

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 11, 2012
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:16 P.M.

1. The invocation was given by Chaplain Vaughan Gilmore, Starlight Baptist Church/ Rockford Police Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Page Yesenia Centeno.
2. Roll Call:
Mayor Lawrence Morrissey
Aldermen: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -13-
Absent: Durkee -1-
3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of June 4, 2012, seconded by Alderman Timm. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Durkee absent).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4. Prophet Yusef blessed several people and spoke about dealing with truth and adversity.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

5. Alderman Wasco submitted a Memorandum from James Ryan, City Administrator, regarding EMS Training Contract Renewal. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
6. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Julia Valdez, Deputy City Administrator/ Director of Human Resources, regarding upcoming events:
 1. Tour de North End – 7/14/12
 2. Kryptonite 2012 Fest – 7/14/12 & 9/8/12
 3. Head of the Rock Regatta – 10/14/12Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
7. Alderman Johnson submitted twelve (12) requests for service. Referred to Community Development/Code Enforcement, Public Works, IT and Police Departments.
8. Alderman Johnson submitted an e-mail from Marcia Peterson advising CrimeMapping.com has not been updated for a couple of months. Referred to the Police Department.
9. Alderman Elyea submitted a letter from Eileen Wheeler, Crusader Thrift Shop, 310 7th Street, concerning parking issues near the shop. Referred to Public Works/Traffic Division.

10. Alderman McNeely recognized State Representative Chuck Jefferson and the Rock City Unique Steppers group in attendance at tonight's meeting.
11. Alderman McNeely submitted approximately 110 requests for service. Referred to Community Development/Code Enforcement and Public Works Department.
12. Alderman McNeely requested mowing at two vacant lots located on Independence Street between Green and Preston. Referred to Community Development/Code Enforcement.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

13. Alderman Jacobson read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the attached Downtown Parking Agreement between the City of Rockford and Downtown Rockford Restaurant, LLC. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. LAID OVER.
14. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that City Council accept the payment made to date as satisfaction in full of the 2011 permit fees, representing a \$15,800 reduction in the fees for the 2011 festival. The funding source shall be City Department operating budgets. LAID OVER.
15. Alderman Wasco read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the Engineering Agreement: Conceptual Design Riverwalk – Beattie Park to State Street Bridge be made to Hitchcock Design Group to perform conceptual design for this phase of the Riverwalk project for a total not-to-exceed cost of \$20,900.00. The funding for this project will come from Sales Tax funds. LAID OVER.

2012-225CR

16. Alderman Wasco read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Police Uniform Shoes be made to Galls, Inc., of Lexington, Kentucky for their total bid of \$25,444.46. The funding source is Police Operating Budget.

Alderman Wasco moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Durkee 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, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -13-
Nays:	-0-
Absent:	Durkee -1-

2012-226CR

17. Alderman Wasco read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for City-Wide Sidewalk 2012 Package D be made to the lowest responsible bidder, Campos Construction, Inc. of Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$14,147.15. The funding source is Sales Tax.

Alderman Wasco moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Durkee 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, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Durkee -1-

18. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of June 11, 2012 in the amount of \$3,906,282.81. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Durkee -1-

OFFICERS REPORTS

19. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of June 10, 2012 to be "ROCK CITY UNIQUE STEPPERS WEEK" in Rockford, Illinois and encouraged our citizens to participate in the events of the Rock City Unique Steppers.
20. Mayor Morrissey also recognized State Representative Chuck Jefferson in attendance at tonight's meeting.
21. Mayor Morrissey submitted an appointment to the Historic Preservation Board, Rebecca Lichy, term ending June 2015. LAID OVER.
- Mayor Morrissey submitted two (2) re-appointments to the Historic Preservation Board, Scott Sanders and Janna Bailey, terms ending June 2015. LAID OVER.
22. Mayor Morrissey submitted an appointment to the Building Board of Appeals, Brian Blakemore, term ending June 2017. LAID OVER.
- Mayor Morrissey submitted five (5) re-appointment to the Building Board of Appeals, Joel Sjostrom, William Waldorf, Joseph Reister, Kerry Harlacher and Joseph Zimmer, terms ending June 2017. LAID OVER.
23. Mayor Morrissey mentioned a Memorandum from Chris Black, Finance Director, regarding Financial Discussion up-date.
24. Mayor Morrissey also mentioned a Memorandum from Tim Holdeman, Water Superintendent, regarding the Water System Improvement Project - Final Financial Report.
25. Mayor Morrissey reported the passing of John "Jack" Sommers and offered his condolences and prayers to John's family.

26. Mayor Morrissey announced Mike Booker, Deputy Chief Rockford City Police Department, will be retiring this week after many years of dedicated service to the community.
27. Alderman Robertson expressed concern that aldermen have not received any information regarding the transition plan for operating and management of the Coronado with the agreement set to expire on June 30, 2012.

