

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

A Regular City Council Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held March 22, 2016, at City Hall, Council Chambers (Room 400), 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: Akesson, Grayeb (Arrived 6:03), Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenschach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11. Absent – None.

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.

Parental Alienation Awareness Day – April 25, 2016
Grandparent Alienation Awareness Day – June 14, 2016
Parkinson's Awareness Month – April 2016
Manuel Academy Boys' Varsity Basketball Champions – 3rd Place State

SMALL BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARD

Mayor Ardis recognized Lippmann's Furniture & Interiors for the Small Business Excellence Award for their contributions to the City of Peoria and to the Fifth District. He remarked that M. Walter Lippmann started his Peoria business in 1949 and the business had continued to operate in Central Illinois for five generations. He stated that Lippmann's was also a civic minded company, with family involvement in many community organizations.

Council Member Johnson thanked the Wiesehan family for their continued investment in the community.

Mr. Mike Wiesehan thanked the City for the Small Business Award and stated his family appreciated the many years of support shown by the Peoria community.

MINUTES

Council Member Spain moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on March 8, 2016, and the Special City Council Meeting held March 18, 2016, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenschach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

(16-085) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the Proposed ANNEXATION of Property having the Permanent Address of 1818 W. WILHELM ROAD, PEORIA, Illinois.

Council Member Spain moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the proposed annexation of property having the permanent address of 1818 W. Wilhelm Road, Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Ardis opened the Public Hearing at 6:36 P.M.

Following a third call for comments from the public, Mayor Ardis determined no one wished to speak and he requested the Public Hearing be closed.

Council Member Spain moved to close the Public Hearing regarding the proposed annexation of property having the permanent address of 1818 W. Wilhelm, Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Public Hearing closed at 6:37 P.M.

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

(16-086) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff for the Following:

- A. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 16-086 Approving an Annexation Agreement for the Property Identified as Parcel Identification No. 09-29-301-020 and with an Address of 1818 W. WILHELM ROAD, Peoria, IL. (Council District 5); and**
- B. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,346 Annexing Territory for the Property Identified as Parcel Identification No. 09-29-301-020 and with an Address of 1818 W WILHELM ROAD, Peoria, IL. (Council District 5); and**

- C. **ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,347 REZONING Property from a Class R-3 (Single Family Residential) to R-2 (Single Family Residential) for the Property Identified as Parcel Identification No. 09-29-301-020 and with an address of 1818 W WILHELM ROAD, Peoria, IL. (Council District 5);**
- D. **ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,348 Approving the Preliminary/Final Plat of CARLSON SUBDIVISION for the Property Identified as Parcel Identification No. 09-29-301-020 and with an Address of 1818 W WILHELM ROAD, Peoria, IL. (Council District 5)**
- (16-087) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to Approve the Following Regarding Improvements to the RLI INSURANCE COMPANY CAMPUS [Council District 5] (Also refer to Item #15-141, ORD. 17,223):**
- A. **ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,349 to VACATE Approximately 487 Feet of LINDBERGH DRIVE North of Bird Boulevard;**
- B. **ACCEPT a DEDICATION DEED from RLI Insurance Company for a Parcel of Land for the Realigned Roadway of LINDBERGH DRIVE and HALE AVENUE.**
- (16-088)**
* **Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with the following Requests:**
- A. **APPROVE the 2016 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN for Submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), with a Total Grant Allocation of \$2,171,142.00.**
- B. **APPROVE an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2016/2017 BIENNIAL BUDGET Relating to the 2016 CDBG, HOME and ESG BUDGETS to Reflect the Actual 2016 Allocation from the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)**
- (16-089) REPORT from the CITY TREASURER PATRICK A. NICHTING for the YEAR 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. 16-088 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 16-086, through 16-089 (excluding Item No. 16-088, which was removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.
Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;
Nays: None.

(16-088) **Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with the following Requests:**
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- A. APPROVE the 2016 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN for Submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), with a Total Grant Allocation of \$2,171,142.00.**
- B. APPROVE an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2016/2017 BIENNIAL BUDGET Relating to the 2016 CDBG, HOME and ESG BUDGETS to Reflect the Actual 2016 Allocation from the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)**

Council Member Moore questioned Community Development Director Ross Black regarding the citizen participation process. She requested additional efforts be utilized in reaching out to the community regarding this program.

