



Code and Regulation Committee

Meeting Minutes

425 E. State Street
Rockford, IL 61104
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Monday, March 23, 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

Present

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

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. 609 Kilburn Avenue

[26-00313](#)

Zoning Board of Appeals recommends denial for a:

- a. Special Use Permit for a Planned Use Development consisting of a ground mount solar array within the existing parking lot; and
- b. Variation to allow a chain-link fence within the front yard along Acorn Street; and
- c. Variation to increase the fence height from four (4) feet to six (6) feet within the front yard along Acorn Street in an R-2, Two-Family Residential Zoning District at 609 Kilburn Avenue (Greenlink Solar Solutions for the Boys and Girls Club of Rockford/Applicants)

Ald. Bell made a motion to reverse the denial. Ald. Meeks wanted to know why the ZBA denied the request. Scott Capovilla, Planning and Zoning Manager for the City of Rockford explained that the request was denied based on Staff's recommendation. He further explained that Staff does not recommend putting solar panels a parking lot. Also, Staff did not like the idea of the chain link fence in the front yard, and it would be too high.

Ald. Bonne noted that in the report provided, the Boys and Girls Club stated that they did not need the parking that this proposed project would encompass.

Ald. Torina wanted to know if the neighbors were informed of this potential project. Mr.

Capovilla stated that all of the adjacent neighbors were notified of the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing in February.

Ald. Wilkins noted that she will not support the project because she feels that the solar panel set up would pose a safety hazard. However, if another plan were proposed that had the solar panels in a better location, she would consider supporting the project.

Ald. Bell noted his support for this project.

Ald. Wilkins stated that she would like to see the Work Force Development Agreement that may be tied to the project should it move forward.

Ald. Frost commented that he is also concerned about solar panels being located on the parking lot.

Ald. Torina commented that at this time she is not in favor of this project, and she will vote in favor of sustaining the denial.

Ald. Bell stated that there is a similar set-up in the Blackhawk area. Ald. Bell also noted that the developer was present. Ald. Bell made a motion to have this item layover for three (3) weeks. The motion was seconded by Ald. Wilkins. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: Alderman Bonne

2. 1616 South Main Street [26-00314](#)

Traffic Commission recommends approval to establish a No Parking restriction from 6 a.m.- 4 p.m. Monday through Friday on the north side of Graham Street from 70 feet east of South Main Street to 160 feet east of South Main Street

A motion was made by Ald. Bell, and was seconded by Ald. Wilkins. Ald. Torina wanted to know the reason for the request. Jeremy Carter, Traffic Engineer for the City of Rockford explained that personnel for Miller Engineering believe that individuals are parking on Graham and taking public transportation to the downtown area for work. The cars that are being parked in this area creates difficulties to the trucks attempting to use the loading dock.

Ald. Prunty asked why would people want to park there and take public transportation to their jobs. Mr. Carter stated that it may be because people do not wish to pay for a parking pass in the downtown lots. After further discussion, the motion carried by the following vote:

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

3. 1616 South Main Street & Graham Street [26-00315](#)

Traffic Commission recommends approval to establish a Commercial Loading Zone restriction on the south side of Graham Street from South Main Street to 70 feet east of South Main Street

A motion was made by Ald. Bell, and seconded by Ald. Bonne. There was no discussion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

4. 1st Street -Official Car Parking [26-00316](#)

Traffic Commission recommends approval to establish an Official Car Parking Only Restriction on the west side of 1st Street from 145 feet south of Walnut Street to 195 feet south of Walnut Street

A motion was made by Ald. Bell, and seconded by Ald. Torina. There was no discussion on this item. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

5. No Action Item: [26-00317](#)

Traffic Commission recommends that No Action be taken on the following item:

A request to establish all-way stop control at the intersection of Calvin Park Boulevard and Greenwood Avenue, thus repealing the existing traffic control of Greenwood Avenue stopping for Calvin Park Boulevard

A motion was made by Ald. Torina, and seconded by Ald. Bonne. Ald. Bell wanted to know more about the request. Mr. Carter explained that the request was made by a resident of Calvin Park. He further explained that the Traffic Commission made a recommendation of No Action based on traffic volume, and the number of accidents at the location, and according to the data, there were no speeding issues at said location.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

III. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

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