

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

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held September 23, 2014, at 6:18 P.M., at Von Steuben Middle School, 801 E. Forrest Hill Avenue, Peoria, Illinois, 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, Moore (Arrived at 6:25 P.M.), Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 10; Absent: Montelongo – 1.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Jim Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or silent reflection and then he requested that the City Manager's family be remembered regarding the recent passing of his father-in-law, Ray Abernathy. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.**

**Fire Prevention Week - October 5th - 11th**

**Glenda Williams – Recognition**

**Danny Sinacori – Recognition**

**RECOGNITION OF BURDESS & ASSOCIATES**

Mayor Ardis explained that the purpose of the recognition was to identify a small business at each Council meeting for their positive impact in their community.

Mayor Ardis introduced and recognized Mr. Harold Burdess, owner of Burdess & Associates. He remarked on the twenty- five year history of services that this small business had provided at the local, state and national level. He presented Mr. Burdess with the Small Business Excellence Award for September 2014.

**MINUTES**

Council Member Spain moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on September 9, 2014, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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**PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA****REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:**

- (14-386)      **Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to APPROVE a RESOLUTION Amending the OFFICIAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN for the City of Peoria by Incorporating the WISCONSIN AVENUE BUSINESS CORRIDOR PLAN. Case No. PZ 14-34. (District 3)**

A short presentation was given by Senior Urban Planner Shannon Techie and Jeff Martin, Landscape Architectural Manager, at the Farnsworth Group. This presentation revealed a potential upgrade to the Wisconsin Corridor that would assist in the revitalization of this area. The presentation outlined four main points for success of the revitalization of the Wisconsin Avenue Business Corridor Area. The four project goals discussed were as follows; 1. Public Engagements, 2. Identify Opportunities to "Brand" Corridor, 3. Develop Pocket Plan, and 4. Implementation Strategy.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to concur with the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to approve a Resolution to amend the Official Comprehensive Plan for the City of Peoria by incorporating the Wisconsin Avenue Business Corridor Plan; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Council Member Akeson questioned Community Development Director Ross Black on the implementation of this plan, and she suggested that the plan implement a Form District rather than an Overlay District.

In response to Council Member Akeson's question, Community Development Director Ross Black explained that after discussion with residents and business owners in the area, a similar appearance of the area was requested. He remarked that the City would not exclude a Form District, and he welcomed further discussion on the matter.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-386 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

**RECOGNITION OF LOCAL DIGNITARY**

Mayor Ardis recognized County Board Member Andrew Rand, who attended the meeting.

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

- (14-387)      **Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Public Works with a Request to Accept the LOW BID of ROADS SAFE TRAFFIC SYSTEMS, INC. and AWARD a Construction CONTRACT, in the Amount of \$18,503.20, for the WATER BLASTING PAVEMENT MARKING REMOVAL CONTRACT. (Districts 1 and 2)**

- (14-388) \* Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to:
  - A. Approve CHANGE ORDER #1 for an Increase in the Amount by \$200,000.00 to the ANNUAL STORM SEWER REPAIR CONTRACT with J.C. DILLON, INC. (Amends 13-502); and
  - B. Authorize the REPROGRAMMING of \$200,000.00 from the DRAINAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (D13000) to the ANNUAL REPAIR PROGRAM (S14001).
  
- (14-389) \*\* Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Community Development with a Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff for the Following:
  - A. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending a Special Use Ordinance No. 16,376, as amended, for a Planned Unit Development Preliminary Plan in Class R-3 (Single Family Residential) and Class C-1 (General Commercial) Districts to Add Land into the PUD Area and Add One 12-Unit Apartment Building for Property Generally Located at the Northeast Corner of Orange Prairie Road and Woodsage Road, with Addresses within the 5200-5300 Block of W. WOODSAGE ROAD and 8900-9000 Block of N. SCRIMSHAW DRIVE (PIN Nos. 13-02-100-024, 13-02-0025, 13-02-100-026, 13-02-100-027, 13-02-100-030, 13-02-100-035, 13-02-104-001, 13-02-104-002, 13-02-104-003, 13-02-104-004, 13-02-105-001, 13-02-105-002, 13-02-105-003, 13-02-105-004, 13-02-105-005); and
  - B. APPROVE the Final Plan of VILLAS AT GRAND PRAIRIE Planned Unit Development Phase 5, for Property Identified as Parcel Identification No 13-02-105-002 with a Temporary Address of 9018 N. SCRIMSHAW DRIVE, Peoria, IL (District 5)
  