Community Development Director Ross Black stated he would review additional ways to reach out to the community and would seek assistance from the City's Communication Specialist.

Council Member Moore moved to approve the 2016 Annual Action Plan for submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), with a total grant allocation of \$2,171,142.00; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;
Nays: None.

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2016/2017 Biennial Budget relating to the 2016 CDBG, HOME and ESG Budgets to reflect the actual 2016 allocation from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); seconded by Council Member Jensen.

ORDINANCE 17,350 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;
Nays: None.

FIRST READINGS

(16-090) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to Approve the FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX B of the CODE of the City of Peoria, and an ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX C of the Code of the City of Peoria, Relating to BEEKEEPING.

Community Development Director Ross Black explained a local group of beekeepers approached the City requesting a review of the City Code to allow beekeeping within the City limits. He stated beekeeping was common in other communities and was regulated and licensed by the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Council Member Jensen thanked Director Black for bringing this forward and was in support of beekeeping within City limits. She questioned Director Black about chickens within the City limits.

Director Black indicated he would provide a report back on raising chickens within urban areas.

Council Member Montelongo asked Director Black if these beekeepers operated businesses or planned on selling the products produced from the bee hives.

Director Black stated the Ordinance allowed beekeeping on residential and non-residential properties. He stated he felt the intent of this Ordinance was not create a large commercial endeavor, but rather assist the small based beekeepers within central Illinois. He indicated beekeepers who wanted to sell products from their home would follow the home occupation guidelines.

In response to Council Member Moore's questions, Director Black stated he wasn't aware of anyone waiting for the passage of this Ordinance. He indicated beekeepers needed to have the hives in place during the spring for the production of honey during the summer months. Director Black remarked on Council Member Moore's concerns with citizens who were allergic to bees. He indicated research showed no negative health impact and having a bee hive would not create additional health hazards. He stated the Ordinance had regulations indicating, if a bee hive would become a nuisance or aggressive, the City had the right to destroy the hives.

Mayor Ardis requested additional information regarding beekeeping.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to local beekeeper, Janet Hart, who wished to address the City Council.

Ms. Janet Hart, a local beekeeper spoke about beekeeping and how important obtaining European queen bees were to produce successful bee hives. She further explained how to tame an aggressive swarm and the method used to replace a queen bee.

Community Development Director Black indicated a permit would be issued to beekeepers once the required license from the State of Illinois Department of Agriculture was produced.

Council Member Grayeb remarked on a section of the proposed Ordinance that required beekeeping at rental properties to gain permission from property owners prior to licensing.

Council Member Jensen moved to receive and file the First Reading review of an Ordinance amending Appendix B and Appendix C of the Code of the City of Peoria, relating to beekeeping; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Motion to receive and file the First Reading was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 16-090 will be placed on the April 12, 2016, Regular City Council agenda.

(16-091) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to Approve the First Reading of an ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX B of the CODE of the City of Peoria, and an ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX C of the CODE of the City of Peoria, Relating to URBAN FARMS.

Two Ordinances proposing replacement language from Attorney Jack Teplitz were distributed to the Council at the beginning of the meeting.

Council Member Moore requested that the neighborhood associations in the North Valley be notified of the proposed Ordinance changes.

Council Member Jensen voiced concerns with the language requiring tunnel structures to be removed every season. She indicated the tunnel structures were permanent structures and a common use in urban farms, therefore no removal of such structures should be permitted

Community Development Director Black indicated his staff would clarify the language pertaining to the removal of structures following the growing season.

Council Member Jensen moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Jack Teplitz, Attorney for Diane & Jon Anderton, developers of a proposed urban farm in the North Valley, who wished to address this matter.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to Attorney Mr. Jack Teplitz.

Mr. Jack Teplitz, attorney representing the developers briefed the Council on how he had worked with City Staff regarding the proposed changes to the Ordinance. He voiced concerns with this item being remanded back to the Planning and Zoning Commission because the developers needed to prepare for the upcoming growing season. He stated his willingness to meet with City's Corporation Counsel, Staff and neighborhood groups to address potential issues of the proposed Ordinance.

