

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 10, 2014
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:24 P.M.**

1. The clerk called the meeting to order in the absence of the Mayor, and recognized Alderman Beck who moved that Alderman Hervey serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the meeting. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Thompson-Kelly. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Durkee, Beach absent).
- 1a. The invocation was given by Chaplain Vaughan Gilmore, Starlight Baptist Church and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Page Beatrice Medrano.
2. Roll Call:

Alderman Hervey, Mayor Pro Tem

Aldermen: Getchius, McNamara, Frost, (Hervey), Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo,
Newburg, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-
Absent: Durkee, Beach -2-
3. Alderman Beck moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of March 3, 2014 seconded by Alderman Newburg. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Durkee, Beach absent).

PUBLIC HEARING

4. Alderman Hervey called upon Alderman Beck to conduct a public hearing. Alderman Beck called the public hearing to order at 6:26 pm, stating that it was being held pursuant to 65 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/11-15.1-3 for the pre-annexation agreement for the following property, **8101 Spring Creek Road**. He asked for questions or comments from the Council members, and then from the general public and closed the hearing at 6:27 pm.

The meeting returned to regular business at 6:27 pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5. Prophet Yusef recited scripture and urged people to mediate on God's word and think seriously about what they are reading.
4. Toby Haldeman thanked City staff for addressing his concerns about crime and deteriorated streets in his neighborhood and the Broadway area.
7. John Brantley recited scripture and expressed frustration with proposed changes by tea party activists to change text books regarding black history.
8. Roland Poska invited everyone to attend a gathering at the Rockford Public Library auditorium on April 1st and urged them to do the impossible, end prejudice and violence, expand thinking and the money supply, achieve respect for all and end war in 63 years.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

9. Alderman Frost submitted a Memorandum from Tim Holdeman, Water Superintendent, regarding Emergency Purchase Orders for Frozen Water Service Repairs. Invoices for 39 of the 198 jobs completed have been received from contractors. The average invoice is \$6,824.00 per location. The funding source is Water Division Operating budget. Placed on file.
10. Alderman Frost submitted a Memorandum from David Sidney, Comprehensive Planning and Design Manager and Patrick Zuroske, Capital Program Manager regarding Funding under the Illinois Highway Code for Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning (RMAP). Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
11. Alderman Frost submitted a Memorandum from Patrick Hayes, Legal Director regarding the Wellness Center Remodeling Funding. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
12. Alderman Frost opened a bid for Sale of Property located at 1604 S. 6th St. from New Salem Lutheran Church in the amount of \$100.00. Referred to Purchasing and Legal Departments.
13. Alderman McNamara submitted a Memorandum regarding an Invitation to a Presentation of Jefferson High School's U.S. History Class Project Regarding Ideas on Transforming Rockford. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
14. Alderman Thompson-Kelly submitted two requests for services; pothole patching. Referred to Public Works Department.
15. Alderman Thompson-Kelly submitted an email from a concerned constituent opposing the request from the new owners of the 320 store for a tobacco license. Referred to Community Development Department, Director Todd Cagnoni
16. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Kelly Nokes, Assistant Operations Manager, regarding upcoming special events:
 1. Rockford City Market – 5/30/14 – 10/17/14
 2. Rockford Public Library Summer Reading Club Kick Off – 6/7/14Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.

PROCLAMATIONS

17. Alderman Hervey, on behalf of Mayor Morrissey, presented a Proclamation proclaiming 2014 to be "ROCKFORD RESCUE MISSION 50TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR" in Rockford, Illinois and urged all citizens to support and recognize the staff and volunteers that provide vital services to the citizens of our community.