- (14-390) \*\*\* Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending an Existing Special Use, Ordinance No. 15,959, as Amended, in a Class R-3 and R-4 (Single-Family Residential) District, for a Public Park to Add a CHILDREN'S MUSEUM for the Property Located at 2218 N. PROSPECT ROAD (PINs 14-34-183-002, 14-34-200-005, 14-34-332-015, & 14-34-401-001), Peoria, Illinois. PZ 14-29. (District 3)
  
- (14-391) APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the CONSTITUTION GARDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE with a Request to Concur:
  - Mr. Joshua Moore (Voting) – Term Expiration June 30, 2015
  - Mr. Alex Duhon (Voting) – Term Expiration June 30, 2015
  
- (14-392) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the ADVISORY COMMISSION OF HUMAN RESOURCES with a Request to Concur:
  - Mr. Greg Stout (Voting) – Term Expiration June 30, 2017

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. 14-388 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Spain requested Item No. 14-390 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Johnson requested Item No. 14-389 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. 14-387 through 14-392 (excluding Item Nos. 14-388, 14-389 and 14-390, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

**(14-388)**      **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to:**  
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- A. Approve CHANGE ORDER #1 for an Increase in the Amount by \$200,000.00 to the ANNUAL STORM SEWER REPAIR CONTRACT with J.C. DILLON, INC. (Amends 13-502); and**
- B. Authorize the REPROGRAMMING of \$200,000.00 from the DRAINAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (D13000) to the ANNUAL REPAIR PROGRAM (S14001).**

Council Member Moore moved to defer this item until the next Regular City Council Meeting on October 14, 2014, to provide additional time for the American Red Cross and the Public Works Department to assess approximately sixty homes that had damage caused by the flood of 2013, in order to seek possible funding for repairs of the damaged area; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

City Manager Patrick Urich indicated that the State of Illinois Department of Commerce would possibly provide funds for those qualified homeowners who met the State requirements.

Council Member Akeson expressed concerns about a property located on Manning Avenue in the City of Peoria and the rapid growth of a sink hole at this location.

Council Member Weaver stated his concerns about the pipe material and potential failures of other pipes throughout the City.

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Council Member Johnson voiced concerns about the proposed deferral and indicated that this process should move forward. He stated that for future budget matters additional funds should be added to cover future costs of repairs.

City Manager Patrick Urich stated that \$200,000 had been budgeted for such repairs. He responded to Mayor Ardis's question about the status of the Manning and Devonshire Properties, in which he informed the Council that the repair work had been authorized.

Motion to defer this item to the October 14, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Moore, Grayeb – 2;

Nays: Akeson, Jensen, Johnson, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 8.

Council Member Johnson moved to approve Change Order #1 for an increase in the amount by \$200,000 to the Annual Storm Sewer Repair Contract with J.C. Dillon, Inc.; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Johnson moved to approve the reprogramming of \$200,000.00 from the Drainage Assistance Program to the Annual Repair Program; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: Moore – 1.

**(14-389)**

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**Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Community Development with a Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff for the Following:**

- A. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending a Special Use Ordinance No. 16,376, as amended, for a Planned Unit Development Preliminary Plan in Class R-3 (Single Family Residential) and Class C-1 (General Commercial) Districts to Add Land into the PUD Area and Add One 12-Unit Apartment Building for Property Generally Located at the Northeast Corner of Orange Prairie Road and Woodsage Road, with Addresses within the 5200-5300 Block of W. WOODSAGE ROAD and 8900-9000 Block of N. SCRIMSHAW DRIVE (PIN Nos. 13-02-100-024, 13-02-0025, 13-02-100-026, 13-02-100-027, 13-02-100-030, 13-02-100-035, 13-02-104-001, 13-02-104-002, 13-02-104-003, 13-02-104-004, 13-02-105-001, 13-02-105-002, 13-02-105-003, 13-02-105-004, 13-02-105-005); and**
- B. APPROVE the Final Plan of VILLAS AT GRAND PRAIRIE Planned Unit Development Phase 5, for Property Identified as Parcel Identification No 13-02-105-002 with a Temporary Address of 9018 N. SCRIMSHAW DRIVE, Peoria, IL (District 5)**

Council Member Johnson expressed his concerns about this potential development and the comparisons of other recent developments that had come before the Council in regards to the building specifications.

