

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS  
MARCH 17, 2008  
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:09 P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Chaplain David Sorrel, First Church of the Nazarene/Police Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Karla Centeno, Council Page.
2. Roll Call:

Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey

Aldermen: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Johnson, Beach, Holt, Beck,  
Conness -10-  
Absent: Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, McNeely -4-
3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of March 10, 2008, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, McNeely absent).

**PUBLIC HEARING**

4. Mayor Morrissey called upon Alderman Curran to conduct a public hearing. Alderman Curran called the hearing to order at 6:11 pm and stated that pursuant to the Bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois, a public hearing must be conducted by the City Council concerning the City Council's intent to sell bonds. Notice of this hearing was given by publication in the Rockford Register Star on March 8, 2008. That notice informed citizens of Rockford the purpose of the hearing was to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds of the City in the amount of \$3,150,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of acquiring and improving a public garage now existing and located at the intersection of State and Main Streets in the City at an estimated cost of \$1,850.00 and (2) for the purpose of defraying the costs of certain economic development and redevelopment at the following locations in the City: (A) in the Rockford Global Tradepark Industrial Redevelopment Project Area Number One at an estimated cost of \$1,100,000, and (B) in the Jackson School Redevelopment Project Area at an estimated cost of \$200,000; including, without limitation, costs of studies and administration, land acquisition and assembly, site improvements including demolition and remediation, rehabilitation, and public infrastructure improvements such as roads, sidewalks, landscaping, traffic signals, curb and gutter, water system improvements, sanitary and storm water system improvements, and gas, electric and telecommunication facilities. Alderman Curran asked for questions or comments from the Council members, and then from the public. The public hearing was closed the public hearing at 6:13 pm.

The Meeting returned to the regular Order of Business at 6:13 pm.

## PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

5. Alderman Conness submitted a letter from Scott Erickson suggesting early warning sirens be installed to alert citizens of severe weather or a tornado. Referred to Mayor Morrissey's Office.
6. Alderman Conness submitted an e-mail from John Vant regarding patching potholes at the intersection of Mulford and Charles. Referred to the Public Works Department.
7. Alderman Mark submitted the Rockford Traffic Commission minutes from the meeting held on March 12, 2008. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
8. Alderman Bell submitted a Memorandum from Richard M. May, Commercial Development Coordinator, regarding Amended Development Agreement Approving TIF Funding for the Rehabilitation of 401-403, 405-411 and 414 Seventh Street and 1019 Third Avenue by Mid Town Lofts LLC. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
9. Alderman Bell submitted an e-mail from Kathryn Waller concerning constant power outages in her neighborhood in the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward. Referred to the Public Works Department.
10. Alderman Bell submitted a letter from Oliver Reed offering to collaborate with the City to develop a parking plan on three of his properties in the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward. Referred to Community Development Department.
11. Alderman Bell submitted a letter from Osic Puckett regarding facade and rehab funding at 1021 South Main Street. Referred to the Community Development Department.

## NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

12. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Special Use Permit for a Planned Mixed Use Development consisting of retail sales and a carryout restaurant in an I-1, Light Industrial District at 2904 West State Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
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  2. Meeting all applicable building and fire codes.
  3. Obtain all required permits through IDOT and Public Works.
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17. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending that the City Council approve the Draft Ordinance which increase amount of 2.5% is consistent with the 2008 budget. LAID OVER.
18. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of March 17, 2008 in the amount of \$2,464,431.62. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:
  - Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Johnson, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -10-
  - Nays: -0-
  - Absent: Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, McNeely -4-

#### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

19. Mayor Morrissey wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day and mentioned his family enjoyed the St. Patrick's Day Parade and celebration at Cliffbreakers last Saturday.
20. Mayor Morrissey invited Reid Montgomery, Director of Community Development, to introduce the new Code Enforcement Team and he explained their reformatted role within the department regarding code enforcement efforts. Mayor Morrissey congratulated them, thanked all City employees involved with this effort and wished them the best as they move forward.
21. Mayor Morrissey mentioned a Press Release regarding an audit and review of the crime data and collection procedures of the Rockford Police Department. Illinois State Police Director Larry Trent was complementary of the City's commitment to the crime statistics process, lauded the records management system which allows Rockford to report crime statistics directly to the FBI and confirmed the overall crime rate has reduced by 17%.
22. Mayor Morrissey congratulated Rockford liaison officers and District 205 for citing 89 students who were truant in the hallways of the Rockford Public Schools today. He mentioned receiving a call from an Auburn High School teacher thanking him for a wonderful day at the school because the hallways were much better.

