



City Council Meeting Minutes

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Rockford, IL 61104
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Monday, January 12, 2026
6:00 PM

Special Meeting

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

Mayor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

A. Roll Call

Present: Tim Durkee
Jonathan Logemann
Chad Tuneberg
Gabrielle Torina
Aprel Prunty
Janessa Wilkins
Karen Hoffman
Dawn Granath
Frank Beach
Jaime Salgado
Gina Meeks
Tamir Bell
Mark Bonne

Absent: Kevin Frost

Alderman Durkee arrived at 6:47 p.m. and Alderman Hoffman arrived at 6:55 p.m.

II. NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning and Development Committee

1. Approval of the Proposed Development Agreement with Rockford Brake Manufacturing at 302 Peoples Avenue in the amount of \$250,000. The funding source is 2025 and 2026 Casino Economic Development Funds. [25-00169](#)

Alderman Wilkins, on behalf of the Planning and Development Committee, read in the committee report and placed it up for passage.

The committee report was ADOPTED by the following vote:

Aye: Durkee, Logemann, Tuneberg, Torina, Prunty, Wilkins,
Granath, Beach, Salgado, Meeks, Bell, and Bonne

Absent: Frost, and Hoffman
Enactment No: 2026-60-CR

B. Code and Regulation Committee

C. Finance and Personnel Committee

III. APPOINTMENTS

1. Reappointment of Jillisa Bondurant to the Civilian Oversight Board for a three-year term ending December 2028. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this reappointment will be up for passage after January 14, 2026.) [26-00022](#)

Alderman Bell moved to suspend Rule 18, seconded by Alderman Bonne. MOTION PREVAILED with a unanimous voice vote. (Alderman Hoffman was absent for the vote on the rule suspension but she arrived in time to vote on the reappointment. Alderman Frost was absent).

Alderman Bonne moved to place the item up for passage, seconded by Alderman Granath.

The reappointment was APPROVED by the following vote:

Aye: Logemann, Tuneberg, Torina, Prunty, Wilkins, Hoffman, Granath,
Beach, Salgado, Meeks, Bell, and Bonne

Nay: Durkee

Absent: Frost

2. Reappointment of Earl Curry to the Civilian Oversight Board for a three-year term ending December 2028. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this reappointment will be up for passage after January 14, 2026.) [26-00023](#)

Alderman Bell moved to suspend Rule 18, seconded by Alderman Bonne. MOTION PREVAILED with a unanimous voice vote. (Alderman Hoffman was absent for the vote on the rule suspension but she arrived in time to vote on the reappointment. Alderman Frost was absent).

Alderman Bonne moved to place the item up for passage, seconded by Alderman Granath.

The reappointment was APPROVED by the following vote:

Aye: Logemann, Tuneberg, Torina, Prunty, Wilkins, Hoffman, Granath,
Beach, Salgado, Meeks, Bell, and Bonne

Nay: Durkee

Absent: Frost

3. Reappointment of Aaron Vaiden to the Civilian Oversight Board for a three-year term ending December 2028. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this reappointment will be up for passage after January 14, 2026.) [26-00024](#)

Alderman Bell moved to suspend Rule 18, seconded by Alderman Bonne. MOTION PREVAILED with a unanimous voice vote. (Alderman Hoffman was absent for the vote on the rule suspension but she arrived in time to vote on the reappointment. Alderman Frost was absent).

Alderman Bonne moved to place the item up for passage, seconded by Alderman Granath.

The reappointment was APPROVED by the following vote:

Aye: Logemann, Tuneberg, Torina, Prunty, Wilkins, Hoffman, Granath, Beach, Salgado, Meeks, Bell, and Bonne

Nay: Durkee

Absent: Frost

4. Appointment of Tiana McCall to the Community Action Agency Board to fill a vacant Private Sector position. This appointment is for a term ending December 2028. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage after January 14, 2026.) [26-00025](#)

Alderman Bell moved to suspend Rule 18, seconded by Alderman Bonne. MOTION PREVAILED with a unanimous voice vote. (Alderman Hoffman was absent for the vote on the rule suspension but she arrived in time to vote on the appointment. Alderman Frost was absent).

Alderman Bonne moved to place the item up for passage, seconded by Alderman Granath.

