



# Planning and Development Committee

## Meeting Minutes

425 E. State Street  
Rockford, IL 61104  
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Monday, March 23, 2026  
5:30 PM

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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 5:35 PM.

<b>Present</b>	Alderman Karen Hoffman Alderman Janessa Wilkins Alderman Gina Meeks Alderman Jaime Salgado
<b>Absent</b>	Alderman Tim Durkee

### II. INVOCATION

Pastor Cameron Henderson of City First Church gave the invocation. Alderwoman Wilkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### III. PROCLAMATION

Mayor McNamara read in a proclamation proclaiming the month of March 2026 to be Social Work Month in the City of Rockford, Illinois.

### IV. PUBLIC SPEAKING

1. Andrew Petrocelli introduced himself and announced his running as an independent candidate for County Clerk.
2. Matthew Wylder voiced his opinion about the data center.
3. Prophet Yusef quoted scripted and spoke about how to reduce gun violence.
4. Alexander Thingvold expressed support for a data center that is done ethically and is socially minded.
5. Carson Reed spoke about the negative impact of AI.

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 1. Committee recommends approval of the 2040 Future Land Use Map. [26-00318](#)

Colin Belle, Comprehensive Planning & Design Coordinator, gave a brief explanation of the future land use map. Highlighting that the updates are not changes in zoning or authorization for development but policy guide. He went on to display the difference between the current and updated map. One of the notable changes from the 2011 map is the inclusion of water ways that had been previously absent. Mr. Belle went on to discuss some of the input received from the 30-day comment period before discussion next steps. After the presentation Mr. Belle took questions from the aldermen.

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

**Aye:** Alderman Hoffman, Alderman Wilkins, Alderman Meeks, and Alderman Salgado

**Absent:** Alderman Durkee

- 2. Committee recommends approval of the Funding Agreement with Phantom Regiment, Inc., an Illinois not-for-profit corporation located at 5608 International Drive in the not to exceed amount of \$100,000.00 over two years (\$60,000.00 in 2026 and \$40,000.00 in 2027). The funding source is Casino Foundation funds. [26-00251](#)

Alderman Hoffman made a motion to approve. Alderman Salgado seconded. After discussion, MOTION PREVAILED 3 to 1 by roll call vote.

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

**Nay:** Alderman Meeks

**Absent:** Alderman Durkee

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Hoffman made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Salgado seconded. MOTION PREVAILED by unanimous voice vote. The meeting closed at 6:40 PM.

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