

**RECOMMENDATION FOR RESOLUTION**

**TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKFORD:**

Council Members:

The Committee on Planning and Development having received a request hereby begs leave to report recommending **approval** of the proposed 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 per business. The Program will have \$300,000 designated from 2026 and 2027 Casino Funds. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate resolution.

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Janessa Neal (Chair)

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Tim Durkee (Vice Chair)

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Karen Hoffman

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Dawn Granath

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Gina Meeks

Committee Action Taken: June 12, 2026

Neal:                   Ayes:\_\_\_ Nays:\_\_\_ Absent:\_\_\_

Durkee:               Ayes:\_\_\_ Nays:\_\_\_ Absent:\_\_\_

Hoffman:             Ayes:\_\_\_ Nays:\_\_\_ Absent:\_\_\_

Granath:             Ayes:\_\_\_ Nays:\_\_\_ Absent:\_\_\_

Meeks:           Ayes:\_\_\_ Nays:\_\_\_\_\_ Absent:\_\_\_\_\_