

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

A Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting of Peoria, Illinois, was held October 13, 2015, at 6:01 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 (Arrived 6:25 P.M.), Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 9.
Absent: Spain -1.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jim Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or silent reflection, and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research-AG LAB 75TH Anniversary

Grace Baptist Church – Annual Senior Day, October 18th

3rd Annual Walk/ 5 K to End Lupus – October 24th

3rd Annual Peoria Marathon & Run River City, October 18th

Disability Employment Awareness Month – October

Blindness Awareness Month - October

COMMENTS FROM STATE SENATOR CHUCK WEAVER

Former City Council Member and newly appointed Illinois State Senator for the 37th District Chuck Weaver thanked his colleagues from the City Council and the many community activists at the meeting for their hard work and dedication over the years. He said he looked forward to this new role and planned to continue working.

MINUTES

Council Member Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council held on September 22, 2015, and the Special City Council Meeting held on October 6, 2015 as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Turner,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

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

**(15-329) TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA FINANCIAL REPORT for PERIOD ENDING
9/30/2015, with Request to Receive and File.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to receive and file the Town of the City of Peoria Financial Report for period ending 9/30/2015; seconded by Trustee Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Turner,
Chairman Ardis – 9;

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:**

**(15-330) Communication from the City Manager and Fire Chief with Request to
* Approve the Purchase of a Report Management Systems from the LOW BID of
EMERGENCY REPORTING/ESO for Software, in the Amount of \$102,856.50,
from the FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG), and to PURCHASE the
Hardware from Rugged Depot Company, in the Amount of \$182,362.87, and
IT360, in the Amount of \$48,630.15, for a Total Amount of \$333,849.52**

**(15-331) 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.**

**(15-332) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director
*** with a Recommendation to Enter into a One-Year AGREEMENT with WHISKEY
CITY SALVAGE, LLC for the Salvage of Materials from Structures Slated for
Demolition (City-Wide).**

(15-333) Communication from the City Manager with Request to:

- A. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria BUDGET for Fiscal Year 2015 relating to the Acquisition of Land Within the Warehouse District and the Use of the Warehouse District TIF Fund Balance, in the Amount of \$39,500.00.**
- B. AUTHORIZE an AGREEMENT to Purchase Real Property located at 701 SW WASHINGTON STREET (1st District).**

(15-323) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 28 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES to Prohibit Forward-Facing Parking in REVERSE DIAGONAL PARKING SPACES.

(15-324) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 26 of the CODE of the City of Peoria by Adding Section 26-251 Regarding SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL POLICY.

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(15-334) REPORT from the CITY TREASURER PATRICK NICHTING for the MONTH of August 2015, 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 Nos. 15-330, 15-332, 15-323, and 15-324 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Akeson requested Item No. 15-331 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Moore requested Item No. 15-333 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. 15-323, 15-324 and 15-330 through 15-334 (excluding Item Nos. 15-323, 15-324, 15-330 through 15-333 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, Turner, Mayor Ardis –9;

Nays: None.

- (15-330)** **Communication from the City Manager and Fire Chief with Request to**
* **Approve the Purchase of a Report Management Systems from the LOW BID of**
 EMERGENCY REPORTING /ESO for Software, in the Amount of \$102,856.50,
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Council Member Grayeb requested Fire Chief Kent Tomblin explain the purchases for his department.

Fire Chief Tomblin explained how the purchase of new software would improve response time and he thanked the committee who assisted in retrieving a grant for \$333,000, which helped the Peoria Fire Department advance technologically. Chief Tomblin introduced intern Tim Hofmann, who was visiting from Friedrichshafen, Germany, one of the City of Peoria's Sister Cities.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the purchase of a Report Management Systems from the Low Bid of Emergency Reporting/ESO for software, in the amount of \$102,856.50, from the FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG), and to purchase the hardware from Rugged Depot Company, in the amount of \$182,362.87, and IT360, in the amount of \$48,630.15, for a total amount of \$333,849.52; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Council Member Akeson remarked about the public outreach sponsored by the Fire Department, which she participated in recently. She encouraged additional public engagements and thanked the Fire Department for the positive impact in the community.

