



City Council Meeting Agenda

Council Chambers
425 E. State Street
Rockford, IL 61104
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**Tuesday, February 17, 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>.

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 City Council meeting held on December 1, 2025.

II. PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring February 2026 to be Black History Month in the City of Rockford, Illinois. [26-00182](#)

III. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Planning and Development Committee

1. Memorandum from Sarah Leys, Community and Economic Development Director, regarding the 2026 Funding Agreement with the Greater Rockford Chamber of Commerce. Referred to Planning and Development Committee. [26-00184](#)

B. Code and Regulation Committee

1. Zoning Board of Appeals' Agenda for the meeting to be held on February 18, 2026 and Minutes from that meeting for consideration at the Code and Regulation Committee meeting on February 23, 2026. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee. [26-00142](#)

2. Liquor and Tobacco Advisory Board's Agenda for the meeting to be held on February 18, 2026 and Minutes from that meeting for consideration at the Code and Regulation Committee meeting on February 23, 2026. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee. [26-00143](#)
 3. Memorandum from Martin Bloom, Project Manager-Permits and Special Events, regarding upcoming special events which include: St. Patrick's Day Parade, Spruce Up Day 2026, Rockford Area Pride Parade, Lifescape 4th of July Classic, 4th of July Festivities, and One Table: An Open-Air Dining Experience. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee. [26-00183](#)
 4. Memorandum from Scott Capovilla, Planning and Zoning Manager, regarding Plat No. 5 of Perryville Promenade Subdivision. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee. [26-00195](#)
- C. Finance and Personnel Committee**
1. Memorandum from Anne Wilkerson, Central Services Manager, regarding the sale of two Ford Explorers to BMO Police. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee. [26-00144](#)
 2. Memorandum from Charlotte Hoss, City Attorney, regarding Trustee Property Lien Waivers. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee. [26-00179](#)
 3. Memorandum from Owen Carter, Deputy Director of Operations for Health and Human Services, regarding the approval and acceptance of the Homeless System Capacity Expansion Pilot Program. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee. [26-00181](#)
 4. Memorandum from Jacob Rubin, Assistant City Attorney, regarding a lien waiver request for 2213 Wentworth Avenue. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee. [26-00189](#)
 5. Memorandum from Todd Cagnoni, City Administrator, regarding the proposed 2026 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for a Three-Year Property Tax Rebate Program for Newly-Built Residential Construction for single-family, townhome, two-family, three-family and multi-family structures located in the City of Rockford and School District 205. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee. [26-00192](#)

6. Memorandum from Todd Cagnoni, City Administrator, regarding a proposed Resolution to waive building plan review, building permit, building inspection and water connection/service fees for new residential construction structures on vacant land and lots throughout the City of Rockford. [26-00193](#)

IV. PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. Prophet Yusef
2. Paul Foss
3. Lisa Jackson
4. Tamika Brown
5. Dennis Littlejohn

V. NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS**A. Planning and Development Committee**

1. Committee recommends approval of the Preliminary Conditional Set-Aside Letter, which would lead to a Rental Development Agreement with the owner of RockRiver I Apartments. The funding source is the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). [26-00141](#)

B. Code and Regulation Committee

1. Committee recommends approval of Plat No. 2 of Puri West State Subdivision located at 41xx West State Street. [26-00139](#)

C. Finance and Personnel Committee

1. Committee recommends approval of vouchers in the amount of \$9,842,897.49 as approved at the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on February 9, 2026. [26-00169](#)
2. Committee recommends approval of Lien Waivers for Trustee Properties to facilitate transfer of the properties from the Winnebago County Trustee to bidders in the total amount of \$4,634.25. The properties included are 517 Knowlton Street (PIN: 11-27-401-006), 3904 Preston Street (PIN: 11-20-452-004), and 3122 18th Street (PIN: 15-01-432-034). [26-00155](#)

3. Committee recommends approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Rockford and Rockford Public School District 205 (RPS 205) for vacation of an existing Right-of-Way to RPS 205, construction of revised access to Lincoln Middle School from Charles Street as part of the City's 11th Street Phase 2 project, and reimbursement of improvement costs by RPS 205. [26-00156](#)

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER

A. Planning and Development Committee

1. Committee recommends approval of the Funding Agreement and Lease Agreement for 713 East State Street (Shumway Building) with Rockford Area Arts Council for 2026 through 2028 in the amount of \$125,000 annually for a total amount of \$375,000. The funding source is the City's Redevelopment Fund. [26-00086](#)

B. Code and Regulation Committee

C. Finance and Personnel Committee

VII. OFFICERS REPORTS

VIII. APPOINTMENTS

1. Appointment of Zsa Zsa Johnson to the Community Relations Commission to fill the seat vacated by Nikki Lynch for a term expiring December 2026. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage after March 4, 2026.) [26-00145](#)
2. Appointment of Shimere Shanklin to the Community Relations Commission to fill the seat vacated by Jordan Lindvall for a term expiring August 2028. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage after March 4, 2026.) [26-00146](#)

IX. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Planning and Development Committee

