

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS  
JULY 20, 2009  
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:24 P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Pastor Anthony Wilson, Greater Faith Ministries/Police Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Council Page Shanice Smith.

2. Roll Call:

Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey

Aldermen: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,  
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, McNeely, Robertson -13-

Absent: Beck -1-

3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of July 13, 2009, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Beck absent).

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

4. Alderman Beach submitted a Memorandum from Jessica Roberts, Planner II, regarding the Pre-annexation of 116 Atwood Avenue. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.

5. Alderman Johnson submitted eleven (11) Requests for Service. Referred to Community Development/Code Enforcement, Public Works Department and the Police Department.

6. Alderman Johnson submitted a Request for a stop sign at 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and Pleasant View. Referred to the Public Works Department/Traffic.

7. Alderman Johnson submitted an e-mail from Jeanne Sciortino requesting information concerning ward meetings. Referred to the Legal Department/Diane Reed

8. Alderman Thompson-Kelly submitted a request from John Moore, in conjunction with Ellis Heights Fun Fair 2009, requesting permission to hold the annual event, police assistance and barricades for parking lots on August 20, 2009 from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm at 1401 West State Street (parking lot). Alderman Thompson-Kelly moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Timm. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Beck absent).

9. Alderman McNeely submitted a letter from Gino Galluzzo concerning AA Concrete – Sidewalks, Curb & Gutter and ADA Ramps 2009 (3). Placed on File.

10. Alderman Jacobson submitted a letter and petition from Richard Brynteson, on behalf of the neighbors of Citadel Court requesting appropriate signage advising Citadel is not a thru street. Referred to the Public Works Department/Traffic.

11. Alderman Wasco submitted a Memorandum from Barry Fitz, Fire Equipment/Safety Manager, regarding an Emergency P.O. for repairs to Fire Station #8 concrete drive. The estimated cost of the repair is \$12,925.00. Placed on file.
12. Alderman Wasco submitted an e-mail from Mike Dierks requesting repairs to the curb in front of his home. Referred to the Public Works Department.
13. Alderman Mark submitted a letter from constituent concerning disruptive behavior of patrons at a business near her residence. Referred to the Legal Department and Police Department.
14. Alderman Mark submitted a request from Nancy Sauer, in conjunction with the Greenwich Village Art Fair, requesting permission for a tent on September 16, 2009 to September 22, 2009 at 711 North Main Street - Riverfront Museum Park. Alderman Mark moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Beck absent).
15. Alderman Mark submitted a request from Sally Johnson, in conjunction with Rescue Awareness Day – Pampered Pet, requesting permission for use of the parking lot spaces at the north end of the parking lot at 1423 North Main Street on August 1, 2009 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Alderman Mark moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Beck absent).
16. Alderman Mark submitted a request from Bob Sharp, in conjunction with the State Street Mile 2009, requesting permission for the annual event, police assistance and barricades for street closures on August 8, 2009 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm on East State Street from Summit to Wyman Street. Alderman Mark moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Beck absent).
17. Alderman Sosnowski submitted a request from Ben Bernsten, in conjunction with Perryville Farmer's Market requesting permission for a banner permit from July 21, 2009 and August 24, 2009 then every Friday through Monday through September 30, 2009 at 609 South Perryville Road. Alderman Sosnowski moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Curran. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Beck absent).

#### **NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS**

18. Alderman Wasco read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Sale of Property at 1209 South Court be made to the sole bidder, Fidencio Belmontes, of Rockford, Illinois for his bid of \$3,100.00. Bids were sent to three residents. LAID OVER.
19. Alderman Wasco read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Sale of Property at 2623 Mulberry be made to the sole bidder, Doris Powell, of Marengo, Illinois for her bid of \$401.00. Bids were sent to three residents. LAID OVER.
20. Alderman Wasco read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the bids received for a Hydraulic Hammer be rejected. LAID OVER.

21. Alderman Wasco read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending a need for confidentiality for the following closed session minutes, as the cases and matters are still pending: 11/5/07, 11/13/07, 4/28/08, 10/20/08, 12/15/08, 2/25/09.

