

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :**: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :**

A Regular City Council Meeting of Peoria, Illinois, was held January 27, 2015, at 6:00 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: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Weaver, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11.
Absent: None.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jim Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or silent reflection, and he requested that the family of former Council Member Warren Reynolds be remembered due to his recent passing. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.**CITY OF PEORIA PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES WHO REDISCOVERED CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS****PEORIA READS****FARRELL DAVIES – RETIREMENT****PRESENTATION BY JOE RICHEY REGARDING UPDATE OF THE SCULPTURE WALK****RECOGNITION OF LOCAL DIGNITARIES**

Mayor Ardis recognized local dignitaries attending the City Council meeting, and they appeared as follows: former Council Member Jim Batemen, former Council Member Les Bergsten, Peoria County Board Member Andrew Rand, and former Chief of Staff for Ray LaHood Brad McMillian

MINUTES

Council Member Spain moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on January 13, 2015, as printed; 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.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, for the City of Peoria, with Recommendations as Outlined:

- (15-017) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to Receive for Information and to Refer to the Legal Department the NOTICE OF LAWSUIT Filed on Behalf of JOSHUA IRBY Against Police Officers Rory Poynter, Kevin Slavens and Brad Dixon.**
- (15-018) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with
* Request to Receive for Information and to Refer to the Legal Department the NOTICE OF LAWSUIT Filed on Behalf of SALLY HOGAN and THOMAS F. HOGAN Against the City of Peoria and Police Officer Bryan Sylvester.**
- (15-019) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the Final Payment to OTTO BAUM COMPANY, INC., in the Amount of \$18,190.86, for the POPLETT HOLLOW ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT. (Amends #14-283) [District 5]**
- (15-020) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to Approve the ANNUAL PURCHASE OF SIGNS from the Low Bid (#59-14) of VULCAN SIGNS, in the Amount of \$30,498.00, and SIGN BLANKS from the Low Bid (#58-14) of US STANDARD SIGN, in the Amount of \$18,734.85. [City Wide]**
- (15-021) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to Approve a Proposed HIGHWAY AUTHORITY AGREEMENT Between the City of Peoria and PREMCOR REFINING GROUP, INC. (Premcor) for the Property Known as 2424 WEST WAR MEMORIAL DR., Peoria, Illinois.**
- (15-022) **Communication from the City Manager with a Request to Extend the City's
** CONTRACT with MCANARNEY CONSULTING to Serve as the City's Lobbyist in the State of Illinois and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Necessary Documents.**
- (15-041) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to CONCUR with the CONTRACT Award by the Greater Peoria Sanitary District to J.C. DILLON, INC., in the Low Base Bid Amount of \$722,777.71, for the 2015 REPAIR AND MODIFICATION OF VARIOUS CITY-OWNED SANITARY AND COMBINED SEWERS and Authorization to Utilize the Contract to Perform Additional Repairs Within Budgetary Constraints. [Districts 1, 2 and 3]**

- (15-023) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE a SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL MOTOR FUEL TAX RESOLUTION, MFT 15-023, in the Amount of \$3,570,615.00, for Design Engineering, Environmental Inspection Services, and Construction for the UNIVERSITY STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (Nebraska Avenue to Forrest Hill Avenue). [District 2]
- (15-024) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,183 to VACATE Approximately 359' of an ALLEY Bound by MAIN STREET to FULTON STREET Between SOUTHWEST ADAMS STREET and SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON STREET, Adjacent to Lots 1 Through 10, in Block 6 of the Original Town of Peoria, Now City Of Peoria. [District 1]
- (15-025) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,184 Amending the COMPREHENSIVE PLAN of the City of Peoria to Establish Provisions of a RIVERFRONT OVERLAY PLAN; and to Designate a RIVERFRONT OVERLAY DISTRICT, Over the B-1 Downtown Commercial Zoning District, at 100, 200, and 220 NE ADAMS STREET; 124 SW ADAMS STREET; 202 and 208 HAMILTON BOULEVARD; 207 and 223 MAIN STREET; 100, 200 and 219 NE WASHINGTON STREET; and 110 SW WASHINGTON STREET (Parcel Index No. 18-09-260-016 through -018; 18-09-261-000 and -013; 18-09-276-001; 18-09-235-001 through -006; 18-09-278-007; 18-09-277-001; and 18-09-263-010) Peoria, IL (Council District 1)
- (15-026) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,185 Amending Ordinance No. 17,016, Relating to Establishing PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT as a RIVER EDGE REDEVELOPMENT ZONE Incentive.
- (15-027) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE DISABLED, with a Request to Concur:
- Ms. Melynda McKeever (Voting) - Term Expiration June 30, 2017
Ms. Laurie Atkinson (Voting) - Term Expiration June 30, 2016
- (15-028) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the 2015 SPRINGDALE CEMETERY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY ANNUAL BUDGET.
- (15-029) REPORT from the CITY TREASURER PATRICK A. NICHTING for the Month of DECEMBER 2014, 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 Weaver requested Item No. 15-022 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Jensen requested Item No. 15-018 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 Moore.

