

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting of Peoria, Illinois, was held March 24, 2015, at 6:06 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, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Weaver, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 10. Absent: Grayeb – 1.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jim Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or silent reflection. He recognized Boy Scout Troop 333 from United Presbyterian Church and the New Direction 4 H Club, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF UNCLAIMED FREIGHT STORE

Mayor Ardis explained that the City Council began recognizing small businesses in the community in order to reinforce the strong support our small businesses need and what those businesses meant to the community.

Mayor Ardis recognized the Unclaimed Freight Store (UFS), for its extensive history in the Peoria Community. He spoke about the origins of UFS dating back to the 1940's and how owners Pierre Serafin & Tom Wiegand had expanded their inventory, now carrying furniture, appliances, home goods, wine and spirits, and grocery items. Mayor Ardis expressed his appreciation to UFS for investing in the community and its citizens.

Council Member Moore expressed her appreciation to Pierre & Tom for the investment in the 1st District and especially the expansion of grocery items at their Adams Street location.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

PEORIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DR. BILL COLLIER

PEORIA JAYCEES – YEAR OF THE JAYCEE

MINUTES

Council Member Spain moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council & Town Board Meeting held on March 10, 2015, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PUBLIC HEARING

(15-084) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the Proposed Creation of a KNOXVILLE JUNCTION PROPERTY TAX SPECIAL SERVICE AREA in the City of Peoria.

Council Member Spain moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the creation of a Knoxville Junction Property Tax Special Service in the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Mayor Ardis opened the Public Hearing at 6:37 P.M.

Mr. Tom Leiter, attorney for the applicant Knoxville Junction, spoke about the need for this Property Tax Special Service Area, which would tax the properties involved to fund a lighted intersection at Knoxville opposite Donovan Golf Course, soon to be Donovan Park, to the entrance to the American Pie property on Knoxville.

Mr. Chuck Hollis, Junction City CEO, spoke in support of the Knoxville Junction Property Tax Special Service Area. He stated this was a privately funded development that included a senior housing project at the former American Pie site along with an expansion of the Junction City Shopping Center

Roger Sparks, a Peoria resident and an advocate for disabled rights, voiced concerns about a secondary stop light at the intersection on Knoxville opposite Donovan Golf Course, which could be a safety hazard for people with disabilities in regards to their ability to cross Knoxville.

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

Council Member Spain moved to close the Public Hearing regarding the creation of a Knoxville Junction Property Tax Special Service Area; seconded by Council Member Weaver.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Ardis closed the Public Hearing at 6:43 P.M.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

- (15-085) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Relating to the Creation of the KNOXVILLE JUNCTION SPECIAL SERVICE AREA, Conduct and Adjournment of the Public Hearing, and Providing for a Period of Objection. (3rd District)**

Council Member Riggenbach spoke in support of the Knoxville Junction Special Service Area and he indicated the secondary stop light planned for that intersection did have IDOT approval.

Council Member Riggenbach moved to adopt an Ordinance creating the Knoxville Junction Special Service Area, conduct and adjournment of the Public Hearing, and providing for a period of objection; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE 17,207 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

- (15-086) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE the 2015 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN for Submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with a Total Grant Allocation of \$2,176,499.**

- (15-087) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to Approve VENDORS For 2015 STREET MAINTENANCE MATERIALS. [All Council Districts]**

- (15-088) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to Accept the LOW BIDS and to Approve CONTRACTS with COMMERCIAL GROUNDS MAINTENANCE in the amount of \$26,600.00, STEVE WALTON CONSTRUCTION, in the amount of \$23,600.00, AND HEARN'S LANDSCAPING, in the amount of \$19,800.00, for the 2015 MOWING CONSTRUCTS for the City of Peoria Facilities, Boulevards, and Rights of Way. [All Council Districts]**

- (15-089) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,208 Approving the WASHINGTON CORPORATION REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. (1st District)**

- (15-090) 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 ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,209 Rezoning Property from a Class R-4 (Single-Family Residential) District to a Class C-N (Neighborhood Commercial) District for the Property Located at 603 W. NEBRASKA AVENUE, Peoria, Illinois. (Council District 2) Case PZ 15-4.**