Council Member Johnson asked to grant Privilege of the Floor to Laura Tobben, representative of RP Homes LLC.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to Laura Tobben.

Ms. Laura Tobben, RP Homes LLC representative, spoke about details of the current development. She explained the reason for the change to a quad level development and touched on the assisted living portion of this plan development. Laura Tobben responded to Council Member Johnson's question, that the hiring of local contractors would be priority.

Council Member Johnson moved to defer this item to the October 14, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Council Member Weaver indicated that he would abstain from voting because of having part ownership in this project.

In response to Council Member Johnson's question, Community Development Director Ross Black explained the possible concerns to the local school district and the entire City with the potential development of multi-family units within the 5<sup>th</sup> District. He stated this particular development would be 192 apartment units.

Council Member Moore expressed concern regarding the scope of this particular project and the deferral.

Motion to defer this item to the October 14, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Riggenbach, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 8;

Nays: Moore – 1;

Abstentions: Weaver – 1.

**(14-390) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development  
\*\*\* Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation of the Planning  
and Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending an  
Existing Special Use, Ordinance No. 15,959, as Amended, in a Class R-3 and R-  
4 (Single-Family Residential) District, for a Public Park to Add a CHILDREN'S  
MUSEUM for the Property Located at 2218 N. PROSPECT ROAD (PINs 14-34-  
183-002, 14-34-200-005, 14-34-332-015, & 14-34-401-001), Peoria, Illinois. PZ 14-  
29. (District 3)**

Council Member Spain spoke about his support of the proposed Children's Museum located at the historic Glen Oak Park Pavilion. He moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Emily Cahill, Peoria Park District, and Brenda O'Russa, Peoria Zoological Society, who would provide a brief presentation on the proposed Children's Museum at Glen Oak Park.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to Emily Cahill and Brenda O'Russa.

Emily Cahill, Peoria Park District Representative, and Brenda O'Russa, Peoria Zoological Society, conducted a brief presentation on the proposed Children's Museum. They stated that this Museum would be targeted for children 8 Years and younger and would include six exhibits, each with a connection to the Peoria area.

Council Member Spain moved to adopt an Ordinance amending an existing special use Ordinance No. 15,959, as amended, in a Class R-3 and R-4 District, for a Public Park to add a Children's Museum for the property located at 2218 N. Prospect Road, Peoria, Illinois, seconded by Council Member Johnson.

In response to Council Member Akeson's concern regarding the project moving forward prior to Council Approval, Community Development Director Ross Black explained the process for obtaining a special use and he indicated that improvements in this process would continue to occur.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,147 Amending an existing special use Ordinance No. 15,959, as amended in a Class R-3 and R-4 District for a Public Park to add a Children's Museum for the property located at 2218 N. Prospect was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**FIRST READING**

**(14-393) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works With A Request For a FIRST READING of a Proposed ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 28 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Renaming and Defining the CITY TRAFFIC COMMISSION.**

Council Member Grayeb moved to receive and file the First Reading of the proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 28 of the Code of the City of Peoria renaming and defining the City Traffic Commission; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Ardis advised the Council to start obtaining names for potential appointments to this commission.

Clerk's Note: This item will be placed on the October 14, 2014, City Council Agenda for adoption.

**REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:**

**(14-394) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to Approve the SITE APPLICATION for a Class C-G (Gas station/Convenience Store) Liquor License with Retail Sale of Alcohol at CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, 7815 N. IL ROUTE 91, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve, with the Stipulation that the Applicant must Adhere to the Community Development Department Requirements of Zoning Certificate No. 13-142 and All Applicable Building Permits. (DISTRICT 5)**

Council Member Johnson moved to approve the Site Application for a Class C-G (Gas Station/Convenience Store) Liquor License with retail sale of alcohol at Casey's General Store, 7815 N. IL Route 91, with the stipulation that the applicant must adhere to the Community Development Department requirements of Zoning Certificate No. 13-142 and all applicable building permits; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (14-395) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to Deny the SITE APPLICATION for a Class C-G (Gas Station/Convenience Store) Liquor License for Retail Sale of Packaged Alcohol at CASEY'S GENERAL STORE, 6203 N. BIG HOLLOW ROAD, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Deny. (DISTRICT 4)**

Council Member Weaver moved to defer this item to the October 14, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Motion to defer to the October 14, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (14-396) Communication from the City Manager and the Corporation Counsel with a Request to Approve the SITE APPLICATION to Amend the Site for a Class I (Assembly Hall) Liquor License with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol at Bradley University, 1501 W. BRADLEY, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (DISTRICT 2)**

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the Site Application to amend the site for a Class I (Assembly Hall) Liquor License with on-site consumption and retail sale of alcohol at Bradley University, 1501 W. Bradley; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (14-397) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to Approve the SITE APPLICATION for a Class A (Tavern) Liquor License with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol at PEACE BROTHERS CLUB, 1923 SW ADAMS, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve, contingent upon the following: 1) The rezoning of the property to a commercial zoning district; 2) The issuance of a change of use by the Community Development Department; and 3) The payment of any fees or fines owed to the Finance Department. (DISTRICT 1)**



Council Member Moore moved to approve the Site Application for a Class A (Tavern) Liquor License with on-site consumption and retail sale of alcohol at Peace Brothers Club, 1923 SW Adams, with a recommendation from the Liquor Commission to approve, contingent upon the following: 1) The rezoning of the property to a commercial zoning district; 2) The issuance of a change of use by the Community Development Department; and 3) The payment of any fees or fines owed to the Finance Department; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Council Member Moore moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Pastor Tim Criss from the City of Refuge Church and anyone else who wished to speak.

Pastor Tim Criss, of the City of Refuge Church, voiced his opposition about the proposed site application at 1923 SW Adams. He informed the Council that his Church recently purchased property close to the proposed site for a potential Youth Center and he was concerned about the close proximity of a liquor establishment to his proposed Youth Center.

Council Member Moore asked if someone from the Peace Brother's Club was in attendance and willing to speak.

Terry Edwards, representative from the Peace Brother's Club, stated that his organization would work with Pastor Criss to resolve his concerns. Mayor Ardis and Council Member Moore explained to Mr. Edwards that after the site approval was complete, he still had to obtain approval from the Zoning Department and Fire Department before a Liquor License would be issued. Mr. Edwards responded that he understood the stipulations.

Mayor Ardis explained that the City had a process with regards to site approvals. He indicated that once a site approval had lapsed at an establishment a new site approval would need to go through the approval process, which would allow the City to revisit locations previously approved for liquor establishments that possibly would not qualify at today's standards. He encouraged Mr. Edwards to work with Cooperation Counsel for a plan of operation at the beginning of this process to prevent further issues.

Council Member Akeson moved for a substitute motion to defer this matter until the October 14, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Weaver.

Substitute Motion to defer this matter to the October 14, 2014, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(14-398) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to Approve the SITE APPLICATION for change of site approval from a Class B-1 (restaurant) to a Class A (tavern) Liquor License, with a Subclass 1A (2:00 A.M. Hours), with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol at KICKBACK ON FULTON, 456 FULTON, SUITE 105, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (DISTRICT 1)**

Council Member Moore moved to approve the Site Application for change of site approval from a Class B-1 (restaurant) to a Class A (tavern) Liquor License, with a Subclass 1A (2:00 A.M. Hours), with on-site consumption and retail sale of alcohol at Kickback on Fulton, 456 Fulton, Suite 105; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote:

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Moore, Riggensch, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **(14-399) Discussion Regarding Curfew Violations And Direct Staff To Bring Back Information on Stronger Penalties**

Council Member Grayeb expressed concerns about the continued problems with curfew in the City of Peoria. He stated that stricter enforcement of curfew violations must occur and that parents need to be held responsible for their children's violations. He continued to voice his concern on the payment of curfew violation tickets.

