

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 3, 2008
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:09 P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Colonel Thomas Lewis, Salvation Army/Police Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Polish Language School Students/St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.
2. Roll Call:
Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey
Aldermen: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, Beach,
Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -12-
Absent: Jacobson, Johnson -2-
3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of February 25, 2008, seconded by Alderman Beach. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Jacobson, Johnson absent).

PUBLIC HEARING

4. Mayor Morrissey called upon Alderman Mark to conduct a public hearing. Alderman Mark called the hearing to order at 6:12 pm, stated that it was being held pursuant to 65 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/11-15.1-3, for the annexation agreement for property located at 3118 and 3212 South Main Street. He asked for questions or comments from the Council members, and then from the public, and closed the public hearing at 6:13 pm.

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

Alderman Johnson joined the meeting at 6:13 pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5. Scott Long addressed Council supporting the redesign and improvements to the downtown mall.
6. Nancy Gdowski addressed Council regarding the issue of funding the deteriorated roads.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. Alderman Bell submitted a Memorandum from Richard M. May, Commercial Development Coordinator, regarding approval of a Development Agreement with the Swedish American Medical Foundation for \$200,000 of Jackson School TIF Funds to acquire and rehabilitate over 5 years. Referred to Planning and Development.

8. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from James Ryan, City Administrator, regarding the Legislative and Lobbying Committee Agenda for the next meeting scheduled for March 13, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in Conf. Rm. B, City Hall 2nd floor (south room).
9. Alderman Curran submitted a Memorandum from Brad Moberg, City Engineer regarding the Emergency P.O. for pothole patching on North Alpine Road. Placed on file.
10. Alderman Thompson-Kelly encouraged the aldermen to attend the Legislative and Lobbying Committee meeting scheduled for March 13, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in Conf. Rm. B, City Hall 2nd floor (south room).
11. Alderman Timm submitted an e-mail from Rachel and Alan Leon concerning vehicles speeding on Bruner Street. Referred to the Police Department.
12. Alderman Timm submitted an e-mail from Rachel and Alan Leon regarding a possible building code violation on a residence in their neighborhood. Referred to Neighborhood Standards/Charlie Schaefer.
13. Alderman Timm encouraged all to attend the St. Bernadette's 19th Annual Health Fair on Saturday, March 8, 2008 from 9:00am-2:00pm. Personnel from the Rockford Fire Department and Police Department will be available for health screening and to answer any questions and concerns.
14. Alderman Johnson submitted a letter from Tonya Redding concerning sewer backup in her home. Referred to the Public Works Department/Interim Director Tim Hanson.
15. Alderman Johnson reminded the Aldermen to contact Brad Moberg or Wendy Williams, Public Works Department, at 815/987-5570 with a complete list of streets that are to be completed this season in their wards.
16. Alderman Holt announced the 11th Ward monthly meeting will be held on March 4, 2008 at 6:00 pm at the Broadway United Methodist Church, 1503 Broadway. He encouraged all to attend.
17. Alderman Wasco submitted a Request for Service in Bell Harbor subdivision to replace a street light at the intersection of Bell Harbor and Bell School Road. Referred to the Public Works Department.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

18. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the awarding two contracts for Asbestos Testing, one to Anderson and Egan for commercial property asbestos testing, and the other contract to Ironwood Environmental for residential property asbestos testing for rates as shown on the attached pages. The funding source is CDBG Funds, Departmental Operating Budgets & Capital Improvement Funds. LAID OVER.

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22. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee report recommending approval of Task Order #14 with McMahon Associates, Inc. for work on the Water System Rehabilitation Project in an amount not to exceed \$111,600. The task order will be completed under a Master Agreement with McMahon Associates, Inc. Funding for the project will come from Water Bonds. LAID OVER.
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24. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee report recommending the 2008 budget be adopted as amended and that the Budget Officer be directed to prepare the necessary Appropriation Ordinance. LAID OVER.

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25. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee report recommending the contract be awarded to Scandrol Construction of Rockford, IL for construction of water treatment facilities (Group1-A) in an amount not to exceed \$4,597,740. Funding for the contract will come from Water Bonds.

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

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -13-

Nays: -0-
Absent: Jacobson -1-

26. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of March 3, 2008 in the amount of \$1,569,917.56. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Jacobson -1-

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29. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the actions of the Zoning Commission be SUSTAINED, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the new Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford. The Legal Director is hereby instructed to prepare the necessary Ordinance. LAID OVER.
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34. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that "No Action" be taken on the following items:
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2. Request from Alderman Doug Mark, 3rd Ward, to repeal the existing 2-way stop sign control at the intersection of Madison Street and Market Street and change to 4-way stop sign control.

