

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 20, 2009
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:31 P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Father Ron Montanye, St. Sebastian Orthodox Catholic Church/Police Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Page Carla Centeno.
2. Roll Call:
Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey
Aldermen: Sosnowski, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson,
Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -12-
Absent: Curran (late), Timm -2-
3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of April 13, 2009, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Timm absent).

Alderman Curran entered the meeting at 6:34 pm.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

4. Alderman Wasco submitted a Memorandum from Alderman Mark regarding an amendment to Section 3-15, Chapter 3 of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
5. Alderman Wasco submitted a Memorandum from Kerry Partridge, City Attorney, regarding an amendment to Section 16-165, Chapter 16, Concourse parking violations of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
6. Alderman Johnson submitted five (5) Requests for Service. Referred to the Police Department, Public Works Department and Community Development/Code Enforcement.
7. Alderman Johnson submitted three (3) e-mails requesting service. Referred to the Public Works Department.
8. Alderman Curran submitted a Memorandum from Andres Sammul, Finance Director, regarding 2009 Arts Council Funding. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
9. Alderman Curran submitted a Memorandum from James Ryan, City Administrator, and Chief Derek Bergsten, Fire Department, regarding EMS Resource Hospital Agreement. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
10. Alderman Curran submitted a Memorandum from George Davis, Human Services Director, regarding Head Start Funding. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.

11. Alderman Thompson-Kelly submitted a letter from Congressman Don Manzullo announcing he has been assigned to the House Financial Services Committee (HFSC) for the 111th Congress and offered his assistance.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

12. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the bid received for Sale of Property at 17XX Chestnut Street be rejected. LAID OVER.
13. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the awards for City-Wide Weed Abatement be made to the following bidders as shown below:

Sharpe Maintenance	Rockford, IL
SGC/Universal	Machesney Park, IL
Lawn Force Landscaping	Loves Park, IL
Gerke's Lawn Care	Byron, IL
Vertical Lawn Care	Rockford, IL
AJ Morley & Associates	Rockford, IL
Stephens Landscaping	Rockford, IL
Cousins Tree Service	Belvidere, IL

The funding source is Departmental Operating Budgets. LAID OVER.

14. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of a sole source contract with Rock River Training Corporation in the amount of \$12,000 to continue to provide employment and training programs at the Ellis Heights United Neighborhood Center. The contract would be from April 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009. The funding source is CSBG. LAID OVER.
15. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Appraisal Services be made to Davidson & Associates, of Rockford, Illinois for a rate of \$275 for a 1-family and \$450 for a 2-4 family. The funding source is Neighborhood Stabilization Program. LAID OVER.
16. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report regarding Metro Centre cash flow recommending that a loan of \$600,000 be made from the common cash pool of the City. The loan shall be repaid within five (5) years from the implementation of the tax from an increase in the amusement tax in Special Service Area #3 from 3% to 7%. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate amendments to the funding agreement with The Metro Authority and The Special Service Area Tax. However, the Finance Director shall have the discretion of disbursing up to 50% (\$300,000) of the funds immediately upon passage of this committee report.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Bell. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Timm absent; Ald. Mark abstained). Alderman Wasco made a motion to lay the committee report over, seconded by Alderman Conness. LAID OVER.

2009-168CR

17. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the bids received for Downtown Streetscape be rejected and new bids taken as soon as possible.

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

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

2009-169CR

18. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Demolition of 1112 West Street be made to Sipes & Sons Demolition, of DeKalb, Illinois for their total bid of \$18,425.00. The funding source is CDBG Funds.

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

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

2009-170CR

19. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for City-Wide Alley Reconstruction Phase I 2009 be made to the low bidder, DeKalb Paving, of DeKalb, Illinois for their total bid of \$182,538.50. The funding source is Sales Tax.

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

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

2009-171CR

20. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the Engineering Agreement: Ridge/Whitman Reconstruction be made to Hanson Professional Services, Inc. for a total not to exceed cost of \$83,964.00 for construction observation. The funding for this project will come from Sales Tax Funds.

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

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

21. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of April 20, 2009 in the amount of \$2,262,175.08. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2009-172CR

22. Alderman Conness read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of a Redevelopment Agreement approving TIF funding for the renovation of Lantow Lofts and Katie's Cup Coffee Shop by Zion Development Corporation at 502 Seventh Street.