Council Member Ruckriegel asked Director Black to consider if community gardens and urban farms should be linked together in an Ordinance or should be separated into two separate Ordinances. He also asked Director Black to consider if raised beds used in urban farms should be removed every growing season.

Council Member Johnson moved to receive and file the First Reading review of an Ordinance amending Appendix B and Appendix C of the Code of the City of Peoria, relating to Urban Farms; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Motion to receive and file the First Reading was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item 16-091 will be placed on the April 12, 2016, Regular City Council agenda.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(16-092) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Approve \$300,000.00 in HUD HOME FUNDS to HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GREATER PEORIA AREA for the Construction of Four (4) New, Affordable, Single-Family, Owner-Occupied Homes Located at the 1000 Block of NORTHEAST MONROE STREET, Peoria, IL (Council District 1).

Following a brief comment, Council Member Moore moved to approve \$300,000.00 in HUD Home Funds to Habitat for Humanity Greater Peoria Area for the construction of four (4) new affordable, single-family, owner-occupied homes located at the 1000 block of northeast Monroe Street, Peoria, IL; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Council Member Ruckriegel commented on the design standards for the proposed project, which reflected the content of the neighborhood.

Council Member Akesson thanked the Habitat for Humanity's design team for creating designs that better reflected the designated neighborhoods. She voiced concerns with the lack of windows on the side of the proposed structures at the Monroe Street projects.

Community Development Director Black stated City Staff had addressed the issue of the lack of windows with Habitat for Humanity for future designs.

In response to Council Member Akesson's question, Director Black indicated the City had very limited design standards or guidelines in regards to building single-family housing.

Council Member Riggerbach congratulated Habitat for Humanity for another successful project.

Motion to approve \$300,000.00 in HUD Home Funds to Habitat for Humanity Greater Peoria Area for the construction of four (4) new affordable, single-family, owner-occupied homes located at the 1000 block of northeast Monroe Street, Peoria, IL was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (16-093) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Approve the Donation of Vacant Lots to HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GREATER PEORIA AREA for the Construction of Four (4) New, Affordable, Single-Family, Owner – Occupied Homes Located at 1019, 1021 and 1023 NE MONROE STREET. (Council District 1)**

Council Member Moore moved to approve the donation of vacant lots to Habitat for Humanity Greater Peoria Area for the construction of four (4) new, affordable, single-family, owner-occupied homes located at 1019, 1021 and 1023 NE Monroe Street; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (16-094) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to:**

A. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Approving the UNION DEPOT, LLC REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. (1st District)

B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2016/2017 Biennial Budget Relating to the Use of the Warehouse District TIF Fund Balance.

A Handout from the Peoria Downtown Development Corporation was distributed to the Council.

Council Member Moore requested Assistant City Manager Chris Setti to speak on the two proposed Ordinances affecting the Warehouse District.

Assistant City Manager Chris Setti briefed the Counsel on the proposed Redevelopment Agreement with Union Depot, LLC owners John and Angie Walker for the property at 803 & 805 SW Adams Street. He indicated the Zion Coffee Bar was planned at this location. He stated additional retail space and residential units would utilize the remaining building. He indicated a budget amendment was required to assist in sidewalk, infrastructure work and a relocation of an electrical transformer to accommodate the development.

Council Member Moore spoke in support of the redevelopment of 803/805 SW Adams. She thanked the Walkers for their investment in the Peoria Community.

Mayor Ardis thanked the Walkers for their continued support and efforts within the Peoria area.

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance approving the Union Depot, LLC Redevelopment Agreement; seconded by Council Member Spain.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,351 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2016/2017 Biennial Budget relating to the use of the Warehouse District TIF Fund Balance; seconded by Council Member Spain.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,352 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (16-095) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class B-1 (restaurant, 25% food) Liquor License with a Subclass 1 (4:00 A.M. HOURS) for SONNY'S CLUB, INC., 633 MAIN STREET, Contingent Upon the Issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Minutes will be Distributed) (DISTRICT 1)**

A copy of the March 7, 2016, Liquor Commission minutes were distributed to all Council Members.