- (15-091) 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. 17,210 Amending the OFFICIAL ZONING MAP of the City of Peoria, to Rezone Property from a Class R-1 (Single Family Residential) District to the R-3 (Single Family Residential) District, located at 1814, 1820, and 1828 W. GLEN, Parcel Index Numbers (14-20-301-001 through 14-20-301-003), Peoria, IL (Council District 4). Case No. PZ 15-8**
- (15-092) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE, with a Request to Concur.**

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

Council Member Akeson requested Item No. 15-086 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 Turner.

Item Nos. 15-086 through 15-092 (excluding Item No. 15-086, which was removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.
Yeas: Akeson, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 10;
Nays: None.

- (15-086) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE the 2015 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN for Submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with a Total Grant Allocation of \$2,176,499.**
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Council Member Akeson requested Community Development Director Ross Black to explain this item.

Community Development Director Ross Black explained that the City submits to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) an action plan on an annual basis. He stated that the City of Peoria would receive over \$2.1 million in grant allocation. He further explained that the City also files an annual report with HUD at the end of March.

Council Member Akeson moved to approve the 2015 Annual Action Plan for submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with a total grant allocation of \$2,176,499; seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

Council Member Jensen questioned Director Black about the decrease in funding from last year and what the comparisons of code enforcement delivery compared to last year.

Director Black responded that he didn't have the dollar for dollar comparison, but stated that CDBG Funds had been increased in 2015 for code enforcement issues.

Council Member Moore expressed concerns with the need to hire additional Code Enforcement Officers. She asked Director Black what expectations the City had in the hiring of additional staff.

Council Member Akeson left the meeting.

Director Black stated the Code Enforcement position was posted and interviews should occur in the next few weeks.

Motion to approve the 2015 Annual Action Plan for submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with a total grant allocation of \$2,176,499 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

Council Member Akeson returned to the meeting.

FIRST READING

(15-093) Communication from the City Manager with a Request for a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 18 of the Code of the City of Peoria Pertaining to Licensing of MOBILE FOOD VEHICLES.

Discussion was held relating to mobile food vehicles with regards to limitations on the number of mobile food vehicles allowed within the City, the appearance of such food trucks, possible locations with distance requirements from brick and mortar businesses in the downtown area, and fee requirements for a food truck compared to a food cart vendor.

Assistant City Manager Chris Setti stated that public meetings were held and well attended by those citizens that had interest in mobile food vehicles. He explained a location at 300 SW Adams was selected as a possible area for proposed mobile food vehicles. He indicated the fee structure for mobile food vehicles would be the same as food cart vendors. He remarked the current food cart ordinance allows 13 licenses, so the number would be split between mobile food vehicles and sidewalk food cart vendors.

Council Member Jensen voiced support of mobile food vehicles and expressed concerns with the number of possible licenses. She stated that the City should have a limit of two or three mobile food vehicles and another possible location could be 500 block of Hamilton across from the old Holiday Inn, which could attract hospital personnel. She added these changes should be reviewed after one year.

In response to Council Member Turner's question about tracking of sales tax from food truck vehicles, Assistant City Manager Setti explained, that in the Sidewalk Vendor Ordinance, it required cash registers and the City had the right to audit the vendors for sales tax revenue.

Council Member Weaver requested that the City design a process requiring all license holders to provide cash register tapes at the time of license renewal. He concurred with Council Member Jensen on the limitation of mobile food vehicles to three and the Hamilton location.

Council Member Riggerbach agreed with the previous comments on limiting the number of licenses, locations, and on the audit ability on the transactions by the food trucks. He requested a review of the fees for the food trucks, he said he felt the current fees were too low and thought the food trucks should be charged a fee similar to a restaurant. He questioned the jurisdiction of the Peoria City/County Health Department in regards to the mobile food vehicles.

Assistant City Manager Setti explained that the fees were compared to other communities and could be reviewed. He stated that all food operators must follow the Illinois public health guidelines and if operated in the City, then the Health Department would have jurisdiction.

