

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS  
JUNE 1, 2009  
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:21 P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Pastor David Broom, Rockford Renewal Ministries/Police Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Council Clerk Karla Centeno.
2. Roll Call:

Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey

Aldermen: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -13-  
Absent: McNeely (late) -1-
3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of May 26, 2009, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely absent).

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

4. Alderman Wasco submitted a Memorandum from Patrick Hayes, Legal Director, regarding the Status of industrial Development Bonds-2008-2009. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
5. Alderman Wasco submitted a Memorandum from Patrick Hayes, Legal Director, regarding the Resolution of the City of Rockford Ascertaining the Prevailing Wages for Laborers, Mechanics and Workers Employed by Said City. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
6. Alderman Wasco submitted a Memorandum from Andres Sammul, Finance Director, regarding the Renewal of Keith Creek Land Acquisition Program. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
7. Alderman Wasco submitted a Memorandum from Andres Sammul, regarding the Metro Centre. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
8. Alderman Wasco submitted a Memorandum from Patrick Zuroske, Capital Program Manager, regarding City-State Agreement: West State Street Corridor Land Acquisition (Pierpont Avenue-Kilburn Avenue). Referred to Finance & Personnel Committee.
9. Alderman Beach submitted a Memorandum from Brad Moberg, P.E. City Engineer, regarding the Vacation request for Carlson Road from Brooke Road to River Boulevard. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
10. Alderman Timm submitted a letter from Craig Hurless concerning parking near the intersection of Karen and Rockton Ave. Referred to the Public Works Department/Traffic.

Alderman McNeely joined the meeting at 6:24 pm.

11. Alderman Mark submitted a request for service for weed cutting at the southwest corner of Whitman and North Main. Referred to Community Development/Code Enforcement.
12. Alderman Mark submitted a request from Cedric Johnson, in conjunction with American Red Cross Rock'n for the Red, requesting permission and assistance for activities and barricades for street closures for a portion of Wyman from 7:30 am to midnight and outdoor liquor (noon to 11:00 pm) on June 20, 2009 at Davis Park. Alderman Mark moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Timm. MOTION PREVAILED.
13. Alderman Mark submitted a request from Father Robert Mitchison, Cathedral of St. Peter's Outdoor Liturgy, requesting barricades to close the 1200 block of Church Street from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm on Sunday, June 14, 2009 at 1234 North Church Street. Alderman Mark moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Timm. MOTION PREVAILED.
14. Alderman Jacobson submitted a request from Rev. Michael Black, St. Edward's Church Summer Fest, requesting inspection and approval of two carnival tents each 3,666 square feet and electrical service, event beginning June 26, 2009 through June 28, 2009 at St. Edward's Church, 3004 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Alderman Jacobson moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED.
15. Alderman Elyea submitted eight (8) Requests for Service. Referred to the Community Development Department/Code Enforcement and the Public Works Department.
16. Alderman Sosnowski submitted a Memorandum from Richard M. May, Commercial Development Coordinator, regarding approval of submittal of Grant Application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) Program. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
17. Alderman Sosnowski submitted a Memorandum from Rob Lamb, Industrial Development Manager, regarding referral of a Development Agreement with Harrison Industrial, LLC to rehabilitate the industrial building located at 2020 Harrison Avenue. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
18. Alderman Sosnowski submitted a request from Jeremy Germano/Insignia Sign Company, in conjunction with a temporary advertising banner for Table 13, attached to the building at 6957 Olde Creek Road, Suite 100 from May 29, 2009 to August 29, 2009. Alderman Sosnowski moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED.
19. Alderman Sosnowski submitted a request from Jeremy Germano/Insignia Sign Company, in conjunction with a temporary advertising freestanding banner for Table 13 at 6957 Olde Creek Road, Suite 100 from May 29, 2009 to June 29, 2009. Alderman Sosnowski

moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED.

