

**: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :**

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

A Regular City Council Meeting of Peoria, Illinois, was held February 24, 2015, at 6:05 P.M., at City Hall, Council Chambers, 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Ardis presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Spain, Weaver, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 10. Absent: Johnson – 1.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.**

**ELISA ALLEN – TRAVELER WEEKLY**

**INTRODUCTION OF AL STANEK – NEW GENERAL MANAGER AT CITYLINK**

**RECOGNITION OF THIRTY-THIRTY COFFEE COMPANY**

Mayor Ardis explained that the purpose of the recognition was to identify a small business at each Council Meeting for their positive impact within the community, and he introduced the owners of Thirty-Thirty Coffee Company. He provided a brief history of the company along with the positive impact it had on the community. The owners of Thirty-Thirty announced the opening of another venue located at Junction City.

Council Members Moore and Spain remarked on the positive impact Thirty-Thirty had on the City and encouraged everyone to visit this establishment.

**MINUTES**

Council Member Spain moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on February 10, 2015, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

RECOGNITION OF LOCAL DIGNITARIES

Mayor Ardis welcomed former Council Member James Polk and former State Representative Joan Krupa, who were in attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING NOTICE TO TOWNSHIP ELECTORS

Mayor Ardis announced, pursuant to Public Act 095-0761, any citizen who wishes to have an item considered on the Agenda at the Annual Town Meeting to be held Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 6:00 P.M., is required to bring a specific request signed by 15 or more electors to the Clerk no later than March 1, 2015. He continued by saying that any group of registered voters may request an advisory question of public policy for consideration by the electors at the annual meeting by giving written notice of the specific advisory question to the Township Clerk in the same manner as required for an agenda item under subsection (b) of Section 30-10 of the Township Code.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OF PEORIA

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

- (15-049)      **Communication from the City Manager and the Fire Chief with a Request to APPROVE a SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE of a GPS-Based Emergency Vehicle Traffic Signal Preemption System for Five Intersections, in the Amount of \$39,565.00, from TRAFFIC CONTROL CORPORATION.**
- (15-050)      **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the Following PURCHASES for the In-House SEWER TELEVISIONING INITIATIVE:**
- A.    **One Trailer Outfitted with Camera Equipment, in the Amount of \$83,139.00, from COE EQUIPMENT of Rochester, Illinois, Utilizing the Competitive Bid of Ashland, Missouri;**
  - B.    **The SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE of ITpipes Sewer Inspection Software, in the Amount of \$24,084.00, from COE EQUIPMENT of Rochester, Illinois;**
  - C.    **A 2015 Chevrolet Colorado Truck, in the Amount of \$27,253.00, from UFTRING-WESTON CHEVROLET CADILLAC; and**
  - D.    **A Polaris Brutus Utility Vehicle, in the Amount of \$26,068.00, from ALTORFER CAT Utilizing the NJPA Bid Process.**
- (15-051)      **Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE an AMENDMENT to the Business Development Loan to DOUBLE A'S PIZZA PUB.**