Council Member Moore moved to remand the application to approve the Site Application for a Class B-1 (restaurant 25% food) liquor license with a Subclass 1 (4:00 A.M. Hours) for Sonny's Club, Inc., 633 Main Street, back to the Liquor Commission for the April 4, 2016, meeting with direction to Staff to provide a full history of the establishment at this location. She stated the Liquor Commission was directed to give full opportunity for applicant Sonny's Club, Inc., to rebuke or refute the information provided by Staff, and on the conclusion of a full hearing on this application the Liquor Commission could make their recommendation to approve or deny an application for site approval for a Class B-1(restaurant, 25% food) liquor license with a subclass 1 (4:00 A.M. Hours); seconded by Council Member Akesson.

Motion to remand this back to the Liquor Commission was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (16-096) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to DENY the SITE APPLICATION for a Class C (grocery) Liquor License for FADI ATRASH, D/B/A NEBRASKA FOOD MART, 1830B N. SHERIDAN Road, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Deny. (Minutes will be Distributed) (DISTRICT 2)**

A copy of the March 7, 2016, Liquor Commission minutes were distributed to all Council Members.

Following a brief statement, Council Member Grayeb moved to DENY the Site Application for a Class C (grocery) liquor license for Fadi Atrash, D/B/A Nebraska Food Mart, 1830B N. Sheridan Road; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to DENY of the Site Application for Class C (grocery) liquor license for Fadi Atrash, D/B/A Nebraska Food Mart, 1830B N. Sheridan Road was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (16-097) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION to change from a Class G-B (beer & wine only restaurant) to a Class B (restaurant, 50% food) Liquor License at HICKORY RIVER SMOKEHOUSE, 5101 W. HOLIDAY DRIVE, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Minutes will be Distributed) (DISTRICT 5)**

A copy of the March 7, 2016, Liquor Commission minutes were distributed to all Council Members.

Council Member Johnson moved to approve the Site Application to change from a Class G-B (beer & wine only restaurant) to a Class B (restaurant, 50% food) liquor license at Hickory River Smokehouse, 5101 W. Holiday Drive; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

- (16-066) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 2 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Authorizing the Creation of "FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES" Within the City of Peoria.**

Council Member Jensen moved to defer the Ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Peoria authorizing the creation of "Fair Employment Practices" within the City of Peoria until the April 26, 2016, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Motion to defer Item No. 16-066 to the April 26, 2016, Regular City Council Meeting was Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(16-077) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to Approve Amendment No. 8 to AGREEMENT #07-040 (The 2007 Professional Services Agreement with AMEC ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE, INC. [Formerly MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc.]), with an Effective Date of March 1, 2016, and a Completion Date of December 31, 2017, for a Total Additional Compensation Amount Not to Exceed \$1,381,500.00, to Assist the City in the Development and Negotiation of a LONG-TERM CONTROL PLAN to Meet the Requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for the City's COMBINED SEWER OUTFALLS.

Mayor Ardis stated he would be abstaining from discussion due to a relationship between his employer and AMEC. He requested that Council Member Spain Chair this portion of the meeting.

City Manager Patrick Urich briefed the Council on the proposed contract that would continue to assist the City regarding the Combined Sewer Overflow planning and negotiations with the Environmental Protection Agency. He also spoke on the proposed 15% increase of the City's Sanitary Sewer Lateral Fee and a 35% increase of the City's Sewer Rehabilitation Rate. He indicated the proposed rate increases would generate additional revenues of \$400,000.00 in 2016 and \$1.3 million in 2017. He stated the increases of the lateral fee were going toward operation and maintenance cost of the sewer system and the increases of the Rehabilitation Rate would pay for the debit service for all the sewer improvements in the City's southern portion over the last twenty years. City Manager Urich explained the proposed agreement with AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. would be paid from the rehabilitation fee increase. He stated the contract was the 8th amendment before the Council and the \$1,381,500.00 contract would be divided into two parts. City Manager Urich indicated \$300,000.00 would be allocated for a pilot project to extend the Warehouse District along Adams Street from Persimmons Street to Pecan and MacArthur Highway. He stated the \$1 million portion of the contract would provide technical fire power to assist in negotiations with the Environmental Protection Agency. He pointed out the City was close to completing a consent decree with the EPA. He informed Council the cost for the pilot project would be \$2 million dollars, but they would seek issuance of bonds to cover estimated cost.

