

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was held November 12, 2013, at 6:18 P.M., at City Hall, Council Chambers, 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Ardis presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Rigggenbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11; Absent: None.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jim Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or silent reflection, and then Boy Scout Troop #156 from St. Vincent's Catholic Church led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

PROCLAMATION: HONORARY REV. ROBERT J. CRISS, SR. WAY – STREET DESIGNATION

PROCLAMATION: 2013 CITIZENS ACADEMY GRADUATION

MINUTES

Council Member Spain moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on October 22, 2013, and the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting held on October 29, 2013, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Rigggenbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

(13-449) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the 2014 - 2015 BIENNIAL CITY OF PEORIA BUDGET.

Council Member Spain moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the 2014-2015 Biennial City of Peoria Budget; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

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Motion to open the Public Hearing was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

Mayor Ardis opened the Public Hearing at 6:35 P.M.

Following a third call for comments from the public, Mayor Ardis requested to close the Public Hearing.

Council Member Spain moved to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:36 P.M.

(13-450) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the Proposed ANNEXATION of 9809 STATE ROUTE 91, DUNLAP, ILLINOIS, Formerly APPLE BLOSSOM FARM.

Council Member Spain moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the proposed annexation of 9809 State Route 91, Dunlap, Illinois, formerly Apple Blossom Farm; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Motion to open the Public Hearing was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

Mayor Ardis opened the Public Hearing at 6:37 P.M.

Following a third call for comments from the public, Mayor Ardis requested to close the Public Hearing.

Council Member Spain moved to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:38 P.M.

- (13-451) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the Proposed ANNEXATION of PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NOS. 08-35-300-006, 08-35-300-020, and 08-35-300-022, DUNLAP, ILLINOIS – CANCELED and will be Rescheduled.**

Council Member Spain moved to defer this Public Hearing until the January 28, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Motion to defer the Public Hearing until the January 28, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA

- (13-452) Communication from the Town Officials Budget Committee Requesting Approval of the Proposed Estimated TAX LEVY of \$2,233,742.00 with an Estimated TAX RATE of \$0.1493 for the Town of the City of Peoria, and to Enter this Action into the Permanent Record.**

Trustee Grayeb recognized the Town Officials and Staff. He stated the post-recession recovery of the Township had not been realized, and he discussed the high level of need for the services provided by the Township. He stated the hope that Township revenues would eventually increase. He explained Township Officials were requesting the adoption of an estimated tax levy, and he said the actual amount would be adopted at the December 10, 2013, Regular City Council Meeting.

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the proposed estimated tax levy of \$2,233,742.00 with an estimated tax rate of \$0.1493 for the Town of the City of Peoria, and to enter this action into the permanent record; seconded by Trustee Spain.

Chairman Ardis thanked Trustee Grayeb for his time spent on the Town budget, and he praised the Township Office for its assistance to those in need.

Motion to to approve the proposed estimated tax levy of \$2,233,742.00 with an estimated tax rate of \$0.1493 for the Town of the City of Peoria, and to enter this action into the permanent record was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Chairman Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA (Continued)
CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, for the City of Peoria, with Recommendations as Outlined:

- (13-453) NOTICE OF LAWSUIT Filed on Behalf of HELBERT HUGHES, Regarding a Complaint Against the City of Peoria, the Peoria Police Department, and the Sheriff's Department of Peoria, with a Request to Receive for Information and Refer to the Legal Department.**

