

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

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held July 26, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall, Council Chambers (Room 400), 419 Fulton Street, with Chairman Pro Tem Ryan Spain presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Akeson (Arrived at 6:07 P.M.), Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Pro Tem Spain – 10. Absent: Mayor Ardis - 1.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Pro Tem Spain requested a moment of prayer or reflection and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.**Lydia Moss Bradley 200th Birthday Celebration****MINUTES**

Council Member Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on July 12, 2016, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Pro Tem Spain - 10;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, with Recommendations as Outlined:**

- (16-252) **Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Recommendation to APPROVE a Request from the CHILLICOTHE PARK DISTRICT to Disburse \$40,387.09 from the Recreation Fund for the Further Development of STONE WATER PARK.
(Council District 5)**
- (16-253) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ACCEPT the LOW BID of R.A. CULLINAN & SONS, A DIVISION OF UNITED CONTRACTORS MIDWEST, INC. and Award a Construction CONTRACT, in the Amount of \$5,017,561.32, which is the Base Bid of \$4,778,629.83 and 5% for Contingency, for the SHERIDAN ROAD PHASE 1 - ELEANOR PLACE to MCCLURE AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.
(Council District 2)**

- (16-254) **Communication from the City Manager and the Fire Chief with a Request to ACCEPT the Bid for the PURCHASE of Two (2) Engine Pumpers from BANNER FIRE EQUIPMENT COMPANY (E-One), in the Amount of \$907,920.00.**
- (16-255) **Communication from the City Manager and the Chief Innovation Officer with a Request to APPROVE a SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT with URBAN3, L.L.C. for ECONOMIC ANALYSIS and DATA VISUALIZATION SERVICES, in the Amount Not-to-Exceed \$27,400.00, to Include an Economic Analysis and a Comparative Value Per Acre Model.**
- (16-256) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE a CONTRACT with PEORIA METRO CONSTRUCTION, in the Amount of \$87,875.00, for the Twin Towers Parking Deck Ramp Waterproofing Coating. (Council District 1)**
- (16-257) **Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,389 Rezoning Property from a Class A-1 (Agricultural) District to a Class R-3 (Single Family Residential) District for the Property Identified as Part of Parcel Identification No. 13-15-226-006 with an Address of 6515 N. ORANGE PRAIRIE ROAD, Peoria, IL. (Council District 5)**
- (16-258) **Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,390 Approving a SPECIAL USE for a Waiver to Allow a Freestanding Sign in a Class WH (Warehouse District) for the Property Located at 100 WALNUT (Parcel Identification Numbers 18-09-403-001 Through -006, 18-09-403-010 Through -011), Peoria, Illinois. (Council District 1)**
- (16-259) **Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,391 Approving a MULTIFAMILY PLAN in a Class R-8 (Multifamily Residential) District for the Property Located at 101 IRVING (Parcel Identification Numbers 18-10-106-001 Through 18-10-106-003; and a Portion of 18-03-361-001), Peoria, Illinois. (Council District 1)**
- (16-260) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class C (grocery) Liquor License with the Retail Sale of Alcohol at the SCHNUCK MARKETS, INC., 10405 N CENTERWAY DRIVE, Contingent Upon the Issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 5)**
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- (16-261) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to APPROVE the PEACE BROTHERS MOTORCYCLE RODEO EVENT to be Held on August 27, 2016, from 10 AM - 4 PM at the Property Identified as Parcel Identification No. 14-17-100-001 with an Address of 1601 W. NORTHMOOR ROAD and Commonly Known as EXPOSITION GARDENS. (Council District 4)**

Chairman Pro Tem Spain questioned if the Council wished to have any of the Consent Agenda items removed for further discussion.

Council Member Turner requested Item No. 16-260 be removed from Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 16-252 through 16-261 (excluding Item No. 16-260, which was removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.
Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Pro Tem Spain - 10;
Nays: None.