Motion to approve the purchase of a Report Management Systems from the Low Bid of Emergency Reporting/ESO for software, in the amount of \$102,856.50, from the FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG), and to purchase the hardware from Rugged Depot Company, in the amount of \$182,362.87, and IT360, in the amount of \$48,630.15, for a total amount of \$333,849.52 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Turner,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

- (15-331)** **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.

Council Member Akeson voiced appreciation for the City's lobbyist efforts in Springfield. She voiced concerned that requests brought forth during the Legislative Agenda in February didn't reflect much progress and she requested an explanation from the lobbyist. She commented on the daily journal updates the lobbyist provided earlier in the year and suggested daily journals should continue to provide updates to the Council. She pointed out that her name was omitted from a journal entry that occurred during a meeting with the lobbyist in August.

Council Member Akeson moved for approval 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 Riggerbach.

City Manager Patrick Urich stated that he would have the lobbyist provide updates from the items discussed during the Legislative Agenda.

Council Member Akeson stated she was interested to find out from the lobbyist if Motor Fuel Tax could be used for road repair instead of road construction to enhance the walkability around the City.

Motion to approve the extension of 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, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Turner,
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

**(15-332) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director
*** with a Recommendation to Enter into a One-Year AGREEMENT with WHISKEY
CITY SALVAGE, LLC for the Salvage of Materials from Structures Slated for
Demolition (City-Wide).**

Council Member Grayeb requested Community Development Director Ross Black provide information on how buildings are placed on the demolition list.

Community Development Director Ross Black stated houses were placed on the demolition list in two ways. He said houses not properly taken care of by property owners could be slated for demolition after a demolition case was completed. He remarked occasionally property owners or banks offered the City dilapidated properties, which also would be marked for demolition.

Council Member Grayeb discussed the demolition process and encouraged that demolition of properties be the last resort. He stated strong neighborhood organizations should be given the opportunity to review homes on the demolition list for reuse of materials or possible renovation of such property.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve a one- year agreement with Whiskey City Salvage, LLC for the salvage of materials from structures slated for demolition; seconded by Council Member Riggenbach.

Council Member Jensen voiced concerns regarding the salvage process and requested protection for older homes that could be saved. She also pointed out that previous salvaging prohibits the restoration of some properties.

Director Black spoke regarding a pilot program being proposed in which the City would issue an RFP once legal title of such property was given to the City to see if there was any interest in renovating such property, otherwise the property would be demolished. He indicated during that period no salvage activity would occur for thirty days. He stated the City currently had no funds available for demolitions until the end of the year.

In response to Council Member Akeson's question regarding any additional companies wanting access to demolition properties, Director Black stated there was not enough resources for a third company.

Council Member Akeson voiced concerns with the demolition process and said she supported the proposed pilot program.

Council Member Grayeb requested City Staff alert the Council when a property could be saved from demolition so an interested buyer could be found for renovation.

Motion to enter into a one-year agreement with Whiskey City Salvage, LLC for the salvage of materials from structures slated for demolition was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Turner,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

(15-333) Communication from the City Manager with Request to:

A. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria BUDGET for Fiscal Year 2015 relating to the Acquisition of Land Within the Warehouse District and the Use of the Warehouse District TIF Fund Balance, in the Amount of \$39,500.00.

B. AUTHORIZE an AGREEMENT to Purchase Real Property located at 701 SW WASHINGTON STREET (1st District).

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria Budget for Fiscal Year 2015, relating to the acquisition of land within the Warehouse District and the use of Warehouse District TIF Fund Balance, in the amount of \$39,500.00; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Assistant City Manager Chris Setti briefed the Council on the proposed acquisition of a vacant parcel at 701 SW Washington Street. He indicated the City owns another vacant parcel at Adams and State and this property would be a strategic acquisition to promote future development within the Warehouse District.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,266 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Turner,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

Council Member Moore moved to authorize an agreement to purchase real property located at 701 SW Washington Street; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to authorize an agreement to purchase real property located at 701 SW Washington Street was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Turner,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

**(15-323) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a
***** Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 28 of the CODE of
the City of Peoria Pertaining to TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES to Prohibit
Forward-Facing Parking in REVERSE DIAGONAL PARKING SPACES.**

Council Member Grayeb asked Public Works Director Mike Rogers what type of interaction the City had with the public regarding parking in reverse diagonal parking spaces.

