

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Regular City Council Meeting of Peoria, Illinois, was held June 23, 2015, at 6:02 P.M., at City Hall, Council Chambers, 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Ardis presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Akeson (Arrived at 6:05 P.M.), Grayeb (Arrived at 6:06 P.M.), Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Weaver (Arrived at 6:05 P.M.), Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11. Absent: None.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jim Ardis recognized Boy Scout Troop 64 from Metamora American Legion, Metamora, Illinois. He then requested a moment of silent prayer or silent reflection, and he requested that the family of Council Member Chuck Weaver be remembered due to the recent passing of his mother. Mayor Ardis requested the people of Charleston, South Carolina, be remembered due to the recent tragedy in that City. Boy Scout Troop 64 then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF MERCEDES RESTAURANTS, INC.

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

Mayor Ardis introduced and recognized Steve Shaw, President and Ron Helms, Vice President of Mercedes Restaurants, Inc., which operates Alexander's Steakhouse and Famous Dave's BBQ restaurants. He remarked on the thirty-six years of service this small business had provided for the local community. He presented Steve Shaw and Ron Helms with the Small Business Excellence Award for June 2015.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

Illinois Fatherless Week Awareness Campaign – June 15th – 21st

Kindred Hospital – Silver Award

MINUTES

Council Member Spain moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on June 9, 2015, and the Special Meeting held on June 16, 2015, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (15-202) 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 ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,240 Granting a SPECIAL USE for Waivers from the FORM DISTRICT Requirements to allow temporary banners and planters boxes comprised of composite wood material, for the property commonly known as ONE WORLD CAFÉ and located at 1229 and 1245 W. Main Street (Parcel Identification Numbers 18-05-405-012, -013, & -019), Peoria, Illinois (Council District 2). PZ Case No. 15-25.
- (15-203) 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 to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending an Existing SPECIAL USE Ordinance No. 17,014, in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District for a Shopping Center to Add a building and revise the Site Plan for the Property Identified as Parcel Identification Numbers 09-32-126-008 (10128 N. Eva Ln), 09-32-126-009 (10104 N. Eva Ln), 09-32-126-013 (10117 N. Knoxville Ave), 09-32-126-017, 09-32-126-020, 09-32-126-021, and 09-32-126-022 with a Temporary Address of 10023 N. Knoxville Ave, Peoria, IL (Council District 5).
- (15-204) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from Staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the SPECIAL USE Granted in Ordinance No. 13,221, as Amended, in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District for a Shopping Center, to Allow the Development of Restaurant and Retail Establishment for the Property Commonly Known as NORTHWOODS MALL, Located at 2200 W. WAR MEMORIAL DRIVE (Parcel Identification Nos. 14-19-451-003, 14-30-201-002, 14-19-451-007, 14-19-451-011 through -014), Peoria, Illinois.
- (15-205) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the CONSTITUTION GARDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE with a Request to Concur:
- Mr. Aaron Coffeen (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018
Ms. Alexis Duhon (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018
Ms. Susan Grant (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018
Ms. Jeanette Kosier (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018
Mr. Josh Moore (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018
- (15-206) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:
- Mr. Kert Huber (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2019
Mr. Michael Snyder (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2019
Mr. Bill Goad (Voting) Term Expires 06/30/2019

- (15-207) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the DOWNTOWN ADVISORY COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:
Mr. Mark Misselhorn (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018
- (15-208) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:
Mr. Timothy Herold (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018
Mr. Sid Paul Ruckriegel (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018
- (15-209) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the LIQUOR COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:

Ms. Virginia White (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018
Councilmember W. Eric Turner (Non-Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2016
- (15-210) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA HOUSING AUTHORITY with a Request to Concur:
Mr. James Fassino (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018
- (15-211) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES with a Request to Concur:
Mr. Edward Barry (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018
Mr. Stephen Buck (Voting) Term Expires 06/30/2018
Ms. Jeanne Williamson (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018
- (15-212) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the POLICE PENSION FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES with a Request to Concur:
Mr. Richard Firebaugh (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2017
- (15-213) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the SISTER CITY COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:
Mr. Jeff Boss (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018
Mr. Leo Jordan (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018
- (15-214) APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the ADVISORY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RESOURCES with a Request to Concur:
Mr. Anthony Gardner (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018
Mr. Norman Burdick (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018
Mr. Sheila Sader (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018

- (15-215) APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS with a Request to Concur:**

 - Mr. Savino Sierra (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018**
 - Ms. Hamzah Firman (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018**

- (15-216) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**

 - Ms. Janda Carter (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018**
 - Mr. Thomas Jackson (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018**

- (15-217) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the PLANNING AND ZONING with a Request to Concur:**

