



City Council Meeting Agenda

Council Chambers
425 E. State Street
Rockford, IL 61104
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**Monday, August 3, 2026
5:30 PM**

The following represents, in general, the chronological order of proceedings at the City Council/Committee Meetings: Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Public Speaking and City Council/Committee Agendas.

Meeting will be live streamed on Channel 17 and via this link:
<https://rockfordil.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

Items appearing on the City Council Standing Committee Agendas for today's date may receive a vote at committee and come before the City Council meeting tonight held after the committee meeting. Final vote may be taken on said items at the City Council meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

C. Acceptance of the Journal

1. Journal of Proceedings for the City Council meeting held on April 20, 2026.
2. Journal of Proceedings for the City Council meeting held on May 18, 2026.
3. Journal of Proceedings for the Special City Council meeting held on July 13, 2026.

II. PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation proclaiming August 4, 2026, to be "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT" in the City of Rockford, Illinois. [26-00939](#)

III. INFORMATION ONLY

1. Actuarial Presentation [26-00918](#)

IV. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Planning and Development Committee

1. Memorandum from Todd Cagnoni, City Administrator, regarding a proposed funding of \$300,000.00 to support the establishment of a Senior Center in partnership with Living Well Center of Northern Illinois located at 1111 South Alpine Road. Referred to Planning and Development Committee. [26-00934](#)
2. Memorandum from Timothy Hinkens, City Engineer, regarding a Grant Award acceptance for the IEPA - GIGO (Beverly Floodplain Reconnection). Referred to Planning and Development Committee. [26-00961](#)
3. Memorandum from Timothy Hinkens, City Engineer, regarding a Grant Award acceptance for the R1PC - STBG (Harrison Avenue Reconstruction). Referred to Planning and Development Committee. [26-00962](#)
4. Memorandum from Timothy Hinkens, City Engineer, regarding a Grant Award acceptance for the R1PC- TAP (Highcrest MUP). Referred to Planning and Development Committee. [26-00963](#)
5. Memorandum from Todd Cagnoni, City Administrator, regarding amendments to the Rockford Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (DBA GoRockford) Contract for Service Agreement and Lease. Referred to Planning and Development Committee. [26-00964](#)

B. Code and Regulation Committee

1. Memorandum from Rudy Moreno, Historic Preservation Commission Secretary, regarding a proposed Landmark Designation for 1202 Eddy Avenue. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee. [26-00922](#)
2. Memorandum from Joshua Versluys, Assistant City Attorney, regarding the Annexation of 14xx Export Road, 34xx Export Road and 36xx Prairie Road (3598 Export Road). Referred to Code and Regulation Committee. [26-00933](#)
3. Memorandum from Joshua Versluys, Assistant City Attorney, regarding the Annexation Agreement of 14xx Export Road, 34xx Export Road and 36xx Prairie Road (3598 Export Road). Referred to Code and Regulation Committee. [26-00936](#)

C. Finance and Personnel Committee

1. Memorandum from Anna Carlson, Economic Development Director, regarding an application approval and award acceptance of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity State Designated Cultural Districts Grant Award. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee. [26-00940](#)
2. Memorandum from Jennifer Cacciapaglia, Mayor's Office of Domestic and Community Violence Prevention, regarding the approval of a Grant-Funded Subrecipient Agreement with Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee. [26-00955](#)
3. Memorandum from Jennifer Cacciapaglia, Mayor's Office of Domestic and Community Violence Prevention, regarding approval of a Grant-Funded Subrecipient Agreement with Winnebago County Adult Probation. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee. [26-00954](#)
4. Memorandum from Todd Cagnoni, City Administrator, regarding authorization of funding for Concrete Improvements at BMO Center in the amount of \$1,152,116.20. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee. [26-00965](#)
5. Memorandum from Todd Cagnoni, City Administrator, regarding the approval of a resolution declaring intent to form the Rockford Regional Tourism Improvement District fixing the time and place of a public hearing. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee. [26-00966](#)

V. PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. John Tac Brantley
2. Julia Seidlinger
3. Eve Kirk
4. Denzil Wynter
5. Prophet Yusef

VI. NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning and Development Committee**
- B. Code and Regulation Committee**