20. Alderman Johnson submitted eight (8) Requests for Service. Referred to Community Development/Code Enforcement and the Public Works Department.
- 20a. Alderman Johnson submitted an e-mail from a constituent concerning several vacant homes in the Colorado Avenue area. Referred to Community Development/Code Enforcement.
21. Alderman Johnson submitted an e-mail from Michelle Vieau requesting a stop sign control at the intersection of 16<sup>th</sup> Street and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Referred to the Public Works Department/Traffic.
22. Alderman McNeely submitted a request from Eugene Lawson, in conjunction with Faith Walkers Assembly 3X3 Basketball Tournament, requesting barricades to close the 100 block of South Henrietta Avenue and the 100 block of South Johnston Avenue and use of city owned lot located at 2540 W. State Street adjacent to church property from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm, event at 2008 Arthur Avenue from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Alderman McNeely moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Timm. MOTION PREVAILED.
23. Alderman Robertson submitted a request from Ken Irwin, Heartland Community Church, in conjunction with Annual Baptism, requesting permission for a 15X30 above ground swimming pool, 4 feet deep, with surrounding mobile aluminum bleachers from June 26, 2009 to June 29, 2009 at the far west corner of the Colonial Village Parking lot. Alderman Robertson moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED.

### **NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS**

24. Alderman Beach read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the amendments to Rules 7, 17 and 19 and the temporary repeal of Rule 20 contained within Chapter 2, Section 2-31 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford, Rule 20 shall be immediately reinstated upon passage of the ordinance amending Rules 7, 17 and 19 of the aforementioned Code section. LAID OVER.
25. Alderman Beach read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the City Council of the City of Rockford REJECT the Roadway Dedication of portions of Glenwood Court and Overdene Avenue. LAID OVER.
26. Alderman Beach read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval to vacate the Alley behind 202 and 208 Shaw Street to the adjacent property owner as follows:
  1. Title to that part of the alley lying adjacent to the East of Lot 17 and East of the Southerly 13 feet of Lot 18 shall vest with the current owner(s) of Lot 17 and the Southerly 13 feet of Lot 18.

2. Title to the West ½ of the alley lying adjacent to the East of Lot 16 shall vest with the current owner(s) of Lot 16.
3. Title to the East ½ of the alley lying adjacent to the West of Lot 5 shall vest with the current owner of Lot 5.

An easement must be retained for AT&T.

The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. LAID OVER.

27. Alderman Beach read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that "No Action" be taken on the following items:
  1. Request from Alderman Sosnowski, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, for yield sign control at the intersection of Gale Lane and Sandringham Lane/Shelford Lane.
  2. Request from Alderman Johnson, 8<sup>th</sup> Ward, for yield or stop sign control at the intersection of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Log Cabin Avenue.
  3. Request from John Davis, to repeal the existing 2-way stop sign control and replace with 4-way stop sign control at the intersection of South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Grove Street.
  4. Request from Leora Turner, to repeal the existing "No Parking Anytime" on the north side of W. Pearl Avenue from Ridge Avenue to 430 feet east of Ridge Avenue to the east line of the playground.
  5. Request from Kurt Richardson, for "One Hour" parking restriction from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday – Friday on the west side of N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street from Lafayette Avenue to Jefferson Street.
  6. Request from Alderman Sosnowski, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, for yield or stop sign control at the intersection of Hedge Cliff Drive and Stone Cottage Road.

LAID OVER.

28. Alderman Wasco read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending that a sole source contract be entered into with Loving Guidance, Inc., of Oviedo, Florida, for conscious discipline training for approximately (40) Head Start staff members in the amount of \$10,000. LAID OVER.
29. Alderman Wasco read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the approval of vouchers for the week of June 1, 2009 in the amount of \$2,591,198.55. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-

Nays: -0-  
Absent: -0-

**2009-248CR**

30. Alderman Sosnowski read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the attached CDBG-R Substantial Amendment.

Alderman Sosnowski moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED. The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely voted no).