LAID OVER.

35. Alderman Bell read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval a Citywide Stormwater category be added to the 2008-2012 CIP. The funding amount for this category will be \$250,000 and will be supplied by the Sales Tax Fund.
LAID OVER.

OFFICERS REPORTS

36. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming Monday, March 3, 2008 to be "General Casimir Pulaski Day" in Rockford, Illinois and urged all citizens to recognize General Pulaski's contributions to the cause of freedom and the contributions the Polish community has made to our community.
37. Mayor Morrissey mentioned Friday night he attended the Rockford Association for Minority Management banquet at Giovanni's honoring twenty-seven area students receiving RAMM scholarships. He thanked Jessica Jones, Director of Human Resources, for her years of dedication to this program and acknowledged two City employees, Deputy Chief Theo Glover and Elaine Minor, had children that received a scholarship.
38. Mayor Morrissey commented he attended the City of Rockford Pipe Band event, the Winter Ceilidh 2008, at Cliffbreakers Saturday evening. He announced the band will be traveling this summer across the Midwest competing in numerous events and he wished them good luck.
39. Mayor Morrissey announced the Rockford Police Department sponsored a Crime Free Multi-Housing Seminar at Benson Stone Company on Saturday, attended by City staff and several landlords throughout the community. The program is designed to educate rental property owners on landlord/tenant rights, code violations and early detection of criminal activity.
40. Mayor Morrissey noted Tim Hanson, Interim Director of Public Works, will be making a presentation at the end of tonight's meeting regarding the plan for potholes in the City of Rockford.
41. Mayor Morrissey invited a motion be made at the end of tonight's meeting for council to go into closed session to discuss PBPA matters and pending litigation.
42. Mayor Morrissey announced the Alpine Road emergency repairs should begin tomorrow pending cooperation of the weather.

43. Mayor Morrissey submitted a re-appointment to the Human Services CCA Board, Mr. Joshua D. Pickens, to a three-year term, which would expire January 2011. LAID OVER.
44. Alderman Johnson lauded Jessica Jones, Chairman of the RAMM Banquet, for hosting a wonderful evening and inviting the very inspirational guest speaker Marc Morial, president and CEO of the National Urban League, to participate in the event. She congratulated all the scholarship winners, thanked Mayor Morrissey for his comments and acknowledged Stacy Morrissey and City staff who attended.
45. Alderman Johnson mentioned today she attended the YWCA Leader Luncheon for Women of Achievement and congratulated the winners.
46. Alderman Johnson announced the birth of Hannah Christine King to former City Council Page Katie King and her husband Brad. Proud grandparents are former Police Chief Jeff Nielsen and his wife Martha.
47. Alderman McNeely mentioned speaking with "The Undertaker" who has the prestigious distinction of holding the World's Largest Easter Egg Hunt. He is seeking volunteers to stuff Easter eggs this Saturday, March 8, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. –12:00 (noon) at Washington Park Community Center, 3617 Delaware Street Rockford. For more information call 815/964-2033 or log onto his website at www.rkfdundertaker.com. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 22, 2008, check-in time is 10:00 a.m. at Anna Page Park.
48. Alderman Beck reported on the progress of the Metro Centre renovations, announced there have been eight sold out events and noted the tremendous interest by high caliber acts to this venue. He thanked Corey Pearson, Metro Centre Board members and Aldermen for believing in the Metro Centre.
49. Alderman McNeely thanked everyone for their kind words and cards concerning her dad and family.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2008-101CR

50. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the Amended Development Agreement with the Zion Development Corporation for the residential portion of the Lantow Lofts' condominium development to extend the completion date to July 1, 2008. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Jacobson absent).

2008-102CR

51. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report 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 (Ald. Jacobson absent).

2008-103CR

52. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the request to extend until February 1, 2010 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. No additional funds are required. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Jacobson absent).

