

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 18, 2006
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:05 P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Pastor David Aguilor, Unity Bible Church/ Police Chaplain, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Page Justin Francis.
2. Roll Call:

Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey

Aldermen: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach,
Beck, Conness –11-
Absent: Sosnowski, Holt, McNeely –3-
3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of September 11, 2006, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Sosnowski, Holt, McNeely absent).

PUBLIC HEARING

4. Mayor Morrissey called upon Alderman Mark to conduct a public hearing. Alderman Mark called the hearing to order at 6:07 pm, stated that it was being held pursuant to 65 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/11-15.1-3, for an annexation agreement for property located at 2812 Searles Avenue. He asked for questions or comments from the Council members, and then from the public, and closed the public hearing at 6:07 pm.

The Meeting returned to the regular Order of Business at 6:08 pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5. Brad Bounds addressed council regarding Rolling Green & Structural Flood Damage and the Storm Drain Project at Harmon Park.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

6. Alderman Johnson submitted a Request for Service from Matthew Bower. Referred to the Public Works Department, Traffic
7. Alderman Johnson submitted a Request for Service to replace a street light in front of 3212 Constance. Referred to the Public Works Department.
8. Alderman Bell submitted a Petition from the residents of Kelly Meadows Subdivision to immediately install residential lighting in Phase I of the subdivision. Referred to Mayor Morrissey.
9. Alderman Beach submitted a Request for Service for trash to be collected at 903 29th Street. Referred to Neighborhood Standards.

10. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Bill Keith, Property & Equipment Superintendent regarding a change order for the 911 center. Placed on file.
11. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Vicki Manson, Neighborhood Development Administrator regarding the First-Time Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance Program. Referred to Finance & Personnel Committee.
12. Alderman Conness submitted a letter from Doris Geiger requesting the sidewalk on the east side of Phelps by the fire hydrant be fixed. Referred to the Public Works Department.
13. Alderman Conness submitted an e-mail from Pat and Margaret Janczak, owner's of Quality Auto Collision Center, regarding the flooding issue, drainage problems and clean-up from the storm. Referred to Mayor Morrissey, Neighborhood Standards and the Public Works Department.
14. Alderman Bell submitted a Request for Service for property at 619 S. 3rd Street requesting mowing and trash collection. Referred to Neighborhood Standards.
15. Alderman Bell submitted a flier regarding the Orchid/3rd Union College Neighborhood Association Meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 27th at 6:30 pm at 510 Seminary Street (The Jane Addams Housing Development Community Center). Referred to Mayor Morrissey and Placed on File.
16. Alderman Mark submitted forty-four (44) letters/e-mails opposing the proposed Family Dollar Store in the Edgewater community. Referred to Zoning Board of Appeals members.
17. Alderman Mark submitted three (3) letters/e-mails supporting the proposed Family Dollar Store in the Edgewater community. Referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals members.
18. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Ronald N. Schultz, City Attorney, regarding the Annexation Agreement at 3012 Searles Avenue. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
19. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Ronald N. Schultz, City Attorney, regarding the Annexation Agreement (Water Connection) at 4212 West State Street. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
20. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Todd Cagnoni, Manager of Current Planning, regarding the Final Plat of Linden Pointe #4. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
21. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Todd Cagnoni, Manager of Current Planning, regarding the Final Plat of Palmwood Acres Plat #2, being a resubdivision plat of Lots 18, 19 & 20 on Block 1 of the Plat of Palmwood Acres. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.

- 22. Alderman Mark submitted the Traffic Commission Minutes of the meeting held on September 13, 2006. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
- 23. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Mark Rose, Land Acquisition Officer, regarding the proposed sale of 210 Tay Street. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 24. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the amendment in Chapter 30, Section 16-189 of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances, which requires private property owners change their signage to reflect the increased fine amount. The correction of the fine amount must be accomplished within ninety (90) days of passage of the ordinance. After that time period elapses, any violation is punishable by a fine of up to \$750.00 for each day that the signage has not been corrected. LAID OVER.