- (13-454) Communication from the City Manager and the Public Works Director Requesting the Approval of Purchase for POLICE FLEET REPLACEMENT of One (1) 2014 Ford E-350 Van, for the Amount of \$19,066.00, from LANDMARK FORD in Springfield, Illinois, Utilizing the STATE OF ILLINOIS CONTRACT BID PROCESS.**
- (13-455) Communication from the City Manager and the Public Works Director Requesting the Approval of Payment of \$61,550.00 to WILLIAM C. TRIGGER for Right-of-Way Acquisition of a Portion of PARCEL NO. 08-34-400-009 for the Construction of the ORANGE PRAIRIE ROAD EXTENSION PROJECT.**
- (13-456) Communication from the City Manager and the Public Works Director Requesting the Approval of Payment of \$91,250.00 to WAYNE R. TRIGGER for Right-of-Way and Permanent Easement Acquisition of a Portion of PARCEL NO. 08-34-200-004 for the Construction of the ORANGE PRAIRIE ROAD EXTENSION PROJECT.**
- (13-457) * Communication from the City Manager and the Finance Director/Comptroller Requesting Authorization for the City Manager to Enter into an AGREEMENT with MCGLADREY, LLP to Provide ANNUAL AUDITING SERVICES to be Performed for Fiscal Years 2013-2015, for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$360,000.00 or \$120,000.00 Per Year.**
- (13-458) Communication from the City Manager and the Public Works Director Requesting the Approval of a SEWER IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT with the GREATER PEORIA SANITARY DISTRICT for the Repair of Sewers as a Part of the City of Peoria's SEWER REHABILITATION [Design Area 1 Sewers, Point Repair Project 9 (GPSD Project 2211)], and Concurrence in the Award of the Construction CONTRACT with J.C. DILLON, INC. for the LOW BID Amount of \$466,045.50, with an Additional Authorization of \$46,604.55 (10% for Contingencies). (Also Refer to Council Item No. 13-320)**
- (13-459) ** Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning Commission and Staff to Approve a RESOLUTION Adopting an ANNEXATION AGREEMENT for the Property Generally Located West of IL Route 91, North of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-100-017, East of Parcel Identification No. 08-34-200-004 and South of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-100-002. The Property is Identified as Part of Parcel Identification Nos. 08-35-100-016 and 08-35-100-020, Located within Peoria County, Illinois. (Formerly Known as APPLE BLOSSOM FARM)**
- (13-460) *** Communication from the City Manager and the Public Works Director Requesting the Approval of the MOTOR FUEL TAX RESOLUTION, in the Amount of \$76,000.00, for Design Engineering Services for the WEST FORREST HILL AVENUE ARTERIAL STREET OVERLAY PROJECT (Sheridan Road to Knoxville Avenue), Under MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT NO. 12-173.**

- (13-461)**

Communication from the City Manager Requesting the Following:
- A. Adopt an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria BUDGET for Fiscal Year 2013 Relating to the Use of the SOUTHTOWN TIF FUND BALANCE for the INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT with PLEASURE DRIVEWAY and PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, in the Amount of \$300,000.00. (Needs a 2/3 Vote to Successfully Pass.)**
 - B. Approve an INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT with PLEASURE DRIVEWAY and PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA for Improvements to MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARK.**

(13-462)
Communication from the City Manager and the Interim Corporation Counsel with a Request to Adopt ORDINANCE NO. 17,033 LEVYING a TAX for the Fiscal Year 2013 for the WESTLAKE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA.

(13-463)

Communication from the City Manager and the Public Works Director Requesting the Adoption of an ORDINANCE Vacating a Portion of KNOXVILLE AVENUE Located Between Glendale Avenue and Main Street.

(13-464)
Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director Requesting to Concur with the Recommendation from the Zoning Commission to Adopt ORDINANCE NO. 17,034 Amending APPENDIX C of the CODE of the City of Peoria Relating to SIGNS. (BLADE SIGNS in WAREHOUSE DISTRICT) (Refer to FR - 28)

(13-465)

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Communication from the City Manager and the Interim Corporation Counsel with a Request to Approve the SITE APPLICATION to Change from a Class B (Restaurant, 50% Food) Liquor License with a Subclass 1A (2:00 A.M. Hours) to a Class A (Tavern) Liquor License with a Subclass 1A (2:00 A.M. Hours) with On-Site Consumption at 3821 N. STERLING, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve.

(13-466)
Communication from the City Manager and the Interim Corporation Counsel with a Request to Approve the SITE APPLICATION for a CLASS G (Beer & Wine Only Restaurant) Liquor License with a SUBCLASS 3A (Sidewalk Cafe) and on-Site Consumption at 5901 N. PROSPECT, SUITE 2, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve.

(13-467)
REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Jim Ardis to the PEORIA HOUSING AUTHORITY, with Recommendation to Concur:

MARY CHAPAI (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2016

(13-468)
APPOINTMENT by Mayor Jim Ardis to the PEORIA AREA CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU, with Recommendation to Concur:

ALLEN D. CULLINAN (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2016

(13-469) REPORT from the CITY TREASURER PATRICK A. NIGHTING for the MONTH of SEPTEMBER 2013, with Request to Receive and File.

(13-470) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS from the GREATER PEORIA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT, Including Independent Auditors' Report, as of and for the Years Ended June 30, 2013, and 2012, (on file in the City Clerk's Office), With Request to Receive and File.

Mayor Ardis questioned if the Council wished to have any of the Consent Agenda items removed for further discussion.