Mayor Morrissey advised he has had conversations with Mike Dunn, Chairman RAVE Board and Mike Schirger, President of CPAC Board, concerning this issue and offered his help as they work towards developing a transition and operating plan.

James Ryan, City Administrator, explained city staff has been working with CPAC and RAVE on a transition plan, internally the primary focus has been on financial and staffing issues to ensure a seamless transition. He advised a memorandum will be distributed to the aldermen outlining all the issues before being presented to council for a vote.

Alderman Thompson-Kelly reiterated Alderman Robertson's concerns and suggested extending the agreement.

Alderman Mark also has expressed his concerns and the concerns of many donors who have expressed reconsidering their long-term commitment.

28. Alderman McNeely mentioned speaking with a very concerned constituent who advised every night near the intersection of Lee and Maple (vacant lot) from 9:00 pm to 5:00 am almost 200 young adults are gathering causing chaos in the neighborhood. Referred to the Police Department.
29. Alderman McNeely thanked Tim Holdeman for the memorandum explaining the financial synopsis of the water system improvement projects and savings passed on to our customers.
30. Alderman Beach announced his granddaughter was married this past weekend.
31. Alderman Beach announced tomorrow night begins the Music in the Park series with the Phantom Regiment performing at the Sinnissippi Band Shell at 7:30 pm. The series will run every Tuesday and Thursday for the next ten weeks and the Rockford Concert Band will be on Tuesday, June 26th at 7:30 pm for six consecutive weeks. A schedule of the concerts is available on the Park District website, all concerts are free.
32. Alderman Johnson stated it has been an honor and pleasure to serve on the Coronado Board the past two years and thanked Michael Goldberg for drafting a 32 page transition report.
33. Alderman Johnson announced this Saturday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm on the grounds of the Erlander Museum is the Swedish MidSommer Festival.

34. Alderman Beck reminded everyone the fundraiser for the accessible fishing pier project, honoring Former Alderman and County Clerk Davey Johnson, will be held this Thursday at the Radisson Hotel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2012-227CR

35. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending that no action be taken at this time to award or reject proposals received April 3, 2012 for Emergency Medical Services. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Durkee -1-

2012-228CR

36. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement by the Illinois Office of the Comptroller and the City of Rockford regarding access to the Comptroller's Local Debt Recovery Program. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Durkee -1-

2012-097-O

37. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending the compensation ordinance and authorizing the structural changes set forth in the May 11, 2012 memorandum from the Human Resources Director. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, Robertson -8-
Nays: Wasco, Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Elyea, McNeely -5-
Absent: Durkee -1-

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2012-089R

38. Alderman Mark, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution, for Greater Rockford Italian American Association requesting a special event permit and liquor permit for consumption of liquor outdoors on public property ("SP" license) for the Festa Italiana Event on August 3, 2012 from 5:00 pm – 11:00 pm, August 4, 2012 from 12:00 (noon) to 12:00 (midnight) and August 5, 2012 from 11:00 am – 9:00 pm located at Boylan Catholic High School, 4000 St. Francis Drive. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Durkee absent).

NEW BUSINESS

39. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 3, Section 3-55 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford upon all other requirements of the Liquor Ordinance 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:

Chanpal Chumon d/b/a Alpine Marathon for the sale of packaged beer and wine in conjunction with a gas station in an R-4, Multi-Family Residential District at 3299 South Alpine Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meet all City of Rockford Building and Fire Codes.
2. Compliance with all City of Rockford Liquor Codes.
3. The hours of operation be in conformance with the Liquor Code.
4. The sale of alcohol shall be limited to the interior site plan that was submitted Exhibit E.
5. The landscaping areas are weeded and the dead plant materials removed. That two ornamental trees are planted along South Alpine and three shade trees are planted along Mayflower.
6. That the window display signage shall not exceed 30% of window area and all temporary outdoor signs shall be removed.
7. That the exterior of the building shall have all temporary signs and graffiti removed.
8. The sale of rose tubes, airplane-sized bottles and any other products that can be deemed to be easily manufactured into crack pipes is prohibited

LAID OVER.

40. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 3, Section 3-55 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford upon all other requirements of the Liquor Ordinance 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:

Philippe Forcioli d/b/a Green Fire Market for the sale of liquor by the drink and packaged liquor with a restaurant and market with an outdoor seating area in a C-3, Commercial General District at 6795 East Riverside Boulevard. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable City of Rockford Liquor Codes.
2. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
3. That there shall be no cover charge and may not function as a night club or have a dance floor/stage area over 150 square feet.
4. Hours are limited to Sunday through Saturday 6:30 am to 2:00 am
5. That the outdoor seating area must close by 10:00 pm during the weekdays and midnight on weekends.
6. The plan for the outdoor seating area must be reviewed by staff and must meet the required code prior to issuance of a building permit.