- (15-052)** \* Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the First CONTRACT EXTENSION with THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR COMPANY to November 30, 2015, for Elevator Maintenance, for an Estimated Annual Cost of \$36,543.00
- (15-053)** \*\* Communication from the City Manager and the Emergency Communication Center Manager with a Request to Authorize the City Manager to Sign an Addendum to the CODERED SERVICES AGREEMENT that will Provide for the Utilization of the IPAWS EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM, in the amount of \$2,500.00.
- (15-054)** Communication from the Peoria City/County Landfill Committee and the Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the Option and Land Lease AGREEMENT for a Communications Tower with SBA TOWERS V, LLC ("SBA")
- (15-055)** Communication from the City Manager and the Fire Chief with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,189 Authorizing a First Addendum to the MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM (MABAS) AGREEMENT.
- (15-056)** Communication from the City Manager to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,190 Reserving 2015 PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND VOLUME CAP, in the Amount of \$11,651,300.00
- (15-057)** Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,191 Proposing the Creation of the KNOXVILLE JUNCTION PROPERTY TAX SPECIAL SERVICE AREA in the City of Peoria, Illinois, and Providing for a PUBLIC HEARING and Other Procedures in Connection Therewith.
- (15-058)** Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,192 Amending the City of Peoria BUDGET for Fiscal Year 2015 Relating to OUTSTANDING ENCUMBRANCES as of December 31, 2014, in the Amount of \$10,440,774.00.
- (15-059)** \*\*\* Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Providing for the ISSUANCE of One or More Series of GENERAL OLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2015, in an Aggregate Amount Not to Exceed \$28,500,000.00, to Refund Certain Outstanding Bonds of the City, Providing for the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Said Bonds, and Authorizing the Sale of Said Bonds to the Purchasers Thereof.
- (15-060)** Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the DATES for Scheduled Events Sponsored by PEORIA AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS, INC. (P.A.C.E), Subject to Their Filing the Necessary Permits and Approval as Required by the City Code.

- (15-061) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION, with a Request to Concur:**

**Ms. Lisa Scott (Voting) – Term Expiration June 30, 2016**

- (15-062) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the DOWNTOWN ADVISORY COMMISSION, with a Request to Concur:**

**Ms. Brynn Kanikula (Voting) – Term Expiration June 30, 2015**

- (15-063) Communication from the City Manager to RECEIVE and FILE the PEORIA PARK DISTRICT RIVERFRONT PROGRAMMING WORK PROGRAM and BUDGET Report for 2015.**

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

Council Member Spain requested Item No. 15-052 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Grayeb requested Item No. 15-053 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Turner requested Item No. 15-059 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 Spain.

Item Nos. 15-049 through 15-063 (excluding Item Nos. 15-052, 15-053 and 15-059, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

- (15-052) \* Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the First CONTRACT EXTENSION with THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR COMPANY to November 30, 2015, for Elevator Maintenance, for an Estimated Annual Cost of \$36,102.00**

A replacement communication was distributed to all Council, which corrected the estimated annual cost from \$36,543.00 to \$36,102.00.

Council Member Spain moved to approve the First Contract Extension with Thyssenkrupp Elevator Company to November 30, 2015, for Elevator Maintenance, as amended, for an estimated annual cost of \$36,102.00; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved as amended by roll call vote:

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner,  
Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

- (15-053)**      **Communication from the City Manager and the Emergency Communication  
\*\***                      **Center Manager with a Request to Authorize the City Manager to Sign an  
Addendum to the CODERED SERVICES AGREEMENT that will Provide for  
the Utilization of the IPAWS EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM, in the  
amount of \$2,500.00.**

In response to Council Member Grayeb's request, Emergency Management Supervisor David Tuttle briefed the Council on this agreement with IPAWS Emergency Notification System, which would allow access to the Integrated Public Alert Warning System developed and maintained by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. He stated the CodeRED Services Agreement would allow access to provide notifications to wireless phone customers in critical emergencies.

Council Member Grayeb moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the Addendum to the CodeRED Services Agreement that will provide for the utilization of the IPAWS Emergency Notification System, in the amount of \$2,500.00; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Approved by roll call vote:

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner,  
Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

- (15-059)**      **Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller  
\*\*\***                      **with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Providing for the ISSUANCE of  
One or More Series of GENERAL OLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES  
2015, in an Aggregate Amount Not to Exceed \$28,500,000.00, to Refund  
Certain Outstanding Bonds of the City, Providing for the Levy of a Direct  
Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Said Bonds,  
and Authorizing the Sale of Said Bonds to the Purchasers Thereof.**

In response to Council Member Turner's request, Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins explained this Ordinance would allow for a refund of the 2005B and 2007A Bonds, which would decrease the City's interest expenses over a period of six years for the 2005B bonds and twelve years for the 2007A bonds.