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

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

2009-173CR

23. Alderman Conness read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the attached Broadway TIF Plan and Project. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

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

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

2009-174CR

24. Alderman Conness read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the attached Broadway Redevelopment Project Area. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

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

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

2009-175CR

25. Alderman Conness read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending that Tax Increment Financing be adopted for the Broadway Project Area. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

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

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

2009-176CR

26. Alderman Conness read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the regarding Healthy Neighborhoods Program funding recommendation to fund Rock River Training Corporation (RRTC) to continue the Ellis Heights Weed and Seed Employment Training Program.

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

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

2009-177CR

27. Alderman Wasco read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the amendment to Ordinance No. 2008-193-O, an Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Groundwater as a Potable Water Supply at 500 South Independence Avenue (City

Yards) and potentially other surrounding properties within the City of Rockford, Illinois. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate Ordinance.

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

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

2009-178CR

28. Alderman Wasco read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending approval of the amendment to Section 16-131; Penalties; payment in lieu of prosecution to adjust timed parking violations. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

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

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

2009-179CR

29. Alderman Wasco read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of to Section 2-51 of the Code of Ordinances entitled Bond required: date of assuming office and pertaining to the date of election and assumption of the Office of Mayor. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate Ordinance.

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

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

30. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming Saturday, April 25, 2009 to be "COMCAST CARES DAY" in Rockford, Illinois in recognition of Comcast's service to the community and its commitment in volunteerism to help beautify Rockford.

- 30a. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming May 4, 2009 to be "JUROR APPRECIATION WEEK" in Rockford, Illinois in honor of the excellent service and commitment of those citizens who perform jury duty.
- 30b. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of April 26, 2009 to be "NATIONAL CRIME VICTIM'S RIGHTS WEEK" in Rockford, Illinois and encouraged all citizens to promote awareness of victim's rights and advance this important cause.
- 30c. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming Friday, April 24, 2009 to be "ARBOR DAY" in Rockford, Illinois and urged all citizens to take support efforts to protect our environment, and to support our city's urban forestry program which is an ongoing process of renewal and improvement that continues through the years.
31. Mayor Morrissey mentioned a Memorandum from Andres Sammul, Finance Director, regarding monthly financial data has been distributed in response to Alderman Beach's request. Questions may be directed to Andres Sammul or Mayor Morrissey's Office.
32. Mayor Morrissey commended City staff for their diligent efforts in working with a developer to convert the former Church School property to affordable senior housing.
33. Mayor Morrissey voiced support for the loan to the Metro Center and raised the issue of coordinating the Metro Centre, Coronado Theatre, Convention and Visitors Bureau and public funding source for those entities.
34. Mayor Morrissey welcomed Reverend George Poole, on behalf of the Housing Occupants Mobilization Effort (H.O.M.E.), who presented Alderman Victory Bell with a certificate in appreciation and recognition of his twenty (20) years of service on the board and wished him well in his retirement. Alderman Bell thanked Reverend Poole for the recognition.
35. Alderman Thompson-Kelly also expressed her concern regarding funding for the Metro Centre and requested a detailed financial statement from the Metro Centre. from Alderman Curran, Chairman of Finance and Personnel.
36. Alderman Thompson-Kelly announced State Representative Chuck Jefferson will be hosting a Rockford Town Hall meeting on Monday, April 27, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the E.J. Zeke Giorgi Auditorium, 200 South Wyman Street.
37. Alderman Thompson-Kelly requested members of the Legislative Lobbying Committee finalize a date for a trip to Springfield. She invited all the Aldermen to attend the trip.
38. Alderman Thompson-Kelly thanked Patrick Zuroske, Public Works Department, for providing a detailed list of repairs for streets, bridges and water mains.
39. Alderman Bell mentioned he provided a Memorandum to Jim Ryan, City Administrator, Reid Montgomery and Mayor Morrissey concerning unincorporated areas surrounding the Pilgrim Baptist Church. He announced a meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday to address these issues.

