

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 14, 2008
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:08 P.M.**

1. The Clerk called the meeting to order in the absence of the Mayor, and recognized Alderman Mark who moved that Alderman Sosnowski serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the meeting. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely, Conness absent).
2. The invocation was given by Pastor Ron Montanye, St. Sebastian Orthodox Catholic Church /Police Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Page Mercedes Martinez.
3. Roll Call:

Alderman Sosnowski, Mayor ProTem

Aldermen: (Sosnowski), Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, -12-
Absent: McNeely, Conness -2-
4. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of April 7, 2008, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely, Conness absent).

OFFICERS REPORTS

5. Alderman Sosnowski welcomed the Delegation of City officials, education leaders and high school welding students from Lidkoping, Sweden. Mark Podemski, RAEDC Vice President, spoke about the Industrial Partnership Agreement and educational benefits this partnership offers. Leaders and students of the delegation introduced themselves to council.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

6. Joan Wardzala thanked City Officials, Police Officers and the citizens for their efforts to keep the community safe and announced a Crime Fighter Fair will be held at West Middle School on Saturday, May 10, 2008 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. She encouraged all to attend.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. Alderman Curran submitted a Memorandum from Adam Smith, Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, regarding the nCENTER Interim Financing. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
8. Alderman Curran submitted a Memorandum from Bill Keith, Superintendent of Street Operations & Facilities regarding an Emergency P.O. for repairs to New Towne Drive

Culvert. Stenstrom Excavation was contracted to perform the work in the amount of \$84,488. Placed on file.

9. Alderman Curran submitted a Memorandum from Wendy Williams, Project Manager, regarding an Emergency P.O. for Water Main Work in the Kishwaukee/Harrison Intersection. Schlichting & Sons will perform the work in the amount of \$44,645. Placed on file.
10. Alderman Wasco submitted a Request for Service to fill a pothole at the entrance to Rock Valley College. Referred to Public Works Department.
11. Alderman Wasco submitted a Request for Service to repair a lamppost at 5775 Pepper Drive. Referred to Public Works Department.
12. Alderman Thompson-Kelly submitted an e-mail from a constituent concerning the property located at 910 North Central Ave. Referred to Neighborhood Standards.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

13. Alderman Bell read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the Lifescape Community Service request for free parking. LAID OVER.
14. Alderman Bell read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the Healthy Neighborhoods Program Funding Recommendation Rockford Urban Ministries - \$29,900. LAID OVER.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

15. Alderman Bell submitted the SWIFTT First Quarter Report for 2008. Placed on File.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

16. Alderman Bell read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the Healthy Neighborhoods Program Funding Recommendation Booker Washington Center - \$37,500. LAID OVER.

PETITONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

17. Alderman Bell submitted a request from Gregg Wilson, in conjunction with Annual Bus Rodeo, requesting barricades and assistance for activities including closure of Christina from Blackhawk Park Avenue to 18th Avenue on May 17, 2008 from 7:00 am-3:00 pm at 2000 Christina Street and Blackhawk Park. Alderman Bell moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely, Conness absent).
18. Alderman Johnson submitted a Request for Service from a constituent concerning the deteriorated road conditions on Ohio Parkway from Harrison Avenue to Maryland. Referred to Public Works Department.