2006-328CR

- 25. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the settlement of Kenneth Barker and the City of Rockford in the amount of \$5,000.00 with a release to be obtained.

Alderman Mark moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Johnson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Sosnowski, Holt, McNeely absent). The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm,
Beach, Beck, Conness –11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski, Holt, McNeeley –3-

- 26. Alderman Beck read a Finance & Personnel Committee Report recommending the award of contract for Workstations for 911 & Fire Department be made to the sole supplier of Knoll Ref brand office furniture, Master’s Business Interiors, of DeKalb, IL for their total bid of \$22,500. The funding source is Fire Dept. Operating Budget. LAID OVER.

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- 27. Alderman Beck read a Finance & Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Demolition for West State Street Crossover be made to the low bidder Northern Illinois Service, of Rockford, IL for their total bid of \$159,996.01. The funding source is Motor Fuel Tax.

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

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm,
Beach, Beck, Conness –11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski, Holt, McNeely -3-

28. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of September 18, 2006 in the amount of \$2,554,055.54. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm,
Beach, Beck, Conness –11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski, Holt, McNeely -3-

OFFICERS REPORTS

29. Mayor Morrissey read a Proclamation proclaiming the week of September 18, 2006 to be "Constitution Week" in Rockford, Illinois and urged all citizens to reflect on the privilege of being an American with all the rights and responsibilities which that privilege involves.
30. Mayor Morrissey read a Proclamation proclaiming the days of September 15th through October 15th, 2006 to be "Hispanic Heritage Month" in Rockford, Illinois and urged all citizens to join in acknowledging the presence and unique contribution of the Hispanic Heritage to our community.
31. Mayor Morrissey read a Proclamation proclaiming the week of September 18, 2006 to be "Clean Hands Week" in Rockford, Illinois and urged support for the Rockford Handwashing Coalition in its efforts to promote the importance of handwashing.
32. Mayor Morrissey read a Proclamation proclaiming Thursday, September 21, 2006 to be "Peace Day" in Rockford, Illinois and encouraged all citizens to share in One Minute of Silence for World Peace during this period as part of a sincere effort to build a more peaceful world.
33. Mayor Morrissey reminded those citizens impacted by the flood who have not yet made contact with the Human Services Department of the City of Rockford to please contact that office at 987-5685 or stop by for assistance, they will be able to connect you with other public or private entities that can help with any needs. He mentioned that local contractors and trade unions have volunteered to provide free assessments of electrical systems #398-6282, furnaces and air-conditioning #873-0920 and water heaters #397-0350 for flood victims. The City requires permits and inspections for flood repairs, and will waive all permit fees for those victims. For more information about City permits and inspections, please call #987-5550 pr 987-5651. Mayor Morrissey thanked all the local contractors and unions for their support in this endeavor.
34. Mayor Morrissey reiterated the City is continuing to work on collecting data for the Governor's Office to support the application to be submitted to FEMA. Mayor Morrissey

thanked local Congressmen and Senators for their support and encouraged all citizens to provide data to City staff for this application.

35. Mayor Morrissey commented the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation Division of Insurance will be holding a meeting at 612 North Church Street, September 20th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm and if needed September 21st in the morning to assist policy holders in understanding their policies and offering advice on how to work with their insurance companies.
36. Mayor Morrissey called attention to an Information Release from the Rockford Police Department regarding a special enforcement detail in the Ellis Heights neighborhood on September 15, 2006. The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, Illinois Department of Corrections Parole Division, Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office and Illinois Secretary of State Police assisted in writing 118 traffic citations and filing 41 criminal charges during that special detail.
37. Mayor Morrissey submitted five (5) re-appointments to the Building Board of Appeals, Joel Sjostrom, term ending June 2010; James Lev, term ending June 2007; William Waldorf, term ending June 2007; Joseph Reister, term ending June 2011; and Kerry Harlacher term ending June, 2011.

Mayor Morrissey submitted two (2) appointments to the Building Board of Appeals, Joseph Zimmer, term ending June 2011; and Jeffrey Bockhop, term ending June 2008.