40. Alderman Beach thanked Mayor Morrissey for his comments concerning the Metro Centre.
41. Alderman Johnson recalled conversation during the budget hearings concerning funding for the Metro Centre.
42. Alderman Johnson thanked Mayor Morrissey for participating in the "Come and Read Week" event at Swan Hillman School, along with representatives from the Police and Fire Departments.
43. Alderman Johnson announced ten (10) reading award winners from Whitehead School and their principal will be traveling to Springfield tomorrow to visit the Lincoln Museum and spend time with Senator Dave Syverson.
44. Alderman Johnson announced on May 15, 2009 will be the dedication of the Whitehead School playground.
45. Alderman Johnson welcomed her sister, Natalie Lewis to Council and announced they will be attending the Zion Development banquet tomorrow night to present a memorial in honor of their father, Chester Anderson.
46. Alderman McNeely announced on Sunday, April 26, 2009 at 3:00 pm will be another retirement party at the Booker Washington Center for Alderman Victory Bell.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2009-180CR

48. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Household Hazardous Waste Collection be made to Clean Harbors Environmental Services, of Pecatonica, Illinois for their totals as follows:

Years 1, 2 & 3	\$102,062.02
Year 4	\$105,123.88
Year 5	\$116,119.59

The funding source is Sanitation Fund. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2009-181CR

49. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement for Collection of Household Hazardous Waste for the City of Rockford and Rock River Water Reclamation District. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2009-182CR

50. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Well 5/5A expansion sanitary sewer easement to Rock River Water Reclamation District. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate Ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Timm absent).

2009-183CR

51. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the City Council of the City of Rockford approve the right-of-way agreement for Fiber Optics between U.S. Signal and the City of Rockford. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Timm absent).

2009-184CR

52. Alderman Conness moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the agreement for \$33,200 in grant assistance to The Literacy Council to provide English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction via the Healthy Neighborhoods Grant Program. The funding recommendation will enable The Literacy Council to serve approximately 100 low-income residents. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

2009-052-O

53. Alderman Conness moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending approval of the Redevelopment Agreement between SR11, INC. and the City of Rockford for \$10,000 in TIF funds from the West Side #1 TIF District for tenant improvements to the Roly Poly storefront in Stewart Square, 115 South Main Street. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Beach, Beck, McNeely, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Abstain: Holt -1-
Absent: Timm -1-

54. Alderman Conness moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending removal of certain parcels of real estate from the Eastside Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area within the City of Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois. HELD OUT.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2009-041R

55. Alderman Wasco, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for permission from IDOT to temporarily regulate Highway 251, a State Highway in the City of Rockford, from Y Boulevard to Cottage Avenue between noon and 1:00 pm on May 9, 2009 for the A.B.A.T.E. Parade. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Timm absent).

2009-042R

56. 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: HVAC Coronado Maintenance Agreement, funding source: Property Fund
Bid: Demolition of 111 Kilburn Avenue, funding source: Sales Tax
Bid: Summer Food Program, funding source: Human Services Operating Budget
Bid: Water Treatment Improvements – Reservoir Demolition, funding source: Water Bonds.

MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Timm absent).

2009-043R

57. Alderman Curran, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the County of Winnebago regarding the application for and allocation of Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Funds. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Timm absent).

2009-044R

58. Alderman Bell suggested a Resolution that the City Council establish an Ordinance that would prohibit horse back riding on City streets. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.

2009-045R

59. Alderman Conness, on behalf of the Planning and Development Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the City of Rockford to submit a grant application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program to redevelop abandoned and foreclosed upon homes and residential properties and that the Director of Community and Economic Development be authorized to execute and deliver a grant application and any necessary supporting documents. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Timm absent).

NEW BUSINESS

60. Alderman Wasco introduced and read an Ordinance amending Article 63, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Special Use Permit for an auto transmission shop in

a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District at 1200 Auburn Street and 1439 North Main Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
2. Detailed site plan shall be submitted showing striped parking that must be approved by Staff.
3. There is no overnight outdoor storage of vehicles and no outside storage of vehicles parts at any time.
4. Disposal and storage of hazardous materials must follow the Illinois Environment Protection Agency guidelines.
5. There shall be a ten foot wide perimeter landscape buffer along the west property line of the lot.

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

61. Alderman Wasco introduced and read an Ordinance amending Article 62 and Article 23-002-A, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Zoning Map Amendment from C-3, General Commercial District to I-1, Light Industrial/Business Park District at 588 Simpson Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
2. Submittal of a tentative and final plat prior to development of the site.
3. Submittal of a landscaping and illumination plan prior to issuance of a building permit.
4. No outside storage of boats, unlicensed vehicles, mobile homes and trailers.