**OFFICERS REPORTS**

31. Mayor Morrissey advised the Winnebago County Outdoor Emergency Warning Siren System will be tested tomorrow at 10:00 am. An informational brochure has been distributed to the Aldermen for review.
32. Mayor Morrissey announced the City of Rockford Downtown Venues, Festivals and Special Events Advisory Group Appointments pursuant to Resolution 2009-047R approved on April 27, 2009. Any questions may be directed to Mayor Morrissey's Office 815/987-5590.
33. Mayor Morrissey submitted three (3) Re-appointments to the Library Board, Mr. Jeffrey Glass to a three (3) year term ending June 2012; Mr. John Brien to a three (3) year term ending June 2010; Mr. Paul Logli to a three (3) year term ending June 2010. LAID OVER.
- Mayor Morrissey submitted two (2) Appointments to the Library Board, Mr. Don Thayer to a three (3) year term ending June 2012; Mr. Ovester Armstrong to a three (3) year term ending June 2010. LAID OVER.
34. Mayor Morrissey submitted an Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Mr. Marvin Brown, Sr. to a five (5) year term ending June 2014. Mr. Brown is replacing Ms. Alice Howard who resigned in July 2008. LAID OVER.
35. Mayor Morrissey submitted an Appointment to the Fair Housing Board, Ms. Bevlyn Weston to a three (3) year term ending May 2012. LAID OVER.
36. Mayor Morrissey submitted an Appointment to the Rockford Housing Authority, Ms. Alice Jenkins to a five (5) year term ending July 2013. LAID OVER.
37. Mayor Morrissey announced Treasurer Alexi Giannoulis and Representative Chuck Jefferson's kick-off meeting for a new program called "Bank on Rockford" which encourages financial institutions, government entities and nonprofits to work together to serve "underbanked" communities in Illinois. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the State of Illinois Building Auditorium located at 200 South Wyman Street. Any questions may be directed to Representative Chuck Jefferson's office 815/987-7433.

38. Mayor Morrissey announced the initial Capital Plan Program passed late last night and a companion bill has passed both the Senate and the House. Rockford stands to do very well in comparison to previous years if the Governor signs all the related measures on capital spending into law. He thanked all members of Council for participating in several visits to Springfield and our lobbyist for his efforts.
39. Alderman Jacobson expressed his frustration with the All-Terrain Vehicle problem in his ward and requested a meeting with Mayor Morrissey to address this on-going disruption.
40. Alderman Jacobson requested service at 128 Senate Drive for several code violations. Referred to Community Development/Code Enforcement.
41. Alderman Johnson thanked Mayor Morrissey for his comments regarding the Aldermen and Lobbying committee members for their continued efforts in Springfield.
42. Alderman Johnson congratulated Fire Chief Derek Bergsten and James Ryan, City Administrator, for their recognition into the "Forty Leaders under Forty" group at an event sponsored by the Rockford Chamber of Commerce last Thursday evening. She also congratulated all the winners.
43. Alderman Beach advised a news conference will be held on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 at Heartland Church announcing Sharefest 2009. Summerdale School and East High School will receive over 40,000 work hours to repair and restore those properties.
44. Alderman Hervey encouraged everyone to "be mindful" and careful of children riding their bikes and playing near the streets now that school is out for the summer.
45. Alderman Hervey announced on June 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm the senior citizens of Booker Washington Center Association will be sponsoring an appreciation event for Michael Williams, who is retiring from the Rockford School Board after 14 years of service. She encouraged all to attend this event.
46. Alderman Mark reported this past Saturday was the Downtown Open House event along with the River East Lofts ribbon-cutting ceremony. He commended the Council for supporting zoning changes required for new development downtown.
47. Alderman Mark recognized the road work being done on Jefferson Street and requested the Public Works Department communicate with IDOT to make sure all the lanes of that project are scheduled to be completed.
48. Alderman Mark mentioned this Saturday is the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Invasion of Normandy.
49. Alderman McNeely reported last Thursday she hosted a community forum on the H1N1 virus and emergency preparedness and thanked the Illinois Department of Health and Winnebago County Health Department for providing an excellent presentation.