19. Alderman Johnson submitted a Request for Service at a house in the 2900 block of 21st Street. Referred to Community Development/Building Department.
20. Alderman Timm submitted a letter from a constituent concerning drug activity in her neighborhood. Referred to Mayor Morrissey's Office and the Police Department.
21. Alderman Holt submitted a request from Karolyn Lund, in conjunction with Thrifty Boutique Sidewalk Sale, requesting permission to hold a sidewalk sale, conditioned upon a space be left empty on the sidewalk so that pedestrians do not have to walk through the sale to pass by, and that any trash be cleaned up afterwards at Thrifty Boutique, 1030 Broadway on April 25-26, 2008, May 2-3, 2008, August 22-23, 2008 and September 5-6, 2008. Alderman Holt moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely, Conness absent).
22. Alderman Holt made a reminder the Midtown District will be holding their organizational meeting on Thursday, April 17, 2008 at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers, 2nd floor City Hall.
23. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Kerry Partridge, City Attorney, regarding the Amendment to Sections 17-2 and 25-61 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to weed control and management. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
24. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Roberts, Planner II, regarding the Final Plat of Stenstrom Industrial Park #6. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
25. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Roberts, Planner II, regarding the Final Plat of Swedish American North Annex. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
26. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Roberts, Planner II, regarding the Replat of Lots 4 and 5 of Plat No. 1 of Lakewood Hills. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
27. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Roberts, Planner II, regarding the Replat of Lots 69, 70 and 71 of Plat No. 3 of Lakewood Hills. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
28. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Roberts, Planner II, regarding the Replat of Lots 7 and 8 of Plat No. 1 of Lakewood Hills. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
29. Alderman Mark submitted the Rockford Traffic Commission Minutes for the meeting held on April 9, 2008. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
30. Alderman Mark submitted a Memorandum from Cyndie Hall, Director of Tourism, Culture and Special Events, regarding a Liquor Request for the Magnolia Festival. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
31. Alderman Mark submitted a request from Lisa Pass, Kristen Frericks and Michelle Gearhart-Minick, in conjunction with Junior League of Rockford Designer Showcase Home Premiere

Party, requesting permission and assistance for activities including Outdoor "S" Permit, four (4) tents on 4/29-5/6 and barricades to create a Loading Zone on 5/2 only at 1806 National Avenue event to be held on May 2, 2008 from 5:00 pm–10:00 pm. Alderman Mark moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely, Conness absent).

32. Alderman Mark submitted a request from Tina Ripy, in conjunction with Churchill's Grove Garage Sale, requesting barricades and permission to close Sherman from Harlem to Camp for concessions on May 3, 2008 from 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Alderman Mark moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely, Conness absent).
33. Alderman Jacobson expressed his frustration with the All-Terrain Vehicle problem in his ward and again asked Chief Epperson to take serious note and address this issue.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

34. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Code Amendments for Departmental Reorganization. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. LAID OVER.
35. 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 the modification of an existing legally nonconforming billboard to an electronic graphic display billboard in a C-2, Commercial Community Zoning District at 5411 East State Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
 1. Meet all Building and Fire Codes.
 2. That the existing billboards located and listed on Exhibit A shall be removed prior to the operation and certificate of occupancy (operation) issued by the City for the electronic graphic display with the exception of panel 35715 and 35716 which shall be removed within two (2) years of adoption of this ordinance.
 3. Submittal of Building Permit for Staff review and approval.
 4. The electronic graphic display board shall be for the Eastern facing board.
 5. That the billboard shall remain a non-conforming billboard.
 6. That the billboard operates in conformance with the sign regulations for electronic graphic display signs.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 5/19/08; ZBA #009-08). LAID OVER.

36. 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 the modification of an existing legally nonconforming billboard to an electronic graphic display billboard in an R-1, Single-family Residential Zoning District at 8539 East State Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
 1. Meeting all Building and Fire Codes.

2. That the existing billboards located and listed on Exhibit A shall be removed prior to the operation and certificate of occupancy (operation) issued by the City for the electronic graphic display with the exception of panel 35715 and 35716 which shall be removed within two (2) years of the adoption of this ordinance.
3. Submittal of Building Permit for Staff review and approval.
4. That the billboard shall remain a non-conforming billboard.
5. That the billboard operates in conformance with the sign regulations for electronic graphic display signs.
6. The electronic graphic display shall be for the Western facing board.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 5/19/08; ZBA #010-08). LAID OVER.