Public Works Director Mike Rogers responded the City Transportation Commission had held meetings and several press releases had been sent out pertaining to reverse parking.

Council Member Grayeb expressed concerns with reverse parking and the replacement of parking meters in the downtown area. He stated he would not be supportive of this Ordinance.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 28 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to traffic and motor vehicles to prohibit forward-facing parking in reverse diagonal parking spaces; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Public Works Director Rogers stated the City was moving forward with the program and it was no longer a pilot program per Council Member Montelongo's request.

Council Member Montelongo stated he would not be supportive of this Ordinance.

Council Member Moore affirmed her support for reverse parking and stated she would support this motion. She suggested that instructional signs be placed on top of the parking meters to alert those who had parked and to make sure they had parked correctly.

Council Member Jensen voiced concerns with reverse parking and stated she would be supportive if a pilot program would be implemented.

Public Works Director Rogers responded to Mayor Ardis's question regarding a grace period, he stated the City would be placing flyers on windshields of non-compliant vehicles warning them to park correctly. He indicated, with the installment of parking meters, citizens need to begin utilizing them, otherwise tickets would be issued. He stated additional signs could be added to encourage compliance.

Council Member Akeson voiced her support for this Ordinance and indicated reverse parking promoted safety.

Council Member Montelongo remarked he had received negative feedback regarding reverse parking in the downtown area from his constituents.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,267 amending Chapter 28 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to Traffic and Motor Vehicles to prohibit forward facing parking in reverse diagonal parking spaces was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Johnson, Moore, Riggerbach, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 6;

Nays: Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo – 3.

**(15-324) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a
***** Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 26 of the CODE of
* the City of Peoria by Adding Section 26-251 Regarding SIDEWALK SNOW
 REMOVAL POLICY.**

A replacement Council Communication and Ordinance was distributed to the City Council.

Council Member Grayeb voiced concerns with the Sidewalk Snow Removal Policy and requested the policy be district specific in order to accommodate certain area needs. He stated he was not supportive of a complaint driven system regarding enforcement of this policy.

Public Works Director Rogers indicated the policy had exceptions and if snow or ice gets deposited on sidewalks by City snow plows then the business owner would be exempt.

Council Member Moore agreed with Council Member Grayeb's concerns with the Sidewalk Snow Removal Policy. She stated she had three concerns with this policy: 1. Business owners clearing sidewalks after snowplows went through; 2. Time period required to remove snow could cause additional cost to business owners, and 3. Not supportive of a compliant driven system. She suggested a business alliance to cover the snow removal, especially for the downtown area. She stated she would not be supporting the Ordinance regarding the Sidewalk Snow Removal Policy.

In response to Council Member Akeson's question regarding the percentage of compliance with cities that had a sidewalk snow removal policy, Public Works Director Rogers indicated approximately 90% compliance for cities that already had a Sidewalk Snow Removal Policy.

Council Member Akeson stated compliance of such a policy would make the City safer and she encouraged the Public Works Director to communicate with the schools' personnel to assure safety.

Council Member Montelongo stated he was supportive of the Sidewalk Snow Removal Policy.

Council Member Riggerbach voiced concerns with downtown intersections during wintertime. He stated the policy was a step in the right direction for the City, but the business owners should have minimum expectations and enforcement would be a work in progress.

Council Member Grayeb expressed concerns with the fining process for non-compliance of the Sidewalk Snow Removal Policy. He suggested the City assist businesses in creation of a special service area to provide snow removal for such businesses.

Council Member Moore suggested this policy would create several snow removal jobs within the community.

Council Member Jensen addressed concerns with the language of the proposed replacement Ordinance.

Council Member Akeson moved to adopt the replacement Ordinance amending Chapter 26 of the Code of the City of Peoria by adding Section 26-251 regarding, the Sidewalk Snow Removal Policy; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Corporation Counsel Don Leist indicated the Ordinance could be amended to add additional language clarifying the intentions for commercial properties only.