 - Ms. Michele Anderson (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018**
 - Mr. Eric Heard (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018**
 - Mr. Richard Unes (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018**

- (15-218) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE with a Request to Concur:**

 - Mr. Stephen Van Winkle (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2017**
 - Councilmember Tim Riggerbach (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2016**
 - Councilmember Ryan Spain (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2016**

- (15-219) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the MUNICIPAL BAND COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**

 - Ms. Mary Barthel (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018**
 - Mr. Lee Wenger (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018**

- (15-220) APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA PUBLIC ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE with a Request to Concur:**

 - Mr. Richard Zuckerman (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2017**
 - Ms. Jennifer Gordon (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2017**
 - Mr. Jonathon Romain (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018**

- (15-221) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**

 - Mr. George Ghareeb (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018**

- (15-222) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the SPRINGDALE CEMETERY AUTHORITY with a Request to Concur:**

 - Mr. Kent Rotherham (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2019**
 - Mr. Steve Kerr (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2019**

(15-223) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS with a Request to Concur:

Mr. Zachary Oyler (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018

(15-224) APPROVE the COMMITTEE REPORT (POLICY SESSION) Regarding an ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE POLICY.

(15-225) APPROVE the COMMITTEE REPORT (POLICY SESSION) Regarding CODE
***** ENFORCEMENT COMPLIANT AND ENFORCEMENT PROCESS, Including
* Enforcement along Commercial Corridors and Building Adaptive Reuse.

Mayor Ardis questioned if the Council wished to have any of the Consent Agenda items removed for further discussion.

Council Member Turner requested Item No. 15-209 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Moore requested Item Nos. 15-195 and 15-196 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Montelongo requested Item No. 15-204 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Johnson requested Item No. 15-203 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Jensen requested Item No. 15-225 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 Riggerbach.

Item Nos. 15-195 through 15-225 (excluding Item Nos. 15-195, 15-196, 15-203, 15-204, 15-209, and 15-225, 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.

- (15-195)** **Communication from the City Manager with a Request to Approve a**
* **FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM Grant for 926 SW Adams, in an Amount**
 of \$5,000.00. (District 1)

Following a brief comment, Council Member Moore moved to approve the Façade Improvement Program Grant for 926 SW Adams, in an amount of \$5,000.00; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (15-196)** **Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE the**
** **Allocation of \$100,000.00 of CDBG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS to**
 PEORIA SLF LP, LLC at the SE Corner of RB GARRETT AVE & RICHARD
 PRYOR PLACE (TAX ID # 18-09-110-028) (Council District 1).

Following a brief statement, Council Member Moore moved to approve the allocation of \$100,000.00 of CDBG Economic Development Funds to Peoria SLF LP, LLC at the SE Corner of RB Garrett & Richard Pryor Place; 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.

- (15-203)** **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 to ADOPT an ORDINANCE
 Amending an Existing SPECIAL USE Ordinance No. 17,014, in a Class C-2
 (Large Scale Commercial) District for a Shopping Center to Add a building
 and revise the Site Plan for the Property Identified as Parcel Identification
 Numbers 09-32-126-008 (10128 N. Eva Ln), 09-32-126-009 (10104 N. Eva Ln),
 09-32-126-013 (10117 N. Knoxville Ave), 09-32-126-017, 09-32-126-020, 09-32-
 126-021, and 09-32-126-022 with a Temporary Address of 10023 N. Knoxville
 Ave, Peoria, IL (Council District 5).

A replacement exhibit to the Council Communication was distributed to the City Council.

Council Member Johnson moved to defer this item to the July 14, 2015, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Motion to defer to the July 14, 2015, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (15-204)**

Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from Staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the SPECIAL USE Granted in Ordinance No. 13,221, as Amended, in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District for a Shopping Center, to Allow the Development of Restaurant and Retail Establishment for the Property Commonly Known as NORTHWOODS MALL, Located at 2200 W. WAR MEMORIAL DRIVE (Parcel Identification Nos. 14-19-451-003, 14-30-201-002, 14-19-451-007, 14-19-451-011 through -014), Peoria, Illinois.

Following a brief statement, Council Member Montelongo moved to concur with the recommendation from Staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission to adopt an Ordinance Amending the Special Use granted in Ordinance No. 13,221, as amended, in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District for a shopping center to allow the development of restaurant and retail establishment for the property commonly known as Northwoods Mall, located at 2200 W. War Memorial Drive (Parcel Identification Nos. 14-19-451-003, 14-30-201-002, 14-19-451-007, 14-19-451-011 through -014), Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Moore.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,241 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (15-209)**

REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the LIQUOR COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:

Ms. Virginia White (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2018

Councilmember W. Eric Turner (Non-Voting) –Term Expires 06/30/2016

A replacement Council Communication was distributed to the City Council.