The appointment was APPROVED by the following vote:

Aye: Durkee, Logemann, Tuneberg, Torina, Prunty, Wilkins, Hoffman, Granath, Beach, Salgado, Meeks, Bell, and Bonne

Absent: Frost

5. Appointment of Jeffrey Bailey to the Community Action Agency Board to fill a vacant Private Sector position. This appointment is for a term ending December 2028. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage after January 14, 2026.) [26-00026](#)

Alderman Bell moved to suspend Rule 18, seconded by Alderman Bonne. MOTION PREVAILED with a unanimous voice vote. (Alderman Hoffman was absent for the vote on the rule suspension but she arrived in time to vote on the appointment. Alderman Frost was absent).

Alderman Bonne moved to place the item up for passage, seconded by Alderman Granath.

The appointment was APPROVED by the following vote:

Aye: Durkee, Logemann, Tuneberg, Torina, Prunty, Wilkins, Hoffman, Granath, Beach, Salgado, Meeks, Bell, and Bonne

Absent: Frost

6. Appointment of Shelton Kay to the Community Action Agency Board to fill a vacant Private Sector position. This appointment is for a term ending December 2028. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage after January 14, 2026.) [26-00027](#)

Alderman Bell moved to suspend Rule 18, seconded by Alderman Bonne. MOTION PREVAILED with a unanimous voice vote. (Alderman Hoffman was absent for the vote on the rule suspension but she arrived in time to vote on the appointment. Alderman Frost was absent).

Alderman Bonne moved to place the item up for passage, seconded by Alderman Granath.

The appointment was APPROVED by the following vote:

Aye: Durkee, Logemann, Tuneberg, Torina, Prunty, Wilkins, Hoffman, Granath, Beach, Salgado, Meeks, Bell, and Bonne

Absent: Frost

7. Appointment of Mayte Naja to the Community Action Agency Board replacing Markayla Herbert, a Client Sector position. This appointment is for a term ending December 2028. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage after January 14, 2026.) [26-00028](#)

Alderman Bell moved to suspend Rule 18, seconded by Alderman Bonne. MOTION PREVAILED with a unanimous voice vote. (Alderman Hoffman was absent for the vote on the rule suspension but she arrived in time to vote on the appointment. Alderman Frost was absent).

Alderman Bonne moved to place the item up for passage, seconded by Alderman Granath.

The appointment was APPROVED by the following vote:

Aye: Durkee, Logemann, Tuneberg, Torina, Prunty, Wilkins,
Hoffman, Granath, Beach, Salgado, Meeks, Bell, and Bonne

Absent: Frost

- 8.** Appointment of Alan Zais to the Community Action Agency Board replacing Steve Booth, a Client Sector position. This appointment is for a term ending December 2028. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage after January 14, 2026.) [26-00029](#)

Alderman Bell moved to suspend Rule 18, seconded by Alderman Bonne. MOTION PREVAILED with a unanimous voice vote. (Alderman Hoffman was absent for the vote on the rule suspension but she arrived in time to vote on the appointment. Alderman Frost was absent).

Alderman Bonne moved to place the item up for passage, seconded by Alderman Granath.

The appointment was APPROVED by the following vote:

Aye: Durkee, Logemann, Tuneberg, Torina, Prunty, Wilkins,
Granath, Beach, Salgado, Meeks, Bell, and Bonne

Nay: Hoffman

Absent: Frost

- 9.** Reappointment of Mary Yoho to the Community Action Advisory Board for a Client Sector position. This reappointment is for a term ending July 2028. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this reappointment will be up for passage after January 14, 2026.) [26-00030](#)

Alderman Bell moved to suspend Rule 18, seconded by Alderman Bonne. MOTION PREVAILED with a unanimous voice vote. (Alderman Hoffman was absent for the vote on the rule suspension but she arrived in time to vote on the reappointment. Alderman Frost was absent).

Alderman Bonne moved to place the item up for passage, seconded by Alderman Granath.

The reappointment was APPROVED by the following vote:

Aye: Durkee, Logemann, Tuneberg, Torina, Prunty, Wilkins,
Hoffman, Granath, Beach, Salgado, Meeks, Bell, and Bonne

Absent: Frost

- 10.** Appointment of Dawnna Mims to the Human Resources Appeals Board, replacing Rhashonda Williams. This appointment is for a term ending September 2028. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage after January 14, 2026.) [26-00031](#)

Alderman Bell moved to suspend Rule 18, seconded by Alderman Bonne. MOTION PREVAILED with a unanimous voice vote. (Alderman Hoffman was absent for the vote on the rule suspension but she arrived in time to vote on the appointment. Alderman Frost was absent).

Alderman Bonne moved to place the item up for passage, seconded by Alderman Granath.