- (16-260) * Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class C (grocery) Liquor License with the Retail Sale of Alcohol at the SCHNUCK MARKETS, INC., 10405 N CENTERWAY DRIVE, Contingent Upon the Issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 5)**

Additional information pertaining to the Site Application was distributed to all Council Members.

Council Member Johnson moved to approve the Site Application for a Class C (Grocery) Liquor License with the retail sale of alcohol at the Schnuck Markets, Inc., 10405 N. Centerway Drive, contingent upon the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.
Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Pro Tem Spain - 10;
Nays: None.

FIRST READINGS

- (16-262) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to APPROVE the FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending the UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE Related to SIGNS.**

Community Development Director Ross Black provided an overview of the proposed Ordinance amending the Unified Development Code as it related to signs. He reported that the United States Supreme Court rendered a decision that affected local sign ordinances throughout the country. He said the Court unanimously decided in the case of *Reed vs. Town of Gilbert, Arizona*, that the regulation of all temporary signs based on content was a violation of freedom of speech. He said the ruling would unify and make uniform all temporary signs in the City's Ordinance. He provided the guidelines for commercial and residential districts and asked for feedback from the Council regarding the proposed changes. He said, in order to create a uniform approach, the City Council needed to determine how many temporary signs each property would be allowed to post. He said, currently, the proposal allowed for one temporary sign per frontage property, which would reduce visual clutter. He said this was a policy question posed to the City Council.

Council Member Riggerbach remarked how some of these limitations would affect freedom of speech. As a Council, he said they were concerned about visual clutter, and he asked for at least a month to have an opportunity to speak with Director Black on this matter.

Discussions were held regarding Section 8.3.10 of the proposed Ordinance regarding temporary and permanent signs. Council Member Jensen wanted to ensure that the table outlined would not be in violation of the Supreme Court's ruling.

Corporation Counsel Leist assured that the table outlined in the proposed Ordinance was not in violation of the *Reed* case. He reported that the Town in that case had argued before the Supreme Court that the changes would unduly restrict cities and their ability to regulate signage; however, the Court stated that it would not be a substantial restriction on the cities.

Chairman Pro Tem Spain said Director Black asked Council to come back with a number of signs that would be allowable on frontage property. He asked whether it would be contrary to the Supreme Court case and if the City was looking for further Court ruling on the issue.

Community Development Director Black said the City could restrict the number, size, or some type of visual impact that would be negative. He said the core of the decision was that all temporary signs had to be treated the same. He asked the City Council to provide feedback over the next month in order to formulate potential changes to the recommended Ordinance.

Chairman Pro Tem Spain said it was the consensus to bring this item back in one month and compare this Ordinance with peer communities.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to receive and file the First Reading review of an Ordinance amending the Unified Development Code related to signs; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Pro Tem Spain - 10;

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 16-262 will be placed on the August 23, 2016, Regular City Council agenda.

(16-263) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE the FIRST READING Review to Adopt Changes to CHAPTER 5 of the City of Peoria CODE Pertaining to BUILDING CODES Based on the Recommendation of the Construction Commission to Adopt the 2012 ICC International Building Code, the 2012 International Fuel Gas Code, the 2012 ICC International Mechanical Code, the 2012 ICC International Property Maintenance Code, the 2012 International ICC Fire Code, the 2012 ICC International Residential Code and the 2014 National Electrical Code.

Community Development Director Black provided an overview of Item Nos. 16-263, 16-266 and 16-264. He noted that all three items were related, but each Ordinance affected a different Chapter of the City's Code. He expressed his appreciation to the Construction Commission, the local Home Builders Association and local realtors for their efforts in this matter. He said the major item that was a point of contention was the requirement for residential sprinkler systems. He said it was the recommendation of the Construction Commission to exclude residential sprinkler systems. He said these systems would be available to anyone who would like one installed, but it would not be a requirement. He said most of the proposed changes were definition changes. He stated that the City of Peoria was the last jurisdiction within the metropolitan area to move to the 2012 Codes and he said moving to the 2012 Codes would make it easier for builders in the metropolitan area.