Council Member Johnson questioned if the food trucks could operate downtown part of the week and other locations the remainder of the week. He stated, if possible, that could allow more food trucks to operate in the City and still have a limit on the number allowed downtown at a certain period of time.

Mayor Ardis stated an email was received about requiring food trucks to have a recycling component. He voiced concerns about the appearance of the food trucks and requested a minimum standard be established. He supported the idea of an audit process for food trucks.

Council Member Akeson echoed the Mayor's concerns in regards to setting up design standards to address the appearances of the food trucks. She requested a review of the legal situation on municipalities trying to protect brick and mortar restaurants without limiting the expansion of entrepreneurship in the area.

Corporation Counsel Don Leist indicated that he would research this matter.

Council Member Montelongo referred to the public meeting at the Spring Hill Suites recently about food trucks, and he stated he agreed with the limits on the number of food trucks and design standards. He endorsed the idea of food trucks in the downtown area only.

Council Member Jensen questioned the \$100 license fee for all food trucks outside of downtown and she voiced concerns about the distance requirements on food trucks operating outside of the downtown area.

Council Member Riggerbach reiterated Council Member Jensen's concerns about the distance on food trucks operating outside the downtown region. He stated that the distance needs to be increased more than 100 feet.

Council Member Montelongo requested a study of the downtown area that would review parking, apartments and restaurants. He suggested Bradley University, Illinois Central College or Robert Morris could assist in the collection of data to help improve the downtown area.

Council Member Moore agreed with Council Members Jensen and Riggerbach that the 100 foot Rule should be expanded and limit the number of trucks downtown to two or three food trucks. She also requested a review of the fees.

Council Member Spain stated he appreciated the conversations about mobile food vehicles. He stated the City wanted this to be successful and a review on fees could lower downtown license fees and raise outside downtown license fees.

Council Member Spain moved to receive and file the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to licensing of Mobile Food Vehicles; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

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

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

Nays: None.

* Clerk's Note: This item will be placed on the April 14, 2015, Regular City Council Agenda.

(15-102) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request for a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Permitting TRANSPORTATION NETWORK CARRIERS to Operate Within the City of Peoria.

Council Member Turner voiced concerns in regards to the maintenance requirement placed on the taxi companies that was not in the Ordinance for transportation network carriers.

In response to Council Member Jensen's question, Corporation Counsel Leist explained the City Ordinance would require all transportation network carriers to provide an insurance policy of \$250,000.00 for bodily injury per accident, \$500,000.00 for bodily injury/death per accident and \$50,000.00 for property damage per accident. He stated this would be different than the State minimum requirements. Council Member Jensen stated she approved of this provision.

Council Member Turner expressed concerns on the surge pricing mechanism that UBER utilized.

Corporation Counsel Leist indicated that surge pricing needs to be addressed by the Council. He said there was nothing to prohibit surge pricing.

Council Member Spain spoke on surge pricing and insurance requirements and he requested the City model from other communities.

Corporation Counsel indicated that other communities used the UBER model. He stated that he drafted the City Ordinance using the City Taxi Cab Ordinance.

Council Member Spain moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Chris Taylor, Representative from UBER and John Franks, Representative from Peoria Yellow Checker Cab Company.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor the Chris Taylor and John Franks.

Mr. John Franks, Representative of Peoria Yellow Checker Cab Company, voiced concerns about insurance requirements and surge pricing. He indicated that taxi rates were set by the City and he requested that transportation network carriers have the same requirements as taxi companies.

Mr. Chris Taylor, General Manager of UBER Illinois, stated he supported regulations and community safety was a priority for UBER. He explained that all UBER vehicles would be GPS tracked, and moneyless transaction and receipts would be mailed. He remarked that all riders would receive a picture of the UBER driver, type of vehicle sent and a picture of the vehicles license plate number. He stated all drivers had background checks, UBER provided insurance and allowed for part time workers, which promoted job growth. Mr. Taylor indicated UBER is now operating in Bloomington-Normal, Urbana, and Rockford.