LAID OVER.

38. Mayor Morrissey submitted five (5) re-appointments to the Electrical Commission, Michael Bonavia, Sr., term ending June 2009; Thomas Wood, term ending June 2008; Lowell Larson, term ending June 2009; Gary Frank, term ending June 2008; and Frank Schmitt, term ending June 2009.

Mayor Morrissey submitted one (1) appointment to the Electrical Commission, Todd Crull, term ending June 2009.

LAID OVER.

39. Mayor Morrissey submitted four (4) re-appointments to the Mechanical Board, Mark Buckner, term ending June 2011; Mike Sabin, term ending June 2008; Dave Hendrix, term ending June 2009; and Bob Hastings, term ending June 2010.

Mayor Morrissey submitted five (5) appointments to the Mechanical Board, Jesse Arndt, term ending June 2010; James Zweep, term ending June 2011; Mark Glidden, term ending June 2009; Brian Helm, term ending June 2010; and Judd Gaster, term ending June 2007.

LAID OVER.

40. Mayor Morrissey thanked the delegations in Rockford this week from Borgholm and Lidkoping Sweden, Germany and Austria for participating in our Oktoberfest celebration and thanked The Economic Development Council and County Economic Development for continuing to work towards forging those relationships.
41. Alderman Wasco commended the Building Department and Human Services Department for their diligent work in helping the citizens impacted from the flood. He thanked the television stations that were involved and American Red Cross for raising funds for the flood victims' here in Rockford. He also thanked the Illinois Association of Realtors and the local Rockford Area Association of Realtors, which he is a proud member of, for collecting \$10,000.00 to be donated to the Salvation Army. He thanked the Women Council of the Realtors and the members of the Rockford Area Association for donating approximately \$5,000.00 to the Salvation Army.
42. Alderman Wasco informed council after the meeting there would be cake and juice to celebrate his birthday.
43. Alderman Jacobson wished Alderman Wasco a happy birthday.
44. Alderman Jacobson thanked Bonnie Henry, Director of the Building Department and her staff for an outstanding job in dealing with the aftermath of the storm. He had concerns with some plumbers charging for assessments for the damages and requested the phone number for plumbers offering free assessments. Bonnie Henry indicated numbers for free plumbing, electrical, furnaces and air conditioning assessments is provided on a list that was distributed to council members at tonight's meeting.
45. Alderman Jacobson mentioned he and Senator Syverson met with some residents yesterday that were denied loans. After working today with lenders, Alderman Jacobson announced some lenders were able to provide extensions on their mortgages.
46. Alderman Jacobson addressed Bonnie Henry, Director of the Building Department, with concerns from his constituents and volunteers wanting to get into the homes that have been condemned to cleanup. He requested staff from that department meet him or the homeowner to allow them access into their home. Bonnie Henry advised staff would do an inspection and determine if it is safe for people to go inside and cleanup. He will call her tomorrow and provide her with a list of addresses.
47. Alderman Jacobson tentatively announced the ILBA (Illinois License Beverage Association) and Legislatures are planning a fundraiser for the victim's of the flood. He thanked the Teamsters for donating their hall for the event tentatively set for October 6th.
48. Alderman Jacobson expressed sympathy for the passing of Bill Minnihan who towed for the City for several years and conveyed condolences to his family.
49. Alderman Thompson thanked the Rockford Police Department for their special enforcement detail in the Ellis Heights neighborhood on September 15th. She conveyed

her appreciation, as well as Alderman McNeely's and the appreciation of those residents for their continued support in the Weed-n-Seed area.