37. Alderman Mark read a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending the City Council APPROVE the Special Use Permit for a modification of an existing legally nonconforming billboard to an electronic graphic display billboard in a C-2, Commercial Community Zoning District at 6439 East Riverside Boulevard. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all Building and Fire Codes.
2. That the existing billboards located and listed on Exhibit A shall be removed prior to the operation and certificate of occupancy (operation) issued by the City for the electronic graphic display with the exception of panel 35715 and 35715 which shall be removed within two (2) years of the adoption of this ordinance.
3. Submittal of Building Permit for Staff review and approval.
4. The electronic graphic display shall be for both the Eastern and Western facing board.
5. That the billboard shall remain a non-conforming billboard.
6. That the billboard operates in conformance with the sign regulations for electronic graphic display signs.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 5/19/08; ZBA #011-08). LAID OVER.

38. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the contract for Premier MDC (Mobile Data Communications) System be made to Motorola for installation and implementation of the additional software for the current CAD system in the amount of \$192,310. The funding source is Lawsuit Settlement Funding.
LAID OVER.
39. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the Intergovernmental Agreement: South Main Street Railroad Trestle fascia painting be approved with the Union Pacific Railroad Company. The funding source is Sales Tax.
LAID OVER.

2008-175CR

40. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending bids received for Pavement Marking be rejected and new bids taken as soon as possible.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Jacobson, McNeely, Conness 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 -11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Jacobson, McNeely, Conness -3-

2008-176CR

41. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for PCC Patching – 2008 be made to Stenstrom Excavation, of Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$86,130.00. The funding source is Sales Tax.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Jacobson, McNeely, Conness 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 -11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Jacobson, McNeely, Conness -3-

2008-177CR

42. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Applewood Sidewalk, Phase I – 2008 be made to TCI Concrete, of Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$116,159.00. The funding source is Sales Tax.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Jacobson, McNeely, Conness 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 -11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Jacobson, McNeely, Conness -3-

2008-178CR

43. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Montrose Avenue Drainage and Reconstruction 2008 be made to Schlichting & Sons, of Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$169,111.00. The funding source is 2008 Drainage Funds.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Jacobson, McNeely, Conness 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 -11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Jacobson, McNeely, Conness -3-

2008-179CR

44. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the attached Option to Purchase as necessary for the expansion of the Well 42 site. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Jacobson, McNeely, Conness 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 -11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Jacobson, McNeely, Conness -3-

2008-180CR

45. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement: Springfield Avenue and Auburn Road Intersection Improvements with Winnebago County for the design and construction. The City's portion of the project will total approximately \$145,000 and will be funded by Sales Tax.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Jacobson, McNeely, Conness 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 -11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Jacobson, McNeely, Conness -3-

2008-181CR

46. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement: I-90/E. State St. multi-use path with the Illinois Tollway Authority for the design and construction. The project cost is estimated at \$223,100 for the City. Funding for the project will come from Sales Tax.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Jacobson, McNeely, Conness 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 -11-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Jacobson, McNeely, Conness -3-

47. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of April 14, 2008 in the amount of \$2,439,718.47. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

48. Alderman Sosnowski invited Adam Smith, Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, and Kevin Lindenberg, Mayor' Youth Advisory Member, announcing this year's Youth Summit will consist of four (4) summits, one in each quadrant of the City. Kevin explained the new concept and asked each Alderman to nominate five (5) teens in their ward to attend the 3rd Annual Summit. He passed out a form to each Alderman and requested it be returned to the Mayor's Office at their earliest convenience.
49. Adam Smith, Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, spoke about the importance of bringing the Summit to various sites throughout the community and to involve the churches and parents with their mission. Adam made a reminder the Charter School Forum, sponsored by the City of Rockford, First Northern Credit Union, Golden Apple Foundation, Economic Development Council and the Chamber of Commerce, will be held on April 15, 2008 at Rockford College in the Burpee Center at 5:30 pm. He encouraged all to attend this forum.
50. Alderman Sosnowski announced the Tri-State Alliance will host a summit on Monday, April 21, 2008 at the Masonic Temple in Freeport, Illinois at 9:00 am. The focus will be on a regional plan for future growth, transportation and economic development.
51. Alderman Sosnowski announced the Payment Center window located in the lobby of Rockford City Hall will be closed on April 24th and 25th for a software update and will re-open on April 28th. Citizens are encouraged to use alternative means for payments in addition to the drop box located in front of City Hall, water bills may be paid at 11th Street Currency Exchange, Charles Street Currency Exchange, Kishwaukee Currency Exchange, Rockfords Best Currency Exchange, West State Currency Exchange.
52. Alderman Sosnowski, on behalf of Mayor Morrissey, presented a Proclamation proclaiming Monday, April 28, 2008 to be "Workers Memorial Day" in Rockford, Illinois in recognition of workers killed, injured and disabled on the job.
53. Alderman Sosnowski, on behalf of Mayor Morrissey, presented a Proclamation proclaiming the month of April 2008 to be "Lead Poisoning Prevention Month" in Rockford, Illinois, and encouraged all citizens to work together to raise awareness of the detrimental effects of lead poisoning.