In response to Council Member Jensen's question, Finance Director Scroggins stated the total estimated savings for both bonds would be \$1,930,000.00 over a six to twelve year period.

Council Member Turner moved to adopt an Ordinance providing for the issuance of one or more series of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$28,500,000.00, to refund certain outstanding bonds of the City, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchasers thereof; seconded by Council Member Akesson.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,193 was adopted by roll call vote:

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner,  
Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

### **FIRST READINGS**

- (15-064) Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Community Development with a Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff for a FIRST READING Review of ORDINANCES Amending APPENDIX B, the Zoning Ordinance, and APPENDIX C, the Land Development Code, Related to ELDERLY HOUSING.**

Community Development Director Ross Black explained this Ordinance would be a revision of the current zoning Ordinance, which would combine several categories pertaining to elderly housing into one use category. He indicated the new category would be assigned as assistance living facilities and would still require a special use.

Council Member Turner moved to receive and file the First Reading review of an Ordinance Amending Appendix B, the Zoning Ordinance, and Appendix C, the Land Development Code, related to Elderly Housing; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

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

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner,  
Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

\* Clerk's Note: The Item will be placed on the March 10, 2015, Regular City Council Agenda.

- (15-065) Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Community Development with a Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff for a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX B, the Zoning Ordinance and APPENDIX C, the Land Development Code, Relating to MURALS. PZ 15-C.**

Community Development Director Black explained this Ordinance would allow murals in historic districts along with the Warehouse District. He stated that murals would be permitted within historic districts, but would not be allowed to be painted directly on the building per State of Illinois Historic Preservation Office. He further remarked murals could not cover historic aspects of buildings and local landmarks, but locally historic designated buildings would require review by the City's Historic Preservation Commission. He added that the fee for review had been changed from \$300 to \$50. He stated this Ordinance also had a provision that required murals to be removed in thirty days, if the City requested the removal for a specific reason.

Council Member Spain indicated he felt the City was heading in the right direction in regards to murals in historic districts and he thanked City Staff and community art leaders for their work on this item.

Council Member Spain moved to receive and file the First Reading review of an Ordinance Amending Appendix B, the Zoning Ordinance and Appendix C, the Land Development Code, related to Murals; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Motion to receive and file was approved by roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

\* Clerk's Note: The Item will be placed on the March 10, 2015, Regular City Council Agenda.

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

**(15-066) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE a POLICY for ASH TREE REMOVAL on City Property and Right of Ways.**

In response to Council Member Grayeb's request, Director of Public Works Mike Rogers explained the emerald ash borer had reached the City of Peoria and 643 ash trees had already been identified as infected. He stated with the devastation of these trees, the only alternative would be removal or treatment. He explained the City would provide treatment on the trees in better condition and would remove the remaining ones, which could be over a three to four year period. He indicated notification would occur for the residents that had the infected trees on the right-of-way before treatment or removal would be completed.

Council Member Grayeb asked Director Rogers if replacement of the infected trees would occur within the City.

In response to Council Member Grayeb, Director Rogers indicated that the City was looking into permits to have a nursery, which would provide trees to be used to replace infected and removed trees in the right-of-way. He stated a nursery would dramatically reduce the cost of replacement for the City, and he estimated an average cost savings of \$400 a tree to about \$20 per tree.

Council Member Weaver stated Council had been provided with the cost for removal of infected trees, but he would like to know the cost of treatment for these trees.

Director Rogers indicated the treatment of infected trees would occur every two years at a cost of \$5,200 per tree. He stated a recent tree survey showed 72 trees were classed as in good or excellent condition, which qualified them for treatment. He noted that 11% of the infected 643 trees would be saved.

Council Member Akeson moved to approve the policy for Ash Tree Removal on City property and right-of-ways; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Motion to approve the policy for Ash Tree Removal on City property and right-of-ways was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(15-067) Communication from Council Member Ryan Spain with a Request to Provide DIRECTON to Staff Regarding Creating an Ordinance that Would Permit FOOD TRUCKS to Operate from City Right-of-Way.**

An electronic handout was distributed to all Council Members prior to the meeting.

