

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting of Peoria, Illinois, was held June 9, 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, Riggenschach, 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 Ms. Lee Mehl, former neighborhood advocate for the West Bluff neighborhood, be remembered due to her recent passing. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

Family House – 30th Year of Operation

Flag Day – June 14th

City of Peoria Proud Month – June

Vietnam Welcome Home Day – 50th Anniversary

Arthur Welch – Retirement from PCCEO

Walk to D'Feet ALS Day – June 13th

MINUTES

Council Member Spain moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on May 26, 2015, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

- (15-145) **Communication from the Township Supervisor with a Request to Approve a RESOLUTION Ascertaining the PREVAILING RATE OF WAGE for Laborers, Workmen and Mechanics and Other Workers in the Locality of the County of Peoria Employed in Performing Construction of Public Works for the Town of the City of Peoria.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve a Resolution ascertaining the Prevailing Rate of Wage for Laborers, Workmen and Mechanics and other workers in the locality of the County of Peoria employed in performing construction of public works for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Turner.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-145 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, with Recommendations as Outlined:

- (15-184) **Communication from the City Manager and the Chief of Police for the PURCHASE of Factory Ammunition for Police Duty Use from KIESLER POLICE SUPPLY, in the Low Bid Amount of \$25,386.00.**
- (15-185) **Communication from the City Manager and the Police Chief for the Annual PURCHASE of Reload Ammunition for Police Training Use from the Low Bid of ACI ARMSCOR CARTRIDGE, in the Amount of \$19,585.00.**
- (15-186) **Communication from the City Manager with a Request to Approve a FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM Grant for 101 N. MACARTHUR HIGHWAY, in the Amount of \$5,000.00. (District 1)**
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- (15-187) **Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE an AMENDMENT to the REVOLVING LOAN FUND with CPO GROUP HOLDINGS.**
- (15-193) **Communication from the City Manager with a Request for the Following:**
**
- A. **To Approve and Authorize the City Manager to Enter Into a REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT with JUNCTION VENTURES, LLC; and,**
 - B. **To ADOPT an ORDINANCE Creating the KNOXVILLE JUNCTION SPECIAL SERVICE AREA and Providing for the Levy of Special Taxes and Performance of Special Services. (3rd District)**

- (15-188) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to Approve RESOLUTION NO. 15-188 Concerning Support of the 2015-2017 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GREATER PEORIA MANUFACTURING CLUSTER STRATEGY GRANT APPLICATION.**
- (15-177) Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Community Development with a Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to Adopt the following:**
- A. ORDINANCE NO. 17,231 Amending Appendix B of the CODE of the City of Peoria Relating to VARIATIONS;**
 - B. ORDINANCE NO. 17,232 Amending Appendix C of the CODE of the City of Peoria Relating to VARIATIONS.**
- (15-189) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,233 Ascertaining the PREVAILING RATE OF WAGE for Laborers, Workmen and Mechanics Employed at Public Works in the City of Peoria, Illinois.**
- (15-190) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,234 for a PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT of a SIDEWALK on the East Side of MOUNT HAWLEY ROAD between North Fox Point Drive and East High Point Road. [District #3]**
- (15-182) Communication from the City Manager and the Fire Chief with a request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,235 Amending the City of Peoria BUDGET for Fiscal Year 2015 Relating to a FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT, in the Amount of \$303,182.00.**
- (15-191) REPORT from the CITY TREASURER PATRICK A. NICHTING for the MONTH OF APRIL 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 Moore requested Item No. 15-186 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Grayeb requested Item No. 15-193 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. 15-177, 15-182, 15-184 through 15-191 and 15-193 (excluding Item Nos. 15-186 and 15-193, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

(15-186) * Communication from the City Manager with a Request to Approve a FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM Grant for 101 N. MACARTHUR HIGHWAY, in the Amount of \$5,000.00. (District 1)

Council Member Moore remarked on the mural dedication that took place on Western Avenue in March 2015. She said the mural, which inspired conversation within the community, brought pride back to the community. She expressed her appreciation to everyone involved on that particular project noting that these types of projects provided a positive impact, which required very little money. She said the proposed project that was before Council for 101 N. MacArthur Highway would have a positive impact as well, and she said it was her hope that the Council would find this project worthy to pass.