50. Alderman McNeely thanked Tim Hanson, Director of Public Works, for assisting her with a flooding problem on Greene Street and other areas, spending several hours addressing the situation with the Rock River Reclamation District. She also thanked Bill Keith, Public Works Department, for his efforts as well.
51. Alderman McNeely requested the status and policy concerning pothole patching and street lights.
- 51a. Jon Hollander reported approximately eight (8) crews will be working on pothole patching and that funding to replace street lighting is limited due to budget cuts.
52. Alderman McNeely requested a report providing costs for installation, replacement and on-going maintenance rates of street lighting. She thanked ComEd for installing the decorative lights on Cunningham.
53. Alderman Beach indicated he has spoken with a representative from ComEd and provided to the best of his recollection, the on-going monthly rate of \$229, forever. He suggested looking into alternative energy sources.
54. Mayor Morrissey commented the City is pursuing a number of interesting ideas and options for alternative energy sources.
- 54a. Alderman McNeely mentioned a constituent became concerned about the legitimacy of a business when questioning the door-to-door salesman about their business to repair flood damaged homes. Referred to the Legal Department.
55. Mayor Morrissey suggested the Legal Department check into a violation of the solicitation ordinance.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **2009-249CR**

56. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Final Plat #2 of Prather's Subdivision. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes:        Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,  
                 Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-

Nays:        -0-

Absent:     -0-

### **2009-087-O**

57. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 3, Section 3-55 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford, upon all other requirements of the Liquor Ordinance having been met, this ordinance shall serve as City Council advice and consent for the Liquor Commissioner to issue a Liquor License to the following establishment:

**Jay Gessner and Rebecca Yates d/b/a Hawks Nest** located at 310 South Church Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
2. Compliance with all City of Rockford Liquor Codes.
3. The nightclub will be limited to Exhibit D and Exhibit E that were submitted.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: -0-

**2009-088-O**

58. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Article 63, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a modification of Special Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development from a condominium development to fee simple lots in an R-2, Two-Family Residential Zoning District at 1105, 1131 North Court Street and 1124, 1126 North Church Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
2. 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.
3. Submittal of Building Permits for Staff review and approval.
4. Site must develop in accordance with site plan on file.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: -0-

**2009-089-O**

59. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Article 63, of the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Rockford for a Special Use Permit for a restaurant with Drive-Thru in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District at 7130 East State Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
2. The property shall be replatted prior to building permitting.
3. Landscaping shall be as per Exhibit E, with final review and approval by Staff.
4. Submittal of an illumination plan for Staff review and approval
5. Submittal of an elevation plan and final building materials for Staff review and approval.

6. That a right turn lane shall be provided along Argus Drive or the outlots shall be shifted to the south to be reviewed and approved by the City of Rockford City Engineer.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,  
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: -0-

**2009-090-O**

60. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Article 63, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Special Use Permit for a Mural in a C-4, Urban Mixed-Use Zoning District at 508 East State Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Mounting of mural panels must be according to request; any modification of materials and/or image of mural will require a Modification of Special Use Permit
2. A sign Permit shall be required, including illustrations of proposed paintings for Staff's review and approval.
3. The mural panels may not consist of a vinyl banner material within a frame.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,  
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: -0-

**2009-091-O**

61. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Article 63, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a modification of Special Use Permit #032-05 to change eleven (11) six-family residential condominiums and one (1) three-family condominium to nine (9) five-family and three (3) six-family condominiums in an R-3, Multi-family Residential Zoning District and a C-1, Limited Office Zoning District at 7548-7697 Western Gailes Road and 1485-1495 Bonny Bridge Lane. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
2. Submittal of building permits for Staff review and approval.
3. Submittal of revised elevations for Staff review and approval.
4. Site must be developed in accordance with site plan.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,  
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-