23. Mayor Morrissey commented that members of the Community Education Partnership gave a presentation to the County Board at their meeting last Thursday regarding Truancy efforts.
24. Mayor Morrissey invited a motion to be made at the end of tonight's meeting for council to go into closed session to discuss litigation, security and personnel issues.
25. Mayor Morrissey announced that Tim Holderman, Public Works Department/ Superintendent of Water, will be making a presentation on the Water System Improvement Plan at the end of tonight's meeting.
26. Mayor Morrissey announced President Bush has declared an Emergency Declaration for Illinois on March 13, 2008 for several counties dealing with our record snowfall events this year. Details will be forthcoming.
27. Mayor Morrissey called attention to a Memorandum from Tim Hanson, Interim Director of Public Works, regarding an update on the Pothole Initiative.
28. Mayor Morrissey reminded everyone that on Thursday, March 20th at 6:00 pm will be the State of the City Address at the Coronado Theatre. There will be no charge to attend, but tickets will be required for admittance. Tickets are available at the City Payment Center or the Coronado Theatre.
29. Mayor Morrissey congratulated the Auburn High School Scholastics Team for winning the State Quiz Bowl.
30. Mayor Morrissey congratulated the Rockford Icemen on their 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive State Championship Title.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **2008-127CR**

31. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the Development Agreement with the Swedish American Medical Foundation for \$200,000 of Jackson School TIF Funds to acquire and rehabilitate 15 homes over 5 years. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes:        Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Johnson, Beach, Holt, Beck,  
                  Conness -10-

Nays:        -0-

Absent:     Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, McNeely -4-

#### **2008-048-O**

32. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending approval of the Amended Development Agreement with the Zion Development Corporation for the residential portion of the Lento Lofts' condominium development to extend the completion date to July 1, 2008. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Johnson, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -10-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, McNeely -4-

**2008-049-O**

33. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending approval of the Amended Development Agreement with the Zion Development Corporation for Katie's Cup Coffee Shop and Bookstore to extend the completion date to July 1, 2008. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Johnson, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -10-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, McNeely -4-

**2008-050-O**

34. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending approval of the request to extend the Brokered Training Agreement between the City of Rockford and Rock Valley College in the Tax Increment Financing Districts of the Rockford Global TradePark and the Kishwaukee Harrison Redevelopment Planning Areas. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Johnson, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -10-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, McNeely -4-

**2008-128CR**

35. Alderman Mark 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 reduce the front yard setback from the existing eight (8) feet along North Main Street, in a C-1, Limited Office Zoning District at 711 North Main Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. If approved by the City Council, staff recommends that the addition is in conformation with the color renderings and site plan (Exhibits D, E, I and J).
2. That the applicant provides a hold harmless agreement to the City (terms and conditions to be approved by the Legal Department).

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 4/21/08; ZBA #001-08). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Johnson, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -10-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, McNeely -4-

**2008-129CR**

36. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Final Plat of Vista Close #2. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Johnson, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -10-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, McNeely -4-

**2008-130CR**

37. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Liquor Advisory Board, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the request for packaged liquor sales in a C-2, Commercial Community Zoning District at 627 & 629 Montague Street. The Legal Director is hereby instructed to prepare the necessary ordinance.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 4/21/08; #08-LAB-004). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Johnson, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -10-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, McNeely -4-

**2008-131CR**

38. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Special Use Permit for a Planned Mixed Use Development for a store expansion greater than the allowable ten percent (10%) of existing building and related parking lot in a C-2, Commercial Community Zoning District at 627 & 629 Montague Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to issuance of planning clearance for a Building Permit, the applicant shall submit a civil site plan for Staff review and approval.
2. Submittal of a final landscaping plan including site-obscuring fence and material for Staff's review and approval.
3. Submittal of building elevations for Staff's review and approval.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 4/21/08; ZBA #120-07). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Johnson, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -10-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, McNeely -4-