1. Committee recommends sustaining the Traffic Commission's approval to establish a restriction requiring that traffic on Calderwood Drive be required to stop prior to entering the intersection with Palo Verde Drive, thus repealing the existing traffic control of Calderwood Drive yielding for Palo Verde Drive. [26-00892](#)
2. Committee recommends sustaining the Traffic Commission's recommendation of No Action be taken on the request for additional street lights on 1640 Albany Lane. [26-00894](#)
3. Committee recommends sustaining the Zoning Board of Appeals' approval for a Special Use Permit for six (6) residential units on the ground floor in a C-4, Urban Mixed-Use Zoning District at 134 North Main Street (Oliver Emerson Development/Applicant). Subject to conditions. [26-00867](#)
4. Committee recommends sustaining the Zoning Board of Appeals' approval for a Special Use Permit for residential units on the ground floor in a C-4, Urban Mixed-Use Zoning District at 325 South Madison Street (Oliver Emerson Development/Applicant). Subject to conditions. [26-00868](#)
5. Committee recommends sustaining the Zoning Board of Appeals' denial for a Variation to reduce the side yard setback for a covered patio from six (6) feet to zero (0) feet in an R-1, Single-Family Residential Zoning District at 1232 Soper Avenue (Luis E. Perez/Applicant). [26-00869](#)
6. Committee recommends sustaining the Zoning Board of Appeals' approval for a Special Use Permit for body art services in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District at 210 North Longwood Street (Everardo Rodriguez/Applicant). Subject to conditions. [26-00870](#)
7. Committee recommends sustaining the Zoning Board of Appeals' approval for a Special Use Permit for a Planned Mixed Use Development consisting of ten (10) apartments, a restaurant and banquet hall in an R-2, Two-Family Residential Zoning District at 219 South 2nd Street (Jennifer Spencer of Studio GWA for Centennial United LLC/Applicants). Subject to conditions. [26-00871](#)
8. Committee recommends sustaining the Zoning Board of Appeals' approval for a Special Use Permit for body art services in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District at 1010 East State Street (Tom Baclet/Applicant). Subject to conditions. [26-00873](#)

9. Committee recommends sustaining the Zoning Board of Appeals' approval for a Zoning Map Amendment from R-1, Single-Family Residential Zoning District to C-3, General Commercial Zoning District at 3218 11th Street (Jimmy Smith/Applicant). Subject to conditions. [26-00874](#)
10. Committee recommends denial of a Variation to increase the maximum allowed business identification wall signs from two (2) to three (3) in a C-3, General Commercial Zoning District at 3218 11th Street (Jimmy Smith/Applicant), thus reversing the Zoning Board of Appeals' approval. [26-00919](#)
11. Committee recommends sustaining the Zoning Board of Appeals' approval of the following Text Amendments to the City of Rockford Zoning Ordinances: [26-00876](#)
 - a. Table 20-1 Use Classification Table
 - b. Article 20-005 Lot Area Per Dwelling Unit (Density)
 - c. Article 20-005-G Rear Setbacks
 - d. Table 21-1 Use Classification Table
 - e. Article 30 Mandatory Planned Unit Developments
 - f. Article 35 Infill Overlay District
 - g. Article 50-003 Off-Street Parking Ratios
 - h. Article 50-016 Access Locations and Article 80-003 Nonconforming Uses
 - i. Continuance of Nonconforming Uses
12. Committee recommends sustaining the Liquor and Tobacco Advisory Board's approval for Modification of an existing Liquor License to add packaged liquor sales in conjunction with a restaurant in a C-3, General Commercial Zoning District at 1603 North Alpine Road (Randall Raymond Baker/Baker Street Burgers, LLC dba BD4: A Burger Joint/Applicant). Subject to conditions. [26-00879](#)

C. Finance and Personnel Committee

1. Committee recommends approval of vouchers in the amount of \$9,205,558.55 as approved at the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on July 27, 2026. [26-00904](#)
2. Committee recommends approval of the State Line Area Narcotics Team (SLANT) Interagency Agreement. [26-00906](#)

3. Committee recommends approval of an ordinance authorizing the City of Rockford to utilize funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program at the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and Application of Loan for Lead Service Line Replacements. [26-00908](#)