Nays: -0-  
Absent: -0-

**2009-092-O**

62. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 3, Section 3-55, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford, upon all other 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 establishment:

**Shaher Bano d/b/a Aliz, Inc.** located at 3307 Charles Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Compliance with the Liquor Ordinance
2. The sale of liquor is limited to 6:00 am to 11:00 pm daily (Monday to Saturday) and on Sunday from 12:00 pm to 11:00 pm as presented within the business plan.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -11-  
Nays: Johnson, Timm, Beach -3-  
Absent: -0-

**2009-093-O**

63. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 3, Section 3-55, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford, upon all other requirements of the Liquor Ordinance having been met, this ordinance shall serve as City Council advice and consent for the Liquor Commissioner to issue a Liquor License to the following establishment:

**Reynaldo Vera d/b/a Miranda's Pub and Grill** located at 6116 Mulford Village Drive. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
2. Submittal of an updated interior site plan for Staff review and approval. The nightclub will be limited to the approved site plan.
3. Security shall be provided as submitted and there shall be at a ratio of one (1) per fifty (50) patrons.
4. The nightclub shall be limited to the interior tenant space as shown.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -13-  
Nays: Beach -1-  
Absent: -0-

**2009-094-O**

64. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Article 63, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Special Use Permit for an Entertainment Nightclub in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District at 6116 Mulford Village Drive. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
2. Submittal of an updated interior site plan for Staff review and approval. The nightclub will be limited to the approved site plan.
3. Compliance with all City of Rockford Liquor Codes.
4. Security shall be provided as submitted and there shall be a ratio of one (1) per fifty (50) patrons.
5. The nightclub shall be limited to the interior tenant space as shown.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -13-  
Nays: Beach -1-  
Absent: -0-

**2009-095-O**

65. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Article 63, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for the Renewal of Special Use Permit #079-06 (2007-85-O) for a Planned Mixed-Use Development for a bus terminal center, including joint development of retail spaces and parking at 725 North Lyford Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
2. Submittal of a detailed site plan, landscaping plan and illumination plan for Staff review and approval prior to issuance of a building permit.
3. Submittal of a building design elevation for Staff's review and approval prior to issuance of a building permit.
4. That a Tentative Plat and Final Plat is approved for the property in accordance with the City's Subdivision regulation inclusive of required public improvements to Lyford Road prior to issuance of a building permit and development of site.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -12-  
Nays: Sosnowski, Beach -2-  
Absent: -0-

**2009-250CR**

66. Alderman Sosnowski moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the agreement for \$39,498 in grant assistance to Rockford Urban Ministries to expand their summer work camp rehabilitation program for

Weed and Seed low-income residents of Rockford via the Healthy Neighborhoods Grant Program. The funding recommendation will enable the program to be expanded from 15 to 23 households.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: -0-

67. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for City-Wide Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter and ADA Ramps-2009 be awarded to the low bidder, A.A. Construction Company, of Rockford, Illinois, for their total bid of \$166,530.50. Funding source is Sales Tax. HELD OUT.
68. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending a contract extension for Banking Services with Associated Bank for an estimated annual cost of \$173,096. The banking services contract would be for two years with three one year renewals. The funding source is Finance Department Operating Budget. HELD OUT.

**2009-251CR**

69. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for the Downtown Streetscape (2)-2009 be made to the lowest responsible bidder, Stenstrom Excavation & Blacktop Group, of Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$1,897,815.75. Funding source is Sales Tax and WRIA.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -11-  
Nays: Sosnowski, Johnson, McNeely -3-  
Absent: -0-

**2009-252CR**

70. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the Office Lease between the City of Rockford Human Services Department and Commercial Mortgage and Finance Company be approved. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED.