**2008-132CR**

39. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Liquor Advisory Board, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the request for sale of alcohol by the drink in conjunction with a nightclub (entertainment venue) in a C-4, Commercial Old Town Zoning District at 317-325 West Jefferson Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meet all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
2. Compliance with all City of Rockford Liquor Codes.
3. Submittal of a security plan for Staff review and approval.
4. The sale of alcohol shall be limited to the interior site plan submitted.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 4/21/08; 08-LAB-006). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Johnson, Holt, Beck,  
Conness -9-  
Nays: Beach -1-  
Absent: Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, McNeely -4-

**2008-133CR**

40. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Special Use Permit for a nightclub (dance hall) that does not satisfy the Performance Criteria of 600 feet away from a residential district in a C-4, Commercial Old Town Zoning District at 317-325 West Jefferson Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Compliance with all City of Rockford Liquor Codes.
2. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
3. Submittal of a security plan for Staff review and approval.
4. The nightclub will be limited to the interior site plan submitted.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 4/21/08; ZBA #002-08). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Johnson, Beach, Holt, Beck,  
Conness -10-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, McNeely -4-

**2008-134CR**

41. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the (A) Special Use Permit for a Planned Mixed-Use Development consisting of a bowling alley/billiard hall/amusement arcade/bar/lounge and other associated commercial/retail uses; APPROVE the (B) Variation to allow dumpster enclosures within the front yard setback along Chandham Drive for the proposed 15,000 square foot buildings;

APPROVE the (C) Special Use Permit for an off-premise freestanding business sign on lot #9; APPROVE the (D) Special Use Permit for an off-premise freestanding business sign on lot #6; DENY the (E) Variation to increase the maximum height from twenty (20) feet to forty (40) feet for the off-premise freestanding business sign on lot #9 and to APPROVE a Variation to increase the maximum height from twenty (20) feet to thirty-four (34) feet as measured from the grade of East State Street for the off-premise freestanding business sign on lot #9; APPROVE the (F) Variation to increase the maximum square footage from two hundred forty (240) square feet to two hundred ninety (290) for the off-premise freestanding business sign on lot #9; DENY the (G) Variation to increase the maximum height from twenty (20) feet to thirty-five (35) feet for the off-premise freestanding business sign on lot #6; and APPROVE a Variation to increase the maximum height from twenty (20) feet to thirty-four (34) feet as measured from the grade of East State Street for the off-premise freestanding business sign on lot #6; APPROVE the (H) Variation to increase the square footage from two hundred forty (240) square feet to two hundred ninety (290) square feet for the off-premise freestanding business sign on lot #6; APPROVE the (I) Special Use Permit to increase the size of an electronic graphic display sign from thirty-six (36) square feet to fifty-one (51) square feet for the off-premise freestanding business sign on lot #9; APPROVE the (J) Special Use Permit to increase the size of an electronic graphic display sign from thirty-six (36) square feet to fifty-one (51) square feet for the off-premise freestanding business sign on lot #6; APPROVE the (K) Variation from the required four (4) feet to zero (0) green space between property lines; and APPROVE the (L) Variation to eliminate the required Type "A" buffer between the C-3 and C-2 boundary, in a C-2, Commercial Community District and a C-3, Commercial General Zoning District at 83xx-84xx East State Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. That the subject property will be reviewed and regulated by the requirements of the 1993 Zoning Ordinance, including building setbacks, parking requirements, signage, landscaping and other development standards unless specifically identified and varied with this request.
2. Submittal of a civil site plan for Staff review and approval.
3. Submittal of a landscaping plan for Staff review and approval. Said landscaping plan shall satisfy all landscaping requirements with the exception of the Type A buffer requirements between the C-2 and C-3 district and the four (4) foot open green space between property lines if 8% interior landscaping is provided over multiple lots in the same area. The proposed 15,000 square foot building proposed on Lot 49 may proceed with interior landscaping as shown on the submitted concept plan provided the overall interior landscaping of the area bounded by East State, Showplace, University and Tandem has 8% interior landscaping.
4. Submittal of an illumination (photometrics) plan for Staff review and approval.
5. Submittal of elevation plans for Staff review and approval. Consistent design
6. Submittal of a Final Plat for Lot #10 for City review and approval. The future street shall be designed to support the commercial development constructed.
7. The development of Lot #9 shall require Modification of the Special Use Permit to be approved by City Council. At that time, a soil report is required per state law.
8. That the sign height shall be limited to thirty-four (34) feet as measured from the

grade of East State Street adjacent to property where the sign is installed, for the off-premise business signs on Lot #6 and #9. All other freestanding signs on the property shall be monument style and not exceed eight (8) feet in height.