Council Member Jensen requested a friendly amendment to include additional language to the first paragraph of the replacement ordinance to add commercial properties.

Council Member Akeson accepted the friendly amendment pertaining to the addition of language in the first paragraph to add commercial properties.

Council Member Moore cited her appreciation for the amendment. She stated she was pleased for the businesses regarding this policy and she appreciated the proposed grace period, therefore, she said she would be supportive of this Ordinance.

Public Works Director indicated communication with the businesses would be important and a door to door campaign would be planned to notify businesses.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,268, amending Chapter 26 of the Code of the City of Peoria by adding Section 26-251 regarding Sidewalk Snow Removal Policy, as amended, with language to the first paragraph to add commercial properties, was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 8;
Nays: Grayeb – 1.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(15-335) Communication from the City Manager and Chief Innovation Officer Regarding a PRESENTATION on the Work to Date of the CITY OF PEORIA INNOVATION TEAM.

City Manager Patrick Urich summarized that the Innovation Team was created from a Bloomberg Innovation Grant. He stated the City of Peoria was the smallest recipient City of the Bloomberg Grant.

Chief Innovation Officer Anthony Corso briefed the Counsel on the work to date of the Innovation team in a power point presentation. He described that the Innovation Team served as in-house innovation consultants, it was 100% focused on bringing new approaches to solve particular issues, the I-team would coordinate across departments and functions, which develops partnerships and the I-team would not be responsible for direct implementation. He stated the four steps of the Innovation delivery approach would be: 1. Investigate the Problem; 2. Generate New Ideas; 3. Prepare to Deliver; and 4. Deliver and Adapt.

He explained that the City defined innovation as an original idea, or implementation and modification of an existing idea, that was new in the local context, added value and became institutionalized. He told the Council the initial priority of the innovative solutions was the Combined Sewer Overflow issue. He stated Peoria had proposed a 100% Green Infrastructure, which included rain gardens, bumpouts and green alleys.

Chief Innovation Officer Corso responded that the I-team's milestones for 2015 was as follows: 1. Investigate the Problem – May 15th to June 14th; 2. Generate New Ideas – June 15th to October 14th; 3. Prepare to Deliver – October 15th to November 30th; and 4. Deliver and Adapt – December 1st to unknown date. He stated implementing a strategic system of green infrastructure solutions could provide multiple benefits, such as eliminating the public health and environmental threat of CSO's while providing quantifiable social economic and environmental benefits, both within the combined sewer area and for all citizens of Peoria.

Chief Innovation Officer Corso explained a One Water Committee was created as a group of community leaders who was focused on comprehensive wet weather management for our City, who made recommendations, shaped City policies, researched issues, shared ideas and served as educational advocates.

Chief Innovation Officer Corso remarked on the Global City Network, which included an expert roundtable on October 2, 2015, held at the Gateway building. He stated Staff and experts participated in a bus tour of the combined sewer area. Chief Innovation Officer Corso talked about the public session with keynote speakers and the expert panel that discussed opportunities for Peoria with benefits of a good urban design and policies best practices, which included a brainstorming session with Staff and experts.

Chief Innovation Corso summarized how using green infrastructure could save money for the City. He stated it would reduce water treatment costs, defer or avoid capital investments, improve infrastructure lifecycle and performance, reduce regulatory violations, reduce energy (heat island reduction) and resource use and reduce waste.

Chief Innovation Officer Corso stated the Innovation Team was building a portfolio of preliminary initiatives and was prepared to deliver results.

Challenge #1 – Combined Sewer Overflows

- Street Tree Replacement Program
- Public Right-of-way Green Infrastructure Program
- Vacant Lot Stormwater Management
- Stormwater BMP Ordinance Development (Private Property)
- Watershed Study (Tipping Points Analysis)
- GI Water Quality Impact Study (L-THIA)
- GI Community Co-Benefit Masterplan

Challenge #2 – Socioeconomic Decline

- Small Storefront Activation Program (Economic Gardening)
- Residential Side Lot Adoption Program
- Vacant Lot & Blighted Property (GIS-based)
- Workforce Education and Training Corps Program
- Municipal Landscape Nursery & Training Area Development
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Program.