Council Member Spain voiced his support of food trucks operating in the City right-of-way and he thanked the Council and the Whisky City Collaborative for having interest in this topic. He expressed enthusiasm for the opportunity of food trucks in the downtown area, and he said he welcomed discussion about this issue and different options that would be available.

Council Member Spain moved to direct Staff to develop an Ordinance to allow for food trucks to operate in public right-of-ways and that the Ordinance be completed by the March 24, 2015, Council Meeting for a First Reading; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Council Member Turner expressed concerns about the use of food trucks and the effect on brick and mortar businesses in the downtown area.

Council Member Moore encouraged a more extensive look into the food truck issue and she said she welcomed further discussion on this topic.

Council Member Jensen stated she supported this idea and thanked Council Member Spain for driving this issue. She requested that the food truck Ordinance have limitations on the number of food trucks and their locations in order to protect downtown businesses.

Council Member Riggerbach asked the City Manager how many food cart licenses the City currently had to issue.

Assistant City Manager Chris Setti explained the City had thirteen available food cart licenses, but only seven or eight are being utilized. He said he would provide a report back with the numbers.

Council Member Riggerbach stated his support of the food truck idea moving forward and he directed an emphasis on the accounting system for the purpose of tax revenue. He suggested the City limit the number of food trucks, similar to the limits the City had for food carts.

Council Member Weaver voiced concern with the time period of having a First Reading by March 24, 2015, because he would like additional time to discuss this issue. He stated he did support the idea of further discussion on the food truck topic. He questioned the Corporation Counsel if the City would be allowed to obtain copies of sales receipts for food carts/trucks in order to ensure proper sales tax revenue would be collected by the City and he questioned if this could be a requirement for licensing.



Corporation Counsel Leist stated he would research this further, although he was concerned about treating businesses differently.

Council Member Weaver expressed concerns about creating a pilot program for food trucks And whether it would discourage entrepreneurs if the time period was short.

Council Member Spain responded to Council Member Weaver's concerns, he stated that further discussions needed to occur in regards to the pilot period and he felt confident that Staff would have an Ordinance by the March 24, 2015, City Council Meeting.

Council Member Akeson voiced support for the food truck in downtown Peoria and she stated this would make Peoria a more progressive city.

Council Member Grayeb expressed concerns about limiting food trucks to downtown only. He encouraged the City Manager to review all aspects involved in the food truck issue.

Council Member Montelongo encouraged more public feedback on food trucks, he recommended holding public meetings. He inquired if food trucks would be limited to downtown or throughout the entire Peoria area.

Mayor Ardis stated he supported continued discussions on food trucks. He suggested that food cart owners past and present, be contacted to discuss their businesses. He added, with the downtown business climate change, he was concerned with the effect on those downtown businesses.

Council Member Montelongo requested a public meeting in the Fourth District to discuss the food truck issue.

Council Member Jensen stated she wanted input from restaurant owners in regards to food trucks.

Mayor Ardis suggested, if a limit would be placed on the number of food trucks, then a discussion would need to occur to discuss that process.

Motion to direct Staff to develop an Ordinance to allow for food trucks to operate in the public right-of-ways and that the Ordinance be completed by March 24, 2015, Council Meeting for a First Reading was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(15-068) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to APPROVE the FINANCIAL SUPPORT (Grant Match) to ILLINOIS CENTRAL COLLEGE for the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM, in the Amount of \$20,000.00.**

City Manager Patrick Urich briefed the Council on the Employment Opportunities Grant Program, which is a \$20,000 grant match for Illinois Central College to increase the number of minorities and women in the construction trades for this area.