Council Member Riggerbach recognized the amount of input from a diverse group of stakeholders and he suggested that this matter be open for 30 days in order to provide ample time to notify interested parties that a final vote would be taking place.

Director Black said it was Staff's recommendation to make the 2012 Codes effective January 1, 2017. He said this would allow current projects to be submitted under the 2006 Codes and would provide time to offer educational sessions in the late summer and fall to review the changes.

In response to Chairman Pro Tem Spain's question regarding the sprinkler requirement, Director Black said the sprinkler requirement was struck from the Code entirely.

Chairman Pro Tem Spain inquired whether other communities within the metropolitan area were still utilizing older Building Codes. He remarked on the importance of the City of Peoria having the simplest and easiest Codes in order to welcome businesses and development.

Director Black said he would be willing to do a summary of significant changes of adopting the 2012 Codes. He remarked that there were very few significant changes between the 2006 and 2012 Building Codes. He said he would provide a summary and review what codes other municipalities utilized. He stated that some communities were already adopting 2018 Codes.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to receive and file the First Reading review of an Ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the City of Peoria Code pertaining to Building Codes based on the recommendation of the Construction Commission to adopt the 2012 ICC International Building Code, the 2012 International Fuel Gas Code, the 2012 ICC International Mechanical Code, the 2012 ICC International Property Maintenance Code, the 2012 International ICC Fire Code, the 2012 ICC International Residential Code and the 2014 National Electrical Code; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Pro Tem Spain - 10;

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 16-263 will be placed on the August 23, 2016, Regular City Council agenda.

(16-266) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE the FIRST READING Review to Adopt Changes to CHAPTER 11 of the City of Peoria CODE Pertaining to Building/Fire Codes Based on the Recommendation of the Construction Commission to Adopt the 2012 ICC International Building Code, the 2012 International Fuel Gas Code, the 2012 ICC International Mechanical Code, the 2012 ICC International Property Maintenance Code, the 2012 International ICC Fire Code, the 2012 ICC International Residential Code and the 2014 National Electrical Code.

CLERK'S NOTE: See discussion under Item No. 16-263.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to receive and file the First Reading review of an Ordinance amending Chapter 11 of the City of Peoria Code pertaining to Building/Fire Codes based on the recommendation of the Construction Commission to adopt the 2012 ICC International Building Code, the 2012 International Fuel Gas Code, the 2012 ICC International Mechanical Code, the 2012 ICC International Property Maintenance Code, the 2012 International ICC Fire Code, the 2012 ICC International Residential Code and the 2014 National Electrical Code; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Pro Tem Spain - 10;

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 16-266 will be placed on the August 23, 2016, Regular City Council agenda.

- (16-264) **Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE the FIRST READING Review to Adopt Changes to CHAPTER 13 of the City of Peoria CODE Pertaining to Building Codes Based on the Recommendation of the Construction Commission to ADOPT the 2012 ICC International Building Code, the 2012 International Fuel Gas Code, the 2012 ICC International Mechanical Code, the 2012 ICC International Property Maintenance Code, the 2012 International ICC Fire Code, the 2012 ICC International Residential Code and the 2014 National Electrical Code.**

CLERK'S NOTE: See discussion under Item No. 16-263.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to receive and file the First Reading review of an Ordinance amending Chapter 13 of the City of Peoria Code pertaining to Building Codes based on the recommendation of the Construction Commission to adopt the 2012 ICC International Building Code, the 2012 International Fuel Gas Code, the 2012 ICC International Mechanical Code, the 2012 ICC International Property Maintenance Code, the 2012 International ICC Fire Code, the 2012 ICC International Residential Code and the 2014 National Electrical Code; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Pro Tem Spain - 10;

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 16-264 will be placed on the August 23, 2016, Regular City Council agenda.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

- (16-265) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Approving a SPECIAL USE for a Wireless Communication Tower Facility in a Class W-M (West Main Street Form) District, for the Property Commonly Known as PEORIA NEXT INNOVATION CENTER and Located at 801 W. MAIN STREET, and 1013 - 1017 N. DOUGLAS STREET (Parcel Identification Nos. 18-05-430-011, -001, -007, & -008), Peoria, Illinois (Council District 2). PZ 16-13.**

Ms. Kathleen Groark of Insite RE distributed a handout from Verizon to all City Council.