54. Alderman Sosnowski announced in celebration of his birthday he brought treats for after the council meeting.
55. Alderman Wasco announced Lutheran High School will be hosting a "Pancake Day" on April 26, 2008 and offered to buy breakfast for any aldermen who attend.
56. Alderman Curran invited everyone to visit the Golan Liberman Contemporary Art Gallery, 2209 East State Street, to view the extraordinary display of six bronze Michelangelo sculptures.
57. Alderman Bell encouraged everyone to attend the Charter School Forum at Rockford College, Burpee Center on April 15, 2008 at 5:30 pm. He praised Adam Smith, Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, for this leadership with truancy efforts and with the Mayor's Youth Advisory Group. He commended the City for their involvement and commitment to these efforts to bring about a positive change.
58. Alderman Thompson-Kelly thanked the Public Works Department/Street Maintenance Division, for their phone calls and quick response to fix some emergency repairs on Auburn Street.
59. Alderman Thompson-Kelly wished Annie Simpson a happy 90th Birthday.
60. Alderman Johnson announced on Friday, April 11, 2008 she attended the Earth Day Awards Luncheon with Keynote Speaker Ed Begley, Jr.
61. Alderman Johnson thanked Jim Ryan, City Administrator, Tim Hanson, Director of Public Works, and Alderman Frank Beach for their assistance with a situation on Ohio Parkway and Carolina Avenue.
62. Alderman Johnson made a reminder the Rolling Green Neighborhood Association will be holding their quarterly meeting on April 15, 2008 at 6:15 pm at Broadway Covenant Church, 3525 Broadway. She announced Tim Hanson and Patrick Zuroske, Public Works Department, will be giving an update on residential street pothole patching and roads.
63. Alderman Beck announced the Rockford Park District/City of Gardens "Spring Kick-Off" Dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at Cliffbreakers, 700 W. Riverside Blvd. at 5:00 pm with Keynote Speaker Dr. Cheryl Charles, PhD. speaking about the growing disconnect between nature and children. He encouraged all to attend this event.
64. Alderman Beck reported the City of Gardens will be giving away free trees to neighborhood groups on Friday, May 2, 2008 at the Rockford Park District Talcott Page maintenance area located at 1045 School Street between 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. He also encouraged neighborhood groups to participate in the ComCast Cares Day on Saturday, May 3, 2008 for community service such as planting flowers, painting and clean-up at a community center or not-for-profit facility.

- 65. Alderman Jacobson thanked the Ogle County Sheriff's Department and Rockford Police Department for their efforts with apprehension and arrest of suspects in a home invasion and homicide last week.
- 66. Alderman Jacobson announced the Alpine Manor neighborhood residents along with Rockford Police representatives have scheduled a meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at the Ken-Rock Community Center to voice their concerns and frustrations with the on-going problem of neighborhood crime.
- 67. Alderman Mark commented on the assault of an elderly man by three (3) teenage kids, the dangers of ATV's and the incident in Ogle County where a 14 year old boy was killed. He expressed his concern with the actions and behavior of our youth and emphasized the importance for parents to be involved in their children's lives and know where they are.
- 68. Alderman Mark also commented on the heinous killing of an elderly, disabled woman over the weekend.
- 69. Alderman Sosnowski announced the Hoffman House will be hosting a 50th Anniversary Celebration on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2008-072-O