Council Member Grayeb requested Item No. 13-460 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Jensen requested Item No. 13-465 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Spain requested Item Nos. 13-457 and 13-461 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Akeson requested Item Nos. 13-459 and 13-463 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as outlined in the Council Communications; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Item Nos. 13-453 through 13-470 (excluding Item Nos. 13-457, 13-459, 13-460, 13-461, 13-463 and 13-465, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

(13-457) * Communication from the City Manager and the Finance Director/Comptroller Requesting Authorization for the City Manager to Enter into an AGREEMENT with MCGLADREY, LLP to Provide ANNUAL AUDITING SERVICES to be Performed for Fiscal Years 2013-2015, for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$360,000.00 or \$120,000.00 Per Year.

Following a discussion regarding auditor rotation, Mayor Ardis suggested a two-week deferral in order to allow Staff to have further discussions regarding price with McGladrey, LLP and to determine whether McGladrey, LLP would be willing to perform auditing services at this price with a one-year contract.

Council Member Spain moved to defer this item for two weeks until the November 26, 2013, Regular Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Weaver.

Motion to defer this item until the November 26, 2013, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

**(13-459) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development
** Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the
 Planning Commission and Staff to Approve a RESOLUTION Adopting an
 ANNEXATION AGREEMENT for the Property Generally Located West of IL
 Route 91, North of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-100-017, East of Parcel
 Identification No. 08-34-200-004 and South of Parcel Identification No.
 08-35-100-002. The Property is Identified as Part of Parcel Identification
 Nos. 08-35-100-016 and 08-35-100-020, Located within Peoria County,
 Illinois. (Formerly Known as APPLE BLOSSOM FARM)**

Community Development Director Black distributed a replacement Annexation Agreement to all Council Members.

Following a discussion regarding the benefit of this annexation to the City, Council Member Akeson stated she was concerned about the costs associated with the growth of the City boundaries. She commented that growth did not always make financial sense, and she added the City had thus far been unable to grow itself into prosperity. She also spoke against the idea that the current Council was obligated to continue on with decisions made by previous Councils.

Council Member Johnson moved to approve a Resolution adopting the replacement Annexation Agreement for the property generally located West of IL Route 91, North of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-100-017, East of Parcel Identification No. 08-34-200-004 and South of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-100-002. The property is identified as part of Parcel Identification Nos. 08-35-100-016 and 08-35-100-020, located within Peoria County, Illinois. (Formerly known as APPLE BLOSSOM FARM), as outlined in the replacement communication; seconded by Council Member Spain.

Mayor Ardis voiced his total support for this agreement. He stated that property taxes generated from growth cells allowed services to the City's core to be maintained. He said, over the past 15 years, the growth cell strategy had paid off for the City. He encouraged Council Members to do their homework on this issue.

Council Member Akeson requested Staff provide an evaluation of investment per acre and tax generated per acre. She stated she believed the City would be in better shape if its focus was on the City's core.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-459, as amended to include the replacement Annexation Agreement was approved, as recommended by the Planning Commission and Staff, by roll call vote

Yeas: Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: Akeson – 1.

**(13-460) Communication from the City Manager and the Public Works Director
*** Requesting the Approval of the MOTOR FUEL TAX RESOLUTION, in the
Amount of \$76,000.00, for Design Engineering Services for the WEST
FORREST HILL AVENUE ARTERIAL STREET OVERLAY PROJECT
(Sheridan Road to Knoxville Avenue), Under MASTER SERVICES
AGREEMENT NO. 12-173.**

Council Member Grayeb discussed the project and he stated there would be an opportunity for public input. He added the City had received assurances from Illinois American Water that they would replace the water main prior to the City investing in the streetscape.

Public Works Director Rogers stated the community would be engaged on this project and public input would be part of the initial phase.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the Motor Fuel Tax Resolution in the amount of \$76,000.00, for Design Engineering Services for the West Forrest Hill Avenue Arterial Street Overlay Project (Sheridan Road to Knoxville Avenue), under Master Services Agreement No. 12-173; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

MFT RESOLUTION NO. 13-460 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

**(13-461) Communication from the City Manager Requesting the Following:

- A. Adopt an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria BUDGET for Fiscal Year 2013 Relating to the Use of the SOUTHTOWN TIF FUND BALANCE for the INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT with PLEASURE DRIVEWAY and PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, in the Amount of \$300,000.00. (Needs a 2/3 Vote to Successfully Pass.)**
- B. Approve an INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT with PLEASURE DRIVEWAY and PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA for Improvements to MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARK.**

In discussion with Assistant City Manager Chris Setti, Council Member Spain determined the Park District would not be contributing the remaining \$600,000.00 of the original request for the project as previously anticipated by the Council. He expressed his disappointment with the Park District not putting forth funding for this project after the City purchased land for a park in West Peoria. He stated this was still a great project and he said he would be supporting it.