The appointment was APPROVED by the following vote:

Aye: Durkee, Logemann, Tuneberg, Torina, Prunty, Wilkins, Hoffman, Granath, Beach, Salgado, Meeks, Bell, and Bonne

Absent: Frost

- 11.** Reappointment of Sam Castree to the Human Resources Appeals Board for a term ending September 2028. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this reappointment will be up for passage after January 14, 2026.) [26-00032](#)

Alderman Bell moved to suspend Rule 18, seconded by Alderman Bonne. MOTION PREVAILED with a unanimous voice vote. (Alderman Hoffman was absent for the vote on the rule suspension but she arrived in time to vote on the reappointment. Alderman Frost was absent).

Alderman Bonne moved to place the item up for passage, seconded by Alderman Granath.

The reappointment was APPROVED by the following vote:

Aye: Durkee, Logemann, Tuneberg, Torina, Prunty, Wilkins, Hoffman, Granath, Beach, Salgado, Meeks, Bell, and Bonne

Absent: Frost

12. Reappointment of Ginnie Weckerly to the Human Resources Appeals Board for a term ending September 2028. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this reappointment will be up for passage after January 14, 2026.) [26-00033](#)

Alderman Bell moved to suspend Rule 18, seconded by Alderman Bonne. MOTION PREVAILED with a unanimous voice vote. (Alderman Hoffman was absent for the vote on the rule suspension but she arrived in time to vote on the reappointment. Alderman Frost was absent).

Alderman Bonne moved to place the item up for passage, seconded by Alderman Granath.

The reappointment was APPROVED by the following vote:

Aye: Durkee, Logemann, Tuneberg, Torina, Prunty, Wilkins, Hoffman, Granath, Beach, Salgado, Meeks, Bell, and Bonne

Absent: Frost

13. Appointment of Michael Laskonis to the Library Board replacing Brad Long. This appointment is for a term ending June 2026. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage after January 14, 2026.) [26-00034](#)

Alderman Bell moved to suspend Rule 18, seconded by Alderman Bonne. MOTION PREVAILED with a unanimous voice vote. (Alderman Hoffman was absent for the vote on the rule suspension but she arrived in time to vote on the appointment. Alderman Frost was absent).

Alderman Bonne moved to place the item up for passage, seconded by Alderman Granath.

Alderman Meeks moved to lay this item over, seconded by Alderman Wilkins. MOTION FAILED with a roll call vote of 6 to 6 (Aldermen Durkee, Logemann, Tuneberg, Granath, Beach and Bonne voted "No", Alderman Hoffman was absent for the vote on the Motion to Lay Over but she was present for the vote on the appointment. Alderman Frost was absent.)

The appointment was then placed up for passage and was APPROVED by the following vote:

Aye: Durkee, Logemann, Tuneberg, Wilkins, Hoffman, Granath, Beach, Salgado, Bell, and Bonne

Nay: Torina, Prunty, and Meeks

Absent: Frost

14. Appointment of William Sprague to the Mechanical Board replacing Alise Howlett. This appointment is for a term ending January 2028. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage after January 14, 2026.) [26-00035](#)

Alderman Bell moved to suspend Rule 18, seconded by Alderman Bonne. MOTION PREVAILED with a unanimous voice vote. (Alderman Hoffman was absent for the vote on the rule suspension but she arrived in time to vote on the appointment. Alderman Frost was absent).

Alderman Bonne moved to place the item up for passage, seconded by Alderman Granath.

The appointment was APPROVED by the following vote:

Aye: Durkee, Logemann, Tuneberg, Torina, Prunty, Wilkins, Hoffman, Granath, Beach, Salgado, Meeks, Bell, and Bonne

Absent: Frost

15. Appointment of Kristine Geddes to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Liquor and Tobacco Advisory Board, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Jarweise McNeal. This appointment is for a term ending October 2026. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage after February 4, 2026.) [26-00036](#)

Alderman Bell moved to suspend Rule 18, seconded by Alderman Bonne. MOTION PREVAILED with a unanimous voice vote. (Alderman Hoffman was absent for the vote on the rule suspension but she arrived in time to vote on the appointment. Alderman Frost was absent).

Alderman Bonne moved to place the item up for passage, seconded by Alderman Granath.

The appointment was APPROVED by the following vote:

Aye: Durkee, Logemann, Tuneberg, Torina, Prunty, Wilkins, Hoffman, Granath, Beach, Salgado, Meeks, Bell, and Bonne

Absent: Frost

16. Appointment of Tim Bragg to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Liquor and Tobacco Advisory Board, to fill the vacancy created by Kimberly Wheeler-Johnsen. This appointment is for a term ending June 2030. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage after February 4, 2026.) [26-00037](#)

Alderman Bell moved to suspend Rule 18, seconded by Alderman Bonne. MOTION PREVAILED with a unanimous voice vote. (Alderman Hoffman was absent for the vote on the rule suspension but she arrived in time to vote on the

appointment. Alderman Frost was absent).