Council Member Moore moved to approve a Façade Improvement Program Grant for 101 N. MacArthur Highway, in the amount of \$5,000.00; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(15-193) ** Communication from the City Manager with a Request to for the Following:

- A. **To Approve and Authorize the City Manager to Enter Into a REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT with JUNCTION VENTURES, LLC; and,**
- B. **To ADOPT an ORDINANCE Creating the KNOXVILLE JUNCTION SPECIAL SERVICE AREA and Providing for the Levy of Special Taxes and Performance of Special Services. (3rd District)**

Council Member Grayeb said, whenever there was an enhancement within the community, it should involve prevailing wage. He said including prevailing wage would protect skilled classmen and the economy within the community. He remarked on the importance of requiring the payment of prevailing wage in future private developments. He said it was the working people within the community that made the economy thrive and work. He said the City currently did not have any policies to protect its citizens in this manner.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve and authorize the City Manager to enter into a Redevelopment Agreement with Junction Ventures, LLC; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Council Member Riggerbach said the proposed Special Service Area was being created to assist in the construction of a new intersection along North Knoxville Avenue, which would include a lighted intersection at Donovan Park. He said this project would enhance local shopping at Junction City. He said prevailing wage would be paid on the public works infrastructure dollar. He remarked that a discussion should take place regarding prevailing wage. He said the Council wanted to be known for enhancing dialogue with the citizens, and he remarked on the commitment of the same from the developer and the laborers.

Motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Redevelopment Agreement with Junction Ventures, LLC was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to adopt an Ordinance creating the Knoxville Junction Special Service Area and providing for the levy of special taxes and performance of special services; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,236 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(15-192) Communication from the City Manager and the Chief of Police Requesting Authorization to Apply for the FY2015 COMMUNITY-ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (COPS) Grant to Add Four Police Officers.

City Manager Urich introduced Chief of Police Jerry Mitchell who provided an overview of the application process for the FY 2015 COPS Grant.

Chief Mitchell said it was their intent to submit a general Police Officer application, which could be utilized to hire an additional school resource officer, a resident officer, or for any other position needed. He said this was a federally funded grant, and a broad application would provide the City with flexibility in order to address other needs. He remarked that the application would list potential needs such as a new school resource officer or a new resident officer.

Discussions were held regarding the costs to the City. City Manager Urich said these potentially four new Police Officer positions were not included in the budget; however, those positions could be built into the budget. He remarked that the vote currently before the City Council was for the authorization to apply for the grant.

In response to Council Member Weaver's concern as to whether the City would be bound by the grant if awarded, Chief Mitchell said if the City was awarded the grant, they would be able to decide whether or not to use it.

Council Member Montelongo said his constituents were requesting more policing within the Fourth District from War Memorial to West of Sterling Avenue.

Discussions were held regarding whether the Fourth District warranted a resident Police Officer, and it was mentioned that the Fourth District did not warrant a resident officer at this time.

Council Member Grayeb expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the Police Department.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the request for authorization to apply for the FY2015 Community-Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant to add four Police Officers; 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.

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 as of June 9, 2015, with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE.

Exhibit E to the Budget Presentation was distributed to all Council.

City Manager Urich provided an update on the community feedback Staff received from the citizens who attended budget meetings and participated in the Budget Challenge. He commented that 49 citizens attended the various budget meetings held throughout the City. He said they provided input into the budget process and voiced their concerns. He said a number of comments and concerns were received regarding the demolition of abandoned homes. He said over 1400 citizens participated in the Budget Challenge. He said only 40% were able to balance the budget. He reviewed the statistics from the challenge and noted that 54% of the people supported increased funding for roads and one out of three citizens supported a green solution versus a gray solution for the combined sewer overflow project. He commented that there was support for a utility fee to address storm water management. From a revenue standpoint, he said there was support for raising property taxes but not with sales taxes. He said the City Council would begin reviewing the budget, and a schedule would be developed and distributed to the Council for future reference.