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**2009-061R**

71. Alderman Wasco, 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: Williams Avenue Reconstruction-2009, funding source: Sales Tax

Bid: (3) Tandem Dump Trucks for the Water Division, funding source:  
Water Division Capital Outlay Budget

MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely voted no).

### NEW BUSINESS

72. Alderman Beach introduced and read an Ordinance for the sale of City owned vacant lot located at **1402 Andrews Street & 330 North Hinkley Avenue** at a minimum bid of \$1,200.00 with preference to the adjoining property owner. LAID OVER.
73. Alderman Beach introduced and read an Ordinance for the sale of City owned vacant lot located at **702 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street** at a minimum bid of \$1,500.00 with preference to the adjoining property owner. LAID OVER.
74. Alderman Beach introduced and read an Ordinance for the sale of City owned vacant lot located at **3417 Chestnut Street** at a minimum bid of \$425.00 with preference to the adjoining property owner. LAID OVER.
75. Alderman Beach introduced and read an Ordinance for the sale of City owned vacant lot located at **1918 Elm Street** at a minimum bid of \$850.00 with preference to the adjoining property owner. LAID OVER.
76. Alderman Beach introduced and read an Ordinance for the sale of three City owned vacant lots located at **3100 Elm Street** at a minimum bid of \$2,500.00 with preference to the adjoining property owner, Jerusalem Baptist Church. LAID OVER.
77. Alderman Beach introduced and read an Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Groundwater as a Potable Water Supply within the subject area, 1601 West State Street and certain properties around the site in the City of Rockford. LAID OVER.
78. Alderman Beach introduced and read an Ordinance amending Article 64, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Variation to increase the maximum allowable height from 8' to 16'6" for a freestanding sign in a C-3, General Commercial District at 4404 East State Street.

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

### OFFICERS REPORTS

79. Mayor Morrissey called upon Todd Cagnoni to make a presentation announcing the availability to apply for permits online and tracking of their projects. The encouraged individuals to utilizing the system and provide feedback. Customers may access the online service by going to the City's webpage at [www.rockfordil.gov](http://www.rockfordil.gov) and clicking the link directly at <https://dp.rockfordil.gov/Permits>.

80. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Reed  
City Council Clerk

[The meeting was taped in its entirety, and the tape is on file in the Legal Department]

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS**  
**City Council Chambers, 2<sup>ND</sup> floor City Hall**  
**425 E. State Street, Rockford**  
**June 8, 2009**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**AGENDA**

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

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

**I. NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS TO BE READ IN JUNE 8, 2009**

**A. CODE AND REGULATIONS**

1. Beach – LAB – Sale of Liquor at Whiskey’s Roadhouse, Inc., 3207 North Main Street.
2. Beach – ZBA – Special Use Permit at 3780 East State Street.
3. Beach – LAB – Sale of Liquor at Taboo Nightclub at 3780 East State Street.
4. Beach – ZBA – Variation for signage at 6838 East State Street (Alpine Bank).
5. Beach – LAB – Sale of Liquor at Bandana’s Bar B-Q at 5494 East State Street.
6. Beach – Amendment to Section 3-15, Chapter 3 of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances (Block 5 Open Seal)
7. Beach – Amendment to Section 16-131 regarding fine reduction from \$100 to \$50 for zoning parking violations.

- Officers Reports
- Unfinished Business of previous meeting

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### II. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER JUNE 1, 2009

1. Beach - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the amendments to Rules 7, 17 and 19 and the temporary repeal of Rule 20 contained within Chapter 2, Section 2-31 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford, Rule 20 shall be immediately reinstated upon passage of the ordinance amending Rules 7, 17 and 19 of the aforementioned Code section.
2. Beach - Code and Regulation - Recommending that the City Council of the City of Rockford REJECT the Roadway Dedication of portions of Glenwood Court and Overdene Avenue.
3. Beach - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval to vacate the Alley behind 202 and 208 Shaw Street to the adjacent property owner as follows:
  1. Title to that part of the alley lying adjacent to the East of Lot 17 and East of the Southerly 13 feet of Lot 18 shall vest with the current owner(s) of Lot 17 and the Southerly 13 feet of Lot 18.
  2. Title to the West ½ of the alley lying adjacent to the East of Lot 16 shall vest with the current owner(s) of Lot 16.
  4. Title to the East ½ of the alley lying adjacent to the West of Lot 5 shall best with the current owner of Lot 5.