Item Nos. 15-017 through 15-029 and 15-041 (excluding Item Nos. 15-018 and 15-022, 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.

- (15-018)** **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with Request to Receive for Information and to Refer to the Legal Department the NOTICE OF LAWSUIT Filed on Behalf of SALLY HOGAN and THOMAS F. HOGAN Against the City of Peoria and Police Officer Bryan Sylvester.**
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Council Member Jensen requested regular updates on pending litigation matters.

Mayor Ardis said most of the City Council was aware of various pending litigation matters. He recommended that if any Council Member wanted an update, they should contact Corporation Counsel Don Leist or City Manager Patrick Urich.

Council Member Jensen said she would accept verbal updates. She said the updates would assist the City Council in becoming aware of various litigation matters and their pending status.

Council Member Jensen moved to receive for information and to refer to the Legal Department the Notice of Lawsuit filed on behalf of Sally Hogan and Thomas F. Hogan against the City of Peoria and Police Officer Bryan Sylvester; seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (15-022)** **Communication from the City Manager with a Request to Extend the City's CONTRACT with MCANARNEY CONSULTING to Serve as the City's Lobbyist in the State of Illinois and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Necessary Documents.**
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Council Member Weaver said the City needed to improve its process for its lobbyists and he felt that Council Members wanted to be engaged in the process. He commented that he had requested quarterly updates a year ago, and he said he had not received any of those updates. He said if the City Council received regular updates, they would be more engaged in what was happening in Springfield; and he requested monthly updates.

At the request of Council Member Weaver, City Manager Urich said he would confirm whether or not the City paid additional expenses above the regular contract price.

Council Member Weaver moved to approve extending the City's contract with McAnarney Consulting to serve as the City's lobbyist in the State of Illinois and to authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents; seconded by Council Member Rigganbach.

Mayor Ardis recommended that the City Council meet with the lobbyist in order to express their concerns.

In response to Council Member Jensen's question regarding if the City had issued a Request for Proposals, City Manager Urich said 2014 was the first year the City used Mr. McAnarney, and that Staff wanted to continue with the contract for a second year. He said Mr. McAnarney was the first lobbyist to provide the City with representation at the State level, and he reviewed the process the City implemented in order to hire a lobbyist. He said Staff made the recommendation to contract with McAnarney Consulting based on experience, and he commented that Staff was pleased with the services provided.

Discussions continued regarding the services McAnarney Consulting provided to the City in 2014, which included pension reform, the local legislative agenda, and garbage billing.

City Manager Urich commented that the money spent on a lobbyist was money well spent, especially in Springfield. He said there were times when the City and the local Legislators had not agreed on an issue, and he said having a lobbyist during those times was fundamental.

Discussions were held regarding the contract price. Council Member Grayeb expressed a concern regarding the same.

Council Member Weaver concurred with Council Member Grayeb's concern regarding the contract price. He commented on the need to have more regular updates.

Council Member Spain agreed there needed to be a communication process in place between the lobbyist and the City Council. He said the City would have a major disadvantage in Springfield without representation. He remarked on the importance of working with the City's lobbyist and local Legislators in order to form a coalition to promote the City's needs. He said now was clearly not the time to make changes in representation in Springfield, and should the City Council desire, they should review the contract at the end of the Legislative session.

Mayor Ardis said the concerns were justified and that the City Council needed feedback and regular updates from their lobbyist. He said City Manager Urich would relay those concerns to McAnarney Consulting.

Council Member Weaver withdrew his motion to approve the request to extend the City's contract with McAnarney Consulting to serve as the City's Lobbyist in the State of Illinois.

Council Member Rigganbach moved to approve the request to extend the City's contract with McAnarney Consulting to serve as the City's lobbyist in the State of Illinois and to authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Discussions continued regarding the representation of McAnarney Consulting, whether they represented other communities, and how much time was actually being spent to represent the City of Peoria. It was questioned as to how the City measured the performance of McAnarney Consulting.

