



Code and Regulation Committee

Meeting Minutes

425 E. State Street
Rockford, IL 61104
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Monday, March 9, 2026
5:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ald. Bonne at 5:38 p.m.

The invocation was offered by Ald. Torina

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor McNamara presented a Proclamation to the Irish Marching Society.

Mayor McNamara announced that the Chicago Storm Special Hockey Team was present, and that they had just arrived back in town from Toronto, Canada where they were in a competition and were undefeated. The Mayor further explained that this team provides children and adults with developmental disabilities an opportunity to play hockey. The team was congratulated and each team member was presented with a challenge coin.

Mayor McNamara announced that sadly Suni Puri recently passed away. He spoke about Mr. Puri's contributions to the City of Rockford, and asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of him.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

1. Erica Reed spoke about the contributions that were made by former Presidents Carter and Regan concerning domestic violence. She also spoke about the importance of mental health, and the need for more support for domestic violence.
2. Norma Joseph spoke on behalf of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Iota Upsilon Sigma Chapter regarding the 4th annual Swim Clinic that will be held on July 11th from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Aquatic Pool, which is located at 910 Acorn Street. She noted that sponsorships or donations will be greatly appreciated.
3. Prophet Yusef quoted scripture, and spoke about the importance of Women's Month.
4. Denzil Wynter spoke about the importance of Women's Month, and he talked about the important women in his life.
5. John Tac Brantley spoke about Rev. Jesse Jackson, and his legacy. Mr. Brantley also spoke about racism.

Present

Alderman Gabrielle Torina
Alderman Janessa Wilkins
Alderman Mark Bonne
Tamir Bell
Aprel Prunty

II. RESOLUTIONS**1. Memorial Day Parade [26-00246](#)**

This event is scheduled for May 25th from 8 a.m. - Noon. Organizers request City support for Police, Fire, and traffic control assistance. Organizers anticipate costs similar to 2025 event (approximately \$17,000).

The parade will step off at 9 a.m., and the route will begin at 7th Street and 5th Avenue ending at Memorial Hall on Wyman Street.

A motion was made by Bell, seconded by Alderman Wilkins, that this Resolution be Approved by committee to the City Council.

Aye: Alderman Torina, Alderman Wilkins, Alderman Bonne, Bell, and Prunty

2. Cars and Coffee [26-00247](#)

This event is scheduled for the following dates:

April 4th, May 2nd, June 6th, July 4th, August 1st, September 5th, and October 3rd from 9 a.m. - Noon.

The event will take place on 7th Street between 3rd Avenue and 6th Avenue; and on 3rd Avenue and 4th Avenue between 6th Street and 7th Street.

A motion was made by Alderman Wilkins, seconded by Bell, that this Resolution be Approved by committee to the City Council.

Aye: Alderman Torina, Alderman Wilkins, Alderman Bonne, Bell, and Prunty

3. No Kings 3.0 [26-00248](#)

This event is scheduled for March 28th from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Roads will close at 9 a.m. The event will take place at 116 North Water Street (City Market Pavilion)

A motion was made by Bell, seconded by Alderman Wilkins, that this Resolution be Approved by committee to the City Council.

Aye: Alderman Torina, Alderman Wilkins, Alderman Bonne, Bell, and Prunty

4. Churchill Grove Garage Sale [26-00249](#)

This event is scheduled for May 2nd from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The sale will take place in the Churchill Grove Neighborhood.

A motion was made by Bell, seconded by Alderman Wilkins, that this Resolution be Approved by committee to the City Council.

Aye: Alderman Torina, Alderman Wilkins, Alderman Bonne, Bell, and Prunty

III. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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