Council Member Riggerbach thanked the Innovation Team for their efforts.

Council Member Akeson stated her appreciation for the Global City Network Meeting that included experts and was well attended by the public. She suggested the Innovation Team host additional events to continue public involvement.

Mayor Ardis requested the Innovation Team place the power point presentation on the City website.

Council Member Riggerbach left the Council Chambers.

Council Member Turner moved to receive and file the Presentation on the Work to Date of the City of Peoria Innovation Team; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 8;

Nays: None.

Council Member Riggerbach returned to the Council Chambers.

(15-336) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to Allow the PEORIA BOAT CLUB to Continue Some Operations Should the City Acquire Certain Property from the DETWEILLER PLAYGROUND TRUST. (1st District)

Assistant City Manager Chris Setti spoke regarding the Peoria Boat Club continuing some Operations. He stated the boat club had three functions, the first being winter storage for the thirty six members' boats; the boat club had a clubhouse for social gatherings, and the docks were used during boating season. He indicated Staff had suggested the boat club continue using the facilities for winter storage until April 30, 2016, which was agreed upon by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources as a non-conforming use. He said the fence would also remain until April 30, 2016. Assistant City Manager Setti explained the City was not purchasing the docks, therefore the boat club could continue to utilize them. He stated that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources was not concerned with the docks and the City would have to work out an agreement with the boat club regarding utilities, maintenance and access facilities of such docks. He revealed that Staff was seeking confirmation from the Council to proceed with this matter.

Council Member Moore moved to approve the Peoria Boat Club's continuation of some operations should the City acquire certain property from the Detweiller Playground Trust; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Akeson and Assistant City Manager Chris Setti discussed various issues concerning the boat club remaining after the 2016 boating season. Assistant City Manager Setti indicated the City would be willing to work with the boat club to accommodate them within a public park setting. He stated a public input session would be scheduled at the Gateway building sometime next week to discuss a plan for the land designated for the new park. Council Member Akeson requested the public input meeting be scheduled more than a week in advance so the public would be have advanced notification.

Council Member Jensen said she supported the boat storage proposal, but stated she would like the City to pursue additional measures to protect the Peoria Boat Club even further.

Motion to allow the Peoria Boat Club to continue some operations should the City acquire certain property from the Detweiller Playground Trust was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Turner,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

(15-337) Communication from Council Member Akeson with a REQUEST to DISCUSS the PROCESS and PROCEDURE in Filling the At-Large Seat Vacated by the Resignation of Former Council Member Chuck Weaver.

Council Member Akeson voiced concern with the selection process regarding filling the vacated Council Seat. She said she felt there should be an agreed upon process.

Mayor Ardis indicated the process used to fill previously vacated Council Seats had worked well in the past and would be used again. He stated the City would notify the public of this process.

Council Member Akeson suggested, letting citizens know what the requirements were in advance and a public introduction of the applicants for the open At-Large Council Seat.

Council Member Montelongo suggested an online application, which would include name, address, work history, education, top issues for each district and their desire to fill the vacated seat.

Council Member Johnson stated he supported the previous process for selection of a new Council Member. He said he trusted his colleagues to make the right decision as they had done in the past.

Mayor Ardis said he understood the Council's concerns and he provided a handout with a timeline for the selection process.

Council Member Grayeb also stated he supported the previous process for filling the vacated Council Seat.

Council Member Akeson stated her desire for additional discussion regarding the process and Procedure. She said the public should hear from those who had submitted their names. She added the person chosen would become the incumbent and would have that advantage in the next election.

Mayor Ardis said people would have the opportunity to contact all the candidates, if they wished.

Council Member Riggerbach also indicated his support for the selection process previously used.

Council Member Grayeb moved to receive and file the request to discuss the process and procedure in filling the At-Large seat vacated by the resignation of former Council Member Chuck Weaver; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

(15-238) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Historic Preservation Commission to ADOPT ORDINANCE A or the Recommendation of Staff to ADOPT ORDINANCE B, Amending Article 16, the HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE, of the CODE of the City of Peoria with Respect to Various Items.