City Manager Urich and Public Works Director Mike Rodgers answered several questions from Council Member Jensen regarding the required funding needed for this item.

Council Member Johnson requested Public Works Director Rodgers to explain the back log projects involving his department.

Director Rodgers indicated the Public Works Department had approximately 64 projects waiting for completion within the City of Peoria. He stated \$6.6 million dollars' worth of projects were mainly in the Fourth and Fifth Council Districts. He said the reason for so many projects was due to erosion issues with farm lands being converted into residential areas and the various development standards being utilized in that area.

Mayor Pro Tem Spain questioned Director Rodgers on funding for the pilot program and the reason for the rising costs for such a limited area.

Director Rodgers explained this projected required monitoring of situation units in place and required before and after studies to be completed. He stated this project would be a higher

level of green infrastructure never done before.

In response to Council Member Riggerbach's question regarding the extension of the AMEC Contract in reference to a settlement with the Environmental Protection Agency, Director Rodgers explained that he was hopeful to have a settlement implemented soon. He stated the City had another meeting with the EPA in June 2016.

Council Member Riggerbach asked when the transfer process of City sewers to the Greater Peoria Sanitary District would occur.

Director Rodgers indicated an ongoing project on Abington Street needed to be completed, which was estimated to be completed by 2016/2017. He stated, after that project, then the transfer would occur.

Council Member Grayeb moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to AMEC representative Greg Asbury to discuss the proposed contract.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to AMEC Representative, Greg Asbury, who wished to address the City Council.

Mr. Greg Asbury, AMEC Representative, explained how Peoria was a good candidate for an entirely green solution concerning the Combined Sewer Overflow issue. He explained Peoria had wide roads that benefited the green solution and the rich soil in the community would assist in limiting a surface foot print to infiltrate directly into the ground. He further explained that a green solution would allow the City to follow its strategic plans for a long term solution to the CSO issue.

Council Member Grayeb spoke in support of the green solution plan, which would create jobs and upgrade neighborhoods.

In response to Council Member Jensen's question, Director Rodgers explained the City of Peoria wasn't the only community dealing with Combined Sewer Overflow issues.

Discussions were held pertaining to plans to resolve the Combined Sewer Overflow problem and the funding requirements needed to complete the green solution plan.

Council Member Montelongo expressed concern for taxpayers, who he felt were already overburdened. He questioned if there should be an amendment to the current budget. He said he would like to see a plan or model for the pilot program.

City Manager Urich stated there were examples of plans around the City that would be similar to the plan for the Warehouse District and also at the Main and University intersection that were designed to infiltrate more water.

Director Rogers explained how the plan would be designed, but indicated the plan had not yet been completed. He stated they were trying to keep the process open and he indicated that public input would be welcomed.

Council Member Montelongo expressed concern regarding the high costs of this project and possible continued high costs for the future. City Manager Urich explained the General Fund could not support the costs at this time, but the plan was to use sewer fee increases for the

funding of this project. He further stated the Council could amend the changes to the road funds included in the budget or they could make decisions regarding other reductions.

Council Member Riggerbach thanked the City Manager who referred to a handout provided at the March 18, 2016, Policy Session that explained the increased sewer fees would maintain the sewers and improve continued planning for the CSO issue.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to approve Amendment No. 8 to Agreement #07-040 (The 2007 Professional Services Agreement with AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. [Formerly MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc.]), with an effective date of March 1, 2016, and a completion date of December 31, 2017, for a total additional compensation amount not to exceed \$1,381,500.00, to assist the City in development and negotiation of a Long-Term Control Plan to meet the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for the City's Combined Sewer Outfalls; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Council Member Johnson spoke in support of the proposed Amendment No. 8 to Agreement # 07-040. He stated the City had been dealing with the Environmental Protection Agency since 1986 and a solution needed be resolved to improve the infrastructure of the Combined Sewer Overflow issue.