The following closed session minutes related to labor negotiations will not be included in future committee reports: 10/24/05, 10/31/05, 11/14/05, 12/5/05, 12/12/05, 4/10/06, 5/1/06, 5/15/06, 5/22/06, 6/5/06, 6/12/06, 6/19/06, 7/3/06, 1/14/07, and 3/9/09.

LAID OVER.

**2009-313CR**

22. Alderman Wasco read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the agreement with Rockford Day Nursery. (No funding is required for this agreement).

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

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

**2009-314CR**

23. Alderman Wasco read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the Award of Contract: Wyman Street 2-Way Traffic Signal be made to Ballard Companies at a total not-to-exceed cost of \$17,955 for installation of a traffic signal at the corner of Wyman St. and Chestnut St. The funding for this project will come from Motor Fuel Tax Funds.

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

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

**2009-315CR**

24. Alderman Wasco read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Fire Hydrant Painting be made to the low bidder, Sail Contracting, of Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$30,352.50. The funding source is Water Division Operating Budget.

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

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

**2009-316CR**

25. Alderman Wasco read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for (2) Ford Escape Hybrid XLT's for Human Services be made to the sole bidder, Anderson Rock River Ford, of Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$65,500.00. The funding source is Human Services Operating Budget.

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

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

26. Alderman Wasco read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for (1) Backhoe with Extend A Hoe be made to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, West Side Tractor Sales, of Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$80,297.00. The funding source is Water Division Operating Budget. LAID OVER.

Alderman Sosnowski made a motion to lay the committee report over, seconded by Alderman Curran.

**2009-317CR**

27. Alderman Wasco read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Bird, Curtis, & Holland Reconstruction – 2009 be made to the low bidder, TCI Concrete, of Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$200,729.04. The funding source is Sales Tax.

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

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

28. Alderman Wasco read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Curb & Gutter – 2009 be made to the low bidder, TCI Concrete, of Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$163,976.00. The funding source is Sales Tax. LAID OVER.

Alderman McNeely made a motion to refer the committee report back to the Finance and Personnel Committee, motion failed for lack of a second.

Alderman McNeely made a motion to lay the committee report over, seconded by Alderman Sosnowski.

29. Alderman Wasco read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the approval of vouchers for the week of July 20, 2009 in the amount of \$2,262,579.25. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

30. Alderman Sosnowski submitted a Memorandum from Dwayne A. Collins, Grants Compliance Specialist II, regarding a Healthy Neighborhood Program Funding Recommendation. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.

### **NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS**

31. Alderman Sosnowski read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the attached Redevelopment Agreement with JMZ Properties, L.L.C. for TIF funding to rehabilitate three commercial storefronts and six residential apartments at 317-325 West Jefferson Street. LAID OVER.

### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

32. Mayor Morrissey mentioned Andres Sammul, Finance Director, has distributed 3 Budget Memorandums for review.
33. Mayor Morrissey congratulated Alderman Joe Sosnowski for his victory in the "Dancing with the Diva's" dance contest at the Burpee Art Museum fundraiser.
34. Mayor Morrissey congratulated Brad Benjamin, Guilford High School Alumni, for winning the U.S Amateur Golf Tournament, giving him an automatic berth to the Master's Professional Golf Tournament next April.
35. Alderman Sosnowski thanked Laura Gibbs, WREX-13 news anchor, for carrying the duo with her expert dancing abilities, enabling them to win the competition. He encouraged everyone to attend the Burpee Art Museum event in the future.