Council Member Spain moved to receive and file a First Reading of an Ordinance permitting Transportation Network Carriers to operate within the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

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

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

Nays: None.

* Clerk's Note: This item will be placed on the April 14, 2015, Regular City Council Agenda.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(15-094) Communication from the Construction Commission with a Request for DIRECTION Related to the ADOPTION of Updated BUILDING CODES.

Council Member Weaver indicated that he had been attending the Construction Commission Meetings recently and voiced his concerns about potential updated building codes.

Council Member Weaver moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to John Callear of the Home Builders Associations.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. John Callear.

Mr. John Callear, Representative of the Peoria Home Builders Association, stated that the Construction Commission was a huge asset to the Peoria community. He expressed a desire that the City Council allow the Construction Commission to resend any regulations or codes that were not a life safety matter that created additional cost or time constraints to the builders. He stated the builders association wanted waivers to encourage growth in the Warehouse District and to continue a business friendly environment for the Peoria community.

Council Member Weaver stated that life safety codes were not negotiable and he outlined four concepts; 1. In order to promote growth don't lead the region in regulations; 2. Once new regulations were endorsed notices should be sent to members of the construction industry in order to prepare them for the changes; 3. Encouraged the continued operation of the Construction Commission and the ability to have post adoption revision of ordinances, and 4. The Construction Commission should have the ability to provide waivers for non-life safety matters, especially in the Warehouse District on a case by case situation.

Community Development Director Ross Black remarked that he agreed with Council Member Weaver on these concepts.

Council Member Moore voiced support on the idea of potential waivers in the Warehouse District, especially with regards to historical buildings.

Director Black explained the Construction Commission would review the 2012 building codes and bring back a recommendation to the City Council on what should be adopted, work with the City to identify ways to make redevelopment of older buildings easier. He stated that the Construction Commission already had the authority to grant variance, so this process would be an expanded role.

Council Member Weaver requested when a code was brought to the City Council after being recommended by the Construction Commission, City Staff would have a process of notice, training and lead time. He explained a post adoption process for recension of a code and finally a guideline on how the waiver process would work.

Mayor Ardis voiced caution in regards to the waiver process. He stated the Construction Commission had an important function of reviewing, gaining public input and recommending code related matters to the City Council.

In response to Council Member Weaver, Corporation Counsel Donald Leist indicated that the Tort Immunity Act could protect the City from liability lawsuits in regards to inspections.

Council Member Weaver moved to receive and file the direction to staff related to the adoption of updated building codes; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(15-095) Communication from Council Members Timothy Riggerbach and Beth Jensen with a Request to Adopt the RESOLUTION in support of the Illinois Pollution Control Board Requiring Operators of all COAL ASH IMPOUNDMENTS to Provide Financial Assurance that the Impoundments will be Appropriately Remediated at the Operator's Expense and/or Properly Disposed of in an Appropriate Landfill upon Closure.

Council Member Montelongo left the meeting.

A memo was distributed to all Council Members prior to the meeting from the Plant Managing Director of the Edwards Power Station

Council Member Jensen moved to Table the Resolution in support of the Illinois Pollution Control Board requiring operators of all Coal Ash Impoundments to provide financial assurance that the Impoundments will be appropriately remediated at the operator's expense and/or properly disposed of in an appropriate landfill upon closure; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Motion to TABLE was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Council Member Montelongo returned to the Council Meeting.

**(15-096) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an
ORDINANCE Approving the RIVER TRAIL REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT
(1ST DISTRICT).**

Memos were distributed to all Council Members prior to the meeting. One was from a citizen requesting deferral and one from Assistant City Manager Chris Setti providing more information.