Council Member Moore moved to approve the financial support (Grant Match) to Illinois Central College for the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Employment Opportunities Grant Program, in the amount of \$20,000.00; seconded by Council Member Spain.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (15-069) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE a SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT with TECHSOLVE, INC. for Five (5) Process Improvement Training Engagements on Improving Processes, as well as Training Selected Staff to Conduct Process Improvement Events Without External Help, in the Amount of \$56,250.00 Plus Travel and Out-of-Pocket Expenses Estimated at \$3,750.00, for a Total of \$60,000.00.**

City Manager Urich reported the contract with Techsolve, Inc., would provide five process improvement training engagements on improving processes. He stated that the idea of these training sessions would be to train the trainer to apply their skills to improve the City.

Council Member Weaver moved to approve a Sole Source Contract with Techsolve, Inc., for five process improvement training engagements on improving processes, as well as training selected staff to conduct process improvements events without external help, in the amount of \$56,250.00 plus travel and out-of-pocket expenses estimated at \$3,750.00, for a total of \$60,000.00; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Council Member Grayeb expressed concerns with money spent for a contract for training, when department heads could provide the training internally.

City Manager Urich stated that Techsolve, Inc. would provide sustainable change by engaging employees and making the processes better.

Council Member Moore voiced her support for this Item and stated that a new approach to training leads to more efficient processes.

Council Member Montelongo asked the City Manager what he saw as a success for this project. He stated that he was open to support this item.

City Manager Urich answered that success to this project would be completed in the following ways, by undertaking the five initiatives, the City would establish clear benchmarks with performances and staff would be more accountable. He said secondly, this tool would train employees and managers how to use their skills on other processes within the City, and finally

the employee engagement piece would obtain feedback from the employees at the bottom of the organization.

In response to Council Member Montelongo's question about cost savings, City Manager Urich stated the documentation of time savings would ultimately be money savings.

In response to Council Members Akesson's and Jensen's concerns about public engagement, City Manager Urich stated that he would be open to the idea of public involvement for these processes.

Council Member Weaver inquired on how many employees would be affected by these processes and what this project would be called.

City Manager Urich indicated that about three or four dozen employees would be affected and the name of this project would be the lean process mapping project.

Motion to approve a Sole Source Purchase Contract with Techsolve, Inc. for Five process improvement training engagement on improving processes, as well as training selected staff to conduct process improvement events without external help, in the amount of \$56,250.00 plus travel, and out-of-pocket expenses estimated at \$3,750.00, for a total of \$60,000.00 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: Grayeb – 1.

**(15-070) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to Approve a GRANT AGREEMENT with THE BLOOMBERG FAMILY FOUNDATION, INC. Regarding the Creation of an INNOVATION TEAM and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Necessary Documents.**

Assistant City Manager Chris Setti briefed the Council on the Bloomberg Grant. He stated that Peoria was one of fourteen cities selected for this three year \$1.5 million grant that will pay for a creation of an Innovation Team. He reported the grant will pay 100% of salaries and benefits for one chief innovation officer and two program managers. He further explained the grant agreement had a \$500,000.00 match requirement to be spent in year three and the Bloomberg Family Foundation would allow the funds spent on the implementation of solutions created by the Innovation Team. He stated that this was an exciting grant and the innovation team's first issue would be the combined sewer overflow problem.

Council Member Spain moved to approve a Grant Agreement with the Bloomberg Family Foundation, Inc. regarding the creation of an Innovation Team and to authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents; seconded by Council Member Weaver.