2008-104CR

53. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Traffic Signs, Blanks, and Posts be made to the low bidder for each item as summarized:

Blanks	U.S. Standard Sign	Franklin Park, IL	\$10,601.30
Posts	Vulcan Signs	Foley, AL	\$12,615.00
	Garden State Highway	Vineland, NJ	\$13,083.00
Signs	Osburn Associates	Logan, OH	\$57,238.40

The funding source is Traffic Division Operating Budget. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -13-
 Nays: -0-
 Absent: Jacobson -1-

2008-105CR

54. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Window Cleaning – City Facilities be made to the low bidder, Program One Professional Building Services, of Des Plaines, IL for their total bid of \$16,800 for one year. The funding source is Departmental Operating Budgets. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -13-
 Nays: -0-
 Absent: Jacobson -1-

2008-106CR

55. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the City create and execute an ordinance that approves the Intergovernmental Agreement with Winnebago County for the reimbursement of \$377,664 for work performed by the City on behalf of the County (Harrison Ave – Mulford Rd. to Ohio Pkwy). The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -13-

Nays: -0-
Absent: Jacobson -1-

2008-042-O

56. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance requesting the annexation of property commonly known as 3212 South Main Street. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Jacobson -1-

2008-043-O

57. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance requesting the annexation of property commonly known as 3118 South Main Street. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Jacobson -1-

OFFICERS REPORTS

58. Alderman Holt commended Chandler Anderson and Joe Morrissey for their vision and investment regarding the Garrison School project and future project on 7th Street.
59. Mayor Morrissey advised the City of Rockford has partnered with the County of Winnebago and Village of Machesney Park to address flooding concerns by providing a machine to fill sandbags at the northwest corner of Harlem Road and North Second Street. More information will be provided through a media release.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2008-011R

60. 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 Annexation Agreement by and between William Meylor, Debra J. O'Brien, David Nolan and the City of Rockford, a municipal corporation to annex to the City of Rockford the property commonly known as 3118 and 3212 South Main Street. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Jacobson absent).

2008-012R

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

Bid: 35-Passenger Bus, funding source: Head Start Grant Funds
Bid: Leather Holsters & Magazine Pouches, funding source: Police Department Operating

Budget
RFP: Data Center Core Switch, funding source: IT Fund

MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Jacobson absent).

NEW BUSINESS

62. Mayor Morrissey called upon Tim Hanson, Interim Director of Public Works, to make a presentation regarding the plan for potholes in the City of Rockford.
63. Alderman Wasco made a motion to go into closed session to discuss PBPA litigation, negotiation matters and real estate purchases, seconded by Alderman Curran. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -13-
Nays: -0-
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The meeting went into closed session at 7:10 pm.

The meeting returned to open session at 7:51 pm and found the following aldermen present:

Aldermen Sosnowski, Mark, Curran, Wasco, Bell, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness.

64. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 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 10, 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

I. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Environmental Impact of Improvements to the City of Rockford's Public Water Supply System.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER MARCH 3, 2008

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

A. LAID OVER MARCH 3, 2008

1. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment – Human Services CCA Board – Mr. Joshua D. Pickens, 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).

B. HELD OUT MARCH 3, 2008

- 1.* Mayor Morrissey - Re-appointments - Directors of their Municipal Departments in the City of Rockford.

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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 10, 2008, 4:45 p.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA

1. C & R 08-35 Claim of Amavlee Macklin

2. C & R 08-34 Claim of Vernon & Cynthia Furney
3. C & R 08-38 Claim of Terrance Williams
4. C & R 08-45 ZBA#006-08 Special Use Permit for a Planned Mixed Use Development consisting of retail sales and a carry out restaurant in an I-1, Light Industrial District at 2904 West State Street

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

**Monday, March 10, 2008, 5:15 p.m.
Conference Room B, City Hall 2nd floor (south room)
AGENDA**

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of Bid: Water Treatment Improvements – Group 1NT
 - B. Award of Bid: Office Furniture for Water Division – Suspend rules
 - C. Engineering Agreement – Water System Rehabilitation Project Task Order #17
 - D. Resolution to take Bids/Proposals
 - E. Vouchers
2. Compensation Review Committee

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Monday, March 10, 2008, 5:15 p.m.
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd 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 approval of a Development Agreement with the Swedish American Medical Foundation for \$200,000 of Jackson School TIF funds to acquire and rehabilitate over 5 years.

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

**Thursday, March 13, 2008, 4:00 p.m.
Conference Room B, City Hall 2nd floor (south room)
AGENDA**

1. Federal Appropriations

2. Pension Issues from Illinois Municipal League
3. Truancy Initiatives
4. Modifying the time and date of future committee meetings
5. Report on 2008 Legislative items and any modifications or additions
6. Illinois Municipal League's Legislative Goals
7. State Capital Program