Assistant City Manager Chris Setti provided a brief summary on the River Trail Development. He stated the City sought development in an area commonly known as Riverfront Park back in 2007, with an intent to construct a roadway from the edge of the Riverplex, north along the river to Morton Street in a way to develop a parcel for a multi-family housing unit. He explained in 2013, the City created the River Trail TIF that covers the area from the Riverplex to Detweiller Marina. He stated Developers Desmond Curran and Glen Barton are interested in developing 5.8 acres of Riverfront Park for high quality multi-family housing. He mentioned this development would be four story apartment buildings, each with balconies and interior parking. He stated the total project budget was \$22.7 million, with \$18.2 million representing the developers financial commitment to the project. He explained the City's portion would be \$4.5 million for construction of the roadway and to reimburse the developer for TIF eligible costs. Assistant City Manager Setti indicated the City would borrow the funds and use property tax to repay those bonds and if, a shortfall occurred then the developer would pay the City's shortfall per the redevelopment agreement and allow for a second mortgage to be placed on the property. He indicated the approval of the redevelopment agreement was the next step in this process and final approval by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources would be required to finalize this development.

Council Member Moore stated she supported this project. She requested a Public Hearing on Tuesday March 31, 2015, and explained that additional Public Hearings would be scheduled with the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Council Member Moore moved to defer this item to the April 14, 2015, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Spain indicated he was in support of the deferral and he looked forward in discussing this project further. He recognized and thanked Desmond Curran for his interest in developing in Peoria.

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

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

Nays: None.

- (15-097) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to ADOPT ORDINANCE A or the Recommendation of Staff to ADOPT ORDINANCE B, Amending an Existing SPECIAL USE, Ordinance No. 14,063, as Amended, for a Shopping Center in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District to Add a New Commercial Building, for the Property Commonly Known as JUNCTION CITY SHOPPING CENTER Located at 5901 N. PROSPECT ROAD (Parcel Identification Numbers 14-16-452-038, -039, -040, -042, -043, -034, & -008), Peoria, IL. PZ 14-36. (DISTRICT 3).**

Council Member Riggerbach moved to concur with the Planning and Zoning Commission to adopt Ordinance A, amending an Existing Special Use, Ordinance No. 14,063, as amended, for a shopping center in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District to add a new commercial building, for the property commonly known as Junction City Shopping Center located at 5901 N. Prospect Road (Parcel Identification Numbers 14-16-452-038, -039, -040, -042, -043, -034, & -008), Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Council Member Akeson left the meeting. At 8:55 P.M.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Ron Silver, a member of the North Prospect Neighborhood Association.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Ron Silver.

Mr. Ron Silver, a Peoria resident and Representative of the North Prospect Neighborhood Association, spoke in support of the expansion of Junction City Shopping Center.

Council Member Riggerbach thanked the North Prospect Neighborhood Association and the developers of Junction City for the time and effort put forth on this project. He discussed the landscape measures in this Ordinance along with the requirements for deliveries at Junction City..

ORDINANCE NO. 17,211 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (15-098) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Presenting ORDINANCE OPTIONS Regarding HUNTING with a BOW and ARROW within the City Limits.**

Council Member Weaver moved to adopt Option B, which was an Ordinance Amending Chapter 20 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to discharge, prohibited; exception – permitted if hunting occurs 150 yards away from an inhabited dwelling or with permission of the land owner or tenant; seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

Peoria Police Chief Jerry Mitchell spoke about the limited complaints the City had received over the years regarding this issue. He stated this was not a life safety issue, but rather a dispute on Derby Road.

Council Member Riggerbach voiced concerns regarding the proposed Ordinance and he moved for a Substitute Motion to Table Ordinance options regarding hunting with a bow and arrow within the City limits; seconded by Council Member Spain.

Motion to TABLE was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Jensen, Johnson, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 7;

Nays: Montelongo, Weaver – 2.

(15-099) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to Approve the SITE APPLICATION for Class A (tavern) Liquor License with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol at THE BLUE DUCK BARBECUE TAVERN, 212 SW WATER, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (DISTRICT 1)

Council Member Moore moved to approve the Site Application for a Class A (tavern) liquor license with on-site consumption and retail sale of alcohol at The Blue Duck Barbecue Tavern, 212 SW Water; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

(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 to the April 14, 2015, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

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

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

Nays: None.