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER

A. Planning and Development Committee

1. Committee recommends approval of the proposed Funding Agreement with Goodwill in partnership with IBEW Local 364 for Electrical Workers Trades Program to better prepare individuals for IBEW application process in the amount of \$85,172.00. The funding source is Casino Funds. (LAID OVER JULY 20, 2026) [26-00663](#)

B. Code and Regulation Committee

C. Finance and Personnel Committee

VIII. OFFICERS REPORTS

IX. ELECTION

1. Election of alderperson to serve as Acting Mayor pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-50(f). [26-00937](#)

X. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Planning and Development Committee

1. Committee recommends approval of the Spaces to Places Program, which is intended to reduce commercial vacancies and support small business growth by providing temporary rent assistance for new or expanding businesses. The city will reimburse security deposits and 50% of rent for up to 12 months for a total funding level of up to \$20,000.00 per business. The program will have \$300,000.00 designated from 2026 and 2027 Casino Funds. (LAID OVER JULY 20, 2026) [26-00763](#)

B. Code and Regulation Committee

1. Committee recommends approval of the request from the Traffic Commission for the City of Rockford, Illinois to approve the installation of a street light near 2415 Quincy Circle. [26-00893](#)

2. Committee recommends approval of the 815 Day Block Party [26-00883](#)

This event is scheduled for Saturday, August 15th. The location of the event is the 100 block of North 1st Street and the event time is 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

3. Committee recommends approval of the Polish Fest [26-00884](#)

This event is scheduled for Sunday, August 16th. The event will be held on the grounds of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church located at 201 Buckbee Street, and the event time is 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

4. Committee recommends approval of the PCI Employee Picnic [26-00885](#)

This event is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15th. The location of the event is 4545 Assembly Drive, and will take place during open business hours. Assembly Drive will be closed from Research Parkway to Airport Drive during the picnic.

C. Finance and Personnel Committee

1. Committee recommends approval of a plan of acquisition of 4100 East State Street by the Rockford Board of Library Trustees. (LAID OVER JULY 20, 2026) [26-00835](#)

2. Committee recommends approval of the Award of Bid: Demolition Water Material Dump Site (Bid No. 526-W-046) to N-TRAK Group, of Loves Park, Illinois, and TR Equipment, of Rockford, Illinois in the combined estimated annual amount of \$100,000.00 (based on unit pricing). The contract duration is one (1) year with four (4) possible annual extension options. Annual price adjustments will be reviewed and considered at contract renewal only. The funding source is the Water Operating Fund. [26-00909](#)

3. Committee recommends approval of the Award of Bid: City Wide Drainage Repair Package 1 (Bid No. 626-PW-054) to DPI Construction Inc., of Pecatonica, Illinois in the amount of \$113,879.46. The contract duration is through October 2, 2026. The funding source is the CIP General Fund. [26-00910](#)

4. Committee recommends approval of the Award of Bid: City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs Package #2 2026 (Bid No. 626-PW-053) to T.C.I. Concrete, of Rockford, Illinois in the amount of \$440,806.15. The contract duration is through September 18, 2026. The funding source is the 1% Infrastructure Sales Tax. [26-00911](#)

5. Committee recommends approval of the Award of Bid: Head Start and Early Head Start Child Care Meals (Bid No: 626-HS-056) to Delicious Unlimited, of Gurnee, Illinois in the not-to-exceed annual amount of \$100,000.00. The contract duration is one (1) year with four (4) possible one-year extension options. Annual price adjustments for CPI considered at contract renewal only. The funding source is Head Start Grant Funds. [26-00914](#)
6. Committee recommends approval of the Award of Joint Purchasing Contract: Squad Car Cameras to AXON Enterprises Inc., of Scottsdale, Arizona in the total amount of \$71,318.41. This is a one-time purchase. The funding source is the Police Department Operating Budget. [26-00917](#)
7. Committee recommends approval of the Fifth Supplemental Indenture Resolution regarding the Industrial Project Revenue Bonds (Wesley Willows Project), Series 2011. [26-00913](#)
8. Committee recommends approval of the Grant-Funded Subrecipient Agreement with Comprehensive Community Solutions in an amount not-to-exceed \$30,359.45. The agreement period is from July 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027. If approved, the grant funds will be used to provide community outreach, trauma-informed case management, victim support services, and administration costs of the Emergency Victims Flex Fund. [26-00907](#)
9. Committee recommends approval and acceptance of the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Illinois Fiscal Year 2027 Organized Retail Crime (ORC) Grant Award in the amount of \$100,000.00. The grant does not require a cost match. The grant term is from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. The grant award, if accepted, will provide funds used to partially pay for the 2027 annual subscription renewal fees for Flock Safety License Plate Reader Video Wing Enhanced and officer attendance to the Cook County Regional Organized Crime Conference. [26-00912](#)