An easement must be retained for AT&T.

The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

4. Beach - Code and Regulation - Recommending that "No Action" be taken on the following items:
  1. Request from Alderman Sosnowski, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, for yield sign control at the intersection of Gale Lane and Sandringham Lane/Shelford Lane.
  2. Request from Alderman Johnson, 8<sup>th</sup> Ward, for yield or stop sign control at the intersection of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Log Cabin Avenue.
  3. Request from John Davis, to repeal the existing 2-way stop sign control and replace with 4-way stop sign control at the intersection of South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Grove Street.
  4. Request from Leora Turner, to repeal the existing "No Parking Anytime" on the north side of W. Pearl Avenue from Ridge Avenue to 430 feet east of Ridge Avenue to the east line of the playground.

5. Request from Kurt Richardson, for "One Hour" parking restriction from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday – Friday on the west side of N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street from Lafayette Avenue to Jefferson Street.
6. Request from Alderman Sosnowski, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, for yield or stop sign control at the intersection of Hedge Cliff Drive and Stone Cottage Road.
5. Wasco - Finance and Personnel - Recommending that a sole source contract be entered into with Loving Guidance, Inc., of Oviedo, Florida, for conscious discipline training for approximately (40) Head Start staff members in the amount of \$10,000.
6. Wasco - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the award for City-Wide Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter and ADA Ramps-2009 be awarded to the low bidder, A.A. Construction Company, of Rockford, Illinois, for their total bid of \$166,530.50. Funding source is Sales Tax.
7. Wasco - Finance and Personnel - Recommending a contract extension for Banking Services with Associated Bank for an estimated annual cost of \$173,096. The banking services contract would be for two years with three one year renewals. The funding source is Finance Department Operating Budget.

### III. ORDINANCES LAID OVER JUNE 1, 2009

1. Beach - Ordinance - For the sale of City owned vacant lot located at **1402 Andrews Street & 330 North Hinkley Avenue** at a minimum bid of \$1,200.00 with preference to the adjoining property owner.
2. Beach - Ordinance - For the sale of City owned vacant lot located at **702 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street** at a minimum bid of \$1,500.00 with preference to the adjoining property owner.
3. Beach - Ordinance - For the sale of City owned vacant lot located at **3417 Chestnut Street** at a minimum bid of \$425.00 with preference to the adjoining property owner.
4. Beach - Ordinance - For the sale of City owned vacant lot located at **1918 Elm Street** at a minimum bid of \$850.00 with preference to the adjoining property owner.
5. Beach - Ordinance - For the sale of three City owned vacant lots located at **3100 Elm Street** at a minimum bid of \$2,500.00 with preference to the adjoining property owner, Jerusalem Baptist Church.
6. Beach - Ordinance - Prohibiting the Use of Groundwater as a Potable Water Supply within the subject area, 1601 West State Street and certain properties around the site in the City of Rockford.
7. Beach - Ordinance - Amending Article 64, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Variation to increase the maximum allowable height from 8' to 16'6" for a freestanding sign in a C-3, General Commercial District at 4404 East State Street.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact.