City Manager Urich said Mr. McAnarney spent a lot of time in 2014 on items that were included in the City's Legislative Program and on the issues with pension reform, which took a considerable amount of time.

Council Member Riggerbach remarked on the importance for the City to have a lobbyist in Springfield and that the City Council should approve the continuation of the contract with McAnarney Consulting, and he agreed Council needed regular updates.

Discussions were held regarding the City's garbage fees.

Council Member Grayeb requested an update for the last twelve months to be provided at the next City Council meeting in February. He requested Report Backs to the City Council that provided the direction for Mr. McAnarney's representation. He said he was unable to support this item at this time due to the lack of information.

City Manager Urich noted that a report was distributed to all City Council within the last week that outlined the issues that were addressed by McAnarney Consulting for the last year. He noted the issues addressed by the firm, which included pension reform.

Mayor Ardis noted the main cause for concern was the lack of communication from the lobbyist. He remarked, from a procedural standpoint, the City was already two months into the contract, and even though the City had not signed a contract, the lobbyist was still paid for the last two months. He said he would concur with deferring this matter for two weeks in order for Staff and Mr. McAnarney to provide a better understanding of the value the firm provided.

Council Member Akeson recommended approving the contract with the caveat that the City Council was to receive monthly reports on the status of issues in Springfield, and that Mr. McAnarney should meet with the City Council on a quarterly basis.

Discussions were held regarding issuing a Request for Proposal for a lobbyist and how long that process would take. City Manager Urich recommended waiting until the session in Springfield had ended before issuing an RFP.

Council Member Jensen recommended extending the contract for one more year with McAnarney Consulting with the caveat that the City issue an RFP for 2016.

Motion to extend the City's contract with McAnarney Consulting to serve as the City's Lobbyist in the State of Illinois and to authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner,
Mayor Ardis – 8;

Nays: Grayeb, Jensen, Weaver - 3.

FIRST READINGS

- (15-030) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff for a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX B, the Zoning Ordinance and APPENDIX C, the Land Development Code Related to the DEFINITION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS USE.**

Council Member Akeson moved to receive and file the First Reading review of an Ordinance amending Appendix B, the Zoning Ordinance and Appendix C, the Land Development Code related to the definition of Medical Cannabis Use; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

* *Clerk's Note:* The Item will be placed on the February 10, 2015, Regular City Council Agenda.

- (15-031) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff with a Request for a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX B, the Zoning Ordinance and APPENDIX C, the Land Development Code Related to LANDSCAPING AND SCREENING REQUIREMENTS.**

Discussions were held regarding the screening requirements and the painting of mechanical equipment. Council Member Weaver noted the goal of this Ordinance was to beautify the City.

Council Member Akeson moved to receive and file the First Reading Review of an Ordinance amending Appendix B, the Zoning Ordinance and Appendix C, the Land Development Code related to Landscaping and Screening requirements; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

* *Clerk's Note:* The Item will be placed on the February 10, 2015, Regular City Council Agenda.

(15-032) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development Director with a Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission for a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX B, the Zoning Ordinance Related to SIGNS. PZ 14-K

At the request of Council Member Grayeb, Community Development Director Ross Black provided an overview of the proposed Ordinance. He commented that a number of citizens had been frustrated with the size of some of the signs in commercial corridors, which at times ended up in residential areas. He said Staff had already contacted some of the brokers regarding their commercial real estate signs needing to be scaled down in accordance with the Code. He said by summer the signs would be reduced down to the maximum size. He reviewed the outcome from the Policy Session regarding signs and the actions requested by the City Council.

Council Member Grayeb moved to receive and file the First Reading review of an Ordinance amending Appendix B, the Zoning Ordinance related to Signs; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

* *Clerk's Note:* The Item will be placed on the February 10, 2015, Regular City Council Agenda.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(15-033) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to REALLOCATE Existing Community Investment Plan (CIP) Project Funds, in the Amount of \$22,071.57, for the Creation of a CITY-WIDE PAINT PROGRAM. (City-Wide)

Community Development Director Ross Black provided a summary of the City-Wide Paint Program, noting that last fall the City Council approved similar funding for the First District. He said the Council requested this program be offered City-wide. He said Staff recommended sweeping the Alley Lighting Programs and the Paint Program and allocate them into a Paint Program that would be available City-wide.

Council Member Moore said she supported a City-wide Paint Program; however, she said she received a number of calls from her constituents regarding alley lighting. She inquired as to how such a program became inactive and whether the community was aware that there was a program for alley lighting.