Council Member Grayeb moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to those individuals who wished to speak on this matter.

Hearing no objection, Chairman Pro Tem Spain granted Privilege of the Floor to those individuals who wished to speak on this item.

Ms. Kathleen Groark of Insite RE, said Verizon Wireless sought approval of a Special Use for a wireless facility on Main Street and Douglas Street. She distributed information to the City Council regarding the wireless communication facility and remarked that the installation of the

facility would improve coverage within the area where there was currently poor cellular reception. She reviewed the specifications of the facility noting that it would be a stealth flagpole tower that would be a fully functional flag pole with a flag in it. She provided specifications of the proposed flagpole with landscaping and she concluded by asking the City Council to support the request for a Special Use.

Mr. Thomas Wester, President of the Heart of Peoria Neighborhood Association, voiced his concern regarding the installation of the facility. He asked the Council to deny the request for the Special Use and stated that it was time for Peoria to develop a strategic plan relating to cell towers that would address how such towers would interact aesthetically within the neighborhoods.

Mr. Conrad Stinnet, a concerned citizen, stated that there needed to be a consistent policy or standard on cell phone towers within the City.

Mr. Brian Buralli, President of Moss-Bradley Neighborhood Association, remarked that he had not heard of the request to erect a wireless communication tower facility until a few days ago. He asked that this matter be deferred in order to give time to educate the neighborhood on how this tower would affect them.

Council Member Grayeb said everyone understood the need for effective cellular technology and the importance of ensuring the City abided by the FCC laws and rules. He said the Council needed to develop some type of policy on wireless towers to be consistent with the laws that guided them. He said he requested City Manager Urich to commence an analysis on wireless communication tower facilities and what was being utilized in other cities.

City Manager Urich said the Community Development Staff and Corporation Counsel were looking into the legal parameters for wireless communication tower facilities in order to have the opportunity to understand whether there would be any legal ramifications.

Council Member Grayeb said there needed to be a vision as a community on how the City would address this matter. He said deferring this item would provide him with an opportunity to meet with affected neighborhoods in order to make a more intelligent decision.

Council Member Montelongo stated that one of the proposed locations was by a technology location for start-up businesses. He asked that Staff consult with PeoriaNext and other businesses in that location. As a business owner, he remarked on the poor quality of cell service he received at that location.

Council Member Grayeb moved to defer this item to the August 23, 2016, Regular City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Motion to defer to the August 23, 2016, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggensbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Pro Tem Spain - 10;

Nays: None.

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

(16-237) Communication from Council Member Beth Jensen with a Request to Approve a RESOLUTION Stating that the City of Peoria Stands with Muslim Neighbors Against ISLAMOPHOBIA.

Council Member Jensen distributed a revised Resolution to all Council Members.

City Clerk Beth Ball advised that there was a Motion on the Floor to approve the Resolution stating that the City of Peoria stood with Muslim neighbors against Islamophobia.

Council Member Jensen said a second yellow Resolution was distributed to correct a typographical error.

Council Member Jensen moved for a substitute motion to approve the revised Resolution stating that the City of Peoria stands with Muslim neighbors against Islamophobia; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Council Member Akeson voiced her concern for the Resolution noting that the Constitution of the United States protected all citizens of all religions. She remarked that singling out one religion was unnecessary stating that the Constitution provided the protection. She said she would not support this item.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-237, as amended, stating that the City of Peoria stands with Muslim neighbors against Islamophobia was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Pro Tem Spain - 9;

Nays: Akeson - 1.