36. Alderman Mark mentioned The Greek Fest will be held this coming weekend, July 25, 2009 from 12:00 (noon) to 11:00 pm and on Sunday, July 26, 2009 from 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm at St. Constantine & Helene Greek Orthodox Church, 108 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street. He invited everyone to join the festivities.
38. Alderman Jacobson reflected fondly on the life of Ralph Hall, a man who will long be remembered for his outstanding musical talents and dedication to this community. Alderman Jacobson extended his deepest sympathy to his family.
39. Alderman Beach remembered Ralph Hall for his tireless efforts to help organize and promote the Rockford Concert Band and he offered condolences to Ralph's family.
40. Alderman Wasco called attention to a Discussion Sheet and Meeting Schedule from Andres Sammul, Finance Director, in preparation for the 2010 Budget sessions. He asked the Aldermen to review the information before the scheduled meetings.
41. Alderman Hervey challenged the Aldermen to bring the greatest number of constituents to "National Night Out", sponsored by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Orchid College Union Neighborhood Association and Rockford Police Department to be held on August 4, 2009 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Nelson Park on Seminary Street. She thanked City staff for their efforts to coordinate this event.
42. Alderman Johnson commented last year "National Night Out" was hosted by the 8th Ward at Harmon Park and offered she is up for the challenge to win the attendance contest.
43. Alderman Johnson commended the Rockford Police Department for making an arrest in the double-homicide on Pleasant View and thanked several individuals involved in the apprehension of the suspect.
44. Alderman Johnson reported last Wednesday evening over 100 residents from her Ward attended a neighborhood watch group and announced the next meeting is a block party.
45. Alderman Johnson announced Wednesday night there will be a candle light vigil on Pleasant View and invited all citizens to join us.
46. Alderman McNeely acknowledged the passing of Walter Cronkite, nationally known news anchor.
47. Alderman McNeely announced a daylong workshop "Let's Do Business..Opening Doors to Government Contracts" will be held at EIGERlab, 605 Fulton Avenue on Tuesday, September 29, 2009 from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. The cost is \$20.00 and includes Breakfast and Lunch. Register on-line at <http://ilsbdc.ecenterdirect.com>
48. Alderman McNeely thanked the Human Services and Public Works Departments for resolving several citizen complaints in the 13<sup>th</sup> Ward.

49. Alderman McNeely announced on Saturday was a block party in her ward with over 80 people attending the event.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

50. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter 2009 be made to the lowest responsible bidder, Acura, Inc., of Bensenville, Illinois for their total bid of \$176,000.00. The funding source is Sales Tax. **BACK TO COMMITTEE**

Alderman Curran made a motion to refer the committee report back to the Finance and Personnel Committee, seconded by Alderman McNeely. **MOTION PREVAILED** by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Timm, Beach,  
McNeely -7-  
Nays: Mark, Wasco, Jacobson, Johnson, Elyea, Robertson -6-  
Absent: Beck -1-

#### **2009-318CR**

51. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that City Council **APPROVE** the sale of 925 Maple Street for a minimum bid of \$800.00 which includes advertising. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate Ordinance. **MOTION PREVAILED** by a Roll Call vote of:

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

#### **2009-319CR**

52. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that City Council **APPROVE** the sale of 914 Maple Street for a minimum bid of \$325.00, which includes advertising. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate Ordinance. **MOTION PREVAILED** by a Roll Call vote of:

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

#### **2009-320CR**

53. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that City Council **APPROVE** the sale of the Southeast corner of Maple Street and Lee Street for a minimum bid of \$475.00, which includes advertising. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate Ordinance. **MOTION PREVAILED** by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**2009-321CR**

54. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that City Council APPROVE the sale of 719 Lee Street for a minimum bid of \$325.00, which includes advertising. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate Ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**2009-322CR**

55. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the City council APPROVE the sale of 729 Kilburn Avenue for a minimum bid of \$900.00, which includes advertising. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate Ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**2009-323CR**

56. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the City Council take NO ACTION on the request to amend the Code of Ordinances relating to apiaries in the City of Rockford.

Alderman Curran made a motion to refer the committee report back to the Code and Regulation Committee, seconded by Alderman McNeely. MOTION FAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Elyea, McNeely -3-  
Nays: Sosnowski, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Robertson -10-  
Absent: Beck -1-

The committee report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Beck absent; Ald. Curran voted no).