- 70. Alderman Bell moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending approval of the an 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. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck -12-

Nays: -0-

Absent: McNeely, Conness -2-

2008-182CR

- 71. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that City Council DENY the Claim of Vernon and Cynthia Furney. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck -12-

Nays: -0-

Absent: McNeely, Conness -2-

2008-183CR

- 72. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Liquor Advisory Board recommending that City Council APPROVE the sale

of alcoholic liquor by the drink in conjunction with a sit-down restaurant in a C-2, Commercial Community District at 1132 Auburn Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The sale of alcoholic beverages shall be in conjunction with a sit-down restaurant.
2. Compliance with the Liquor Ordinance.
3. Hours of operation for the sale of alcohol are Monday, Tuesday and Sunday from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; Wednesday and Friday from 7:00 am to 12:00 midnight.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 5/19/08, 08-LAB-008). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Holt, Beck -11-
Nays: Beach -1-
Absent: McNeely, Conness -2-

2008-073-O

73. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 1603, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a 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:

1. Submittal of a revised landscaping plan prior to issuance of a building permit and completion of all required landscaping prior to issuance of certificate of occupancy.
2. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
3. Obtain all required permits through IDOT and Public Works.
4. That there shall be no storage of inoperable or unlicensed vehicles on the property.

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

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: McNeely, Conness -2-

2008-074-O

74. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance for the approval of amendment to Chapter 2, Section 2-42, Rule 23. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: McNeely, Conness -2-

2008-075-O

75. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 37, Section 1603, of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances for a Special Use for a nightclub (dance hall) that does not satisfy the Performance Criteria of six hundred (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, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Holt, Beck -11-
Nays: Beach -1-
Absent: McNeely, Conness -2-

76. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 4, Section 4-28 of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances that upon all requirements of the Liquor Ordinance having been met, said amendment shall serve as City Council advice and consent for the Liquor Commissioner to issue a Liquor License to the following Establishments:

1. The unnamed establishment to be located at 317-325 West Jefferson Street, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Meet all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
 - b. Compliance with all City of Rockford Liquor Codes.
 - c. Submittal of a security plan for Staff review and approval.
 - d. The sale of alcohol shall be limited to the interior site plan submitted.

HELD OUT.

2008-184CR

77. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter, & ADA Ramps, be made to the low bidder, Campos Construction Company, of Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$243,755.50. The funding source is Sales Tax. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: McNeely, Conness -2-

2008-185CR

78. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for the Data Center Core Switch be made to Sentinel Technologies, of Downers Grove, Illinois for a total cost of \$114,694.00. The funding source is Information Technology Operating Budget. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: McNeely, Conness -2-

2008-186CR

79. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending that the bids received for Paint Supplies and Materials be rejected and new bids be taken as soon as possible. The funding source is Property Fund. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: McNeely, Conness -2-

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2008-020R

80. Alderman Curran, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the Central Services Manager to take bids for the following:

Bid: City Yards Roof Repairs, funding source: Building Fund
Bid: Cellular bi-directional Amplifier, funding source: Building Fund
Bid: Roof Replacement at Cedar Street, funding source: Water Fund
Bid: Commercial Labor, funding source: Equipment Fund
Bid: New Women's Bathroom Inside Central Garage at City Yards, funding source: Building Fund
Bid: Water Division Landscaping, funding source: Water Division Operating Budget
Bid: City-Wide Crack Sealing, funding source: Sales Tax

MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely, Conness absent).

NEW BUSINESS

81. 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 Richmond Street be required to stop prior to entering the intersection of Greendale Drive, thus repealing the existing Yield sign control."

LAID OVER.

