerns. Referred to Public Works Department.
8. Alderman Thompson-Kelly submitted an e-mail from Rick Severson regarding snow removal concerns. Referred to Public Works Department.
9. Alderman Curran submitted a request from Ben Bernsten, for a temporary banner for Liquidation Center from December 7, 2010 – December 24, 2010 located at 175 Executive Parkway (former K's Merchandise). Alderman Curran moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Beck, McNeely absent).
10. Alderman Hervey submitted an e-mail from Dave Blake concerning snow removal procedures. Referred to Public Works Department.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. Alderman Johnson read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that "No Action" be taken on the following item:

1. Request from Kevin Rilott, for assigned parking spaces on 10th Street.

LAID OVER.

12. Alderman Hervey read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the Contract Extension with the Google email spam filtering service at a cost of \$14,640 per year. The extension would be for three years. The funding source is IT Fund. LAID OVER.
13. Alderman Hervey read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the 2011 Animal Services Contract with the County for one year. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. LAID OVER.

2010-427CR

14. Alderman Hervey read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending awarding the contract for Stop Loss Coverage for the Health Insurance Plan to Nationwide Life Insurance for one year beginning January 1, 2011 ending January 1, 2012 at a premium rate of \$16.99 per single employee coverage and \$47.11 per family employee coverage. The estimated annual premium and administrative costs are \$561,466. The funding source is Health Insurance Fund.

Alderman Hervey moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Beck, McNeely absent). The Committee Report was placed on Passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Robertson -11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Beck, McNeely -2-

2010-428CR

15. Alderman Hervey read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report having considered the 2011 Budget, begs leave to report recommending the City Council adopt the attached Amended 2010 Levy Ordinance, amending Ordinance 2010-137-O and providing for the reduction of police & fire pension levies and corresponding increase in police & fire protection levies. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

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

16. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of December 13, 2010 in the amount of \$2,496,940.68. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Robertson -11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Beck, McNeely -2-

17. Alderman Thompson-Kelly read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending that the City Council approve the dissolution of the Southeast Affordable Housing TIF and its special tax allocation fund. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. LAID OVER.

OFFICERS REPORTS

18. Mayor Morrissey thanked council members for supporting the pension reform legislation.
19. Mayor Morrissey mentioned council will convene into closed session tonight to discuss collective bargaining issues.
20. Mayor Morrissey thanked Public Works employees for a great job with snow removal operations this past weekend.
- 20a. Mayor Morrissey thanked the public works employees for decorating council chambers in festive holiday garnish.
21. Mayor Morrissey announced his nomination of Dr. Tim Durkee to fill the First Ward Aldermanic position. LAID OVER.
22. Alderman Robertson thanked Paul Callighan, Commonwealth Edison, and city staff for speaking at the 14th Ward meeting last week.
23. Alderman Hervey announced the 5th Ward meeting will be held on Thursday, December 16, 2010 at 6:00 at the Montague Branch Library. She encouraged all to attend.

Alderman Mark exited the meeting at 6:49 pm.

24. Alderman Thompson-Kelly announced next Monday, December 20, 2010 at 5:30 will be a public hearing to discuss the proposed amendment to the existing Enterprise Zone boundaries at the Leadership/Learning Academy, 1907 Kishwaukee Street and that the Planning and Development Committee meeting will immediately follow.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2010-429CR

25. Alderman Johnson moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that NO ACTION be taken on the following items:

1. Request from Kevin Rilott, to repeal the existing "No Parking Anytime" on the east side of 10th Street from 30' north of Broadway to 340' north of Broadway.

MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Mark, Beck, McNeely absent).