Alderman Bonne moved to place the item up for passage, seconded by Alderman Granath.

The appointment was APPROVED by the following vote:

Aye: Durkee, Logemann, Tuneberg, Prunty, Wilkins, Hoffman, Granath, Beach, Salgado, Meeks, Bell, and Bonne

Absent: Frost

Abstain: Torina

17. Appointment of Erin Marshall to the Community Action Agency Board to fill a Public Sector position. This appointment is for a term ending January 2027. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this appointment will be up for passage after February 8, 2026.) [26-00038](#)

Alderman Bell moved to suspend Rule 18, seconded by Alderman Bonne. MOTION PREVAILED with a unanimous voice vote. (Alderman Hoffman was absent for the vote on the rule suspension but she arrived in time to vote on the appointment. Alderman Frost was absent).

Alderman Bonne moved to place the item up for passage, seconded by Alderman Granath.

The appointment was APPROVED by the following vote:

Aye: Durkee, Logemann, Tuneberg, Torina, Prunty, Wilkins, Hoffman, Granath, Beach, Salgado, Meeks, Bell, and Bonne

Absent: Frost

18. Reappointment of Dorothy Redd to the Community Action Agency Board to fill a Public Sector position. This appointment is for a term ending January 2027. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this reappointment will be up for passage after February 8, 2026.) [26-00039](#)

Alderman Bell moved to suspend Rule 18, seconded by Alderman Bonne. MOTION PREVAILED with a unanimous voice vote. (Alderman Hoffman was absent for the vote on the rule suspension but she arrived in time to vote on the reappointment. Alderman Frost was absent).

Alderman Bonne moved to place the item up for passage, seconded by Alderman Granath.

The reappointment was APPROVED by the following vote:

Aye: Durkee, Logemann, Tuneberg, Torina, Prunty, Wilkins, Hoffman, Granath, Beach, Salgado, Meeks, Bell, and Bonne

Absent: Frost

- 19.** Reappointment of Gina DelRose to the Community Action Agency Board to fill a Public Sector position. This appointment is for a term ending January 2027. (Pursuant to Rule 18, this reappointment will be up for passage after February 8, 2026.) [26-00040](#)

Alderman Bell moved to suspend Rule 18, seconded by Alderman Bonne. MOTION PREVAILED with a unanimous voice vote. (Alderman Hoffman was absent for the vote on the rule suspension but she arrived in time to vote on the reappointment. Alderman Frost was absent).

Alderman Bonne moved to place the item up for passage, seconded by Alderman Granath.

The reappointment was APPROVED by the following vote:

Aye: Durkee, Logemann, Tuneberg, Torina, Prunty, Wilkins, Hoffman, Granath, Beach, Salgado, Meeks, Bell, and Bonne

Absent: Frost

IV. NEW BUSINESS ORDINANCES

A. Planning and Development Committee

- 1.** An ordinance approving the Development Agreement with Rockford Brake Manufacturing at 302 Peoples Avenue in the amount of \$250,000. The funding source is 2025 and 2026 Casino Economic Development Funds. [25-00176](#)

Alderman Wilkins, on behalf of the Planning and Development Committee, read in the ordinance and placed it up for passage.

The ordinance was ADOPTED by the following vote:

Aye: Durkee, Logemann, Tuneberg, Torina, Prunty, Wilkins, Hoffman, Granath, Beach, Salgado, Meeks, Bell, and Bonne

Absent: Frost

Enactment No: 2026-51-O

B. Code and Regulation Committee

C. Finance and Personnel Committee

V. CLOSED SESSION

1. Motion to Convene into Closed Session in Order to Discuss Pending and/or Threatened Litigation

Alderman Tuneberg moved to convene into Closed Session in order to discuss threatened litigation matters, seconded by Alderman Bell. MOTION PREVAILED with a roll call vote of 12 to 1 (Alderman Wilkins voted "No" and Alderman Frost was absent). The meeting convened into Closed Session at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor McNamara reconvened the meeting back into Open Session at 7:40 p.m. and the following aldermen were present: Durkee, Logemann, Torina, Prunty, Hoffman, Granath, Beach, Salgado, Bell and Bonne (Aldermen Tuneberg, Frost, Wilkins, and Meeks were absent).

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Beach moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Durkee. MOTION PREVAILED with a unanimous voice vote (Alderman Frost was absent). The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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