(16-247) REQUEST TO RECONSIDER the Vote on Item No. 16-247 Regarding the Communication from Council Member Tim Riggerbach with a Recommendation to AMEND an AGREEMENT with EAST BLUFF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES (EBNHS) For FY2016, to Modify the Amount of Special Service Area (SSA) Funds Devoted to the Health and Safety Loan Program from Previous Years, with the Inclusion of Additional Performance Measures.

Chairman Pro Tem Spain said this item was brought back to the City Council on a Motion to Reconsider by Council Member Akeson.

Council Member Akeson said she had requested to bring this item back to the City Council in order to gather additional information regarding the EBNHS. She said more work needed to be done within the organization by establishing more controls and requirements. She said she would support this item with the understanding that the EBNHS website would post all agendas and minutes in a timely fashion and a retreat would be scheduled in order to ascertain the type of controls needed in order to prevent this situation from reoccurring.

Council Member Akeson moved to withdraw her request to reconsider the vote on Item No. 16-247 regarding the communication from Council Member Tim Riggerbach with a recommendation to amend an agreement with East Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services

(EBNHS) for FY2016, to modify the amount of Special Service Area (SSA) funds devoted to the Health and Safety Loan Program from previous years, with the inclusion of additional performance measures; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Council Member Riggerbach said he had spoken with Council Member Akeson and he said she would be working with EBNHS for the 2017 contract in order to review many concerns outlined. He said he appreciated the Motion to Withdraw and he asked the City Council to support that motion.

Motion to Withdraw the Request to Reconsider the vote on Item No. 16-247 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Pro Tem Spain - 10;

Nays: None.

(16-248) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Receive and File the Final Development Plans for Habitat for Humanity for the Project Located at the 1000 Block of NE MONROE STREET and Provide PUBLIC NOTICE of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency's (IHPA) Finding of No Adverse Effect on the North Side Historic District Resulting from Said Development. (Council District 1)

Council Member Moore moved to grant Privilege of the Floor for those individuals who wanted to speak on this item.

Hearing no objection, Chairman Pro Tem Spain granted Privilege of the Floor to those individuals who wished to speak.

Mr. William Ordaz, a concerned citizen, remarked how Habitat for Humanity had created confusion on this project, and he asked the City Council to deny the project. He stated he had been removed from the Board without notice and he was concerned proper procedures were not being followed on this project.

Ms. Karrie Alms, a concerned citizen, said it was encouraging that there were a number of Habitat supporters who were for affordable housing in the North Valley. She expressed her concern for the project. She said this item needed a Public Notice published in the newspaper with a timeframe for public comments. She asked for another meeting to discuss the issues or to defer this item to a later date. She proposed an alternate plan, which she gave to the Clerk to place on file.

Ms. Lea Anne Schmidgall, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity, said it was not her intent to cause disruptions when it came to building in an area that desperately needed new homes and revitalization. She said she appreciated Staff's assistance in this matter as well as the efforts of Council Member Moore who reviewed the project thoroughly. She said it was their intent to work hard to develop Peoria and to be transparent as possible when it came to these types of projects. She invited those interested to walk through the new homes being built for those families who could not get a home loan any other way.

Mr. Savino Sierra, a concerned citizen, expressed frustration with the City holding back HUD from doing good things in the community and he encouraged the Council to get the HUD homes built so citizens who needed them could move in.

Council Member Moore moved to Table the request to receive and file the Final Development Plans for Habitat for Humanity for the project located at the 1000 Block of NE Monroe Street and provide Public Notice of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency's (IHPA) finding of no adverse effect on the North Side Historic District resulting from said development; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to TABLE was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Pro Tem Spain - 10;

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for a Resolution to Accept People of All Faiths or No Faith

Council Member Turner distributed a draft Resolution to all Council Members.

Council Member Turner stated that a Resolution was passed as it related to the Muslim community. He asked for consideration of a Resolution that would accept people of all faiths or no faith. He said a copy of such a Resolution was distributed to all Council. He asked that this item be placed on the next City Council Agenda.