Council Member Spain moved to receive and file the preliminary 2016 through 2019 budget projections as of June 9, 2015; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (15-102) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to DEFER Until the June 23, 2015, Council Meeting the Request to Adopt an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 30 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Permitting TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES to Operate Within the City of Peoria.**

Corporation Counsel Leist said he needed additional time to meet with representatives from TNC and the taxi companies. He said both parties requested additional time to make suggestions and amendments to the proposed Ordinance. He said the parties were working towards a compromise, and he requested a two week deferral to allow for additional time.

Council Member Akeson moved to defer until the June 23, 2015, Council Meeting the request to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 30 of the Code of the City of Peoria permitting Transportation Network Companies to operate within the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Moore.

In response to Council Member Weaver's question whether additional time would be helpful, Corporation Counsel Leist said he had hoped during this additional time a compromise would be reached, and he noted both companies had a competing interest.

Motion to defer this item to the June 23, 2015, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Spain - 1.

- (15-167) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with Either the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to APPROVE or the Recommendation from Staff to DENY the following:**

- A. A RESOLUTION Approving An ANNEXATION PETITION and ANNEXATION AGREEMENT for the Property Identified as Part of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-028, with an Address of 9619 N IL ROUTE 91, Peoria, Illinois;**
- B. An ORDINANCE Annexing Territory Located North of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-030, South of Parcel Identification No, 08-35-300-032, East of Orange Prairie Road, and along the West Side of Illinois Route 91, Property Identified as Part of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-028, with an Address of 9619 N IL ROUTE 91, Peoria, Illinois; and,**
- C. An ORDINANCE Rezoning Property Located North of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-030, South of Parcel Identification No, 08-35-300-032, East of Orange Prairie Road, and along the West Side of Illinois Route 91, Property Identified as Part of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-028, with an Address of 9619 N IL ROUTE 91, Peoria, Illinois, from a Class R-3 (Single Family Residential) District to a Class A-1 (Agricultural) District. (District 5)**

Copies of proposed Resolution approving the Annexation Agreement, an Ordinance annexing 9619 N. IL Route 91, and an Ordinance rezoning the property to a Class A-1 (Agricultural) was distributed to all Council Members.

Council Member Johnson moved to approve the Resolution approving the Annexation Agreement for the property identified as part of Parcel Identification No 08-35-300-028, with an address of 9619 N IL Route 91, Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Turner.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-167 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Jensen - 1.

Council Member Johnson moved to adopt the Ordinance Annexing Territory located North of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-030, South of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-032, East of Orange Prairie Road, and along the West Side of Illinois Route 91, property identified as part of Parcel Identification No 08-35-300-028, with an address of 9619 N IL Route 91, Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,237 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Jensen - 1.

Council Member Johnson moved to adopt the Ordinance rezoning property located North of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-030, South of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-032, East of Orange Prairie Road, and along the West Side of Illinois Route 91, property identified as part of Parcel Identification No 08-35-300-028, with an address of 9619 N IL Route 91, Peoria, Illinois, from a Class R-3 (Single Family Residential) District to a Class A-1 (Agricultural) District; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,238 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Jensen - 1.

- (15-180) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to Approve the SITE APPLICATION for Class A (tavern) Liquor License with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol at CHEMISTRY, 807 SW ADAMS, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve, Contingent Upon the Issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. (DISTRICT 1)**

Council Member Moore provided a description of the item, and she expressed appreciation to the Petitioner for their efforts in this matter. She said the Council received better insight into the type of establishment that was proposed.