82. Alderman Bell introduced and read an Ordinance recommending approval of the attached Assisted Living/River Housing Redevelopment Plan and Project Area. LAID OVER.
83. Alderman Bell introduced and read an Ordinance recommending approval of the Assisted Living/River Housing Redevelopment Project Planning Area. LAID OVER.
84. Alderman Bell introduced and read an Ordinance recommending approval of Tax Increment Financing per statute within the Assisted Living/River Housing Redevelopment Area. LAID OVER.
85. Alderman Bell introduced and read an Ordinance recommending approval of the City of Rockford's 2020 Plan for purposes of holding a Public Hearing on Monday, April 28, 2008 and subsequent approval of said 2008 Amendments. LAID OVER.

2008-076-O

86. Alderman Curran read an Ordinance declaring the necessity of Land Acquisition for Well 42 Expansion Project.

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

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: McNeely, Conness -2-

87. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 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
April 21, 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 APRIL 14, 2008

1. Bell - Planning and Development - Recommending approval of the Lifescape Community Service request for free parking.
2. Bell - Planning and Development - Recommending approval of the Healthy Neighborhoods Program Funding Recommendation Rockford Urban Ministries - \$29,900.
3. Bell - Planning and Development - Recommending approval of the Healthy Neighborhoods Program Funding Recommendation Booker Washington Center - \$37,500.
4. Mark - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the Code Amendments for Departmental Reorganization. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
5. Mark - Code and Regulation - SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Special Use Permit for the modification of an existing legally nonconforming billboard to an electronic graphic display billboard in a C-2, Commercial Community Zoning District at 5411 East State Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
 1. Meet all Building and Fire Codes.

2. That the existing billboards located and listed on Exhibit A shall be removed prior to the operation and certificate of occupancy (operation) issued by the City for the electronic graphic display with the exception of panel 35715 and 35716 which shall be removed within two (2) years of adoption of this ordinance.
3. Submittal of Building Permit for Staff review and approval.
4. The electronic graphic display board shall be for the Eastern facing board.
5. That the billboard shall remain a non-conforming billboard.
6. That the billboard operates in conformance with the sign regulations for electronic graphic display signs.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 5/19/08; ZBA #009-08).

6. Mark - Code and Regulation - SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Special Use Permit for the modification of an existing legally nonconforming billboard to an electronic graphic display billboard in an R-1, Single-family Residential Zoning District at 8539 East State Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all Building and Fire Codes.
2. That the existing billboards located and listed on Exhibit A shall be removed prior to the operation and certificate of occupancy (operation) issued by the City for the electronic graphic display with the exception of panel 35715 and 35716 which shall be removed within two (2) years of the adoption of this ordinance.
3. Submittal of Building Permit for Staff review and approval.
4. That the billboard shall remain a non-conforming billboard.
5. That the billboard operates in conformance with the sign regulations for electronic graphic display signs.
6. The electronic graphic display shall be for the Western facing board.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 5/19/08; ZBA #010-08).

7. Mark - Code and Regulation - SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending the City Council APPROVE the Special Use Permit for a modification of an existing legally nonconforming billboard to an electronic graphic display billboard in a C-2, Commercial Community Zoning District at 6439 East Riverside Boulevard. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all Building and Fire Codes.
2. That the existing billboards located and listed on Exhibit A shall be removed prior to the operation and certificate of occupancy (operation) issued by the City for the electronic graphic display with the exception of panel 35715 and 35715 which shall be removed within two (2) years of the adoption of this ordinance.
3. Submittal of Building Permit for Staff review and approval.
4. The electronic graphic display shall be for both the Eastern and Western facing board.
5. That the billboard shall remain a non-conforming billboard.
6. That the billboard operates in conformance with the sign regulations for electronic graphic display signs.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact (LAD 5/19/08; ZBA #011-08).

8. Curran - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the contract for Premier MDC (Mobile Data Communications) System be made to Motorola for installation and implementation of the additional software for the current CAD system in the amount of \$192,310. The funding source is Lawsuit Settlement Funding.
9. Curran - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the Intergovernmental Agreement: South Main Street Railroad Trestle fascia painting be approved with the Union Pacific Railroad Company. The funding source is Sales Tax.