Approved by roll call vote:

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

- (15-071) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to CONCUR with the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to DENY an ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX C, the Land Development Code, of the CODE of the City of Peoria by Changing the Zoning of Certain Property from the Present Class C-N (Neighborhood Commercial) District to a Class C-G (General Commercial) District for the Property Located at 320-328 N. WESTERN AVENUE (Parcel Identification Nos. 18-08-151-014 and 18-08-151-015), Peoria, Illinois. Case No. PZ 15-3 (Council District 2).**

Council Member Grayeb moved to concur with the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to deny an ordinance amending Appendix C, the Land Development Code, of the Code of the City of Peoria by changing the zoning of certain property from the present Class C-N (Neighborhood Commercial) District to a Class C-G (General Commercial) District for the property located at 320-328 N. Western Avenue (Parcel Identification Nos. 18-08-151-014 and 18-08-151-015), Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Motion to DENY the Ordinance was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (15-072) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to DENY the SITE APPLICATION for a Class E-1 (Private Club Over 200) Liquor License with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol at CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER OF PEORIA, 305 SW WATER, UNIT 2A, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Deny. (DISTRICT 1)**

Council Member Moore moved to defer this Item until the March 10, 2015, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

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

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

Nays: None.

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

- (15-031) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT the Following:**

- A. ORDINANCE A Amending APPENDIX B, the Zoning Ordinance, Related to LANDSCAPING AND SCREENING REQUIREMENTS; and**
- B. ORDINANCE B Amending APPENDIX C, the Land Development Code, Related to LANDSCAPING AND SCREENING REQUIREMENTS.**

Community Development Director Black briefed the Council on this item. He stated last spring the City held a policy session on this topic and his work with a small group from the Chamber of Commerce the last five months helped create this Ordinance.

Council Member Jensen moved to concur with the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to adopt an Ordinance Amending Appendix B, the Zoning Ordinance, related to landscaping and screening requirements; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Council Member Weaver moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Don Schaffer, Peoria Chamber of Commerce Representative.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Don Schaffer.

Mr. Don Schaffer, Representative of the Peoria Chamber of Commerce, expressed his appreciation to the City Council, Director Black and other individuals who assisted in the development of this Ordinance pertaining to landscaping and screening requirements.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,194 amending Appendix B, the Zoning Ordinance, related to landscaping and screening requirements was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Jensen moved to concur with the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to adopt an Ordinance amending Appendix C, the Land Development Code, related to landscaping and screening requirements; seconded by Council Member Spain.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,195 amending Appendix C, the Land Development Code, related to landscaping and screening requirements was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (15-032) 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 APPENDIX B, the Zoning Ordinance Related to SIGNS. PZ 14-K.**

Community Development Director Black explained the two major changes that affected this Ordinance. He said one change would be in regards to animated signs, these would be permitted in certain districts. He stated the animated signs text would only be three seconds with an instantaneous change and strobe would be prohibited. He further stated the second change would refer to temporary signs or banners. He said the City removed the time requirement allowing banners to remain up all year and would require a onetime annual permit charge for such banners. He specified language changes in regards to maintenance requirements of these banners were enhanced to help with enforcement of dilapidated banners. He finally stated the last change to this Ordinance would be the removal of obsolete sign structures.

Council Member Riggenbach thanked Director Black, Mr. Don Schaffer and the Chamber Group for the work put forth on this Ordinance and he moved to concur with the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to adopt an Ordinance amending Appendix B, the Zoning Ordinance, related to signs; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,196 amending Appendix B, the Zoning Ordinance, related to signs was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Ardis recommended copies of the new sign Ordinance be sent to all business that print signs in the area.

**(15-033) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE a CITY-WIDE PAINT PROGRAM or an ALLEY LIGHT PROGRAM.**

Council Member Moore moved to allocate funds for an Alley Light Program; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Grayeb expressed concerns with the need for lighting in alley ways, not just lights on houses.

Public Works Director Rogers stated that the City had money for lights in the alley ways and lighting would be placed when requested, and he would continue to work with Ameren to assist with this issue.

Council Member Grayeb voiced concerns for the need of both programs and he requested that the City fund the City-Wide Paint Program and an Alley Light Program.

In response to Council Member Grayeb's request, Director Black stated that Assistant City Manager Setti suggested a deadline date for Alley Light Program requests, then any funds still available be directed to the City-Wide Paint Program.

Council Member Moore amended her motion to include a deadline date of August 1, 2015 with remaining funds directed to the City-Wide Paint Program.