Council Member Grayeb requested Community Development Director Ross Black specify the differences between the two proposed Ordinances.

Community Development Director Ross Black spoke on the items that Staff and the Historic Preservation Commission agreed upon, which were the roll of secretary being removed, prohibition of electronic signs in historic districts, recommending removal of dying and unhealthy landscape along with driveway issues becoming an administrative process, and finally enforcement of historic preservation violations becoming a part of the hearing officer process rather than a court process.

Director Black indicated the differences related to the difference of opinion on the definition of a safe/dangerous building, the Historic Preservation Commission's request to prohibit vinyl siding, and difference of opinion on the demolition process within historic districts. Director Black voiced concerns with the demolition process. He stated the Historic Preservation Commission had requested prior to an emergency demolition, a finding of facts hearing be held with the Commission and a structural engineer be hired to review the structure. He commented this process could be lengthy and expensive and a safety hazard to the community. He explained out of 199 houses that were demolished in 2015, only five were in historic districts.

Following a brief statement, Council Member Moore moved to adopt Ordinance B, as recommended by Staff, amending Article 16, the Historic Preservation Ordinance, of the Code of the City of Peoria with respect to various items; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Jensen voiced concerns with emergency demolitions within historic districts. She recommended the City have an exception for structures within historic districts or structures designated as an historic landmark when an emergency demolition arises.

Council Member Grayeb suggested the Council review the discussions held at the Historic Preservation Commission. He recommended support for Ordinance A, with the exception of hiring a structural engineer. He stated the Historic Preservation Commission wanted more oversight and would support concurrence between the Community Development Department and the Fire Department to sign off on emergency demolitions.

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Mayor Ardis recommended the Ordinance be changed to reflect concurrence between the Community Development Department and Fire Department regarding emergency demolitions. He suggested deferring this item until the first meeting in November to allow the Historic Preservation Commission to review changes in the Ordinance at a Special Meeting.

Council Member Moore moved to defer this item to the November 10, 2015, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Motion to defer to the November 10, 2015, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

(15-338) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Approving the MURRAY PLACE DEVELOPMENT LLC REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. (1st District)

Following a brief statement, Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance approving the Murray Place Development LLC Redevelopment Agreement; seconded by Council Member Riggenbach.

Mayor Ardis thanked the property owners for their investment within the Warehouse District.

Council Member Moore thanked Council Member Spain for his assistance and hard work on this project within the Warehouse District.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,269 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

(15-339) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Approving the WD COMMUNITY INVESTMENT LLC REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. (1ST District)

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance approving the WD Community Investment LLC Redevelopment Agreement; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Mayor Ardis thanked the property owners and investors for their commitment within the City of Peoria's Warehouse District.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,270 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

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

(14-213) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to:

A. REMOVE Item No. 14-213 from the TABLE; and

Council Member Johnson moved to remove Item No. 14-213, a request to adopt Ordinances establishing the Peoria Sports Center and Holiday Inn Special Service Areas from the Table; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to REMOVE Item No. 14-213 from the TABLE was approved by roll call vote.
Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 9;
Nays: None.

B. ADOPT the following ORDINANCES Regarding the LOUISVILLE SLUGGER SPORTS COMPLEX:

- 1. An ORDINANCE Establishing the PEORIA SPORTS CENTER PROPERTY TAX SPECIAL SERVICE AREA in the City of Peoria, Illinois;**
- 2. An ORDINANCE Establishing the PEORIA SPORTS CENTER HOTEL TAX SPECIAL SERVICE AREA in the City of Peoria, Illinois;**
- 3. An ORDINANCE Establishing the PEORIA SPORTS CENTER SALES TAX SPECIAL SERVICE AREA in the City of Peoria, Illinois;**
- 4. An ORDINANCE Establishing the HOLIDAY INN PROPERTY TAX SPECIAL SERVICE AREA in the City of Peoria, Illinois;**
- 5. An ORDINANCE Establishing the HOLIDAY INN HOTEL TAX SPECIAL SERVICE AREA in the City of Peoria, Illinois;**
- 6. An ORDINANCE Establishing the HOLIDAY INN SALES TAX SPECIAL SERVICE AREA in the City of Peoria, Illinois.**

Council Member Johnson moved to defer the adoption of the Ordinances establishing the Peoria Sports Center and Holiday Inn Special Service Areas until the October 20, 2015 Special City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Motion to defer to the October 20, 2015, Special City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.
Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 9;
Nays: None.