**2009-324CR**

57. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the APPROVAL of the annexation of 1211 North Johnston Avenue. The

Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate Ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**2009-123-O**

58. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 292, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford, Illinois to add the following:

All westbound traffic from Fisher Avenue be required to Stop prior to entering the intersection with Haskell Avenue.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**2009-124-O**

59. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 285, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford, Illinois to add the following:

"Two Hour Parking" on the south side of Cedar Street from Church Street to Winnebago Street.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**2009-125-O**

60. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 280, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford, Illinois to add the following:

The previous time limit of Monday through Saturday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on the "Commercial Loading Zone" on the north side of Elm Street from Main Street to 30 feet west of Wyman Street, to Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, thus repealing the previous time limit.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, McNeely, Robertson -13-

Nays: -0-  
Absent: Beck -1-

**2009-126-O**

61. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 291, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford, Illinois to add the following:

That traffic on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue be required to Stop prior to entering the intersection of 15<sup>th</sup> Street.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**2009-127-O**

62. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 294, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford, Illinois to add the following:

"One-Way" traffic operation for west bound traffic on Fisher Avenue from 320 feet to 450 feet west of Court Street.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**2009-128-O**

63. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 280, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford, Illinois to repeal the following:

"No Parking Anytime" restrictions on the west side of 9<sup>th</sup> Street from 33 feet to 66 feet north of Broadway.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**2009-129-O**

64. Alderman Beach moved the adoption of an Ordinance for the annexation of property commonly known as **524 South Pierpont**. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**2009-325CR**

65. Alderman Sosnowski moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the proposal of William Charles Real Estate Investment LLC. of \$295,601.00 be accepted on the terms set forth in the proposal. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate documents to complete the transaction. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**2009-080R**

66. 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:

- A. Bid: Charles Street Repairs, funding source: Sales Tax
- B. Bid: Potter Street & Sewell Street Reconstruction, funding source: Sales Tax
- C. Bid: Meadows of Springbrook, funding source: WRIA
- D. Bid: Water Treatment Improvements – Group 4, funding source: IEPA Funds
- E. Bid: Water Rehab Zone Control Valves, funding source: \$25 Million General Obligation Limited Tax Debt Certificates Series 2008

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Robertson -12-  
Nays: McNeely -1-  
Absent: Beck -1-

**2009-081R**

67. Alderman Wasco, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the City State Agreement for the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Project: West Riverside Blvd. resurfacing. The project is funded up to \$439,000 by Federal Stimulus funds. The City will be responsible for any costs over the \$439,000 and will be paid from Motor Fuel Tax.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Robertson -12-  
 Nays: McNeely -1-  
 Absent: Beck -1-

**2009-082R**

68. Alderman Wasco, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the City-State Agreement for Alpine Road, Morgan Street, & Rockton Ave. The project is funded up to \$926,000 by Federal Stimulus funds. The estimated total cost for the project is \$1,105,000. The City's portion of \$179,000 and any overruns would be paid from Motor Fuel Tax.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Robertson -12-  
 Nays: McNeely -1-  
 Absent: Beck -1-

**2009-083R**

69. Alderman Wasco, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved for the adoption of a Resolution that Closed Session Minutes of the City Council of Rockford be open to the public, pursuant to Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act.

None.

The following Closed Session Minutes related to labor negotiations will not be included in future Resolutions:

March 8, 2004	October 10, 2006	October 20, 2008
March 7, 2005	October 23, 2006	February 2, 2009
July 10, 2006	November 13, 2006	February 17, 2009
July 17, 2006	December 10, 2007	March 30, 2009
July 22, 2006	January 28, 2008	May 18, 2009
August 21, 2006	August 4, 2008	May 26, 2009

The need for confidentiality still exists for the closed session minutes for the following dates:

November 2, 1998	September 24, 2007	November 5, 2008
November 9, 1998	November 5, 2007	January 5, 2009
October 25, 2004	November 13, 2007	January 20, 2009
February 21, 2006	March 3, 2008	April 6, 2009
September 11, 2006	March 17, 2008	April 20, 2009
February 5, 2007	May 12, 2008	July 13, 2009

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,  
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Robertson -12-  
Nays: McNeely -1-  
Absent: Beck -1-

**2009-084R**

70. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Resolution requesting permission from IDOT for temporary closures and detours of downtown streets for the "On The Waterfront" festival from 3:00 pm on Wednesday September 9/2 through 6:00 am on Monday, 9/7. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Beck absent).