Community Director Black provided an overview of the Alley Lighting Program. He remarked that there was no Staff available at the City to administer said program.

Council Member Moore said the Alley Lighting Program should continue to be made available to its constituents and that the City needed to find Staff to help administer said program. She said she supported the City-wide Paint Program and that funds to support that program should be found from another source.

Council Member Spain commented that light was crime's enemy. He said the City saw great success in the reduction of crime in areas where lighting had been increased. He remarked on the value of sustaining the Alley Lighting Program.

Council Member Grayeb remarked on the importance of lighting in the City, noting that each week he reported burned out streetlights to the Public Works Department. He said lighting was important for the welfare of the citizens.

Discussions were held regarding how many houses the Paint Program would cover, and the impact it would have should this item fail to pass the City Council.

Council Member Riggenbach commented that he received more requests for alley lighting than he did for paint. He remarked on the importance of the Council prioritizing its projects.

In response to Council Member Riggenbach's question regarding staffing to support the Alley Lighting Program, City Manager Urich indicated that the City did not have adequate Staff to promote the program. He said the Capital Project Budget focused on maximizing the City's impact with the funds that were available. He remarked that the Alley Lighting Program was labor intensive, and if the Council wanted to continue to offer the program, then they needed to find a different way to provide for the program. He remarked, however, that if Council wanted to continue to offer the program, Staff would continue to offer it. He said the City was trying to maximize its Capital Budget throughout the City.

Council Member Turner left the meeting.

Council Member Moore moved to defer this Item until the February 24, 2015, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Riggenbach.

Motion to defer to the February 24, 2015, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Spain, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

Council Member Turner returned to the meeting.

(15-034) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE a One-Year AGREEMENT with PEORIA ARCHITECTURAL SALVAGE COMPANY Related to the Removal of Salvage Materials from Buildings Slated for Demolition. (City-Wide)

Council Member Grayeb said the People of the City of Peoria appreciated the history of the City. He remarked on the need to preserve historic buildings and to conduct architectural salvage. He expressed his appreciation for having this item on the agenda, and he said he applauded

Staff's efforts in this matter. He said this item would promote historical preservation and sustainability.

Community Development Director Ross Black said the City had been trying to get a deconstruction program for some time. He said this would not be a complete demolition of a property, but the removal of important architectural elements. He said this would be a pilot program.

Council Member Grayeb moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to those who wished to address this issue.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to those citizens who wished to be heard on this subject.

Mr. Eric Reeder, a Peoria resident and an employee of LISC, said he hoped this program would provide sustainability to the older neighborhoods. He said the plan was to salvage items over a six-month period in order to accumulate enough pieces prior to the doors being opened to the public. He said it was their intent to make sure there was enough variety to offer to the public.

Mr. Tom Wester, a Peoria resident, said he served as President of the Heart of Peoria Neighborhood Association. He remarked on the need for a salvage facility. He expressed his appreciation to Community Director Ross Black for his assistance in getting this item to the City Council.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve a one-year agreement with Peoria Architectural Salvage Company related to the removal of salvage materials from buildings slated for demolition; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Council Member Jensen expressed her appreciation to Staff noting how it would reduce garbage in the landfill, promote recycling and create jobs.

Mayor Ardis commended Council Member Grayeb for his leadership in this matter.

Motion to approve a one-year agreement with Peoria Architectural Salvage Company related to the removal of salvage materials from buildings slated for demolition was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(15-035) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE \$25,000.00 from the Community Investment Plan (CIP) Housing Programs Project to REBUILDING TOGETHER for Housing Rehabilitation Projects. (City Wide)

It was discussed that anyone interested in this program should contact the City.

Council Member Riggenbach moved to approve \$25,000.00 from the Community Investment Plan (CIP) Housing Programs Project to Rebuilding Together for Housing Rehabilitation Projects; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11;
Nays: None.

(15-036) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM and to Allocate \$463,860.00 to the Program. (Generally Council Districts 1, 2, & 3)

In response to Council Member Montelongo's question regarding CDBG Funds, Community Development Director Black said these funds came with certain restrictions such as creating jobs in the low to moderate income areas within the City. He provided an overview of the CDBG Economic Development Program. He reviewed a draft application process, noting that any application would come before the City Council for approval.

Council Member Turner moved to approve the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development Program and to allocate \$463,860.00 to the program; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11;
Nays: None.