Motion to allocate funds to the Alley Light Program with a request deadline of August 1, 2015, with remaining funds be directed to the City-Wide Paint Program was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(15-016) Discussion regarding the Preliminary 2016 through 2019 Budget Projections.**

City Manager Urich distributed a handout with revisions on the budget forecast. He indicated that Governor Rauner delivered his first budget address, which he included several provisions that affected local governments. He said the first provision would be the recommendation that the local government distributive funds be reduced by fifty percent, which would be the City's portion of the State income tax. He stated the City had this budgeted at \$11.2 million for 2015 and with the revisions made, it reflects a reduction in State income taxes for 2015 at \$2.8 million, 2016 at \$5.8 million, 2017 at \$5.9 million, 2018 at \$6 million and 2019 at \$6.1 million, which had been included in the budget book highlighted in yellow. He stated that starting in 2016 an additional \$7.1 million had been placed in the budget for road maintenance. City Manager Urich reported the City now would have a deficit in 2015 of \$1.3 million and just under \$18 million in 2016. He stated these numbers could change over time and this was a projection.

Council Member Weaver requested an understanding of what Caterpillar saw as their employee projections downtown and how it would adjust the Tracy Cross study in reference to office, retail and residential space.

Council Member Spain questioned the City Manager about the use of fund balances to cover the City budget shortfall.

City Manager Urich stated the City had a policy with regards to their fund balances and when to utilize them. He stated strong fund balances were important for bond ratings when the City issued and refunded bonds.

Mayor Ardis indicated that he and Governor Rauner discussed the reduction in the local government distributive fund and how it effected Peoria.

**PHA JOINT MEETING**

Council Member Akeson requested an update from the City Manager in regards to a request for a joint meeting with the Peoria Housing Authority.

City Manager Urich indicated that he had communicated with Brenda Coats from the Peoria Housing Authority and they would be working on an agenda to benefit all parties.

**NEW BUSINESS****Unclaimed Freight Store**

Council Member Moore thanked the Unclaimed Freight Store for the addition of groceries at their Adams Street location.

**Landlord improvement of properties**

Council Member Moore requested the City Manager to direct staff to provide more aggressive guidelines to force landlords to improve rental properties.

**Revolving Gap Funding Program**

Council Member Weaver questioned the City Manager and asked if changes could be made to the Revolving Gap Funding Program to limit who receives the funds.

City Manager Urich indicated that changes could be made and he would send a policy out pertaining to changes.

**Construction Commission Meeting**

Council Member Weaver voiced concerns about the City being business friendly in regards to codes. He referenced a recent Construction Commission Meeting where codes on residential sprinklers were discussed.

**Creve Coeur Club**

Mayor Ardis commended Creve Coeur Club President Brad Ingram for the successful Washington Day Dinner held recently in Peoria. He remarked that Council Member Spain received the NOVA Award for strong young leadership.

**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. Gary Hall, a Peoria resident, spoke on behalf of the Central Illinois Healthy Community Alliance in regards to E.D. Edwards Coal Plant. He encouraged cooperation from the City in regards to tougher regulations for the safety of the public.

Mr. Robert Good, a Peoria resident, spoke about the need for an African American Theater in town.

Mr. Savino Sierra, a Peoria resident, spoke about the Unclaimed Freight Store and other businesses in the south side of Peoria.

Ms. Lavetta Ricca, a Peoria resident, made an announcement about a tire cleanup scheduled for Saturday February 28, 2015, which was rescheduled to Saturday March 28, 2015.



**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION to Discuss 2 (c)(6) The sale of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body 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 Jensen moved to enter into an Executive Session to Discuss 2 (c)(6) The sale of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body; 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 Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

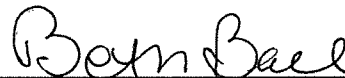
Council Member Spain moved to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Regular City Council Meeting adjourned at 9:54 P.M.



Beth Ball, MMC, City Clerk  
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