



Planning and Development Committee

Meeting Minutes

425 E. State Street
Rockford, IL 61104
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Monday, January 26, 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>.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Alderwoman Wilkins, called the meeting to order at 5:39 PM. Alderman Durkee arrived at 6:05 PM.

Present	Alderman Tim Durkee Alderman Karen Hoffman Alderman Janessa Wilkins Alderman Jaime Salgado
Absent	Alderman Gina Meeks

II. INVOCATION

Pastor Violet Johnicker of Table of Grace gave the invocation. Alderwoman Wilkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC SPEAKING

1. Erica Reed gave an update on the educational requirements on domestic violence for law makers and judges.
2. Denzil Wynter spoke about the treatment of African American soldiers serving in World War II.
3. Prophet Yusef quoted scripture and discussed the types of resolutions that should be made.
4. Steven McMaster expressed frustration with City rules and ordinances.
5. Ken Dickens discussed the events in Minnesota, racial profiling and protesting.

IV. INFORMATION ONLY

- 1. **2026 Current and Future Land Use Update Presentation.** [26-00087](#)

Scott Capovilla, Planning and Zoning Manager, and Colin Belle, Comprehensive Planning and Design Coordinator, gave a brief review of the updates to the City of Rockford's Current and Future Land Use Map. The update is to help ensure that further land-use decisions align with the City's long-term development vision as outlined in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. They went on to highlight the updated maps provide more detail and are interactive before taking questions.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. **Approval of the Proposed Funding Agreement with Northwestern Illinois Area Agency on Aging, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation (NIAAA) for the establishment of a Senior Center at 5505 East State Street. The funding source is a reallocation of unspent ARPA Plan/ Major Corridor Signage Funds not to exceed \$300,000.** [25-00167](#)

Alderman Hoffman made a motion to approve. Alderman Durkee seconded. There was no discussion. MOTION PREVAILED 4 to 0 by roll call vote.

Aye: Alderman Durkee, Alderman Hoffman, Alderman Wilkins, and Alderman Salgado

Absent: Alderman Meeks

- 2. **Approval of the proposed Funding Agreement and Lease Agreement for 713 E. State Street (Shumway Building) with Rockford Area Arts Council for 2026 through 2028 in the amount of \$125,000 annually for a total amount of \$375,000. The funding source is the City's Redevelopment Fund.** [26-00086](#)

Alderman Hoffman made a motion to approve. Alderman Durkee seconded. After discussion, MOTION PREVAILED 4 to 0 by roll call vote.

Aye: Alderman Durkee, Alderman Hoffman, Alderman Wilkins, and Alderman Salgado

Absent: Alderman Meeks

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hoffman made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Durkee seconded. MOTION PREVAILED by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

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