Police Chief Jerry Mitchell stated that since January 1, 2014 through the end of August of 2014, the City of Peoria had issued 160 curfew citations, but only 20 had been paid.

Council Member Grayeb moved to direct staff to report back at the October 14, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting with information on a possible ordinance that would address a more extensive punishment for curfew violations; seconded by Council Member Riggensch.

Council Member Weaver encouraged the Council to attend Council Member Turner's Neighborhood Meeting next Thursday at 7:30 A.M., the speaker would be Regional Superintendent of School Beth Derry who would be speaking on the topic of curfew.

Council Member Akeson stated her concerns about the curfew issue and she encouraged cooperation from Peoria School District 150 to assist with this problem.

Council Member Spain questioned Police Chief Mitchell if the Peoria Police Department would consider using social media to assist with curfew violation issues. In response to Council Member Spain, Superintendent Mitchell explained that his department had used social media to assist in these matters, but incidents were spontaneous and unplanned so the police could only react after the incident starts.

Motion to direct staff to report back at the October 14, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting with information on a possible ordinance that would address a more extensive punishment for curfew violations was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Moore, Riggensch, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

#### **(14-400) Marijuana Dispensaries**

Council Member Jensen voiced concerns regarding marijuana dispensaries being treated as pharmacies. She stated that she felt that residents and businesses needed an opportunity to voice a concern on proposed dispensaries in their areas. Council Member Jensen moved to direct staff to come back with a proposal that would allow for a Special Use process pertaining to applications for marijuana dispensaries; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

In response to Council Member Weaver's question, Community Development Director Ross Black indicated that this motion would affect future applications, not currently approved applications for marijuana dispensaries.

In discussion with Council Member Weaver, Community Development Director Ross Black remarked that a vote on marijuana cultivation centers, not marijuana dispensaries, came before the Council previously. He stated therefore no motion to reconsider could move forward since no actual vote on dispensaries occurred.

Council Member Jensen stated that a motion to reconsider could occur in reference to the vote on Letters of Support to applicants for permits for cannabis cultivation and/or dispensing operations that occurred at the September 9, 2014 Council Meeting.

Corporation Counsel Donald Leist agreed that a motion to reconsider could move forward in regards to the letter of support vote on September 9, 2014.

In response to Council Member Weaver's question, Community Development Director Ross Black indicated that the decision that dispensaries would be treated as pharmacies was an administrative decision that was made in July, 2014, through a Council Memo explaining this matter.

Council Member Akeson voiced concerns about the processes involving real estate.

Motion to direct staff to come back with a proposal that would allow a Special Use process to be enacted in regards to marijuana dispensaries was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Moore, Riggenbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver,  
Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

### **Peoria's Peace Walk**

Council Member Moore announced that a Peace Walk would take place this Friday September 26, 2014, at Proctor Center at 5:30 P.M.

### **Appreciation of staff**

Council Member Weaver expressed gratitude to Public Works Director Mike Rogers, Community Development Director Ross Black, Assistant City Manager Chris Setti and Police Chief Jerry Mitchell on their outstanding job performance.

### **Resident Officer Open House**

Mayor Ardis announced that an open house ribbon cutting ceremony would take place on Wednesday October 1, 2014, at 11:00 A.M. at the Resident Officer's home located at 1916 W. Kettelle.

### **Appreciation to Chief Jerry Mitchell**

Mayor Ardis expressed his appreciation to newly appointed Police Superintendent Jerry Mitchell on his acceptance of this new position of Police Chief.

### **Appreciation to Peoria School District 150**

Mayor Ardis expressed his appreciation to Peoria School District 150 for allowing the City to utilize another District 150 property to conduct the Council meetings. He also stated his thanks to the City of Peoria Public Works Crew that assists in setting up the meetings at the off-site locations.

**Tree Policy**

Council Member Akeson requested a future policy session to discuss the tree policy for the City of Peoria.

**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, discussed the improvements on the East Bluff. He also discussed Southside improvements that were needed.

Mr. Gary Morris, a Peoria resident, expressed his disappointment with the City in regards to a recent tree removal incident that occurred at his residence.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Turner moved to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Spain.

Approved by roll call vote.

The Regular City Council Meeting adjourned at 9:24 P.M.



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