PRESENTATION

- (15-100) PRESENTATION by John Meisinger and Sandy Farkash Regarding INFORMATION PERTAINING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT 150 with a Request to Receive and File.**

Hearing no objections, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to former Peoria Public School District 150 Administrator John Meisinger who presented a PowerPoint presentation with an overview and comparison of Peoria Public School District 150's test scores and graduation rates compared to other school districts in the area and throughout Illinois.

Sandy Farkash, former Administrator at Peoria Public School District 150, spoke regarding his concerns with the recent decline in performance standards at District 150.

Council Member Moore voiced her concerns with this presentation. She requested School Board Member & Vice President Linda Bulter have an opportunity to reply to this presentation under Citizens Opportunity to Address the Council.

Council Member Riggerbach remarked on the success that his five children had experienced at Peoria School District 150.

Council Member Spain moved to receive and file the Presentation; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Motion to receive and file the Presentation was approved by roll call vote.
Yeas: Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver,
Mayor Ardis – 8;
Nays: Moore – 1.

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

- (15-101) Communication from the Town Clerk Requesting Approval of AGENDAS for the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.**

Trustee Spain moved to approve the agendas for the Annual Town Meeting; seconded by Trustee Johnson.

Motion to approve the agendas for the Annual Town Meeting was approved by roll call vote.
Yeas: Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver,
Chairman Ardis – 9;
Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Garbage Bills

Council Members Moore and Spain voiced concerns regarding problems with the garbage billing process. Council Member Moore requested a report back on this issue for the next Council Meeting.

Peoria 2nd Mayor Charles T. Stearns

City Clerk Beth Ball recognized Peoria Public Library Director Lee Ann Johnson and Staff Member Christopher Farris, along with Deputy Clerk Dan Sullivan, for obtaining the biography and picture of Mr. Charles Stearns the second Mayor of Peoria. She summarized the biography of Mr. Stearns and indicated that the wall of Mayors was finally complete.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to those citizens wishing to address the City Council/Town Board.

Ms. Linda Butler, Vice President of Peoria School District 150 Board of Education, spoke about the achievements of the school district. She encouraged a Joint City Council and Peoria Public School District 150 Board of Education meeting to be held in the near future. She also stated she planned to present additional information to the Council in the near future.

Mr. Chris Copeland, Director of Information for Peoria School District 150, read a news release from District 150. He stated that the school district was concerned with the earlier presentation presented to the Council.

Mr. Savino Sierra, a Peoria resident, spoke regarding his concerns for Peoria School District 150.

Mr. Lester Bergsten, Chairman of the Peoria City/County Landfill Committee, spoke about the landfill and thanked everyone for their confidence with his leadership of the landfill.

Mr. Daniel Walther, a Peoria resident, spoke regarding his concerns with Peoria School District 150. He stated that he was a candidate for Peoria Public School District 150 Board of Education in the upcoming election.

Mr. Terry Knapp, a Peoria resident, spoke in support of the presentation presented earlier in the meeting and he voiced his concerns regarding Peoria School District 150.

Ms. Kathryn Shackelford, a Peoria resident, spoke against the proposed Riverfront Park Development.

Ms. Barbara Gurtler, a Peoria resident and supporter of the Sierra Club, spoke regarding her concerns for coal ash.

Mr. John Cowan, a Peoria resident, spoke against the proposed Riverfront Park Development.

Mr. David Pittman, a concerned citizen, spoke in regards to his concerns with the proposed Riverfront Park Development.

Mr. Jeremy White, a Peoria resident, spoke in regards to UBER coming to Peoria and he requested the same regulations placed on Taxi companies should be followed by UBER.

Mr. Jake Hammond, a Peoria resident, spoke in regards to changes in the Peoria business climate and encouraged new business startups.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION to Discuss 2 (c)3 The selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in the Open Meetings Act, including a vacancy in a public office, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office; 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 Spain moved to enter into an Executive Session to Discuss 2 (c)3 The selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in the Open Meetings Act, including a vacancy in a public office, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office; 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 Johnson.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

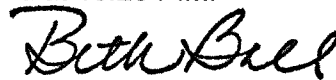
Council Member Turner moved to adjourn the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting; seconded by Council Member Riggenbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

The Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting adjourned at 10:28 P.M.



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