50. Alderman Thompson wished Alderman McNeely a happy birthday last Saturday and wished her daughter a happy birthday today.
51. Alderman Johnson thanked Broadway Covenant Church for opening their doors last week to host and informational meeting. She thanked Aldermen Wasco and Beach for attending the meeting when she was unable to do so.
52. Alderman Johnson thanked City staff and council for calls of encouragement and support over the last couple of weeks. She thanked Mayor Morrissey for making so many City resources available and continuing to seek out sources of assistance towards the rebuilding process.
53. Alderman Johnson also thanked Bill Bittner, Director of Public Works, for attending last weeks meeting to give clear, concise information for addressing storm water issues and thanked his staff and Brian Eber for their tremendous effort. She thanked Jennifer Jaeger and Amy Newell, Human Services Department, and their staff for meeting the immediate needs and coordinating all aspects of the post-storm needs.
54. Alderman Johnson thanked Bonnie Henry, Director of the Building Department, for attending several meetings and for coordinating the professional laborers and contractors needed to rebuild. She thanked the licensed local contractors and building trade unions for addressing the immediate and future needs for those residents in her area and other parts of the City.
55. Alderman Johnson thanked Alderman Conness who facilitated the assistance the trade unions are bringing to these neighborhoods. She also thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their immediate and continued response for the needs of the flood victims. She thanked Senator Syverson for walking through her ward, Aldermen Holt and Jacobson's wards and for organizing an informational meeting at Stockholm Inn. She thanked the owner's of that business for providing their establishment for the meeting which approximately four hundred residents attended to listen to a team of experts give advice on health, financial, insurance and other critical issues.
56. Alderman Johnson thanked WTVO Channel 17 for the seventeen (17) hour telethon, which grossed over \$70,000.00 to help the Rock River Red Cross Relief Fund. She also thank Rock River Disposal, Larry and Pete Lyons, John Lichty, GM of the Winnebago Reclamation and John Gessner, Public Works Department, for their diligent efforts to collect the debris from the storm. Records were set for the tonnage picked up with no extra fees posed on the residents.
57. Alderman Timm, speaking on behalf of the council members, expressed sympathy to Alderman Mark and his family for the passing of his mother last evening.
58. Alderman Mark mentioned an editorial in the Rockford Register Star last week regarding a visitor to Rockford indicating "there was nothing to do in Rockford". Alderman Mark

begs to differ. This past weekend was the Carlson Historic Home Tour for The Friends of the Coronado, Oktoberfest, Greenwich and Rockford Art Fairs which made downtown Rockford the place to be.

- 59. Alderman Mark commented this coming weekend will be the Rockford Air Show at the Rockford Airport and encouraged all to attend this event.
- 60. Alderman Mark reflected on and spoke some caring words about his mom. He mentioned several organizations she was involved in, that she was a member of the Temple Baptist Church, a soccer mom (before there was soccer!), and the values of God, Family, Community and Country she instilled in her family. A moment of silence was recognized in honor and memory of her.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2006-330CR

- 61. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending City Council approve the claim of Laura Shaw in the amount of \$302.94 for property damage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, Conness –11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski, Holt, McNeely -3-

2006-331CR

- 62. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending City Council approve the claim of Ron Meyer in the amount of \$2,375.71 for property damage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, Conness –11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski, Holt, McNeely -3-

- 63. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending City Council approve the claim of Kenneth Williams in the amount of \$7,500.00 for property damage.

Alderman Mark made a motion to refer the item back to committee, duly seconded. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Sosnowski, Holt, McNeely absent). REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE.

2006-332CR

- 64. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Final Plat of Royal Fountain at The Highlands Plat 3. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm,
Beach, Beck, Conness –11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski, Holt, McNeely -3-

2006-333CR

65. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Final Plat of Alford Subdivision #3, being a replat of Lot 7 of Alford Subdivision Plat 2 and Lot 9 of part of Lot 10 of Martin Hawkins Company Alpine Heights. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm,
Beach, Beck, Conness –11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski, Holt, McNeely -3-

2006-334CR

66. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Tentative Plat of Kerasotes Subdivision #3, being a replat of part of Lots 9 & 10 of Kerasotes Subdivision#2. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm,
Beach, Beck, Conness –11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski, Holt, McNeely -3-

2006-335CR

67. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending City Council approve the amendment to Rule 2, Section 2-42 of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances; Reports of Officers shall be limited to five (5) minutes.