2010-430CR

26. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel - Recommending approval of the Change Order with Baker Tilly, Outsourcing Consultant to add a review of the Legal, Finance and Human Resources Departments for a total cost of \$40,180. The funding source is Departmental Operating Budgets. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Robertson -10-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Mark, Beck, McNeely -3-

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2010-162R

27. Alderman Hervey, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the Central Services Manager to take bids for the following:

- A. Bid: Broadway Improvements, funding source: Sales Tax

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Robertson -10-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Mark, Beck, McNeely -3-

2010-163R

28. Alderman Hervey, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the use of Motor Fuel Tax funds for Rockford Junction Track Improvements in the amount of \$250,000.00. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Robertson -10-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Mark, Beck, McNeely -3-

2010-164R

29. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the agreement between the City of Rockford and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency for funding of acquisition of property in the Keith Creek Churchill Park in the City of Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois. The federal eligibility portion of this project is \$2,968,986. The total amount awarded from the IEMA is \$2,226,740. The City will provide a 25% location match of the non-Federal funding amounting to \$742,246. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Robertson -10-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Mark, Beck, McNeely -3-

NEW BUSINESS

30. Alderman Hervey introduced and read an Ordinance amending the 2010 levy and assessment of taxes for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2010 of the City of Rockford, County of Winnebago, and State of Illinois. LAID OVER.
31. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 3, Section 3-55, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford, Illinois upon all other requirements of the Liquor Ordinances having been met, said amendment shall serve as City Council advice and consent for the Liquor Commissioner to issue a Liquor License to the following person:

Ramon Reynoso d/b/a Hacienda El Patron located at 3929 Broadway for the sale of liquor by the drink in conjunction with a restaurant and outdoor beer garden/seating area is hereby approved. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Compliance with the Liquor Ordinance
2. Hours of operation are limited as provided on the submitted Business Plan Exhibit E
3. There shall be no cover charge.

LAID OVER.

32. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance amending Article 64, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford, Illinois for a Variation to allow a six foot fence as previously placed in the front yard along Eastgate Parkway in an R-1, Single-Family Residential Zoning District at 3445 Minnesota Drive.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact. LAID OVER.

33. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance amending Article 63 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford, Illinois for a Special Use Permit for the operation of a sexually-oriented bookstore business in a C-3, General Commercial Zoning District at 280 North Phelps Avenue, Unit E. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. That the Special Use Permit shall lapse after five (5) years and the use shall be discontinued. The business owner may reapply for the Special Use Permit at that time.

LAID OVER.

34. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance for the approval of the sale of City owned property located near the intersection of Concord and West State Street for a minimum bid of \$35,000 and that proposals for terms of payment will be received. LAID OVER.
35. Alderman Hervey made a motion to go into closed session for purposes of discussing matters related to collective bargaining, seconded by Alderman Curran. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Robertson -10-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Mark, Beck, McNeely -3-
36. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 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
December 20, 2010
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 DECEMBER 13, 2010

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2. Hervey - Finance and Personnel - Recommending approval of the Contract Extension with the Google email spam filtering service at a cost of \$14,640 per year. The extension would be for three years. The funding source is IT Fund.
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4. Thompson-Kelly - Planning and Development - Recommending that the City Council approve the dissolution of the Southeast Affordable Housing TIF and its special tax allocation fund. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

II. ORDINANCES LAID OVER DECEMBER 13, 2010

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- Motions and Resolutions

III. MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS LAID OVER DECEMBER 13, 2010

1. Mayor Morrissey – Appointment – Interim First Ward Alderman; Dr. Tim Durkee

- ## IV. 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).

- * same action taken before
- 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, December 20, 2010, p.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA**

No Meeting Scheduled.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

**Monday, December 20, 2010, 5:15 p.m.
Conference Room B, City Hall 2nd floor (south room)
AGENDA**

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of Sole Source Contract: Westlaw Online Legal Service
 - B. Change Order: 2010 City-Wide Street Repair #5 – Info Only
 - C. Vouchers
2. Financial Discussion
3. 2011 Budget

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Monday, December 20, 2010, 5:30 p.m.
Leadership/Learning Academy, 1907 Kishwaukee St. (Goodwill Building)
AGENDA**

Public Hearing – Enterprise Zone boundaries

1. Memorandum from Rob Lamb, Industrial Development Manager, regarding the Enterprise Zone Amendment to Expand Boundaries.

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

**Monday, December 20, 2010, 4:00 p.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA**

1. Support of Illinois Municipal League Legislative Initiatives
2. 2011 Legislative Agenda Planning
3. New Business