9. Submittals of sign permit applications for Staff review and approval, prior to the installation of signage.
10. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
11. Submittal of a pedestrian plan for Staff review and approval inclusive of cross walks and vehicle stop signs integrating the public and private pedestrian system.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 4/21/08; ZBA #007-08). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Johnson, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -10-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, McNeely -4-

**2008-135CR**

42. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the City Council DENY the claim of Debra Beeline in the amount of \$650.00. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Johnson, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -10-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, McNeely -4-

**2008-136CR**

43. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that City Council of the City of Rockford APPROVE the release of the following closed session minutes:

April 2, 2007                      July 16, 2007  
April 9, 2007                      November 26, 2007

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Johnson, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -10-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, McNeely -4-

**2008-137CR**

44. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the award of contract with Bennett Construction of Pecatonica, IL for Water Treatment Improvements – Group 1-NT in an amount not to exceed \$3,625,800. Funding for the contract will come from Water Bonds. MOTION

PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Johnson, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -10-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, McNeely -4-

**2008-138CR**

45. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of Task Order #17 with Strand Associates, Inc. for work on the Water System Rehabilitation Project in an amount not to exceed \$656,474. The task order will be completed under a Master Agreement with Strand Associates, Inc. Funding for the project will come from Water Bonds. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Johnson, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -10-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, McNeely -4-

**2008-051-O**

46. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending approval of the attached Intergovernmental Agreement: City of Rockford and Winnebago County: Harrison Avenue (Mulford Road to Ohio Parkway). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Johnson, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -10-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, McNeely -4-

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**2008-014R**

47. Alderman Curran, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a resolution to take bids/proposals for the following:

Bid: Gasoline & Diesel Fuel, funding source: Departmental Operating Budgets  
Bid: Demolition of 726 Trenton, funding source: CDBG  
Bid: Demolition of 641 Cambridge, funding source CDBG  
Bid: Arterial Milling, funding source: Sales Tax

MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, McNeely absent).

**NEW BUSINESS**

48. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance recommending approval of the recommendation of the Zoning Commission for a New Zoning Ordinance and the

recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. LAID OVER.

49. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 291, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances, to add the following:

"That traffic on Colorado Avenue be required to stop prior to entering the intersection of Greendale Drive".

LAID OVER.

50. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 292, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances, to add the following:

"That all traffic be required to stop prior to entering the intersection of Purr Parkway and Purr Drive, in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-196.1 of the Code of Ordinances".

LAID OVER.

**2008-052-O**

51. Alderman Mark introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 1604, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances, for a Variation to reduce the front yard setback from the existing eight (8) feet to one (1) foot along North Main Street in a C-1, Limited Office Zoning District at 711 North Main Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

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2. That the applicant provides a hold harmless agreement to the City (terms and conditions to be approved by the Legal Department).

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 4/21/08; ZBA #001-08).

Alderman Mark moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Bell. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, McNeely absent). The Ordinance was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Johnson, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness –10-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, McNeely –4-

52. Alderman Curran introduced and read an Ordinance recommending approval of the attached Agreement between the Department of the Army and the City of Rockford for the Keith Creek Alpine Dam Flood Risk Management Feasibility Study. LAID OVER.

53. Alderman Curran introduced and read an Ordinance recommending the attached Intergovernmental Agreement for a written guaranty securing a revolving line of credit for the Rockford Mass Transit District, by and between the City of Rockford and the Rockford Mass Transit District be approved. LAID OVER.

#### OFFICERS REPORTS

54. Alderman Curran announced the Human Services Department will hold their Annual Report to the Community on Monday, March 31, 2008 at 11:00 am at the Clocktower Resort, 7801 East State Street. He encouraged all to attend.
55. Tim Holderman made a presentation to Council members on the progress of the Water System Improvement Plan.
56. Alderman Mark made a motion to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation, security plans and employee, personnel issues, seconded by Alderman Johnson. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Johnson, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness –10-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, McNeely –4-

The meeting went into closed session at 7:07 pm.