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

62. Alderman Wasco introduced and read an Ordinance amending Article 63, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Special Use Permit for a crematory in a C-4, Urban Mixed-Use-Zoning District at 1001 2nd Avenue. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
2. Submittal of a building permit including elevations for Staff review and approval.
3. Submittal of detailed landscape plan to include the type of species to be planted for Staff's review and approval.
4. All conditions must be met prior to establishment of use.
5. That the property shall conform to State and Federal EPA Regulations.

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

63. Alderman Wasco introduced and read an Ordinance amending Article 64, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Variation to reduce the required six (6) foot side yard setback to zero (0) feet along the east property line Parcel B and along the west property line along Parcel A in a C-1, Limited Office Zoning District at 4873-4875 Manhattan Drive. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building Codes, specifically documentation from a licensed design professional (Architect), licensed in the State of Illinois indicating the current construction does not violate any building code requirements in regard to the property line being through the existing building.
2. Meeting all applicable Fire Codes.
3. Access easement to be recorded between the two lots.

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

64. Alderman Wasco introduced and read an Ordinance for the sale of City owned property, vacant lot at 2623 Mulberry Street at a minimum bid of \$400.00 with preference to the adjoining property owner. LAID OVER.
65. Alderman Wasco introduced and read an Ordinance for the sale of City owned property, vacant lot at 1209 South Court Street at a minimum bid of \$3,000.00 with preference to the adjoining property owner. LAID OVER.
66. Alderman Wasco introduced and read an Ordinance for the vacation of property commonly known as Elm Street and Rockton Avenue and other right-of-way subject to retaining utility easements described and delineated upon the Final Plat of the Winnebago County Justice Center, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and closed inasmuch as the property is no longer required for public use and public interest will be best served by such vacation. LAID OVER.
67. Alderman Wasco introduced and read an Ordinance that the Mayor and Legal Director execute and attest the First Addendum to the Intergovernmental Agreement with Winnebago County regarding the Justice Center Real Estate issues. LAID OVER.
68. Alderman Wasco introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 280 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following:

"No Parking Anytime" on both sides of Calgary Court from Florida Drive to Fifty (50) feet south of Florida Drive.

LAID OVER.
69. Alderman Wasco introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 312 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following:

"Handicapped Parking" on the west side of North Church Street from forty (40) feet north of Elm Street, thus repealing the existing "30 Minute" parking restriction.

LAID OVER.
70. Alderman Wasco introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 280 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to repeal the following:

"Handicapped Parking" on the east side of Latham Street from sixty (60) feet to eighty-five (85) feet north of Auburn Street.

LAID OVER.

2009-053-O

71. Alderman Wasco introduced and read an Ordinance that the Mayor and Legal Director execute the amendments to Section 2-51 of the Code of Ordinances entitled "Bond required; date of assuming office" and pertaining to the date of election and assumption of the Office of Mayor.

Alderman Wasco moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Timm 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, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Timm -1-

2009-054-O

72. Alderman Wasco introduced and read an Ordinance that the Mayor and Legal Director execute the amendments to Section 16-131, Penalties; payment in lieu of prosecution of the Motor Vehicles and Traffic Ordinance.

Alderman Wasco moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Timm 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, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Timm -1-

2009-055-O

73. Alderman Wasco introduced and read and Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Groundwater as a Potable Water Supply at 500 South Independence Avenue (City Yards) and potentially other surrounding properties within the City of Rockford, Illinois.

Alderman Wasco moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Timm 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, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -13-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Timm -1-

74. Alderman Curran made a motion to go into closed session to discuss Labor Negotiations and Litigation, seconded by Alderman Beach. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

The meeting went into closed session at 7:49 pm.

The meeting returned to open session at 8:40 pm and found the following aldermen present:

Aldermen Sosnowski, Curran, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Holt -7-

75. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 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 27, 2009
6:00 P.M.
(AMENDED) AGENDA

The following represents, in general, the chronological order of proceedings at the City Council meeting:

- Call to Order by the Mayor
- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call and determination of quorum
- Acceptance of Journal of Proceedings
- Public Hearing
- Public Participation
- Petitions and Communications
- New Committee Reports (Reports of Standing Committees – Code and Regulation, Finance and Personnel, Planning and Development - and other select committees)

I. NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS TO BE READ IN APRIL 27, 2009

A. CODE AND REGULATIONS

1. Wasco – Traffic – “No Parking Anytime” on both sides of Walton Drive from Bell School to Perryville Road.
2. Wasco – Traffic – “No Action” on stop sign control at the intersection of 18th Avenue and Woodruff Avenue.