Council Member Moore moved to approve the Site Application for Class A (tavern) Liquor License with on-site consumption and retail sale of alcohol at Chemistry, 807 SW Adams, with a recommendation from the Liquor Commission to approve, contingent upon the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

801-803 NE Perry and the Armory Building

Per Council Member Grayeb's request, City Manager Urich provided an extensive overview regarding the properties located at 801-803 NE Perry. He remarked that the demolition orders were due to ownership neglect. He commented that at no time did the City have ownership of these properties.

Council Member Grayeb expressed his appreciation for the work done on this project, and he said it was with reluctance that the City had to demolish these two buildings.

Council Member Grayeb discussed the Armory Building, noting there was an owner of record who might have plans for its renovation. He requested the owner come forward and provide proposed plans to the City Council. He said he looked forward to a Report Back regarding the same, noting the Armory's great historical significance to the community.

Council Member Moore said there needed to be a way to bring these historic properties back to life with a renovation/rejuvenation plan.

Council Member Moore moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to those citizens who wished to address this matter.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to those citizens wishing to address the City Council regarding this matter.

Mr. William Ordaz, a resident of Peoria's North Valley, said his main purpose for addressing the City Council regarded the RFI process for this project and how it was developed, administered and not executed. He asked for the RFI in this project to be executed and to proceed to the RFP stage.

Ms. Karrie Alms, a Peoria resident, said the City needed a revolving fund and needed to get building trades involved as well as interested neighbors. She said 801-803 NE Perry was a 15-year case study of what not to do. She expressed concern regarding the City's process regarding this project.

Council Member Grayeb said Mr. Ordaz and Ms. Alms were citizens invested in historic preservation and were concerned about the process.

Council Member Moore said the Council and Staff would meet and discuss this situation and draft an item to address future historical sites. She said information was being pulled from other cities for examples, and she said it was her hope to have something before the Council this time next year.

Storm Clean-Up

Council Member Riggerbach said there were a number of downed trees from last Sunday's storms, and he inquired of the Public Works Director the process for picking up large trees and tree branches.

Public Works Director Mike Rogers said the Public Works Department would address the large tree limbs that came down during the storm. He said he was asking residents to make service requests through the PeoriaCares App. He said Staff preferred receiving pictures in order to identify the situation prior to responding to a call. He said once the request was made, he asked that the citizens move the tree limbs to the curb. He said the smaller limbs could be treated like regular yard waste.

Council Chamber Sound System

In light of the difficulties had with the new sound system in Council Chambers, Council Member Weaver requested Staff to review the warranty.

Motorized Bicycles

Council Member Weaver said he was seeing more motorized bicycles in the community, and he inquired whether the City had an Ordinance that would address these.

Chief of Police Mitchell said the City currently did not have an Ordinance to control motorized bicycles, but he said he would review the issue.

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.

Ms. Lavetta Ricca, a Peoria resident, commented on the problem from the weekend rains and water pooling in a parking lot of a closed business. She expressed a concern for the children in the area who could be harmed by the pooling of rainwater, noting its depth and the amount of debris that could be dangerous to children. She asked the City to address the situation. She also expressed concern regarding fresh catfish sales on the streets of the neighborhood and she questioned the health concerns.

Mr. Savino Sierra, a Peoria resident, remarked on the water pooling in the parking lot of a closed business. He said Moss Avenue had water drainage problems as well. He pointed out the importance of getting people interested in South Side renovation. He remarked on a Mexican grocery store with code violations and a tree that needed to be removed that had the potential to affect traffic.

Mr. Roger Sparks, a Peoria resident, remarked in Item No. 15-193 and the need for a signal light at the proposed intersection at Junction City. He said there also needed to be a bus stop at that location. He said there was no handicap accessibility to Junction City, and he remarked on the need to be able to cross Knoxville Avenue.

Ms. Karrie Alms, a Peoria resident, remarked on the home affordability period, and she discussed the need for the City to conduct a form of data collection to track promises the City made to neighborhoods that City employees could track as well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION to 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; 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; 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 Grayeb moved to enter into an Executive Session to Discuss 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; 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; 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 Johnson.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Spain moved to adjourn the Joint City Council & Town Board Meeting; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Joint City Council & Town Board Meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.



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