D. City Council

1. Motion to Discharge the Code and Regulation Committee from Consideration of the Committee Report to Establish Moratorium on Data Centers and Complete Evaluation of Best Practices to Regulate the Development, Expansion, and Operation of Data Centers in the City of Rockford. [26-00958](#)

XI. NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS - CONTINUED

D. City Council

1. Request for a moratorium on data centers and directing the City Administrator, and designees to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of best practices for regulating the development, expansion, and operation of data centers within the City of Rockford. [26-00902](#)

XII. NEW BUSINESS ORDINANCES

A. Planning and Development Committee

1. An ordinance approving the Funding Agreement with Goodwill in partnership with IBEW Local 364 for Electrical Workers Trades Program to better prepare individuals for IBEW application process in the amount of \$85,172.00. The funding source is Casino Funds. [26-00785](#)

B. Code and Regulation Committee

1. An ordinance establishing a restriction requiring that traffic on Calderwood Drive be required to stop prior to entering the intersection with Palo Verde Drive, thus repealing the existing traffic control of Calderwood Drive yielding for Palo Verde Drive. [26-00924](#)
2. An ordinance approving a Special Use Permit for six (6) residential units on the ground floor in a C-4, Urban Mixed-Use Zoning District at 134 North Main Street (Oliver Emerson Development/Applicant). [26-00925](#)
3. An ordinance approving a Special Use Permit for residential units on the ground floor in a C-4, Urban Mixed-Use Zoning District at 325 South Madison Street (Oliver Emerson Development/Applicant). [26-00926](#)
4. An ordinance approving a Special Use Permit for body art services in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District at 210 North Longwood Street (Everardo Rodriguez/Applicant). [26-00927](#)
5. An ordinance approving a Special Use Permit for a Planned Mixed Use Development consisting of ten (10) apartments, a restaurant and banquet hall in an R-2, Two-Family Residential Zoning District at 219 South 2nd Street (Jennifer Spencer of Studio GWA for Centennial United LLC/Applicants). [26-00928](#)
6. An ordinance approving a Special Use Permit for body art services in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District at 1010 East State Street (Tom Baclet/Applicant). [26-00929](#)

7. An ordinance approving a Zoning Map Amendment from R-1, Single-Family Residential Zoning District to C-3, General Commercial Zoning District at 3218 11th Street (Jimmy Smith/Applicant). [26-00930](#)
8. An ordinance approving the following Text Amendments to the City of Rockford Zoning Ordinances: [26-00932](#)
 - a. Table 20-1 Use Classification Table
 - b. Article 20-005 Lot Area Per Dwelling Unit (Density)
 - c. Article 20-005-G Rear Setbacks
 - d. Table 21-1 Use Classification Table
 - e. Article 30 Mandatory Planned Unit Developments
 - f. Article 35 Infill Overlay District
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C. Finance and Personnel Committee

1. An ordinance approving the State Line Area Narcotics Team (SLANT) Interagency Agreement. [26-00920](#)
2. An ordinance authorizing the City of Rockford to utilize funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program at the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and Application of Loan for Lead Service Line Replacements. [26-00921](#)

D. City Council

1. An ordinance approving a moratorium on data centers and directing the City Administrator and designees to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of best practices for regulating the development, expansion and operation of data centers within the City of Rockford. [26-00959](#)

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

THE CITY OF ROCKFORD INTENDS TO COMPLY WITH THE INTENT AND SPIRIT OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. IF A SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER, PERSONAL P.A. SYSTEM, OR OTHER SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE CALL THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT AT (779) 348-7391 AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE, SO WE CAN BE PREPARED TO ASSIST YOU.