**2009-085R**

71. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Resolution requesting permission from IDOT for temporary street closures of downtown streets for the Labor Day Parade on September 7, 2009. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Beck absent).

**NEW BUSINESS**

72. Alderman Beach introduced and read an Ordinance amending Article 63, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Special Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development to consist of manufacturing and grinding of machine parts, storage, and to allow the installation of up to one (1) wind turbine on the south side of the building, as permitted obstruction in an I-1, Light Industrial Zoning District at 2400 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
2. Final building elevations for Staff's review and approval.

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

73. 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 number of allowable wall signage from two (2) to four (4) in a C-3, General Commercial Zoning District at 7651 Walton Street.

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

74. Alderman Beach introduced and read an Ordinance amending Article 62 and Article 64 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Zoning Map Amendment from R-1, Single-family Residential District and; a Variation to reduce the required parking spaces from four (4) to three (3) parking spaces for a Child Care Facility in a C-3, General Commercial District at 119 South Central Avenue. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.

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

75. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 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**  
**July 27, 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 JULY 20, 2009**

**A. CODE AND REGULATIONS**

1. Beach – Traffic – “Commercial Loading Zone” on Church Street
  2. Beach – Traffic – “No Parking during certain hours” on Normandy Avenue
  3. Beach – Traffic – “No Parking Anytime” on Belmont Blvd.
  4. Beach – Traffic – “Two Hour Parking” restrictions on Mulberry Street
  5. Beach – Traffic – “No Action” committee report
  6. Beach – Code and Regulation Closed Session Minutes
  7. Beach – Final Plat of Trainer Hills 6
- Officers Reports
  - Unfinished Business of previous meeting

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### II. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER JULY 20, 2009

1. Wasco - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the award for Sale of Property at 1209 South Court be made to the sole bidder, Fidencio Belmontes, of Rockford, Illinois for his bid of \$3,100.00. Bids were sent to three residents.
2. Wasco - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the award for Sale of Property at 2623 Mulberry be made to the sole bidder, Doris Powell, of Marengo, Illinois for her bid of \$401.00. Bids were sent to three residents.
3. Wasco - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the bids received for a Hydraulic Hammer be rejected.
4. Wasco - Finance and Personnel - Recommending a need for confidentiality for the following closed session minutes, as the cases and matters are still pending: 11/5/07, 11/13/07, 4/28/08, 10/20/08, 12/15/08, 2/25/09.

The following closed session minutes related to labor negotiations will not be included in future committee reports: 10/24/05, 10/31/05, 11/14/05, 12/5/05, 12/12/05, 4/10/06, 5/1/06, 5/15/06, 5/22/06, 6/5/06, 6/12/06, 6/19/06, 7/3/06, 1/14/07, and 3/9/09.

5. Wasco - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the award for (1) Backhoe with Extend A Hoe be made to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, West Side Tractor Sales, of Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$80,297.00. The funding source is Water Division Operating Budget.
6. Wasco - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the award for Curb & Gutter – 2009 be made to the low bidder, TCI Concrete, of Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$163,976.00. The funding source is Sales Tax.
7. Sosnowski - Planning and Development - Recommending approval of the attached Redevelopment Agreement with JMZ Properties, L.L.C. for TIF funding to rehabilitate three commercial storefronts and six residential apartments at 317-325 West Jefferson Street.

### III. ORDINANCES LAID OVER JULY 20, 2009

1. Beach - Ordinance - Amending Article 63, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Special Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development to consist of manufacturing and grinding of machine parts, storage, and to allow the installation of up to one (1) wind turbine on the south side of the building, as permitted obstruction in an I-1, Light Industrial Zoning District at 2400 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
  1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
  2. Final building elevations for Staff's review and approval.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact.