18. Alderman Hervey, on behalf of Mayor Morrissey, presented a Proclamation proclaiming March 11, 2014 to be "GET COVERED ROCKFORD DAY" in Rockford, Illinois and urged all eligible uninsured citizens to take advantage of this assistance and enroll in a healthcare plan.
19. Alderman Hervey, on behalf of Mayor Morrissey, presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of March 10, 2014 to be "IRISH MARCHING SOCIETY WEEK" in Rockford, Illinois and urged all citizens to recognize and support the Irish Marching Society's enthusiastic efforts to celebrate and preserve their Celtic Heritage.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

20. Alderman Frost read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of a reduction in the outstanding code hearing fines and penalties for 1000 9th St. in Rockford, Illinois to \$7,200 upon compliance with original order to repair and issuance of certificate of occupancy for the residential units. LAID OVER.
21. Alderman Frost moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of March 10, 2014 in the amount of \$4,032,598.71. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes:	Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-
Nays:	-0-
Absent:	Durkee, Beach -2-

22. Alderman Beck read a Code and Regulations Committee Report recommending that City Council approve the attached amendment(s) to Section 16-136(b) of the Snow Emergency Ordinance authorizing the declaration of a Snow Emergency when ice storms or other general hazard impacting the City streets threaten the safety of our residents. The Legal Director shall prepare the necessary Ordinance. LAID OVER.

OFFICERS REPORTS

23. Alderman Getchius reminded Rockford residents with the winter weather still upon us to continue complying with City officials request to leave a steady drip of water to prevent frozen pipes and that partial reimbursement of a water bill would be considered after a review of their past water usage and it was clear they complied with the city's request. You may contact the Water Department at 987-5700 to ask about the reimbursement process.
24. Alderman Oddo reminded residents of the 8th and 14th wards there will be a joint ward meeting on Saturday, March 15th at 10:00 am at Heartland Community Church. Mayor Morrissey and Department Heads will be in attendance to answer questions and concerns.
25. Alderman Oddo thanked Eric, employee from Rock River Disposal, for alerting her of a water main break. Public Works was notified of the break and quickly fixed the problem.

26. Alderman Thompson-Kelly announced this Thursday, March 13th will be a Community Visioning Session hosted by the Signal Hill Neighborhood group at St. Peter's Cathedral from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. She encouraged everyone to attend.
27. Alderman Newburg reminded residents of the 9th and 12th wards there will be a joint ward meeting on Thursday, March 13th at Cliffbreakers in the Vanderbilt Room from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Mayor Morrissey and Department Heads will be attendance to answer questions and concerns. She encouraged her constituents to attend.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

28. Alderman McNeely submitted a Memorandum from Matthew Vitner, P.E. City Engineer, regarding Odd/Even Parking Snow Emergency Signs. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.

OFFICERS REPORTS

29. Alderman Hervey announced the City of Rockford and Rock River Disposal will be distributing the new recycling containers beginning on Monday, March 17, 2014. The containers are included in the new garage contract awarded to Rock River Disposal and are provided to residents as no additional costs.

Todd Cagnoni advised approximately 1300 recycling containers will be distributed on a daily basis with the garbage schedule begin on Monday, March 17th in Southwest Rockford and will take between eight to nine weeks to complete deliveries. Each household will be provided with one recyclable container, additional containers will be available to purchase.

Alderman Hervey suggested bringing in the different size recyclable containers to be displayed at a future council meeting.

30. Alderman Hervey mentioned the City will be hosting a press conference on Thursday, March 13, 2014, immediately after RockStat, announcing the kick-off of the Better Rockford Today Ward Meetings.
31. Alderman Hervey mentioned information regarding the site selection for the proposed City of Rockford Wellness Center has been distributed to council members for review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2014-066CR

32. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of Plat #6 Spring Creek Crossing Subdivision. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

Prior to the City Engineer signing the plat the following comments shall be addressed:

1. Construction plans for the detention and drainage facilities shall be submitted for review.
2. The construction cost estimate for the drainage improvements have been submitted and are approved. A letter of Credit in the amount of 110% of the construction cost estimate and a construction inspection fee of 2.5% of the construction estimate shall be submitted. The deadline date of the Letter of Credit shall be no later than February 28, 2015. No extensions will be given for this Letter of Credit. If the detention and drainage facilities are not constructed by February 15, 2015 the City will cash the Letter of Credit and complete the construction themselves.
3. The Post Construction Management Plan has been submitted and is under review. The City will provide a template document with the comments on the plan. Once the final document has been reviewed and approved it shall be recorded with the County and a copy of the recorded document submitted to the City.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes:	Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-
Nays:	-0-
Absent:	Durkee, Beach -2-

