



City Council Meeting Agenda

Council Chambers
425 E. State Street
Rockford, IL 61104
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**Monday, July 20, 2026
5:35 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 Special City Council meeting held on July 13, 2026.

II. PROCLAMATIONS

III. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the City Council of the City of Rockford, Winnebago and Ogle Counties, Illinois to Sell Not to Exceed \$103,000,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source). [26-00880](#)

IV. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Planning and Development Committee

B. Code and Regulation Committee

1. Zoning Board of Appeals' Agenda for the meeting to be held on July 21, 2026 and Minutes from that meeting for consideration at the Code and Regulation Committee meeting on July 27, 2026. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee. [26-00826](#)

2. Liquor and Tobacco Advisory Board's Agenda for the meeting to be held on July 21, 2026 and Minutes from that meeting for consideration at the Code and Regulation Committee meeting on July 27, 2026. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee. [26-00827](#)
3. Memorandum from Martin Bloom, Project Manager-Permits and Special Events, regarding upcoming special events which include: 815 Day Block Party, Polish Fest and PCI Employee Picnic. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee. [26-00882](#)
4. Memorandum from Alderman Jonathan Logemann regarding a proposed resolution establishing a moratorium on data centers and directs 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. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee. [26-00901](#)

C. Finance and Personnel Committee

1. Memorandum from Joshua Versluys, Assistant City Attorney, regarding a Lease Agreement between the City of Rockford and Lease Agreement between the City of Rockford and Theresa McDermott d/b/a Souljah Wellness for the property located at 211 Elm St., Section A. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee. [26-00881](#)
2. Memorandum from Tretara Flowers, Mayor's Office of Domestic and Community Violence Prevention, regarding the approval of the Subrecipient Agreement with Comprehensive Community Solutions. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee. [26-00891](#)
3. Memorandum from Charlotte Hoss, City Attorney, regarding the consideration and approval of the State Line Area Narcotics Team Interagency Agreement. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee. [26-00895](#)
4. Memorandum from Jamie Rott, Water Superintendent, regarding an IEPA Revolving Loan Fund Application Approval and Authorizing Ordinance(s) for Lead Service Line Replacements. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee. [26-00896](#)
5. Memorandum from Carol Jaworowski, Police Finance Analyst, regarding the acceptance of FY27 Organized Retail Crime (ORC) Grant Award. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee. [26-00897](#)

6. Memorandum from Angela Hammer, Legal Director, regarding approval of the Fifth Supplemental Indenture Resolution regarding the Industrial Project Revenue Bonds (Wesley Willows Project), Series 2011. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee. [26-00899](#)

V. PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. Ken Dickens
2. Jeff Tilly
3. John Roberts
4. Christopher Bayer
5. Grace Bayer

VI. NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning and Development Committee

1. Committee recommends denial 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. [26-00663](#)

B. Code and Regulation Committee

1. Committee recommends approval of Plat No. 2 of Rosewood Subdivision. [26-00828](#)

This is a re-plat of an existing lot that was approved for a duplex development at 6002 Phaeton Drive.

C. Finance and Personnel Committee

1. Committee recommends approval of vouchers in the amount of \$18,293,651.23 as approved at the Finance and Personnel Committee held on July 13, 2026. [26-00833](#)
2. Committee recommends approval of the request to use up to \$200,000.00 of Casino Funds to assist in qualified relocation funds. [26-00834](#)
3. Committee recommends approval of the proposed sale of the city-owned property located at 218 South Independence Avenue (PIN: 11-21-285-004) under the City's Mow-to-Own Program to Christie C. Williams. [26-00836](#)

D. Legislative and Lobbying Committee

1. Committee recommends approval of the renewal of a Professional Services Contract with Zephyr Government Strategies for \$10,000.00 per month for the City of Rockford's 2026 Lobbying Services. [26-00669](#)

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER

A. Planning and Development Committee

1. Committee recommends approval of an ordinance terminating the Global Trade Park South Redevelopment Project Area and the Dissolution of the Special Tax Allocation Fund for Global Trade Park South Tax Increment Financing District. (LAID OVER JUNE 29, 2026) [26-00764](#)
2. Committee recommends approval of an ordinance approving the South Rockford Industrial Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Project Area. (LAID OVER JUNE 29, 2026) [26-00765](#)
3. Committee recommends approval of an ordinance designating the South Rockford Industrial Redevelopment Project Area. (LAID OVER JUNE 29, 2026) [26-00766](#)
4. Committee recommends approval of an ordinance adopting Tax Increment Allocation Financing for the South Rockford Industrial Redevelopment Project Area. (LAID OVER JUNE 29, 2026) [26-00767](#)