Alderman Conness made a motion to amend the committee report to read as follows:

Sec. 2-42. Rules of procedure and order of business.

Rule 2. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without unanimous consent of the council; nor more than once until every member wishing to speak shall have spoken. All speeches on all questions and all reports of each officer pursuant to Rule 1 (f) shall be limited to five (5) minutes. Proclamations and introduction of guests shall not be subject to the five (5) minute limitation.

Motion seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Sosnowski, Holt, McNeely absent). The Committee Report was placed on passage as amended. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Sosnowski, Holt, McNeely absent).

2006-336CR

68. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending City Council approve the draft of the Aggressive Panhandling Ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm,
Beach, Beck, Conness –11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski, Holt, McNeely -3-

2006-337CR

69. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending City Council approve the draft of the Disorderly Conduct Ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm,
Beach, Beck, Conness –11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski, Holt, McNeely -3-

2006-161-O

70. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending approval of the annexation of 2812 Searles Avenue. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm,
Beach, Beck, Conness –11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski, Holt, McNeely -3-

2006-162-O

71. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 292, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances amending that all traffic be required to stop prior to entering the intersection of 10th Street and 4th Avenue, thus repealing the existing 2-way stop sign control. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm,
Beach, Beck, Conness –11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski, Holt, McNeely -3-

2006-163-O

72. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances amending section 2-42, Rule 11, Subsection (a) and (b). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm,
Beach, Beck, Conness –11-
Nays: -0-

Absent: Sosnowski, Holt, McNeely -3-

73. Alderman Beck moved the appointment to the Human Services Board, Flossie Jean Hoarde, for a term ending June 2008. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, Conness -11-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Sosnowski, Holt, McNeely -3-

74. Alderman Beck moved the appointment to the Human Services Board, Rocio Arenas, for a term ending June 2008. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, Conness -11-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Sosnowski, Holt, McNeely -3-

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2006-78R

75. Alderman Mark, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution, that the Mayor and Legal Director are authorized to execute the attached annexation agreement for 2812 Searles Avenue. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Sosnowski, Holt, McNeely absent).

2006-79R

76. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Resolution for Improvement under the Illinois Highway Code for Supplemental, Harrison Avenue Bridges over UPRR & CNIC, in the amount of \$105,000.00. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, Conness -11-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Sosnowski, Holt, McNeely -3-

2006-80R

77. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Resolution for Improvement under the Illinois Highway Code for Supplemental, Harrison Ave. Rehabilitation, Phase I & II, in the amount of \$165,000.00. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, Conness -11-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Sosnowski, Holt, McNeely -3-

2006-81R

78. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Resolution to take bids/proposals for the following: Bid: Window Cleaning for Municipal Parking Deck Facilities, funding source: Parking Fund; Bid: Fixed Radio Equipment, funding source: Police Dept. Operating Budget; Bid: Exterior Masonry Re-hab & Window Replacement, funding source: Fire Department Operating Budget; Bid: Fire Prevention Interior Remodeling, funding source: Fire Department Operating Budget; Bid: Undercover Vehicles, funding source: Police Dept. Operating Budget; Bid: Pressure Zone Boundary, Phase 4, funding source: WURB; Bid: Snow Removal Equipment & Operators, funding source: Street Dept. Operating Budget; RFP: Health Insurance Consultant, funding source: Health Insurance Fund. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Beck, Conness -10-
Nays: Thompson -1-
Absent: Sosnowski, Holt, McNeely -3-

NEW BUSINESS

79. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 1603, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a Special Use Permit for the sale of liquor by the drink (indoors) in conjunction with a café/specialty gourmet chocolate and dessert shop in a C-4, Commercial Oldtown Zoning District at 211 East State Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
1. Meeting all applicable liquor laws of the City of Rockford.
 2. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes
 3. The Special Use Permit shall be in effect for three (3) years from the date of approval of the Ordinance by City Council.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 10/16/06, ZBA #049-06). LAID OVER.

80. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 1603, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a Special Use Permit for the sale of liquor by the package in conjunction with a grocery store/specialty shop in a C-2, Commercial Community Zoning District at 2704 North Main Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
1. Meeting all applicable liquor laws of the City of Rockford.
 2. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes
 3. The sale of liquor is in conjunction with a full service grocery store/specialty shop
 4. Liquor department will not exceed more than ten percent (10%) of the gross area of the building.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 10/16/06, ZBA #052-06). LAID OVER.

81. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 1603, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a Special Use Permit for a Planned Residential

Development for homes for the aged/independent living for residents over the age of 60 for Parcel 1 and 2 in an R-3, Multi-family Residential District at 69XX Hiatt Drive. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes
2. Submittal of a detailed landscaping plan and illumination plan for Staff's review and approval
3. Submittal and approval of a tentative and final plat prior to issuance of a building permit

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 10/16/06, ZBA #045-06). LAID OVER.

82. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 19-42, Aggressive Panhandling, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances. LAID OVER.
83. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 19-13, Disorderly Conduct, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances. LAID OVER.
84. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 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
SEPTEMBER 25, 2006
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 SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

1. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the amendment in Chapter 30, Section 16-189 of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances, which requires private property owners change their signage to reflect the increased fine amount. The correction of the fine amount must be accomplished within ninety (90) days of passage of the ordinance. After that time period elapses, any violation is punishable by a fine of up to \$750.00 for each day that the signage has not been corrected.
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II. ORDINANCES LAID OVER SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

1. Mark - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 37, Section 1603, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a Special Use Permit for the sale of liquor by the drink (indoors) in conjunction with a café/specialty gourmet chocolate and dessert shop in a C-4, Commercial Oldtown Zoning District at 211 East State Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable liquor laws of the City of Rockford.

2. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes
3. The Special Use Permit shall be in effect for three (3) years from the date of approval of the Ordinance by City Council.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 10/16/06, ZBA #049-06).

2. Mark – Ordinance - Amending Chapter 37, Section 1603, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a Special Use Permit for the sale of liquor by the package in conjunction with a grocery store/specialty shop in a C-2, Commercial Community Zoning District at 2704 North Main Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
 1. Meeting all applicable liquor laws of the City of Rockford.
 2. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes
 3. The sale of liquor is in conjunction with a full service grocery store/specialty shop
 4. Liquor department will not exceed more than ten percent (10%) of the gross area of the building.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 10/16/06, ZBA #052-06).

3. Mark - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 37, Section 1603, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a Special Use Permit for a Planned Residential Development for homes for the aged/independent living for residents over the age of 60 for Parcel 1 and 2 in an R-3, Multi-family Residential District at 69XX Hiatt Drive. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
 1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes
 2. Submittal of a detailed landscaping plan and illumination plan for Staff's review and approval
 3. Submittal and approval of a tentative and final plat prior to issuance of a building permit

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 10/16/06, ZBA #045-06).

4. Mark - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 19-42, Aggressive Panhandling, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances.
5. Mark - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 19-13, Disorderly Conduct, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances.

III. MISCELLANEOUS LAID OVER SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

1. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment to the Building Board of Appeals, Joel Sjostrom, for a term ending June 2010 (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage October 23, 2006).
2. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment to the Building Board of Appeals, James Lev, term ending June 2007. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage October 23, 2006).

3. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment to the Building Board of Appeals, William Waldorf, term ending June 2007. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage October 23, 2006).
4. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment to the Building Board of Appeals, Joseph Reister, term ending June 2011. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage October 23, 2006).
5. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment to the Building Board of Appeals, Kerry Harlacher term ending June, 2011. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage October 23, 2006).
6. Mayor Morrissey – Appointment to the Building Board of Appeals, Joseph Zimmer, term ending June 2011. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage October 23, 2006)
7. Mayor Morrissey – Appointment to the Building Board of Appeals, Jeffrey Bockhop, term ending June 2008. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage October 23, 2006).
8. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment to the Electrical Commission, Michael Bonavia, Sr., term ending June 2009 (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage October 23, 2006).
9. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment to the Electrical Commission, Thomas Wood, term ending June 2008. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage October 23, 2006).
10. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment to the Electrical Commission, Lowell Larson, term ending June 2009. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage October 23, 2006).
11. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment to the Electrical Commission, Gary Frank, term ending June 2008. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage October 23, 2006).
12. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment to the Electrical Commission, Frank Schmitt, term ending June 2009. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage October 23, 2006).
13. Mayor Morrissey - Appointment to the Electrical Commission, Todd Crull, term ending June 2009. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage October 23, 2006).
14. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment to the Mechanical Board, Mark Buckner, term ending June 2011. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage October 23, 2006).

15. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment to the Mechanical Board, Mike Sabin, term ending June 2008. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage October 23, 2006).
16. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment to the Mechanical Board, Dave Hendrix, term ending June 2009. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage October 23, 2006).
17. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment to the Mechanical Board, Bob Hastings, term ending June 2010. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage October 23, 2006).
18. Mayor Morrissey - Appointment to the Mechanical Board, Jesse Arndt, term ending June 2010. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage October 23, 2006).
19. Mayor Morrissey – Appointment to the Mechanical Board, James Zweep, term ending June 2011. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage October 23, 2006).
20. Mayor Morrissey – Appointment to the Mechanical Board, Mark Glidden, term ending June 2009. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage October 23, 2006).
21. Mayor Morrissey – Appointment to the Mechanical Board, Brian Helm, term ending June 2010. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage October 23, 2006).
22. Mayor Morrissey – Appointment to the Mechanical Board, Judd Gaster, term ending June 2007. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage October 23, 2006).

IV. MISCELLANEOUS HELD OUT SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

- 1.* Curran - Appointment to the Design Review Committee, John R. Kuss, for a term ending June 2009. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage September 25, 2006).
- 2.* Curran - Appointment to the Design Review Committee, Lawrence Morton, for a term ending June 2009. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage September 25, 2006).
- 3.* Curran - Appointment to the Design Review Committee, Bertha Fernandez De Luna, for a term ending June 2009. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage September 25, 2006).

* 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, September 25, 2006, 4:45 p.m.
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA

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| 1. | C & R 06-180 | Final Plat of Palmwood Acres Plat #2 being a resubdivision plat of Lots 18, 19 & 20 on Block 1 of the Plat of Palmwood Avenue |
| 2. | C & R 06-181 | Final Plat of Linden Pointe #4 |
| 3. | C & R 06-183 | Annexation Agreement – 3014 Searles Avenue |
| 4. | C & R 06-198 | Annexation Agreement – 4212 West State Street (Water Connection) |
| 5. | C & R 06-198 | September Traffic Commission Minutes |
| 6. | C & R 06-182 | Resolution from Ald. McNeely re: Waiver for zoning fee at N. Pierpont Avenue |
| 7. | C & R 06-179 | Proposed code amendments regarding liquor |
| 8. | C & R 06-159 | Changes to Purchasing Requirements |
| 9. | C & R 06-196 | Proposed Sale of 210 Tay Street |
| 10. | C & R 06-1 | Closed Session for Purposes of Pending Litigation Kerry Partridge |

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

**Monday, September 25, 2006, 5:15 p.m.
Conference Room B, City Hall 2nd floor (south room)
AGENDA**

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of Bid: Base Station Radio Transceivers
 - B. Award of Bid: Pressure Zone Boundary, Phase 3 – Suspend rules
 - C. Resolution to take Bids/Proposals
 - D. Emergency P.O. for Flood Damages
 - E. Vouchers
 - √Training/Travel for Police Department
2. First-Time Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance Program
3. Financial Discussion
4. 1027 Kishwaukee Street Eminent Domain – Closed Session

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Monday, September 25, 2006, 5:30 p.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA**

No Meeting Scheduled.