2014-067CR

33. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Final Plat of Perryville Promenade Subdivision – Phase 1. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

The following shall be addressed prior to the City signing the Final Plat:

1. The construction cost estimates have been submitted and are approved for all public improvements except the extension of McFarland Road from Anjali Drive to Spring Creek Road. A letter of Credit in the amount of 110% of the construction cost estimate and a construction inspection fee of 2.5% of the construction estimate shall be submitted.
2. The construction estimate has been submitted and is under review for the extension of McFarland Road from Anjali Drive to Spring Creek Road, including the traffic signal at McFarland Road and Spring Creek Road. Once reviewed and approved a Letter of Credit in the amount of 110% of the construction cost estimate and a construction inspection fee of 2.5% of the construction estimate shall be submitted.

Prior to an Occupancy Permit being issued within this development the following shall be submitted:

1. The Post Construction Management Plan has been submitted and is under review. The City will provide a template document with the comments on the plan. Once the final document has been reviewed and approved it shall be

recorded with the County and a copy of the recorded document submitted to the City.

2. Traffic signals are required at the intersection of Rote Road and McFarland Road. Construction plans for the traffic signals shall be submitted for review. We understand the cost estimate has been submitted to include in the Letter of Credit.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Durkee, Beach -2-

2014-068CR

34. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of Spring Creek Crossing Plat #3 – Offsite Detention Plat of Puri Meijer’s Rockford Subdivision. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Durkee, Beach -2-

2014-069CR

35. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Variation to allow a reduction for street frontage landscape strip from ten (10) feet to two (2) feet along North Main Street and one (1) foot along Halsted Road due to Illinois Department of Transportation road expansion and APPROVE the Variation to reduce required setback for a corner free-standing sign to one (1) foot in a C-2, Limited Commercial District at 3325 North Main Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. If landscape units can be preserved, that they are relocated somewhere on the property.
2. That a detailed landscape plan with plant species is submitted for Staff’s review and approval.
3. That the corner freestanding sign shall conform with the requirements of a landmark monument sign, not to exceed eight (8) feet in height and sixty-four (64) square feet in size inclusive of any electronic reader board up to thirty-six (36) square feet in size.

Approval is based on the Findings of Facts. The Legal Director is hereby instructed to prepare the necessary Ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-

Nays: -0-
Absent: Durkee, Beach -2-

2014-070CR

36. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council DENY the Zoning Map Amendment from C-4, Urban Mixed-Use Zoning District and R-2, Two-Family Zoning District to I-1, Light Industrial Zoning District and DENY a Special Use Permit for hand sorting or metal and indoor storage at 815 Broadway. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Durkee, Beach -2-

37. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that City Council DENY the sale of tobacco products in conjunction with a grocery store in the name of **Samir R. Rathod d/b/a 320 Grocery Store** in a C-3, General Commercial Zoning District at 320 North Court Street.

Alderman McNeely made a motion to lay the committee report over, seconded by Alderman Chiarelli. The committee report was LAID OVER.

2014-071CR

38. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the City Council approve the acquisition of real properties pertaining to the Harrison Avenue Project , to-wit:

1. It is hereby determined that it is necessary and desirable that the City of Rockford shall acquire the real properties described in Exhibit A attached hereto, which said properties are necessary, useful, advantageous and desirable to the Harrison Avenue Project.
2. City Staff shall make final offers to acquire the parcels identified in Exhibit A.
3. In the event final offers are rejected or generate no response, the Legal Director is hereby directed to file eminent domain proceedings to acquire the properties.