Council Member Moore also expressed her disappointment with the lack of additional assistance from the Park District. She stated the project would benefit individuals in the area and she said it had her support.

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria budget for Fiscal Year 2013 relating to the use of the Southtown TIF fund balance for the Intergovernmental Agreement with Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, in the amount of \$300,000.00; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Mayor Ardis stated that a two-thirds vote was required to pass this item.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,035 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

Council Member Moore moved to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria for improvements to Martin Luther King Jr. Park; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

**(13-463) Communication from the City Manager and the Public Works Director
***** Requesting the Adoption of an ORDINANCE Vacating a Portion of
 KNOXVILLE AVENUE Located Between Glendale Avenue and Main Street.**

In discussion, Council Member Akeson stated her preference that additional street parking be created on Glendale Avenue rather than vacating the roadway to create additional surface parking. She said this would provide additional parking for the apartments above Thirty-Thirty Coffee while still maintaining the trees at the location.

Council Member Spain voiced his support for adding parking on Glendale Avenue, but said the area to be vacated was already being used for parking and currently had to be maintained. He stated his support for both the vacation and additional parking on Glendale Avenue.

Council Member Akeson said she was not against the vacation, but she said she was against the idea that surface parking was the only way to provide parking. She said more on-street parking was needed. She stated she would support the vacation with the understanding Council would push hard to get parking on Glendale Avenue.

City Manager Urich stated he believed IDOT would be receptive to on-street parking on Glendale Avenue. He added, creating parking on Perry would be more difficult, but could also be a possibility.

Council Member Moore stated she wanted to ensure development of the units above Thirty-Thirty Coffee would not be hampered.

City Manager Urich stated there would be an option of going through the Site Plan Review Board process and then talking to the developer at that time about the appropriate number of spaces. He said it would be cost effective for the City to find additional parking spaces on Glendale.

Council Member Jensen moved to adopt an Ordinance vacating a portion of Knoxville Avenue located between Glendale Avenue and Main Street; seconded by Council Member Spain.

In response to a question from Council Member Jensen regarding the possibility of deferring the item for two weeks, Mayor Ardis stated it was unlikely an answer could be received from IDOT within two weeks. He said returning the right-of-way to the property owners would allow them to enter discussions with IDOT to see if they could alter traffic and parking problems on Glendale and Perry.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,036 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

(13-465) **Communication from the City Manager and the Interim Corporation

* Counsel with a Request to Approve the SITE APPLICATION to Change from
a Class B (Restaurant, 50% Food) Liquor License with a Subclass 1A
(2:00 A.M. Hours) to a Class A (Tavern) Liquor License with a Subclass 1A
(2:00 A.M. Hours) with On-Site Consumption at 3821 N. STERLING, with a
Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve.**

In discussion with Council Member Jensen, Interim Corporation Council Williams said the Liquor Commission recommended approval of the license for the entire building. She explained the restaurant portion of the building was still being used for video gaming and in four to five months, once the kitchen was operating and food was being served, the new owner was expected to seek approval for a Class B restaurant.

Council Member Montelongo moved to approve the Site Application to change from a Class B (Restaurant, 50% food) liquor license with a Subclass 1A (2:00 A.M. hours) to a Class A (Tavern) liquor license with a Subclass 1A (2:00 A.M. Hours) with on-site consumption at 3821 N. Sterling; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved, by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

FIRST READINGS

(FR-29) **Communication from the City Manager and the Police Chief for a FIRST
* READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amendment to CHAPTER 18,
LICENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS, ARTICLE XI,
Pertaining to SECONDHAND DEALERS.**

(FR-30) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director for a FIRST READING Review of the Recommendation from the Zoning Commission and Staff to Adopt ORDINANCES Amending APPENDIX B, the ZONING ORDINANCE and APPENDIX C, the LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, Related to HANDICAP PARKING.

Council Member Grayeb requested FR-29 be removed for further discussion.

Council Member Spain moved to place FR-30 on the Agenda for the next Regular City Council meeting for November 26, 2013; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

(FR-29) Communication from the City Manager and the Police Chief for a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amendment to CHAPTER 18, LICENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS, ARTICLE XI, Pertaining to SECONDHAND DEALERS.