The meeting returned to open session at 7:56 pm and found the following aldermen present:

Aldermen Sosnowski, Mark, Curran, Wasco, Bell, Johnson, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness, (Ald. Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, McNeely absent).

57. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 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, 2<sup>ND</sup> floor City Hall**  
**425 E. State Street, Rockford**  
**March 24, 2008**  
**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 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 MARCH 17, 2008**

1. Mark - Code and Regulation - SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Special Use Permit for a Planned Mixed Use Development consisting of retail sales and a carryout restaurant in an I-1, Light Industrial District at 2904 West State Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
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## **II. ORDINANCE LAID OVER MARCH 17, 2008**

1. Mark - Ordinance - Recommending approval of recommendation of the Zoning Commission for a New Zoning Ordinance and the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Text Amendment to the recommendation of the Zoning Ordinance.
2. Mark - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 16, Section 291, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances, to add the following:  

“That traffic on Colorado Avenue be required to stop prior to entering the intersection of Greendale Drive”.
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“That all traffic be required to stop prior to entering the intersection of Purr Parkway and Purr Drive, in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-196.1 of the Code of Ordinances”.
4. Curran - Ordinance - Recommending approval of the attached Agreement between the Department of the Army and the City of Rockford for the Keith Creek Alpine Dam Flood Risk Management Feasibility Study.
5. Curran - Ordinance - Recommending the attached Intergovernmental Agreement for a written guaranty securing a revolving line of credit for the Rockford Mass Transit District, by and between the City of Rockford and the Rockford Mass Transit District be approved.

## **III. MISCELLANEOUS LAID OVER MARCH 17, 2008**

- 1.\* Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment – Human Services CCA Board – Mr. Joshua D. Pickers, to a three-year term, which would expire January, 2011. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this re-appointment is up for passage on April 7, 2008).
- 2.\* Mayor Morrissey - Re-appointments - Directors of their Municipal Departments in the City of Rockford.

- 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, March 24, 2008, 4:45 p.m.  
Conference Room A, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (north room)  
AGENDA**

1. C&R 08-50 Traffic Commission Minutes of March 12, 2008 Meeting
2. C&R 08-51 Claim of Ira Robins in the amount of \$259.47
3. C&R 08-52 Claim of Jeannie Byres in the amount of \$231.41
4. C&R 08-53 Claim of Tim Elswick in the amount of \$779.80

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**Monday, March 24, 2008, 5:15 p.m.  
Conference Room B, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (south room)  
AGENDA**

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
  - A. Award of Bid: Tree Removal
  - B. Award of Bid: Leather Holsters/Magazine Pouches for Police Department
  - C. Award of Bid: Sidewalk, Curb, Gutter & ADA Ramps
  - D. Award of Bid: 35-Passenger Bus for Human Services – Suspend rules
  - E. Award of Bid: Water Treatment Improvements, Group 1B – Suspend rules
  - F. Rejection of Bids: Fire Department Uniform Shoes
  - G. Engineering Agreement - Water System Rehabilitation - Task Order #15

- H. Resolution to take Bids/Proposals
- I. Change Order #1: Phase 2 Base Well Rehabilitation Project
- J. Vouchers
  - √ Training/Travel for Human Services Department

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Monday, March 24, 2008, 5:15 p.m.  
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
AGENDA**

1. Memorandum from Rob Lamb, Industrial Development Manager regarding a Referral of a Development Agreement with Tandem Development Group, LLC to construct a new air freight facility at the Chicago Rockford International Airport.
2. Memorandum from Richard M. May, Commercial Development Coordinator, regarding Amended Development Agreement Approving TIF Funding for the Rehabilitation of 401-403, 405-411 and 414 Seventh Street and 1019 Third Avenue by Mid Town Lofts LLC.

**LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, March 20, 2008, 4:00 p.m.  
Conference Room A, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (north room)  
AGENDA**

1. Lobbyist Selection Process
2. Representative Jefferson Budget Hearings March 25, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.
3. New Business