The Legal Director is hereby instructed to prepare the necessary Ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Getchius, McNamara, Hervey, Hill, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Chiarelli -9-
Nays: Frost, Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -3-
Absent: Durkee, Beach -2-

2014-038-O

39. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of an Ordinance for the sale of property at 326 Bremer Street, PIN #11-26-158-009 at a minimum bid of \$450.00 with preference to the adjacent property owner and includes advertising. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:
- Ayes: Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-
- Nays: -0-
- Absent: Durkee, Beach -2-

2014-039-O

40. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule Section 110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to repeal the following, to-wit:

"A Mid-block pedestrian crossing on Auburn Street, 630 feet west of North Pierpont Avenue".

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Durkee, Beach -2-

2014-040-O

41. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule Section 195 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to repeal the following, to-wit:

"That a 35 MPH Speed Limit on Auburn Street from North Springfield Avenue to South Pierpont Avenue, thus modifying the existing speed limit ordinance of a 45 MPH Speed Limit on Auburn Street from North Meridian Road to South Pierpont Avenue.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Durkee, Beach -2-

2014- 041-O

42. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule Section 280 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following, to-wit:

"No Parking Anytime" on the east side of Willard Avenue from 170 feet north of School Street to 200 feet north of School Street.

"No Parking Anytime except Para-Transit" on the west side of Parmele Street from 410 feet north of Broadway Street to 440 feet north of Broadway Street.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo,
Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Durkee, Beach -2-

2014-042-O

43. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 186(b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following, to-wit:

That a "Handicapped Parking" zone be established on the north side of Elm Street from 70 feet east of Winnebago Street to 90 feet east of Winnebago Street, thus repealing the existing 2 hour parking.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo,
Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Durkee, Beach -2-

2014-072CR

44. Alderman Frost moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Sale of Property at 731-33 North Winnebago be made to the sole bidder, Jeremiah Development, of Rockford, Illinois for their bid of \$551.00. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo,
Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Durkee, Beach -2-

2014-073CR

45. Alderman Frost moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award of Sale of Property at 325 Salter be made to the sole bidder, New Zion Baptist Church, of Rockford, Illinois for their bid of \$350.00. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo,
Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Durkee, Beach -2-

2014-074CR

46. Alderman Frost moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the Proposed Development Agreement for Demolition Services, between the City of Rockford and Rockford Corridor Improvement, Inc. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -11-
Nays: Thompson-Kelly -1-
Absent: Durkee, Beach -2-

2014-075CR

47. Alderman Frost moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the approval of a Contingency Fee Agreement for recovery of Environmental Clean Up Costs and Nuisance Violations with the Sims Law Firm and Keller Rohrbach, LLP. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Durkee, Beach -2-

48. Alderman Frost moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement for Property Acquisition of the Former Administration Building between District 205 and the City of Rockford. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

Alderman Frost made a motion to hold out the committee report, seconded by Alderman McNeely. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Durkee, Beach absent). Staff will place the item on the agenda when the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency issues and the HUD Environmental review have been resolved.

OFFICERS REPORTS

49. Alderman Hervey submitted a re-appointment to the RAVE Board, Mr. Sunil Puri, term ending June 1, 2016. LAID OVER.

Alderman Hervey submitted a re-appointment to the RAVE Board, Mr. Craig Thomas, term ending June 1, 2017. LAID OVER.

Alderman Hervey submitted a re-appointment to the RAVE Board, Mr. John Phelps, term ending June 1, 2018. LAID OVER.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2014-030R

50. Alderman McNamara, on behalf of the Planning and Development Committee, moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Resolution - Approving the 2014 Demolition Ranking Criteria and Selection Process. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-
Nays: -0-

Absent: Durkee, Beach -2-

2014-031R

52. Alderman Frost, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for Code Violation Hearing Officer, with Meyer and Horning for Building and Zoning Hearings, and Joseph B. Kosek for Sanitation Hearings, both of Rockford, Illinois in the amount of \$125/hour and \$135/hour respectively. The funding source is Community & Economic Development Operating Budget. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Durkee, Beach -2-

2014-032R

53. Alderman Frost, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Legal Director to execute an agreement for Change Order: Sole Source Contract for S. Main Corridor Overhead Utility Relocation with Comcast for an additional amount of \$69,510.40. The funding source is Sales Tax. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Durkee, Beach -2-

2014-033R

54. Alderman Frost, on behalf of the Legislative Lobbying Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution Supporting Alzheimer's Association Greater Illinois Chapter 2014 Illinois Action Summit Advocacy Day on April 2, 2014. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Durkee, Beach absent).