Mayor Pro Tem Spain stated he would not support this proposed amendment with AMEC, Inc. He voiced his concern with the length of the contract continuing to the end of 2017.

In response to Council Member Moore's question, Director Rodgers explained the knowledge of the engineering consulting firm AMEC was invaluable concerning the CSO issue. He stated the contract needed to be approved in order for the City to meet with the EPA in June. He remarked failure to approve the AMEC contract would eliminate the need for a meeting in June with the EPA because of funding concerns.

Council Member Grayeb voiced support for the AMEC amendment. He stated the City had known about the CSO issue since 1986 and the City needed to move forward on resolving this matter.

Motion to approve Amendment No. 8 to Agreement #07-040 (The 2007 Professional Services Agreement with AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. [Formerly MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc.]), with an effective date of March 1, 2016, and a completion date of December 31, 2017, for a total additional compensation amount not to exceed \$1,381,500.00, to assist the City in development and negotiation of a Long-Term Control Plan to meet the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for the City's Combined Sewer Outfalls was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner – 8;

Nays: Montelongo, Spain – 2;

Abstention: Mayor Ardis – 1.

- (16-082) **Communication from City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to Approve the Following for All Council Districts:**
- A. **A RESOLUTION Amending Resolution No. 14-036-A Setting Fees for the Peoria Combined and Sanitary Sewer District INCREASING the CITY'S SANITARY SEWER LATERAL FEE From 0.7629/CCF to 0.8773/CCF Effective May 1, 2016, and From 0.8773/CCF to 1.0089/CCF Effective May 1, 2017 for Property Owners who are Directly Served by City Sewers; and**
 - B. **A RESOLUTION Amending Resolution No. 14-036-B Setting Fees for the Peoria Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation District INCREASING the CITY SEWER REHABILITATION RATE From 0.5938/CCF to 0.8016/CCF Effective May 1, 2016 and From 0.8016/CCF to 1.0822/CCF Effective May 1, 2017 for all City Property Owners who are Directly Served by Greater Peoria Sanitary District (GPSD) or City Sewers.**

Council Member Turner moved to approve Resolution, setting fees for the Peoria Combined and Sanitary Sewer District increasing the City's Sanitary Sewer Lateral Fee from 0.7629/CCF to 0.8773/CCF effective May 1, 2016, and from 0.8773/CCF to 1.0822/CCF effective May 1, 2017, for all City Property Owners who are directly served by Greater Peoria Sanitary District (GPSD) or City sewers; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-082-A was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Moore, Rigggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: Montelongo, Spain – 2.

Council Member Turner moved to approve Resolution, setting fees for the Peoria Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation District increasing the City Sewer Rehabilitation Rate from 0.5938/CCF to 0.8016/CCF effective May 1, 2016, and from 0.8016/CCF to 1.0822/CCF effective May 1, 2017, for all City Property Owners who are directly served by Greater Peoria Sanitary District (GPSD) or City sewers; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-082-B was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Moore, Rigggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: Montelongo, Spain – 2.

NEW BUSINESS

Hip Hop for Flint Event

Council Member Moore thanked the Peoria community for their support at the Hip Hop for Flint Event held Saturday March 19, 2016, at Carver Center. She remarked this event raised \$1,500 to assist in the purchase of a water filtration system for Flint, Michigan, in response to the drinking water crisis recently in their community.

Mayor Ardis thanked Council Member Moore for her direction and leadership pertaining to this event. He commented on his recent tour of Carver Center and emphasized how important the Carver Center was to the Peoria Community.

Dangerous Lead Assistance

Council Member Moore expressed concern the 61605 zip code had a high concentration of homes with lead contamination. She stated the Peoria County/City Health Department would provide free testing and removal of lead based paint from residential properties in the Peoria area. She encouraged all citizens to contact the Health Department, if lead paint was an issue in their homes.

Successful Job Fair

Council Member Grayeb remarked on the successful job fair recently held at the Peoria Civic Center.

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.

Marcus Fogliano, a Peoria resident, remarked and expressed support for the proposed Ordinance concerning Fair Employment Practices noting a few changes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant 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; and 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent; and 2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

Council Member 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; and 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent; and 2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Regular City Council Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.



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

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