- Officers Reports
- Unfinished Business of previous meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER APRIL 20, 2009

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3. Curran - Finance and Personnel - Recommending approval of a sole source contract with Rock River Training Corporation in the amount of \$12,000 to continue to provide employment and training programs at the Ellis Heights United Neighborhood Center. The contract would be from April 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009. The funding source is CSBG.
4. Curran - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the award for Appraisal Services be made to Davidson & Associates, of Rockford, Illinois for a rate of \$275 for a 1-family and \$450 for a 2-4 family. The funding source is Neighborhood Stabilization Program.
5. Curran - Finance and Personnel - Regarding Metro Centre cash flow recommending that a loan of \$600,000 be made from the common cash pool of the City. The loan shall be repaid within five (5) years from the implementation of the tax from an increase in the amusement tax in Special Service Area #3 from 3% to 7%. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate amendments to the funding agreement with The Metro Authority and The Special Service Area Tax. However, the Finance Director shall have the discretion of disbursing up to 50% (\$300,000) of the funds immediately upon passage of this committee report.

III. ORDINANCES

A. LAID OVER APRIL 20, 2009

1. Wasco - Ordinance - Amending Article 63, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Special Use Permit for an auto transmission shop in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District at 1200 Auburn Street and 1439 North Main Street and to modify conditions to approval to five (5) conditions is hereby approved.
 1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
 2. Detailed site plan shall be submitted showing striped parking that must be approved by Staff.
 3. There is no overnight outdoor storage of vehicles and no outside storage of vehicles parts at any time.
 4. Disposal and storage of hazardous materials must follow the Illinois Environment Protection Agency guidelines.
 5. There shall be a ten foot wide perimeter landscape buffer along the west property line of the lot.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact.

2. Wasco - Ordinance - Amending Article 62 and Article 23-002-A, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Zoning Map Amendment from C-3, General Commercial District to I-1, Light Industrial/Business Park District at 588 Simpson Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
 1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
 2. Submittal of a tentative and final plat prior to development of the site.
 3. Submittal of a landscaping and illumination plan prior to issuance of a building permit.
 4. No outside storage of boats, unlicensed vehicles, mobile homes and trailers.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact.

3. Wasco - Ordinance - Amending Article 63, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Special Use Permit for a crematory in a C-4, Urban Mixed-Use-Zoning District at 1001 2nd Avenue. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
 1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
 2. Submittal of a building permit including elevations for Staff review and approval.
 3. Submittal of detailed landscape plan to include the type of species to be planted for Staff's review and approval.
 4. All conditions must be met prior to establishment of use.
 5. That the property shall conform to State and Federal EPA Regulations.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact.

4. Wasco - Ordinance - Amending Article 64, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Variation to reduce the required six (6) foot side yard setback to zero (0) feet along the east property line Parcel B and along the west property line along Parcel A in a C-1, Limited Office Zoning District at 4873-4875 Manhattan Drive. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
 1. Meeting all applicable Building Codes, specifically documentation from a licensed design professional (Architect), licensed in the State of Illinois indicating the current construction does not violate any building code requirements in regard to the property line being through the existing building.
 2. Meeting all applicable Fire Codes.
 3. Access easement to be recorded between the two lots.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact.

5. Wasco - Ordinance - For the sale of City owned property, vacant lot at 2623 Mulberry Street at a minimum bid of \$400.00 with preference to the adjoining property owner.
6. Wasco - Ordinance - For the sale of City owned property, vacant lot at 1209 South Court Street at a minimum bid of \$3,000.00 with preference to the adjoining property owner.

7. Wasco - Ordinance - For the vacation of property commonly known as Elm Street and Rockton Avenue and other right-of-way subject to retaining utility easements described and delineated upon the Final Plat of the Winnebago County Justice Center, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and closed inasmuch as the property is no longer required for public use and public interest will be best served by such vacation.
8. Wasco - Ordinance - The Mayor and Legal Director execute and attest the First Addendum to the Intergovernmental Agreement with Winnebago County regarding the Justice Center Real Estate issues.
9. Alderman Wasco introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 280 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following:

"No Parking Anytime" on both sides of Calgary Court from Florida Drive to Fifty (50) feet south of Florida Drive.
10. Wasco - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 16, Section 312 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following:

"Handicapped Parking" on the west side of North Church Street from forty (40) feet north of Elm Street, thus repealing the existing "30 Minute" parking restriction.
11. Wasco - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 16, Section 280 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to repeal the following:

"Handicapped Parking" on the east side of Latham Street from sixty (60) feet to eighty-five (85) feet north of Auburn Street.