2014-034R

55. Alderman Beck, on behalf of the Code and Regulations Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for the Rock River Blood Center requesting permission for a special event permit for the Red Shoe Run Event on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at the NIU Campus, 8500 East State Street, Rockford from 7:30 am – 9:00 am. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Durkee, Beach -2-

2014-035R

56. Alderman Beck, on behalf of the Code and Regulations Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for Rockford MELD Organization requesting a special event permit for the

MELD Classic July 4th Run and Walk on Friday, July 4, 2014 from 6:00 am – 10:30 am; run will start at 300 North Madison Street and finish in front of the Trolley Station. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Durkee, Beach -2-

57. Alderman Beck, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for the Harvest Bible Church requesting permission for a reduction in parking rates for the Harvest Bible Church Easter Service being held on Sunday, April 20, 2014 at the Coronado Theatre, 314 North Main Street.

Alderman Beck held the resolution out for one week. The resolution was HELD OUT.

2014-036R

58. Alderman Beck, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for the Unitarian Universalist Church requesting a special event permit for the annual garage sale on Friday, March 28, 2014 and Saturday March 29, 2013 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm at 484 Turner Street, Rockford. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Getchius, McNamara, Frost, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Durkee, Beach -2-

2014-037R

59. Alderman Beck, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for the Mayor and Legal Director to execute the Pre-Annexation Agreement for 8101 Spring Creek Road by and between James Durkee and Bagher Modir and the City of Rockford, a municipal corporation. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Getchius, McNamara, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Chiarelli -10-
Nays: Frost, Hervey -2-
Absent: Durkee, Beach -2-

NEW BUSINESS

60. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance amending Article 64 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Variation to allow a reduction for street frontage landscape strip from ten (10) feet to two (2) feet along North Main Street and one (1) foot along Halsted Road due to Illinois Department of Transportation and road expansion; Variation to reduce the required setback for a corner free-standing sign to one (1) foot in a C-2, Limited Commercial District at 3325 North Main Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. If landscape units can be preserved, that they are relocated somewhere on the property.
2. That a detailed landscape plan with plant species is submitted for Staff's review and approval.
3. That the corner freestanding sign shall conform with the requirements of a landmark monument sign, not to exceed eight (8) feet in height and sixty-four (64) square feet in size inclusive of any electronic reader board up to thirty-six (36) square feet in size.

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

61. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance for the acquisition of real properties described in Exhibit A and said properties are necessary, useful, advantageous and desirable to the Harrison Avenue Project and in the event the parties are unable to come to an agreement, the Legal Department is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to institute proceedings in any court of competent jurisdiction to acquire the said properties for the City of Rockford in accordance with the eminent domain laws of the State of Illinois. LAID OVER.
62. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 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
March 17, 2014
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
- Petitions and Communications
- Proclamations
- Committee Reports
- Officers Reports

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER MARCH 10, 2014

1. Hervey - Finance and Personnel - Approval of a reduction in the outstanding code hearing fines and penalties for 1000 9th St. in Rockford, Illinois to \$7,200 upon compliance with original order to repair and issuance of certificate of occupancy for the residential units.
2. Beck - Code and Regulations - Approve the attached amendment(s) to Section 16-136(b) of the Snow Emergency Ordinance authorizing the declaration of a Snow Emergency when ice storms or other general hazard impacting the City streets threaten the safety of our residents. The Legal Director shall prepare the necessary Ordinance.
3. Beck - DENY the sale of tobacco products in conjunction with a grocery store in the name of **Samir R. Rathod d/b/a 320 Grocery Store** in a C-3, General Commercial Zoning District at 320 North Court Street.