2. Beach - Ordinance - Amending Article 64, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Variation to increase the number of allowable wall signage from two (2) to four (4) in a C-3, General Commercial Zoning District at 7651 Walton Street.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact.

3. Beach - Ordinance - Amending Article 62 and Article 64 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Zoning Map Amendment from R-1, Single-family Residential District and; a Variation to reduce the required parking spaces from four (4) to three (3) parking spaces for a Child Care Facility in a C-3, General Commercial District at 119 South Central Avenue. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact.

#### **IV. MISCELLANEOUS HELD OUT APPOINTMENTS JULY 20, 2009**

- 1.\* Mayor Morrissey - Re-appointment - Board of Fire and Police Commission, Mr. Gary Caruana for a three (3) year term which would expire June 2012. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment is up for passage on July 27, 2009)
- 2.\* Mayor Morrissey - Re-appointment - Electrical Commission; Mr. Michael Bonavia to a three (3) year term which would expire June 2012. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment is up for passage on July 27, 2009)
- 3.\* Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment – Electrical Commission, Mr. Lowell Larson to a three (3) year term which would expire June 2012. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment is up for passage on July 27, 2009)
- 4.\* Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment - Electrical Commission, Mr. Todd Crull to a three (3) year term which would expire June 2012. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment is up for passage on July 27, 2009)
- 5.\* Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment – Electrical Commission, Mr. Frank Schmitt to a three (3) year term which would expire June 2012. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment is up for passage on July 27, 2009)
- 6.\* Mayor Morrissey submitted a Re-appointment to the Fair Housing Board, Ms. Patricia Kiddell to a three (3) year term which would expire June 2012. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment is up for passage on July 27, 2009)
- 7.\* Mayor Morrissey - Re-appointment - Mechanical Board, Mr. Dave Hendrix (Refrigeration) to a three (3) year term which would expire June 2012. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment is up for passage on July 27, 2009)

- 8.\* Mayor Morrissey – Re-appointment – Mechanical Board, Mr. Brad Glidden (Mechanical Rep.) to a two (2) year term which would expire June 2011. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment is up for passage on July 27, 2009)
- 9.\* Mayor Morrissey - Re-appointment - Police Pension Board, Ms. Marcia L. Mueller to a two (2) year term which would expire June 2011. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment is up for passage on July 27, 2009)
- 10. Mayor Morrissey - Appointment - Mechanical Board, Mr. Domenic Alfano, to serve out Mr. Bob Hastings's term who resigned, term would expire June 2010. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment is up for passage on August 17, 2009).
- 11. Mayor Morrissey - Appointment - Electrical Commission, Mr. Charles Laskonis, to a three (3) year term which would expire in 2012. He is replacing Todd Crull, whose term expired in 2009. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment is up for passage on August 17, 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. Beach – Sale of property at 925 Maple Street
- 2. Beach – Sale of property at 914 Maple Street
- 3. Beach – Sale of property of the southeast corner of Maple Street and Lee Street.
- 4. Beach – Sale of property at 719 Lee Street.
- 5. Beach – Sale of property at 729 Kilburn Avenue
- 6. Beach – Annexation of **1211 North Johnson Avenue.**

\* 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, August 3, 2009, 5:00 p.m.**  
**Conference Room A, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (north room)**  
**AGENDA**

Next meeting scheduled for August 3, 2009.

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**Monday, July 27, 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: Head Start Janitorial Services
  - B. Award of Bid: Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter & ADA Ramps 2009 – Suspend rules
  - C. Emergency Demolition: 921 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Court (Info only)
  - D. Resolution to take Bids/Proposals
  - E. Vouchers

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Monday, July 27, 2009, 5:30 p.m.**  
**CD Conference Room, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor**  
**AGENDA**

1. SWIFTT funding.
2. Memorandum from Dwayne A. Collins, Grants Compliance Specialist II regarding a Healthy Neighborhood Program funding recommendation for Northwest Community Center.

**LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE**

**Monday, August 3, 2009, 4:00 p.m.**  
**Conference Room A, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (north room)**  
**AGENDA**

Next meeting scheduled for August 3, 2009.