At Council Member Grayeb's request, Police Chief Settingsgaard provided an overview of this Ordinance. He agreed to respond to a request by Council Member Moore to determine whether the \$250.00 charge was consistent with what was charged by other communities.

Council Member Grayeb moved to place FR-29 on the Regular Agenda at the next Regular City Council Meeting for November 26, 2013; seconded by Council Member Weaver.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(13-471) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to Approve a REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT with 414 HOLDINGS, LLC for Renovation of the First Floor of 311 SW WATER STREET.

The City Manager distributed a replacement communication, correcting the title to read "414 Holdings", previously listed as 411 Holdings.

Council Member Moore moved to approve a Redevelopment Agreement with 414 Holdings, LLC for renovation of the first floor of 311 SW Water Street; seconded by Council Member Spain.

Council Member Spain recognized Adam and Marie White and welcomed Running Central back to the City of Peoria.

Mayor Ardis thanked Adam and Marie White and invited them to address the Council.

Adam White, owner of Running Central, discussed his vision of using the business as a vehicle to help drive the region forward. He stated there was no end to the opportunities that existed for his business on the Riverfront.

Motion to approve a Redevelopment Agreement with 414 Holdings, LLC for renovation of the first floor of 311 SW Water Street was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

(13-472) PRESENTATION by the Peoria County Clerk Regarding the PEORIA COUNTY VETERANS' MEMORIAL PROJECT, with Request to Receive and File.

A memo and pamphlet regarding the Peoria County Veterans' Memorial Project were distributed to all Council Members.

Mayor Ardis welcomed Peoria County Clerk Steve Sonnemaker, Peoria County Board Member Phil Salzer, States Attorney Jerry Brady, and Vietnam Veteran and Vice Chairman of the Peoria County Veterans' Memorial Committee Bruce Thiemann.

Steve Sonnemaker, the Peoria County Clerk, discussed the existing veterans' memorial and requested the City's financial assistance to complete a project to honor all Peoria County veterans from World War II forward. He introduced Phil Salzer, States Attorney Jerry Brady and Bruce Thiemann, and recognized other members of the Peoria County Veterans' Memorial Committee.

Bruce Thiemann, Vice Chairman of the Peoria County Veterans' Memorial Committee, recognized Bill Loeffel, a local attorney and veteran. Mr. Thiemann discussed the contribution of local citizens to the military, and he said the memorial project enjoyed almost unanimous support from the community. He discussed plans for the memorial, and stated the effort was spearheaded by Peoria County. He said donations were tax deductible. He added strong support from the City would serve as a message to other municipalities and institutions to support the project.

Mayor Ardis reported Council Member Turner would be joining the Veterans' Memorial Committee as a Vietnam Veteran and representative of the City Council. He added the Council would discuss this project along with other budget discussions, and he stated he believed the City would be contributing to the project.

Council Member Spain moved to receive and file the presentation regarding the Peoria County Veterans' Memorial Project; seconded by Council Member Weaver.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

Mayor Ardis thanked the presenters and stated the Council looked forward to participating in the monument.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Including by not limited to motions to reconsider items, if any, from the previous Regular Business Meetings):

(13-382) Communication from the City Manager to Approve an INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT with the COUNTY OF PEORIA for the Provision of ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES within the City of Peoria, and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Agreement.

Council Member Riggerbach moved for a two week deferral of this item until the November 26, 2013, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to defer this item to the November 26, 2013, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

(13-405-A) Communication from the City Manager Requesting the Adoption of an ORDINANCE Approving the RIVER TRAIL TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA and REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT. (Refer to FR - 24)

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance approving the River Trail Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Project Area and Redevelopment Plan and Project; seconded by Council Member Spain.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,037 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

(13-405-B) Communication from the City Manager Requesting the Adoption of an ORDINANCE Designating the City of Peoria RIVER TRAIL TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA. (Refer to FR - 25)

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Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance designating the City of Peoria River Trail Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Project Area; seconded by Council Member Weaver.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,038 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

(13-405-C) Communication from the City Manager Requesting the Adoption of an ORDINANCE Adopting TAX INCREMENT FINANCING for the City of Peoria RIVER TRAIL TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT. (Refer to FR - 26)

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance adopting Tax Increment Financing for the City of Peoria River Trail Tax Increment Financing District; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,039 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

(13-446) Communication from the City Manager and the Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to Continue the Discussion Regarding the 2014-2015 ANNUAL BUDGET.