B. Code and Regulation Committee

1. Committee recommends denial of the Annexation of 14xx Edson Road, 15xx Edson Road, 16xx Edson Road and a portion of 8631 11th Street. [26-00715](#)

The subject property is currently agricultural farmland. The contract purchaser plans to develop an industrial subdivision on this land. (LAID OVER JUNE 29, 2026)
2. Committee recommends denial of the Annexation Agreement for 14xx, 15xx and 16xx Edson Road and a portion of 8631 11th Street. (LAID OVER JUNE 29, 2026) [26-00716](#)
3. Committee recommends denial of the Zoning Map Amendment from County AG to I-3, Airport Industrial Zoning District at 14xx, 15xx, and 16xx Edson Road and a portion of 8631 11th Street (Venture One Acquisitions, LLC/Applicants), thus reversing the Zoning Board of Appeals' recommendation of approval. (LAID OVER JUNE 29, 2026) [26-00717](#)

C. Finance and Personnel Committee**VIII. OFFICERS REPORTS****IX. APPOINTMENTS**

1. Reappointment of Jeremiah Griffin to the Community Action Advisory Board as a private sector member for a term ending June 2029. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this reappointment will be up for passage after July 1, 2026.) [26-00695](#)
2. Reappointment of Mary Cacioppi to the Community Action Advisory Board as a private sector member for a term ending July 2029. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this reappointment will be up for passage after July 1, 2026). [26-00696](#)

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 JUNE 29, 2026) [26-00763](#)

B. Code and Regulation Committee

1. Committee recommends approval of the RockYard Music Fest [26-00829](#)
This is a new event celebrating the spirit, energy, and identity of Rockford. The event is scheduled for Friday, August 14th from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and Saturday, August 15th from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The event will be held in Davis Park, 320 South Wyman Street.
2. Committee recommends approval of the RAMP River Run [26-00830](#)
This is an annual 5k run/walk event. The event will be held on August 15th from 5:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The run will begin at 6:30 a.m. The event location will be at 202 Market Street at Water Street - City Market Pavilion, Madison Street, Rock River Recreational Path.

C. Finance and Personnel Committee

1. Committee recommends approval of the Award of Bid: 2026 City-Wide Pavement Marking (Thermo) (Bid No. 526-PW-045) to Precision Pavement Markings, Inc., of Pingree Grove, Illinois in the amount of \$85,211.70. The contract duration is through October 2, 2026. The funding source is Motor Fuel Tax Funds. [26-00840](#)

2. Committee recommends approval of the Award of Bid: City Wide Street Repairs Group No. 6 - 2026 (Alleys) (Bid No. 626-PW-050) to Stenstrom Excavation in the amount of \$434,060.50. The contract duration is through October 2, 2026. The funding source is 1% Infrastructure Sales Tax / Parking Fund. [26-00841](#)
3. Committee recommends approval of the Award of RFP: Environmental Review and Assessment Services (RFP No. 326-CD-021) to ECS Midwest, LLC., of Buffalo Grove, Illinois, Professional Environmental Engineers, Inc., of Saint Louis, Missouri, and Specialty Consulting, Inc., of Chicago, Illinois in the annual estimated amount of \$84,450.00. The contract duration is one (1) year with four (4) possible one-year extensions. The funding sources are Various Grants. [26-00838](#)
4. Committee recommends approval of the Award of Joint Purchasing Contract: Command Vehicle Upfitting to MacQueen Equipment LLC., of Saint Paul, Minnesota in the amount of \$90,671.36. This is a one-time purchase. The funding source is Capital Lease Funds / Fire Department Capital Budget. [26-00842](#)
5. Committee recommends approval of the Renewal of Contract: Neighborly Software (Grant Management System) to Benevate, LLC., of Atlanta, Georgia in the amount of \$29,672.00. The contract duration is from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. The funding sources are the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) Grants, and the Community & Economic Development Operating Budget. [26-00839](#)
6. Committee recommends approval of a plan of acquisition of 4100 East State Street by the Rockford Board of Library Trustees. [26-00835](#)
7. Committee recommends approval and acceptance of the Illinois Attorney General's Office, Violent Crime Victims Assistance (VCVA) Grant Award in the amount of \$63,505.00. 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 be used to fund continued support for a full-time Front-Line Crisis Navigator. [26-00843](#)

