



Legislative and Lobbying Meeting Minutes

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Monday, June 8, 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 Kevin Frost
Alderman Aprel Prunty
Alderman Gina Meeks
Alderman Jaime Salgado
Alderman Chad Tuneberg

Alderman Frost called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

II. PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. Kari Humphrey spoke against the proposed TIF and shared her concerns regarding the negative impact data centers have on the environment. She implored the council members to vote against the TIF and any potential data center development.
2. Denzil Wynter spoke about the history of Juneteenth and urged residents of all nationalities to unite together and learn to live in peace with each other.
3. Prophet Yusef recited a passage of scripture and spoke about the negative impacts the Medicaid cuts would have on low-income families.
4. John Tac Brantley stated that approximately 3,000 African Americans voted in the last election and he mentioned he was working to increase the voter registration within the African American community.
5. Jackie de Batista from Farmers Rising stated that she serves on a task force working to identify practical solutions to ensure all residents have regular access to fresh, healthy and affordable foods. She encouraged the aldermen to vote in favor of the Mobile Grocery Store Initiative.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. 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](#)

Alderman Frost, on behalf of the Legislative and Lobbying Committee, read in the committee report.

Alderman Salgado moved to approve the committee report, seconded by Alderman Frost.

Alderman Prunty moved to lay this item over for 30 days, seconded by Alderman Meeks. MOTION PREVAILED with a roll call vote of 3 to 2 (Aldermen Tuneberg and Frost voted "No").

The item was then LAID OVER.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Meeks moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Salgado. MOTION PREVAILED with a unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

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