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Shantilal Patel d/b/a Pridom Liquor for the sale of packaged liquor in conjunction with a liquor store in a C-3, Commercial General District at 2428 South Alpine Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
2. Compliance with all City of Rockford Liquor Codes.
3. Submittal of Building Permits for Staff review and approval
4. The hours of operation will be limited to 9:00 am to 11:00 pm Monday through Thursday.
5. The hours of operation will be limited to 9:00 am to Midnight (12:00) Friday through Saturday.
6. The hours of operation will be limited to 11:00 am to 11:00 pm on Sunday.
7. The sale of alcohol shall be limited to the interior site plan that was submitted Exhibit D.
8. The landscaping will need to be installed in accordance with Exhibit G the approved landscaping plan.
9. Window display signage is limited to 30% of window area.
10. The sale of rose tubes, airplane-sized bottles and any other products that can be deemed to be easily manufactured into crack pipes is prohibited.

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Adrian Canelo d/b/a La Esquina De Oro Restaurant for the sale of beer and wine by the drink in conjunction with a restaurant in a C-2, Limited Commercial District at 3840 Broadway. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable City of Rockford Liquor Codes.
2. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
3. Hours are limited to Sunday through Saturday 11:00 am to 2:00 am
4. That the sale of liquor by the drink to be in conjunction with a restaurant.
5. Inside window signage shall not exceed 35%
6. The sale of liquor by the drink shall be limited to the tenant space shown as Exhibit E as the interior floor plan.

LAID OVER.

43. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 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
June 18, 2012
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

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER JUNE 11, 2012

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2. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending that City Council accept the payment made to date as satisfaction in full of the 2011 permit fees, representing a \$15,800 reduction in the fees for the 2011 festival. The funding source shall be City Department operating budgets.
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II. ORDINANCES LAID OVER JUNE 11, 2012

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- Motions and Resolutions

III. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS TO BE READ IN JUNE 18, 2012

1. Mark - Tour de North End – 7/14/12
2. Mark - Kryptonite 2012 Fest – 7/14/12 & 9/8/12
3. Mark - Head of the Rock Regatta – 10/14/12

IV. MISCELLANEOUS/APPOINTMENTS LAID OVER JUNE 11, 2012

1. Mayor Morrissey - Appointment - Historic Preservation Board, Rebecca Lichty, term ending June 2015. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this item is up for passage on July 16, 2012)
2. Mayor Morrissey - Re-appointment - Historic Preservation Board, Scott Sanders and Janna Bailey, term ending June 2015. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this item is up for passage on July 16, 2012)

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6. Mayor Morrissey - Re-appointment - Building Board of Appeals, William Waldorf, term ending June 2017. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this item is up for passage on July 16, 2012)
7. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment – Building Board of Appeals, Joseph Reister, term ending June 2017. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this item is up for passage on July 16, 2012)
8. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment – Building Board of Appeals - Kerry Harlacher, term ending June 2017. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this item is up for passage on July 16, 2012)
9. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment – Building Board of Appeals, Joseph Zimmer, term ending June 2017. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this item is up for passage on July 16, 2012)

V. 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).

1. Jacobson - Downtown Parking Agreement between the City of Rockford and Downtown Rockford Restaurant, LLC.

* 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, June 18, 2012, 5:15 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. C & R 12-35 Miracle Mile Request – Proposed Regulations for Tobacco Shops, Second Hand Stores, Cash Stores and Pawn Shops –

Ald. Ann Thompson-Kelly's Request for a review of regulations for junk/salvage yard, recycling facilities and waste related uses

2. C & R 12-102 Special Event: Tour de North End, 7/14/12
Kryptonite 2012 Fest, 7/14/12 and 9/8/12
Head of the Rock Regatta, 10/14/12
3. C & R 12-101 Closed Session for Purposes of Pending or Threatened Litigation: Guidry v. City of Rockford

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Monday, June 18, 2012, 5:15 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of Bid: N. Main & Auburn Demolition, Package A – Suspend rules
 - B. Award of Bid: Floor Mats, Towels, & Mops, Services & Supplies
 - C. Award of Sole Source Contract: Hope VI Street Lighting
 - D. Change Order: 502 S. Main Street Demolition – Suspend rules
 - E. Resolution to take Bids/Proposals
 - F. Vouchers
2. EMS Training Contract Renewal

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, June 18, 2012, 5:30 p.m.

CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor

AGENDA

1. Memorandum from Reid Montgomery, Director of Community and Economic Development, regarding Rockford's Economic Development, Education and Entrepreneurship Network (EDEEN).
2. Memorandum from Patrick Hayes, Legal Director, regarding a Resolution setting Public Hearing and Joint Review Board meeting dates for the proposed Mulford and State Street Tax Increment Financing District (TIF).

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

Monday, June 18, 2012, ___ p.m.

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

AGENDA

No Meeting Scheduled.