(15-037) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Recommendation to APPROVE Allocating \$50,000.00 in CDBG Funds for a PILOT LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT REHAB PROGRAM. (Council Districts 1, 2 and 3).

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the allocation of \$50,000.00 in CDBG Funds for a Pilot Local Historic District Rehab Program; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11;
Nays: None.

- (15-038) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE the ADDITION of a BUILDING SAFETY INSPECTOR and Two CODE ENFORCEMENT INSPECTORS in the Community Development Department Funded with the Anticipated 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). (Generally Council Districts 1, 2, & 3)**

Community Director Ross Black provided an overview on the addition of a Building Safety Inspector and Code Enforcement Inspectors. He remarked that the Code had been changed noting that CDBG funds could be used for local purposes. He said this item would address the issue of staffing levels and addressing code enforcement issues. He said the City would potentially receive \$295,000.00, which would cover salary, benefits and all the costs associated with the positions.

Council Member Moore moved to approve the addition of a Building Safety Inspector and two Code Enforcement Inspectors in the Community Development Department funded with the anticipated 2015 Community Development Block grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Council Member Jensen commended the efforts of the City Manager and Community Development Director, noting her support of the same and hoping to see improvement in the older neighborhoods.

Council Member Spain expressed his appreciation for bringing this item to the City Council, noting it clearly served a need in the City.

Discussions were held regarding the process for developers within the City and how to make it easier. Community Development Director Black said by adding an additional position dedicated to enforcement activities, it would free up other building inspectors to have a conversation with builders and developers. He said it was not the City's role to tell people how to draw the architectural plans.

Motion to approve the addition of a Building Safety Inspector and two Code Enforcement Inspectors in the Community Development Department funded with the anticipated 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (15-039) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE the DRAFT 2015 CDBG, HOME and ESG BUDGETS for the Anticipated 2015 Grant Allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).**

Council Member Turner moved to approve the draft 2015 CDBG, HOME and ESG Budgets for the anticipated 2015 grant allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Council Member Moore said she would abstain from voting due to a conflict with one of these organizations.

Motion to approve the draft 2015 CDBG, HOME and ESG Budgets for the anticipated 2015 Grant Allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstain: Moore – 1.

(15-040) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to Review the STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE and Determine 2015 POLICY SESSIONS.

City Manager Urich said the City Council received a copy of the Strategic Plan Update in their Council packets. He said Staff wanted to compile a list from the City Council for other Policy Session items in order to build a Policy Session calendar for 2015. He said there would not be any action taken other than to receive input from the City Council and to prioritize the list and have approved at the next City Council meeting. He listed potential Policy Session items as follows:

- Commercial Code Enforcement along the City's Commercial Corridors
- Economic Development Incentive Policy
- Snow Removal on Sidewalks
- Building inspections

City Manager Urich commented that another potential Policy Session could review the policies throughout the United States that had codes in place for building adaptive rights and how the City could be looking at the Code in these areas to make easier for buildings to be adaptively used. Another item he recommended reviewing pertained to rules and regulations covering the Uber car service that wanted to come to Peoria.

Mayor Ardis recommended Council Members provide a list to the City Manager wherein City Manager Urich would compile and distribute to the Council to prioritize.

Council Member Weaver recommended a session on Special Service Areas and their size.

Council Member Jensen requested a review of the liquor policy regarding places such as the Contemporary Art Center and galleries on Sheridan.

Council Member Moore inquired whether the City had a plan for regulating traffic when Caterpillar decides to begin construction in the downtown area, and she recommended a Policy Session to discuss the same.

Council Member Spain recommended providing options that would allow the City Council to bring an item back for a vote or to allow Staff to address an item on their own. He said he appreciated the opportunity to create different initiatives.

Council Member Weaver requested a Policy Session regarding Code Enforcement. He said he want clarity on the complaint and enforcement process.

Mayor Ardis recommended Council Members contact the City Manager with additional items as desired.

Council Member Montelongo requested a Policy Session regarding how to fund the City's roads over the next 5-10 years.

Council Member Spain moved to receive and file the Strategic Plan Update and to determine 2015 Policy Sessions; 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Including but not limited to motions to reconsider items, if any, from the previous Regular Business Meeting)

(15-016) Discussion Regarding the PRELIMINARY 2016 THROUGH 2019 BUDGET PROJECTIONS.

City Manager Urich said Staff met to discuss the issue of public input and engagement during the budget process. He said the City historically conducted citizen engagement and met face-to-face to discuss issues with residents. He said the City initiated a survey in 2014, which would be conducted again for 2015. He said the Policy Sessions would also have a direct bearing on priorities.