(14-214) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to:

A. REMOVE Item No. 14-214 from the TABLE; and

Council Member Johnson moved to remove Item No. 14-214, a request to adopt Ordinances Levying certain taxes in conjunction with the Louisville Slugger Sports Complex Special Service Areas from the Table; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Motion to REMOVE Item No. 14-116 from the TABLE was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Turner,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

**B. ADOPT the following ORDINANCES LEVYING Certain TAXES in
Conjunction with the LOUISVILLE SLUGGER SPORTS COMPLEX
SPECIAL SERVICE AREAS (Revised Ordinances):**

- 1. An ORDINANCE Levying a PROPERTY TAX for the PEORIA
SPORTS CENTER PROPERTY TAX SPECIAL SERVICE AREA;**
- 2. An ORDINANCE Levying a HOTEL TAX for the PEORIA SPORTS
CENTER HOTEL TAX SPECIAL SERVICE AREA;**
- 3. An ORDINANCE Levying a SALES TAX for the PEORIA SPORTS
CENTER SALES TAX SPECIAL SERVICE AREA;**
- 4. An ORDINANCE Levying a PROPERTY TAX for the HOLIDAY INN
PROPERTY TAX SPECIAL SERVICE AREA;**
- 5. An ORDINANCE Levying a HOTEL TAX for the HOLIDAY INN HOTEL
TAX SPECIAL SERVICE AREA;**
- 6. An ORDINANCE Levying a SALES TAX for the HOLIDAY INN SALES
TAX SPECIAL SERVICE AREA.**

Council Member Johnson moved to defer the adoption of Ordinances Levying certain taxes in conjunction with the Louisville Slugger Sports Complex Special Service Areas until the October 20, 2015, Special City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to defer Item No. 14-214 to the October 20, 2015, Special City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Turner,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

(15-305) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request from the Advisory Commission on Human Resource (HRC) for the following:

- A. APPROVE Five (5) Funding Priorities for the 2016/2017 CDBG PUBLIC SERVICE APPLICATION: Child Care Services (Under 13), Youth Services (13 to 19), Services for Abused and Neglected Children, Senior Services, and Mental Health Services;**
- B. APPROVE the 2016/2017 CDBG Public Service Application, Timeline, and Materials.**

Motion on Floor: Select Six (6), rather than Five (5) Funding Priorities for the 2016/2017 CDBG Public Service Application and to Include Employment Training as an Eligible HUD Category.

Council Member Moore specified she supported the original five funding priorities, but felt the need for employment training to be included as an eligible HUD Category. She referenced several Peoria Journal Star articles that spoke on the high unemployment rate in the Peoria area, especially for the African-American community. She indicated she had three recommendations for the CDBG Public Service Applications: First recommendation was to add a sixth funding priority to include employment training; second recommendation was to maximize the award at \$10,000; and third recommendation, was to disconnect the two-year funding cycle.

Council Member Grayeb moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Ivan Williams, Vice Chairman of the Human Resource Commission who wished to address this matter.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Ivan Williams, Vice Chairman of the Human Resource Commission who wished to address the City Council.

Mr. Ivan Williams, Vice Chairman of the Human Resource Commission, briefed the Council on how the original five funding sources were voted on and recommended to the City Council for approval. He stated the Human Resource Commission felt the original five funding sources were important priorities for the City of Peoria.

Council Member Grayeb voiced support for the Human Resource Commission's recommendations for the original five funding sources.

Mayor Ardis questioned Community Development Director Black if the City could approve the funding for the original five funding sources for 2016, then suggest adding an additional funding source for 2017.