#### **IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

##### **A. LAID OVER JUNE 1, 2009**

1. Mayor Morrissey - Re-appointment - Library Board, Mr. Jeffrey Glass to a three (3) year term ending June 2012. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this appointment is up for passage on July 6, 2009).
2. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment – Library Board, Mr. John Brien to a three (3) year term ending June 2010. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this appointment is up for passage on July 6, 2009).
3. Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment – Library Board, Mr. Paul Logli to a three (3) year term ending June 2010. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this appointment is up for passage on July 6, 2009).
4. Mayor Morrissey – Appointment - Library Board, Mr. Don Thayer to a three (3) year term ending June 2012. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this appointment is up for passage on July 6, 2009).
5. Mayor Morrissey – Appointment – Library Board, Mr. Ovester Armstrong to a three (3) year term ending June 2010. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this appointment is up for passage on July 6, 2009).
6. Mayor Morrissey - Appointment - Zoning Board of Appeals, Mr. Marvin Brown, Sr. to a five (5) year term ending June 2014. Mr. Brown is replacing Ms. Alice Howard who resigned in July 2008. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this appointment is up for passage on July 6, 2009).
7. Mayor Morrissey - Appointment - Fair Housing Board, Ms. Bevlyn Weston to a three (3) year term ending May 2012. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this appointment is up for passage on July 6, 2009).
8. Mayor Morrissey - Appointment - Rockford Housing Authority, Ms. Alice Jenkins to a five (5) year term ending July 2013. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this appointment is up for passage on July 6, 2009).

##### **B. HELD OUT JUNE 1, 2009**

1. Mayor Morrissey - Re-appointment - Fair Housing Board; Monica DeLeon, to a three year term ending May 2012. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this appointment is up for passage on June 29, 2009).

- Motions and Resolutions

V. **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 - Recommending the Office Lease between the City of Rockford Human Services Department and Commercial Mortgage and Finance Company be approved.

\* 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, June 8, 2009, 5:00 p.m.**

**Conference Room A, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (north room)**

**AGENDA**

1. C & R 09-89 Vacation request for Carlson Rd. from Brooke Rd., to River Blvd.
2. C & R 09-78 Amendment to the Code of Ordinance relating to apiaries in the City of Rockford
3. C & R 09-90 ZBA#019-09 Variation to increase the maximum square footage for an accessory building from 720 square feet to 1276 square feet  
Variation to increase the maximum height for an accessory building from 18 feet to 21 ½ feet in an R-1, Single-Family Residential District at 803 Starview Court

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**Monday, June 8, 2009, 5:15 p.m.**

**Conference Room B, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (south room)**

**AGENDA**

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
  - A. Award of Bid: Water Rehabilitation Project, Reservoir Demolition – Suspend Rules

- B. Award of Bid: Garage Door & Opener Services – Suspend Rules
  - C. Award of Bid: Fire Hydrant Painting – Suspend Rules
  - D. Change Order: Water System Rehab Project, Equipment Procurement/Control Panels
  - E. Resolution to take Bids
  - F. Vouchers
2. Industrial Development Bonds 2008-2009
  3. Resolution of the City of Rockford Ascertaining the Prevailing Wages for Laborers, Mechanics and Workers Employed by Said City
  4. Renewal of Keith Creek Land Acquisition Program
  5. Metro Center
  6. City-State Agreement: West State Street Corridor Land Acquisition (Pierpont Avenue – Kilburn Avenue)

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Monday, June 8, 2009, 5:15 p.m.  
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
AGENDA**

1. Memorandum from Vicki Manson, Development Programs Manager, regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program Recovery Program (CDBG-R).
2. Presentation of the Proposed Work Plan and Annual Budget for the Mayor's Arts and Lifestyle Network now known as The Element.
3. Memorandum from Richard M. May, Commercial Development Coordinator, regarding approval of submittal of Grant Application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) Program.
4. Memorandum from Rob Lamb, Industrial Development Manager, regarding referral of a Development Agreement with Harrison Industrial, LLC to rehabilitate the industrial building located at 2020 Harrison Avenue.

**LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE**

**Monday, June 15, 2009, 4:00 p.m.**

**Conference Room A, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (north room)**

**AGENDA**

1. RMAP Information
2. Information from Lobbyist
3. New Committee Appointments
4. Rail Initiative – Steve Ernst/RMAP
5. New Business