Council Member Grayeb remarked on the importance of engaging the community so they had an idea of what kind of spending the City needed for its infrastructure and the potential EPA mandate going towards the Combined Sewer Overflow issue.

Mayor Ardis remarked that the City had a new Communications Director who worked diligently to disseminate information to the media. He said with the potential of new Council Members being sworn in May, that budget discussions should be conducted in June. He noted by then Staff would have a better understanding of the EPA mandate.

Council Member Jensen urged that public input should be provided to the Council at the earliest possible time, and Council Member Akeson agreed that early public input was beneficial.

Mayor Ardis said there needed to be continuous information, and if there were items they would like placed on the agenda, then they should communicate that with the City Manager.

Council Member Spain moved to receive and file the Preliminary 2016 through 2019 Budget Projections; 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

Flashing Yellow Arrows on Stoplights

Council Member Montelongo remarked that citizens were not understanding the concept of flashing yellow arrows, which was resulting in a number of traffic accidents. He asked Police Chief Mitchell to review the number of accidents that occurred due to the flashing yellow arrows.

Request for a Meeting with the Peoria Housing Authority

Council Member Akeson said the City Council and the PHA met in May to discuss strategies for dealing with the relocation of Taft Homes. She requested another meeting with the PHA. She said there was confusion as to what direction the City Council previously provided. She requested a meeting scheduled as soon as possible.

Council Member Akeson moved to have the City Manager schedule a joint meeting between the City Council and PHA for purposes of discussing Taft Homes; seconded by Council Member Weaver

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Turner – 1.

Monthly Breakfast Chat

Council Member Turner said he and Council Member Weaver had great success in holding monthly breakfast chats, which provided neighborhood leaders an opportunity to discuss issues in their neighborhoods. He announced the next Monthly Breakfast Chat would be held Thursday, February 5, 2015, from 7:30 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. in Room 112 at City Hall.

Address of the City

Mayor Ardis announced, on behalf of the City's Communication Director, that the Peoria Chamber of Commerce would be holding a State of the City Address on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, at 11:45 A.M. He said tickets could be purchased through the City's website. Additional information could be found on the City's Facebook Page. He remarked that this was an event held by the Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce, and that the City would not be compensated.

Validating Parking in Downtown City-Owned Decks During Lunch

Council Member Spain recommended initiating a pilot program for validating parking on City-owned decks for people coming to the Downtown area to eat lunch. In response to Council Member Weaver, City Manager Urich said Staff would reach out to the various restaurant owners in the downtown area regarding parking validation. Council Member Spain requested this item also be discussed at a Policy Session.

Downtown Food Trucks/Carts

Council Member Spain said discussions on Downtown food trucks began in April 2012. He said a lot had changed since that time. He said the consideration of food trucks was an important issue and had an impact on the vibrancy in the Downtown Area.

Council Member Spain moved to place on the February 24, 2015, Regular City Council Agenda a review of allowing Downtown food trucks; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Grayeb - 1.

Fourth District Neighborhood Breakfast

Council Member Montelongo announced that he would be hosting his monthly breakfast chat on Thursday, February 5, 2015, at 7:30 A.M. at Panera located at Westlake Shopping Center. He encouraged all citizens of the Fourth District to attend as well as the City Council.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to those citizens wishing to address the City Council/Town Board.

Mr. Savino Sierra, a Peoria resident, spoke about his neighborhood and in support of the South Side. He expressed a need for more businesses and less junk yards in the area. He said he would like to see the South Side be rejuvenated.

Mr. Anthony Gardner, a Peoria resident, spoke regarding the support for the Jordy Jackson family, and their need for medical assistance in the amount of \$100,000.00. He said donations could be made at www.gofundme.com/jordyjackson and that lawyers and financial planners were involved to oversee the proceeds.

Mr. Brandon Gettys, a Peoria resident, remarked that culture has changed for businesses and that Peoria needed to create an environment for entrepreneurs to flourish. He remarked on the need to review the food trucks in downtown Peoria, and he recommended visiting a website <http://thewhiskeycity.com/projects/foodtruckspeoria/> for more information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was determined that an Executive Session was not needed at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

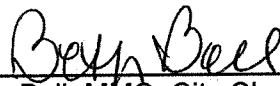
Council Member Montelongo moved to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Regular City Council Meeting adjourned at 9:43 P.M.



Beth Ball, MMC, City Clerk
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