8. Committee recommends approval and acceptance of the Department of Justice (DOJ)/Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Grant to Improve the Criminal Justice Response (ICJR) Program Award, Fiscal Year 2025 in the amount of \$500,000.00. The grant does not require a cost match. The grant term is from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2029. The grant award, if accepted, will be used to fund one full-time Family Peace Center Legal Advocate and one part-time Case Manager. [26-00844](#)
9. Award of Bid: South Pierpont Avenue Resurfacing 2026 to T.C.I. Concrete, of Rockford, Illinois in the amount of \$503,373.43. The contract duration is through October 9, 2026. The funding source is Lincolnwood TIF Funds. [26-00886](#)
10. Approval of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Grant-Funded Subrecipient Agreement with Rosecrance (2003) in an amount not to exceed \$193,320.00. The agreement term is from June 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027. If approved, the funds will be used to provide eligible clients with housing and supportive services, and administrative costs. [26-00887](#)
11. Approval of Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Grant-Funded Subrecipient Agreement with Rosecrance (Consolidated) in an amount not to exceed \$1,049,712.00. The agreement term is from May 1, 2026, through April 30, 2027. If approved, the funds will be used to provide eligible clients with housing and supportive services, and administrative costs. [26-00888](#)
12. Acceptance of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Rosecrance Consolidated Grant Award in the amount of \$1,074,080.00. The grant does require a cost match in the amount of \$268,520.00, which will be provided by Rosecrance. The grant term is from May 1, 2026, to April 30, 2027. If accepted, the funds will be used to provide tenant-based rental assistance and administrative costs. [26-00889](#)
13. Acceptance of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Rosecrance 2003 Grant Award in the amount of \$201,379.00. The grant does require a cost match in the amount of \$50,344.75, which will be provided by Rosecrance. The grant term is from May 1, 2026, to April 30, 2027. If accepted, the funds will be used to provide tenant-based rental assistance and administrative costs. [26-00890](#)

XI. NEW BUSINESS ORDINANCES

A. Code and Regulation Committee

1. An ordinance approving the Sale of Packaged Liquor (Class PKG) in conjunction with a grocery store in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District at 2614 and 2600 Kilburn Avenue (Somabhai Patel/Shiv Dristi, LLC dba Jasmine Pantry/Applicants), subject to conditions. [26-00812](#)
2. An ordinance related to the Annexation of 14xx Edson Road, 15xx Edson Road, 16xx Edson Road and a portion of 8631 11th Street. [26-00791](#)
3. An ordinance related to the Annexation Agreement for 14xx, 15xx and 16xx Edson Road and a portion of 8631 11th Street. [26-00792](#)
4. An ordinance related to the Zoning Map Amendment from County AG to I-3, Airport Industrial Zoning District at 14xx, 15xx, and 16xx Edson Road and a portion of 8631 11th Street (Venture One Acquisitions, LLC/Applicants). [26-00793](#)

B. Planning and Development Committee

1. An ordinance related to 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](#)
2. An ordinance approving the termination of the Global Trade Park South Redevelopment Project Area and the Dissolution of the Special Tax Allocation Fund for Global Trade Park South Tax Increment Financing District. [26-00783](#)
3. An ordinance approving the South Rockford Industrial Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Project Area. [26-00784](#)
4. An ordinance designating the South Rockford Industrial Redevelopment Project Area. [26-00786](#)
5. An ordinance adopting Tax Increment Allocation Financing for the South Rockford Industrial Redevelopment Project Area. [26-00787](#)

C. Finance and Personnel Committee

1. An ordinance approving the request to use up to \$200,000.00 of Casino Funds to assist in qualified relocation funds. [26-00864](#)
2. An ordinance approving the sale of the city-owned property located at 218 South Independence Avenue (PIN: 11-21-285-004) under the City's Mow-to-Own Program to Christie C. Williams. [26-00865](#)

D. Legislative and Lobbying Committee

1. An ordinance approving the renewal of a Professional Services Contract with Zephyr Government Strategies for \$10,000.00 per month for the City of Rockford's 2026 Lobbying Services. [26-00866](#)

XII. 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.