II. ORDINANCES

A. LAID OVER APRIL 14, 2008

1. Mark - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 16, Section 291 of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances to add the following:

“That traffic on Richmond Street be required to stop prior to entering the intersection of Greendale Drive, thus repealing the existing Yield sign control.”

2. Bell - Ordinance - Recommending approval of the attached Assisted Living/River Housing Redevelopment Plan and Project Area.
3. Bell - Ordinance - Recommending approval of the Assisted Living/River Housing Redevelopment Project Planning Area.
4. Bell - Ordinance - Recommending approval of Tax Increment Financing per statute within the Assisted Living/River Housing Redevelopment Area.
5. Bell - Ordinance - Recommending approval of the City of Rockford’s 2020 Plan for purposes of holding a Public Hearing on Monday, April 28, 2008 and subsequent approval of said 2008 Amendments.

B. HELD OUT APRIL 14, 2008

1. Mark - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 4, Section 4-28 of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances that upon all requirements of the Liquor Ordinance having been met, said amendment shall serve as City Council advice and consent for the Liquor Commissioner to issue a Liquor License to the following Establishments:

1. The unnamed establishment to be located at 317-325 West Jefferson Street, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Meet all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
 - b. Compliance with all City of Rockford Liquor Codes.
 - c. Submittal of a security plan for Staff review and approval.

- d. The sale of alcohol shall be limited to the interior site plan submitted.

III. MISCELLANEOUS HELD OUT APRIL 14, 2008

- 1. Mayor Morrissey - Appointment – Zoning Board of Appeals – Mr. Scott Sanders, to replace Thomas Przytulski, Jr. who resigned, to a term to expire June 2011. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment is up for passage on May 12, 2008).

IV. REVIEW OF CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

* 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, April 21, 2008, 4:45 p.m.

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

AGENDA

- 1. C & R 08-83 Liquor Request for Magnolia Festival
- 2. C & R 08-73 Final Plat of Swedish American North Annex
- 3. C & R 08-79 Replat of Lots 69, 70 & 71 of Plat No. 3 of Lakewood Hills
- 4. C & R 08-80 Replat of Lots 4 & 5 of Plat No. 1 of Lakewood Hills
- 5. C & R 08-81 Replat of Lots 7 & 8 of Plat No. 1 of Lakewood Hills
- 6. C & R 08-82 Final Plat of Stenstrom Industrial Park #6
- 7. C & R 08-84 Amendment to Sections 17-2 & 25-61 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to Weed Control & Management
- 8. C & R 08-75 Resolution for Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment for Department Reorganization

9. C & R 08-86 Closed Session for Purposes of Pending Litigation/Angela Hammer

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

**Monday, April 21, 2008, 5:15 p.m.
Conference Room B, City Hall 2nd floor (south room)
AGENDA**

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of RFP: RATS Transportation Study
 - B. Award of Bid: Hardware Supplies
 - C. Award of Bid: Kishwaukee Street Watermain Improvements – Suspend rules
 - D. Award of Bid: Water & SSF Division PCC Patching – Suspend rules
 - E. Engineering Agreement: Water System Rehabilitation Project – Task Order #16
 - F. Engineering Agreement: 3rd Street Bridge
 - G. Engineering Agreement: Searles Avenue Bridge
 - H. Resolution to take Bids/Proposals
 - I. Change Order #2: Phase 1 Base Well Rehabilitation Contract
 - J. Vouchers
 - √ Training/Travel Expenditures for Community Development
2. nCENTER Interim Financing
3. Police/School Liaison Agreement
4. Review of Closed Session Minutes

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Monday, April 28, 2008, 5:15 p.m.
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA**

No Meeting Scheduled This Week.

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 24, 2008, 4:00 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. Rockford" Day
2. Update of Legislative Calendar
3. RFQ for 2009 Lobbyist
4. New Business