Community Development Director Black indicated the City could approve a one year funding source, but he said he was concerned for agencies who prepared their budgets in advance not being aware of funding amounts.

Council Member Moore voiced concerns about waiting another year to include employment training for 2017. She cited the Peoria Journal Star articles claiming 37.6% unemployment in the minority community and she said the community could not wait another year for employment training and she indicated the training was needed immediately.

Council Member Grayeb moved for a substitute motion to approve the recommendation of the Human Resources Commission to fund the original five funding priorities for the 2016 CDBG Public Service Application: Child Care Services (under 13), Youth Services (13 to 19), Services for Abused and Neglected Children, Senior Services, and Mental Health Services; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Ivan Williams, Vice Chairman of the Human Resources Commission.

Mr. Ivan Williams, Vice Chairman of the Human Resources Commission, said that employment training could be implemented into the original five funding sources. He voiced concerns regarding the addition of employment training, which could cause a problem with other agencies with services just as important who were denied funding.

Council Member Jensen stated she seconded Council Member Moore's motion for the addition of employment training because of the dire statistics facing our City's unemployment rate and employment training was needed within the City.

Council Member Riggerbach stated the City Council Members were makers and could change the recommendation of the Human Resource Commission, if they felt an issue was a top priority. He indicated he felt employment training was an issue facing the City of Peoria and needed to be added as a funding source.

Substitute motion to approve the recommendation of the Human Resources Commission to Fund the original five funding priorities for the 2016 CDBG Public Service Application: Child Care Services (under 13), Youth Services (13 to 19), Services for Abused and Neglected Children, Senior Services, and Mental Health Services FAILED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Montelongo, Mayor Ardis – 4;

Nays: Jensen, Johnson, Moore, Riggerbach, Turner – 5.

Mayor Ardis stated since the Substitute Motion failed a vote would be held on the original Motion on the Floor by Council Member Moore to Select Six (6), rather than Five (5), Funding Priorities for the 2016/2017 CDBG Public Service Application and to Include Employment Training as an Eligible HUD Category; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Motion on Floor was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Turner – 7;

Nays: Grayeb, Mayor Ardis – 2.

Council Member Moore moved to clarify the funding for the six (6) priorities of the CDBG Public Service Application would be for a one-year budget cycle; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion for the funding of the six (6) priorities of the CDBG Public Service Application would be for a one year budget cycle was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 8;

Nays: Grayeb – 1.

Council Member Moore suggested changes in the minimum and maximum funding amounts for the CDBG funds. She stated currently the minimum was \$10,000 and the maximum was \$15,000. She moved to change the maximum funding amount to \$10,000 per agency; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Council Member Grayeb stated he would not support the motion to change the maximum funding amount to \$10,000.

Mayor Ardis indicated he would like to obtain feedback from the Community Development Department and the Human Resources Commission on the impact of changing the minimum/maximum amounts.

In response to Mayor Ardis's question that if time would allow for a deferral to obtain appropriate feedback on the minimum and maximum amounts, Director Black indicated a deferral was possible.

Council Member Moore moved to defer the motion on changing the maximum funding amount to \$10,000 to the October 27, 2015, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Motion to defer to the October 27, 2015, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Turner,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Workforce Training

Mayor Ardis requested the City Manager to provide information on the amount of money the City was spending on workforce training.

Portable Toilet

Council Member Riggerbach requested Community Development Director Black to review the use of a portable toilet within residential districts. He asked that an Ordinance be written to address portable toilets.

Budget expense reductions

Council Member Montelongo asked the City Manager to request from Department Heads to provide any new revenue ideas for the City.

Public Engagement Process for replacement Park area

Council Member Akeson asked for a clarification on the public engagement process for the replacement park on the riverfront. City Manager Patrick Urich stated additional meetings would be arranged to provide the public engagement requested.

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 in support of the Peoria Police Department. He remarked on the quick arrest of a suspect in a recent homicide.

Mr. James Hogan-EI, a Peoria resident, provided a brief history of the Moorish culture. He expressed concern regarding the lack of cooperation and services he had received from the City.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Akeson 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, Riggenbach, Turner,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

The Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting adjourned at 11:03 P.M.



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