Council Member Turner requested this item be removed from the Consent Agenda to clarify his appointment to the Liquor Commission was a non-voting position. He moved to concur with the Reappointments of Virginia White (Voting) and Councilmember Turner (Non-Voting) to the Liquor Commission; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Approved, as amended, by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (15-225)**

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APPROVE the COMMITTEE REPORT (POLICY SESSION) Regarding CODE ENFORCEMENT COMPLIANT AND ENFORCEMENT PROCESS, Including Enforcement along Commercial Corridors and Building Adaptive Reuse.

Council Member Jensen requested a correction to the Policy Session Minutes regarding Code Enforcement Compliant and Enforcement Process to reflect on page 3 her question to Director Black regarding the Wellness Plan, which should state "assess" information rather than "access" information as printed.

Council Member Jensen questioned City Manager Patrick Urich on report back information in respect to chronic nuisance properties and a review from the Legal Department regarding Code Enforcement Inspectors issuing tickets without using Notice to Abate signs.

City Manager Patrick Urich indicated a report back on these items would be provided to the Council in the near future.

Council Member Jensen moved for approval of the Committee Report (Policy Session), as amended, regarding Code Enforcement Compliant and Enforcement Process, including enforcement along commercial corridors and building adaptive reuse; seconded by Council Member Weaver.

In response to Council Member Grayeb's request to provide an update regarding potential legislation in Springfield pertaining to chronic landlords, City Manager Urich stated Illinois State Senate Bill 1380 had moved from the Senate into the State House for discussion.

Council Member Riggensbach asked the City Manager if Senate Bill 1380 had opposition in the State House and how could the City organize in support of this bill.

City Manager Urich stated the bill had strong opposition and he would continue to provide status reports to the Council regarding Senate Bill 1380.

Council Member Akeson requested a summary with specifics regarding the opposition's view to Senate Bill 1380.

Motion to approve the Committee Report (Policy Session), as amended, regarding Code Enforcement Compliant and Enforcement Process, including Enforcement along Commercial Corridors and Building Adaptive Reuse was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

- (15-226) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to Approve a Change Order to the STAGE 3 ORANGE PRAIRIE ROAD EXTENSION PROJECT (NORTH SECTION) CONTRACT with R.A. CULLINAN & SON, A DIVISION OF UNITED CONTRACTORS MIDWEST INC., Subject to Approval by the Illinois Department of Transportation, and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Change Order, in the Not-To-Exceed amount of \$342,243.02, for additional Pedestrian Improvements (Amends 14-154). District 5**

City Engineer Scott Reise, at the request of Council Member Johnson, provided a brief summary on the Orange Prairie Road Extension Project. He indicated funds for the Orange Prairie Road Extension Project came from a State of Illinois Capital Bill Grant in 2010, for \$17.8 million dollars. He indicated the third phase of construction was near completion and additional pedestrian improvements should be completed with the excess funds outlined in the grant for improvements on Orange Prairie Road.

Council Member Johnson moved to approve a Change Order to the Stage 3 Orange Prairie Road Extension Project (North Section) Contract with R.A. Cullinan & Son, a division of United Contractors Midwest Inc., subject to approval by the Illinois Department of Transportation, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the change order, in the Not-to-Exceed amount of \$342,243.02, for additional pedestrian improvements; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Weaver indicated he would abstain from voting on this item due to a property ownership conflict of interest.

Motion to approve a Change Order to the Stage 3 Orange Prairie Road Extension Project (North Section) Contract with R.A. Cullinan & Sons, a division of United Contractors Midwest Inc., subject to approval by the Illinois Department of Transportation, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the change order, in the Not-to-Exceed amount of \$342,243.02, for additional pedestrian improvements, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstention Weaver – 1.

(15-227) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to Approve the SITE APPLICATION for Class G-B (beer & wine only restaurant) Liquor License with On-Site Consumption Only at BACCI PIZZA, 1222 W. Bradley Avenue, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve, Contingent Upon Compliance with Community Development Department's concerns and with the Conditions that there be No sale of Packaged Alcohol and No Video Gaming Terminals at the Site. (District 2).

Corporation Counsel Don Leist clarified the language on this Council Communication stating a request to approve was not an endorsement from the City Manager or Corporation Counsel to approve, but rather language used in the past for the policy making body of the City Council to rule upon.

Following a brief statement, Council Member Grayeb moved to DENY the Site Application for a Class G-B (beer & wine only restaurant) Liquor License with on-site consumption at Bacci Pizza, 1222 W. Bradley Avenue; seconded by Council Member Jensen

Motion to DENY of the Site Application for Class G-B (beer & wine only restaurant) Liquor License Bacci Pizza, 1222 W. Bradley Avenue was 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.