B. HELD OUT APRIL 20, 2009

- 1.* Conness - Ordinance - Recommending removal of certain parcels of real estate from the Eastside Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area within the City of Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS HELD OUT APRIL 13, 2009

1. Mayor Morrissey - Three (3) Appointments - City Zoning and Code Officials, Kevin Ciabatti as the Building Code Official; Bonnie Henry as the Property Maintenance Code Official; Todd Cagnoni as the Zoning Officer and Plat Officer. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this appointment is up for passage on May 18, 2009).
2. Mayor Morrissey - Re-appointment - Fire Pension Board, Mr. Michael White Jr., to a three (3) year term which would expire April, 2012. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this appointment is up for passage on May 18, 2009).
3. Mayor Morrissey - Re-appointment - Historical Preservation Commission, Ms. Maureen Flanagan, to a three (3) year term which would expire April, 2012. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this appointment is up for passage on May 18, 2009).

V. RESOLUTION

- 1. Conness - Permission from IDOT for temporary street closures and detours for the Rockford Marathon on May 17, 2009.
- 2. Wasco - Right-of-Way Agreement for Fiber Optics with U.S. Signal

IV. NEW BUSINESS (note: Ordinances may be read in under New Business and Rule 11 suspended and final vote taken. Committee Reports would have previously been voted on).

- 1. Wasco – Ordinance - Approval of the Well 5/5A expansion sanitary sewer easement to Rock River Water Reclamation District.
- 2. Curran – Ordinance – Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Collection of Household Hazardous Waste for the City of Rockford and Rock River Water Reclamation District.
- 3. Conness – Ordinance - Redevelopment Agreement approving TIF funding for the renovation of Lantow Lofts and Katie’s Cup Coffee Shop by Zion Development Corporation at 502 Seventh Street.
- 4. Conness – Ordinance - Recommending approval of the attached Broadway TIF Plan and Project.
- 5. Conness – Ordinance - Recommending approval of the attached Broadway Redevelopment Project Area.
- 6. Conness – Ordinance - Recommending that Tax Increment Financing be adopted for the Broadway Project Area.

* same action taken before

• Adjournment

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POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

The following items appear on the City Council Standing Committee Agendas as noted. Items may receive a vote at committee and come before the first City Council meeting held after the committee meeting. Rule 11 can be suspended and final vote taken on said items at the City Council meeting (no rule suspension is necessary to take a vote on vouchers).

CODE AND REGULATION COMMITTEE

Monday, April 27, 2009, 5:00 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. C & R 09-67 Resolution from Ald. Bell re: No horseback riding on city streets
2. C & R 09-69 Amendment to Chapter 16, Sect 16-165 of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances re: Concourse Parking Violations
3. C & R 09-70 Driveway & Sidewalk Policy for Residential & Commercial Properties
4. C & R 09-57 Closed Session for Purposes of Pending Litigation

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Monday, April 27, 2009, 5:15 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of RFP: PARCS System
 - B. Award of Bid: Police Uniform Shoes
 - C. Award of Bid: Water Informational Bulletins
 - D. Award of Bid: Tires & Tire Repairs (Laid over 4/20) – Suspend rules
 - E. Award of Bid: Sidewalks, Curb & Gutter & ADA Ramps, 2009 – Suspend rules (Laid over 4/20)
 - F. Award of Bid: 111 Kilburn Avenue Demolition – Suspend rules
 - G. Award of Bid: Bituminous Patching-Water – Suspend rules
 - H. Award of Bid: Church & Chestnut Sidewalks – Suspend rules
 - I. Resolution to take Bids/Proposals
 - J. Vouchers
2. Public Hearing on Metro Centre Special Service Area Amusement Tax
3. EMS Resource Hospital Agreement

4. Financial Discussion

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Monday, April 27, 2009,
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA**

No Meeting Scheduled.

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

**Monday, April 27, 2009
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA**

No Meeting Scheduled.