B. Code and Regulation Committee

C. Finance and Personnel Committee

1. Committee recommends approval of the Award of Sole Source Contract: Flock Safety, to Flock Group, Inc., of Atlanta Georgia in the amount of \$443,998.16. The contract duration is one (1) year with three (3) additional one-year extension options. The funding sources are the Organized Retail Crime Grant (FY26 ORC) and Rockford Police Department Intel Unit Budget (FY27-FY29 Renewal Options). [26-00160](#)
2. Committee recommends approval of the Award of Sole Source Contract: Loose Equipment and Supplies to Air One Equipment, of South Elgin, Illinois in the estimated amount of \$300,000.00 (based on unit pricing). The contract duration is one (1) year. The funding source is the Fire Department Operating Budget. [26-00151](#)
3. Committee recommends approval of the Award of Non-Competitive Contract: WPLS-190 Wheel Lifts to Gray Manufacturing Company, Inc., of Saint Joseph, Missouri in the amount of \$60,673.00. This is a one-time purchase. The funding source is 2026 Gaming Tax Revenue. [26-00152](#)
4. Committee recommends approval of the Award of RFP: Towing and Storage (RFP No. 1125-PD-132) to Greater Rockford Auto Auction of Rockford, Illinois. There is no direct cost to the City for towing and storage services. The contract duration is one (1) year with four (4) additional one-year extension options. [26-00161](#)
5. Committee recommends approval of the Award of Joint Purchase Contract: Sidewalk Deicers/Ice Melt (Bagged Salt) to Warehouse Direct, of Des Plaines, Illinois in the estimated amount of \$40,000.00 (based on unit pricing). The contract duration is one (1) year with three (3) additional one-year extension options. The funding source is the Property Fund Operating Budget. [26-00148](#)
6. Committee recommends approval of the Award of Joint Purchase Contract: Ford OEM Automotive Parts and Supplies to Brad Manning Ford, of Dekalb, Illinois in the estimated amount of \$75,000.00 (based on unit pricing). The contract duration is through December 31, 2026 with two (2) possible annual extension options. The funding source is the Central Garage Fund. [26-00149](#)
7. Committee recommends approval of the Award of Joint Purchase Contract: 2026 Light Duty City-Wide Vehicles to Enterprise Fleet Management Inc., of Saint Louis, Missouri in the amount of \$701,269.00. The contract duration is a 60-month term. The funding sources are Various Divisions Capital Lease Budgets. [26-00150](#)

8. Committee recommends approval of the Award of Joint Purchase Contract: Communication Equipment to GenComm Inc., of Madison, Wisconsin in the amount of \$75,975.60. This is a one-time purchase. The funding source is the Fire Department Capital Budget. [26-00153](#)
9. Committee recommends approval of the Award of Joint Purchase Contract: Demers MPX170 Ford F550 4x4 Diesel Type I Ambulance to MacQueen Equipment, LLC., of Saint Paul, Minnesota in the amount of \$423,555.00. This is a one-time purchase. The funding sources are Capital Lease Funds/Fire Department Capital Budget. [26-00154](#)
10. Committee recommends approval of the Engineering Agreement Supplement #1 (Land Acquisition): 11th Street Corridor Improvements (IDOT Section) to Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc., of Rockford, Illinois in the supplemental amount of \$369,267.00, for a new contract not-to-exceed amount of \$1,198,370.00. The contract duration is through 2026. The funding source is the 1% Infrastructure Sales Tax. [26-00157](#)
11. Committee recommends approval of the Engineering Agreement Supplement #2 (Land Acquisition): 11th Street Corridor Improvements (City Section) to Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc., of Rockford, Illinois in the supplemental amount of \$242,789.00, for a new contract not-to-exceed amount of \$2,366,043.00. The contract duration is through 2026. The funding source is the 1% Infrastructure Sales Tax. [26-00158](#)
12. Committee recommends approval of the Engineering Agreement Supplement #1 (Land Acquisition): Auburn Street Improvements to Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc., of Rockford, Illinois in the supplemental amount of \$121,286.00, for a new contract not-to-exceed amount of \$1,006,661.00. The funding source is the General Fund: 2022 Surplus. [26-00159](#)

D. City Council

1. Motion to Reconsider ordinance 2026-24-O approving the Amendment to the Development Agreement with First Midwest Group (Machesney Investment LLC) and McDonald's for the establishment of a McDonald's at 4103 West State Street in the amount of \$200,000. The funding source is 2025 Casino Plan Funds / Economic Development High Risk Area. [26-00180](#)

X. CLOSED SESSION**A. Motion to Convene into Closed Session in Order to Discuss Collective Negotiating Matters****XI. NEW BUSINESS ORDINANCES****A. Planning and Development Committee**

1. An ordinance approving the Preliminary Conditional Set-Aside Letter, which would lead to a Rental Development Agreement with the owner of RockRiver I Apartments. The funding source is the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). [26-00176](#)
2. An ordinance approving the Funding Agreement and Lease Agreement for 713 East State Street (Shumway Building) with Rockford Area Arts Council for 2026 through 2028 in the amount of \$125,000 annually for a total amount of \$375,000. The funding source is the City's Redevelopment Fund. [26-00116](#)

B. Code and Regulation Committee**C. Finance and Personnel Committee**

1. An ordinance approving Lien Waivers for Trustee properties to facilitate transfer of the properties from the Winnebago County Trustee to bidders in the total amount of \$4,634.25. The properties included are 517 Knowlton Street (PIN: 11-27-401-006), 3904 Preston Street (PIN: 11-20-452-004), and 3122 18th Street (PIN: 15-01-432-034). [26-00177](#)
2. An ordinance approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Rockford and Rockford Public School District 205 (RPS 205) for vacation of an existing Right-of-Way to RPS 205, construction of revised access to Lincoln Middle School from Charles Street as part of the City's 11th Street Phase 2 project, and reimbursement of improvement costs by RPS 205. [26-00178](#)
3. An ordinance approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with AFSCME-C regarding the payment of a one-time non-reoccurring retention incentive to Head Start staff pursuant to the Head Start Staff Incentive Policy using grant funds. (SUSPEND RULE 9). [26-00190](#)

4. An ordinance approving the payment of a one-time non-reoccurring retention incentive for non-union employees of the City of Rockford Head Start program pursuant to the Head Start Staff Incentive Policy using grant funds. (SUSPEND RULE 9). [26-00191](#)

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.