II. ORDINANCES LAID OVER MARCH 10, 2014

1. Beck - Ordinance - Amending Article 64 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Variation to allow a reduction for street frontage landscape strip from ten (10) feet to two (2) feet along North Main Street and one (1) foot along Halsted Road due to Illinois Department of Transportation and road expansion; Variation to reduce the required setback for a corner free-standing sign to one (1) foot in a C-2, Limited Commercial District at 3325 North Main Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

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Approval is based on the Findings of Facts.

2. Beck - Ordinance - Acquisition of real properties described in Exhibit A and said properties are necessary, useful, advantageous and desirable to the Harrison Avenue Project and in the event the parties are unable to come to an agreement, the Legal Department is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to institute proceedings in any court of competent jurisdiction to acquire the said properties for the City of Rockford in accordance with the eminent domain laws of the State of Illinois.

- Motions and Resolutions

III. MOTION/RESOLUTIONS

A. HELD OUT MARCH 10, 2014

1. Beck – Harvest Bible Church requesting permission for a reduction in parking rates for the Harvest Bible Church Easter Service being held on Sunday, April 20, 2014 at the Coronado Theatre, 314 North Main Street.

B. TO BE READ IN MARCH 17, 2014

1. Beck - Rockford City Market – 5/30/14 – 10/17/14
2. Beck - Rockford Public Library Summer Reading Club Kick-Off – 6/7/14

V. MISCELLANEOUS / APPOINTMENTS LAID OVER MARCH 10, 2014

1. Hervey - Re-appointment to the RAVE Board, Mr. Sunil Puri, term ending June 1, 2016. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this item is up for passage on April 14, 2014).
2. Hervey – Re-appointment to the RAVE Board, Mr. Craig Thomas, term ending June 1, 2017. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this item is up for passage on April 14, 2014).
3. Hervey – Re-appointment to the RAVE Board, Mr. John Phelps, term ending June 1, 2018. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this item is up for passage on April 14, 2014).

- #### **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).

1. Beck – Ordinance - Amendment(s) to Section 16-136(b) of the Snow Emergency Ordinance authorizing the declaration of a Snow Emergency when ice storms or other general hazard impacting the City streets threaten the safety of our residents. The Legal Director shall prepare the necessary Ordinance.
- * 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, March 17, 2014, 5:15 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. C & R 14-43 Special Events:
 - a) Rockford City Market, 05/30/14-10/17/14
 - b) Rockford Public Library Summer Reading Club Kick-Off 06/07/14
2. C & R 14-44 Odd/Even Parking Snow Emergency Signs
3. C & R 13-111 Public Safety Committee Discussion

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Monday, March 17, 2014, 5:15 p.m.

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

AMENDED AGENDA

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of Sale of Property: 1604 S. 6th Street
 - B. Award of Sole Source Contract: Police Ammunition
 - C. Rejection of Bids: Tree & Landscape Maintenance
 - D. Engineering Agreement: Harrison Avenue Bridge Deck Replacement

- E. Engineering Agreement: Railroad Avenue Bridge Replacement (2014)
 - F. Change Order: City-Wide Street Repairs #5 (2013)
 - G. Change Order: City-Wide Street Repairs #3 (2013) – **Info only**
 - H. Resolution for Improvement under the Illinois Highway Code for RMAP Funding (\$223,708)
 - I. Vouchers
- 2. Resolution for Municipal Electric Aggregation Contract
 - 3. Funding for the City Wellness Center Remodeling
 - 4. Land Acquisition of 1620 and 1702 Harrison Avenue
 - 5. Settlement Agreement & Mutual Release for Seventh Generation Energy Systems, Inc.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Monday, March 17, 2014, 5:00 p.m.
CD Conference Rm., City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA**

- 1. Presentation of Jefferson High School's U.S History Class Project Regarding Ideas on Transforming Rockford.
- 2. Memorandum from Todd Cagnoni, Community and Economic Development Department, regarding the Development Agreement for Amerock Building (Ziock Building).
- 3. Memorandum regarding the Review of the Demolition Ranking Criteria & Selection Process for 2014. Review of Eligible Properties under the Ranking System.

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

**Monday, March 17, 2014, ___ p.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA**

No Meeting Scheduled.