Finance Director/Comptroller Scroggins distributed a handout of reports generated from the October 29, 2013, Council Meeting.

City Manager Ulrich reviewed the Report Backs.

Council Member Spain stated there was a discrepancy in the amount budgeted to acquire and renovate a residence for the 1st District Resident Officer Program. He said the CIP included \$25,000.00 and the Report Back allocated \$50,000.00. He stated he was comfortable with the \$50,000.00 number.

In response to a request from Council Member Spain, City Manager Ulrich agreed to provide a Report Back regarding the City's pensions as a percentage of its total operations cost.

Council Member Moore requested a timeline of when a location would be chosen in the 1st District for the Resident Officer Program and when that officer would be selected. She stated the 1st District was in dire need of a resident officer.

Council Member Moore discussed the high number of properties in the 1st District being auctioned off, and she stated the City had a responsibility to individuals who would be renting those properties to at least ensure that life-safety issues were addressed. She suggested Council could reprogram funds received from landlord training and fees/fines generated by the Hearing Officer to cover costs associated with this effort. She discussed the difficulty of addressing code violations when problem properties changed hands as a result of being sold at auction.

Council Member Moore requested information on which organizations were currently receiving Youth Outreach and CDGB funds directed to youth programming, as well as which organizations had received those funds in the past. She commented, in order to identify new programming or employment opportunities, she would like to see which organizations had not previously benefitted from the funds.

Council Member Montelongo stated roads were one of the City's primary responsibilities, and he added he did not believe the budget for road repair was realistic. He stated the Council needed to be discussing this issue, and that it was owed to the citizens to come back with a realistic budget for road repair and a time frame of when those repairs would be completed.

Council Member Jensen requested additional information regarding rental inspections. She requested a problem property list and she commented that she had previously requested the information. She suggested a new approach to addressing recurring violators was needed, and she discussed the options of taking chronic problem properties to court. She said this would have budget implications, and she requested further information prior to the budget being finalized.

Council Member Grayeb discussed neglected properties in his district. He suggested focusing first on addresses associated with crime. He voiced his agreement with Council Member Jensen in regard to the need for additional spending on streets and infrastructure as well as in regard to the need for realistic and adequate budget figures. He suggested citizens may be willing to accept additional fees and taxes in order to allow for additional spending on streets. He stated a true dollar amount would need to be ensured before he would vote yes on a budget.

Mayor Ardis informed the Council they could request additional information from the City Manager and Administration prior to the next meeting.

Council Member Spain moved to receive and file the communication regarding reports generated from the October 29, 2013, Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Announcement – African American Male Expo

Council Member Turner distributed a flyer regarding an African American Male Expo to all Members of the City Council. He announced the New Millenium Institute would be holding an expo at the Peoria Public Library from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, November 16th regarding young African-American males. He said Agbara Bryson would be the moderator and one topic of discussion would be saggy pants.

Thanks to Walmart Employee

Council Member Weaver reported an incident during which his wallet was returned to him by an employee of the Walmart on Allen Road who refused to accept a reward. He recognized the young man for his good deed.

NAACP 51st Annual Freedom Fund Banquet

Council Member Moore announced the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet was scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 16, 2013. She announced C.T. Vivian was scheduled to be the speaker and would be receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom within four days after the event.

October 26,2013 and November 6, 2013 Town Hall Meetings

Council Member Moore thanked residents for attending the October 24th and November 6th Town Hall Meetings. She said over 200 people had attended and Council Members had received take-away information from those meetings. She said the first meeting was focused on stopping the violence and the second was focused on community support for lessening the number of disturbances affecting business owners. She stated community involvement was necessary in order to bring about change.

Mayor Ardis said the take-away information from the meetings would be placed on the City's website for citizens to view.

(13-473) CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD

Hearing no objections, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to those citizens wishing to address the City Council.

Savino Sierra, a Peoria resident, discussed the needs of the South Side and requested additional street striping near Harrison School. He also requested information on the discussions at Council Forums. He discussed the problem of racism as well as the City's street repair needs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- (13-473) Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION to Discuss 2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; 2(c)(5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body; and 2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.**

Council Member Johnson moved to enter into an Executive Session to discuss 2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; 2(c)(5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body; and 2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06; seconded by Council Member Weaver.

Motion to go into Executive Session was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Montelongo moved to adjourn the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

The Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.



Beth Ball, MMC, City Clerk
City of Peoria, Illinois