Council Member Turner moved to place a Resolution to accept people of all faiths or no faith on the next City Council Agenda; seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Pro Tem Spain - 10;

Nays: None.

Public Engagement for Riverfront Planning

City Manager Urich said Assistant City Manager Chris Setti distributed a memo that outlined what Staff envisioned for the Riverfront site. He said Staff wanted to gather citizen input over the next 90 days of what they would like to see on the Riverfront. He encouraged people to go to www.planpeoria.com to provide input. He said the ideas provided would be prioritized. He provided a suggested timeline to complete the final design and implementation.

French Peoria and the Illinois Country: 1673-1846

Council Member Akeson said an anonymous donor purchased books for each Council Member entitled French Peoria and the Illinois Country: 1673-1846 by Judith Franke. She said it was a collection of historical information about the Peoria area.

Coffee with the Chief of Police

Council Member Riggerbach said the East Bluff Community Center was conducting a series of community engagements. He announced that this Thursday, July 28, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. Police Chief Mitchel and Sergeant Patterson would attend a meeting in order for citizens to come and ask questions.

Police Scenario Engagement Training

Council Member Riggerbach expressed his appreciation to Police Chief Mitchel and Lieutenant Theobald for their efforts in the Police Scenario Engagement Training. He encouraged other Council Members to attend a session stating it was quite an experience.

Meeting Regarding the New Douglas A. McArthur Bridge

Council Member Grayeb announced that Thursday, August 11, 2016, at the Valeska Hinton Center a colloquium on the new Douglas A. McArthur Bridge would be held. He said the City had envisioned some of the renderings of proposed structures of the bridge. He said it was an exciting project and the community needed to ensure it was done right. He said the Public Works Director and Assistant Public Works Director would provide information on this new bridge.

Council Member Moore remarked on the efforts of erecting a bridge. She said it would take time to replace, but stressed on the importance of public input on the project.

Night Out Against Crime

Council Member Moore announced that Tuesday, August 2, 2016, was the Night Out Against Crime events, and she encouraged everyone to participate.

Council Member Grayeb asked that the Police Department to gather information from the neighborhoods participating in the Night Out Against Crime in order for Council Members to plan their attendance to various neighborhoods throughout the City.

Comcast Service Changes

Chairman Pro Tem Spain said a report was released a few weeks ago regarding Comcast and service changes as it related to internet speeds. However, he said he received emails from constituents stating that report was false. He asked the City Manager to follow-up on this matter in order to gain additional information from the report that was released and why it conflicted with what constituents were reporting.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD

Hearing no objection, Chairman Pro Tem Spain granted Privilege of the Floor to those citizens wishing to address the City Council/Town Board.

Mr. Ron Valle, a citizen of Peoria, distributed a handout to all Council entitled "The Price of Prisons – What Incarceration Costs Taxpayers." He said a Block Grant Application would be coming before the City Council in August for approval. He asked the Council to re-examine the changes in the application, and he asked Council for their approval.

Mr. Savino Sierra, a citizen of Peoria, stated that Item No. 16-237 should have been worded differently noting that he had not known anyone who feared Islamophobia. He said it was each citizen's responsibility to preach civil rights.

Mr. Brandon Polson, a citizen of Peoria, expressed a concern for the condition of Knoxville Avenue between Richmond and Nebraska. He said there were a number of potholes in that location, which had caused some damage to his vehicle. He asked the City Council to have Knoxville repaired.

Mr. Amr Elsamny, a citizen of Peoria, expressed his appreciation for passing the Resolution against Islamophobia and specifically thanked Council Member Jensen and Mr. Gary Moore for their efforts in this matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent, 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 Turner moved to enter into an Executive Session to discuss 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent, 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 Riggenbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Pro Tem Spain - 10;

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Johnson moved to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Pro Tem Spain- 10;

Nays: None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.



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