City Manager Urich indicated information was provided to the City Council regarding the budget for administrative services, which included the City Manager's Office, Legal Department, Finance, Human Resources, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Information Systems. He indicated information from the Fire and Emergency Communication Services Presentation also was included in the recent budget packet provided to the Council. He stated questions could be asked of Department Heads pertaining to their budget.

In response to Council Member Grayeb's question regarding the Governor's proposed cuts to the Local Government Distributive Fund Revenues, City Manager Urich stated a potential compromise of a property tax freeze could be implemented, which would be a \$400,000 dollar impact to the City.

Council Member Riggenbach thanked the City Manager and Finance Director for their work with the budget during difficult economic times.

Council Member Jensen moved to receive and file the preliminary 2016 through 2019 Budget Projections; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(15-102) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 30 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Concerning Regulations Governing TAXI-CAB and TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES.

Council Member Spain moved to adopt an Ordinance Amending Chapter 30 of the Code of the City of Peoria concerning regulations governing Taxi Cab and Transportation Network Companies; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Council Member Akeson questioned the Corporation Counsel regarding the liability of the Uber driver and passenger once a lapse of insurance occurs.

Corporation Counsel Leist stated the Ordinance provided language that Transportation Network Companies advise their drivers of a potential denial of insurance for using a personal vehicle for commercial use.

Council Member Moore indicated the regulations set forth regarding insurance was clear and she supported this item.

Council Member Spain spoke on the challenges with insurance coverages on drivers using vehicles for both personal and commercial use.

Council Member Grayeb questioned Corporation Counsel Leist if Uber drivers could drive around the City soliciting for riders.

Corporation Counsel Leist indicated that would be an Ordinance violation with a monetary penalty. He stated the City could request the Transportation Network Companies to remove such drivers.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,242 amending Chapter 30 of the Code of the City of Peoria concerning regulations governing Taxi-Cab and Transportation Network Companies was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PEORIA HOUSING AUTHORITY CODE ENFORCEMENT

Council Member Weaver requested an update regarding the enforcement of codes at properties under direction of the Peoria Housing Authority and landlord registration.

Corporation Counsel Leist indicated a meeting was held with Hearing Officer Tom Higgins, Peoria Housing Authority's Brenda Coates, Peoria Housing Authority's Attorney and himself to discuss the outstanding violations. He indicated a compromise was reached and inspections on those properties would be scheduled for Thursday June 25, 2015. He stated the Peoria Housing Authority was now in compliance with the City Landlord Registration.

LANDSCAPE PICKUP OF STORM DAMAGED ITEMS

Council Member Spain requested Public Works Director Mike Rogers to check with PDC regarding the regulations on pickup of sticks and tree limb damage caused by recent storms in the area.

NEW BUSINESS

Downtown Flooding

Council Member Grayeb commended Public Works Director Rogers, Public Works staff and City Manager Urich for the excellent job dealing with the recent flood along the downtown riverfront.

East Forrest Hill Construction

Council Member Grayeb requested clarification from Public Works Director Rogers and Deputy Director Reeise regarding letters mailed to residents along East Forrest Hill Avenue in reference to the recent construction.

Deputy Director Reeise stated letters had been mailed requesting feedback from the residents and to provide guidance on proper care of the recently laid sod. He indicated some residents thought these letters indicated the completion of the project, so another letter was mailed clarifying the project's status.

Main & University Traffic

Council Member Grayeb requested an update from Public Works Director and Assistant Director Reese regarding traffic patterns along Main and University Streets effecting West Bluff neighborhoods. He asked about the hiring of Hanson Professional Engineering Services and its impact on the neighborhood.

Assistant Director Reese stated an optimization in traffic signal time for six intersections was now in sync, which would provide a steady flow of traffic while decreasing thru traffic within the neighborhoods.

JESSIE MCGOWAN Recognition

Council Member Riggerbach recognized Jessie McGowan for his organization of the River City End of School Bash held in the East Bluff earlier this month.

Wisconsin Avenue Corridor Grant and Public Art Initiative

Council Member Riggerbach stated the East Bluff Community Center received a Grant from Associated Bank to continue the public art initiative. He indicated the Faces of the East Bluff Mural would be displayed as individual portraits on July 11, 2015, from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Get Up Center on Wisconsin Avenue.

East Village Growth Cell Advisory Committee

Council Member Riggerbach stated the East Village Growth Cell Advisory Committee would meet on July 7, 2015, at City Hall Council Chambers to approve the residential rehab program.

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, remarked on the recent remodel of the Council Chambers and some changes that should have been made. He requested the City research an ordinance regarding baggy pants enforcement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Grayeb 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, Spain, Riggerbach, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

The Regular City Council Meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.



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

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