

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting of Peoria, Illinois, was held November 10, 2015, at 6:01 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 6:02 P.M.), Grayeb (Arrived at 6:04 P.M.), Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 10. Absent: None.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

Global Entrepreneurship Week – November 16 – 20, 2015

2015 City – County Leadership Academy Graduation

Presentation of the 2015 APA-IL State Award in the Strategic Plan for the Wisconsin Avenue Business Corridor Plan

Soup and Soul Day – Dream Center - November 10, 2015

MINUTES

Council Member Spain moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on October 27, 2015, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(15-354) PUBLIC HEARINGS Regarding the 2016-2017 CITY OF PEORIA BIENNIAL BUDGET.

Council Member Spain moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the 2016-2017 City of Peoria Biennial Budget; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Motion to open the Public Hearing was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Ardis opened the Public Hearing at 6:24 P.M.

Mr. Roger Sparks, a concerned citizen, spoke on the budget and the impact it could have on snow removal and public safety. He also remarked on how the City determined what order in which various line items were paid. He added that he felt the City Budget should include handicap accessible restrooms and better snow removal on sidewalks for disabled persons.

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

Council Member Spain moved to close the Public Hearing regarding the 2016-2017 City of Peoria Biennial Budget; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Motion to close the Public Hearing was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Ardis closed the Public Hearing at 6:27 P.M.

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

(15-355) Communication from the Town Officials Budget Committee with a Request to APPROVE the Proposed Estimated TAX LEVY OF \$2,286,705.00 with an Estimated TAX RATE of \$0.14893 (Pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/18-60) for the Town of the City of Peoria, and to Enter this Action into the Permanent Record.

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the proposed estimated tax levy of \$2,286,705.00 with an estimated tax rate of \$0.14893 (pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/18-60) for the Town of the City of Peoria, and to enter this action into the permanent record; seconded by Trustee Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Chairman Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

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

- (15-356) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to Approve the Reimbursement of LODGING DYNAMICS HOSPITALITY GROUP Owners of the STAYBRIDGE SUITES, in the Amount of \$33,232.00, from their 1% HOTEL TAX Collected within the BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT for CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS to their Facility.**
- (15-357) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to Approve a CONTRACT with R.A. CULLINAN & SON, A DIVISION OF UNITED CONTRACTORS MIDWEST, INC., in an Amount Not To Exceed \$322,386.75, for Planter Railing and Installation for the Warehouse District, Tiger II Project. [District 1]**
- (15-358) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to Approve a CONTRACT with ROADS SAFE TRAFFIC SYSTEMS, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$110,944.90, for PAVEMENT MARKING for the Warehouse District, Tiger II Project. [District 1]**
- (15-359) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting to ADOPT ORDINANCE 17,289 VACATING Approximately 755 Feet (1.388 +/- Acres) of the Northernmost Part of TODD DRIVE (Commonly Referred to as SPRINKLER LANE/MATHIS LANE), Located North of U.S. 150 Between Trigger Road and Orange Prairie Road Adjacent to American TV Subdivision, in the City Of Peoria. [District 5]**
- (15-360) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,290 VACATING 33.33 Feet (0.012 Acre) of an ALLEY Bounded by NEBRASKA AVENUE, SHERIDAN ROAD, ELEANOR PLACE and ELLIS STREET, Adjacent to Lots 4 and 15, in DISTLER'S SUBDIVISION, Peoria. [District 2]**
- (15-361) REPORT from the CITY TREASURER PATRICK A. NICHTING for the MONTH of SEPTEMBER 2015, with Request to Receive and File.**

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

Hearing no requests for removal of items for further discussion, Council Member Spain moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as outlined in the Council Communications; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Item Nos. 15-356 through 15-361 were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

FIRST READING**(15-362) 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.**

Assistant City Manager Chris Setti provided some background and an overview of the amendment that was before the City Council for approval. He said the original Ordinance was passed in early 2015 wherein it established a fee structure. He said the City received one application for a food truck that wanted to begin operating in November. He said with the assistance of the City's Corporation Counsel, the City was able to pro-rate the fee. He said the amendment for downtown licenses included the fee being prorated the first year, which would only be available one time for a business. He said the proration could only occur in the onset and not at the end of the year. He said this amendment would clarify the Ordinance and make the fee structure more transparent.

Council Member Spain remarked on the fee structure being too high for business owners. He also remarked on the locations of the food trucks in the downtown. He asked when this matter came back before Council, whether Staff could include the drop off driveway along the Civic Center next to Jefferson Street as an additional location. He said the Civic Center had changed their view of the food trucks and would be willing to have them park on that drop off area. He said it would be close to the downtown ice rink and other amenities. He said he would be willing to assist in this matter, and he said this would provide for two locations instead of just one in the downtown area.

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 Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:**(15-363) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE a Loan from the City's REVOLVING LOAN FUND to CENTRE STATE INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Necessary Documents.**

Assistant City Manager Chris Setti provided an overview of the need for a loan from the City's Revolving Loan Fund by Centre State International Trucks. He said the Revolving Loan Fund was established in the 1980's and that the City had not issued a loan from this Fund since 2011. He provided the reason for the loan noting that Centre State International's main client was the Illinois Department of Transportation and that the company would not get paid until the State's budget was finalized. He provided the specifics of the loan agreement noting it was only a one-year, secured loan.

Assistant City Manager Setti said he was working with the Economic Development Advisory Committee to revise the Revolving Loan Fund Plan, and he was waiting for final approval from the Committee in order to bring the matter to Council at the November 24, 2015, meeting. He reported that there was over \$900,000.00 in the Fund that other businesses could use.

Council Member Akeson expressed a concern for loaning the funds in light of the State's budget.

Assistant City Manager Setti said the Committee did not see any issues with providing the loan, noting that Centre State International's biggest client was the Illinois Department of Transportation. He also noted that the loan would be secured with assets.

Council Member Akeson asked that as the EDA Committee refined the loan qualifications that information be provided to the Council with some measurement of how the City fared with past loans from the same fund. She expressed a concern about the intent of the program.

Assistant City Manager Setti said the EDA Committee would come back to the City Council with plans to revise the Revolving Loan Fund, and he said they would entertain direction from Council. He noted that a semi-annual financial report was provided to Council for review, which provided an overview of outstanding loans and the status of each.

Council Member Jensen asked if there had been requests for loans since 2011, and Assistant City Manager Setti remarked that there had been inquiries, but no applications.

Council Member Jensen remarked that the purpose of the Revolving Loan Fund was for situations such as this one, and she moved to approve a loan from the City's Revolving Loan Fund to Centre State International trucks and to authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Council Member Moore remarked that the company had been in business for the last 36 years. She inquired as to the make-up of the Committee who reviewed the applications.

Assistant City Manager Setti said the City did not have a loan committee, but it utilized the Peoria County's loan committee, and he reviewed the credentials of the individuals who sat on that Committee.

Council Member Moore remarked on the uniqueness of the situation, and she noted it was a one-year, secured loan. She said the Revolving Loan Fund was developed for situations such as this one, and that this loan would be separate from the City's budget.

Council Member Grayeb said this was a situation where the City could help provide stability and secure jobs for a company that has been in the community for a long time. He said this was a unique economic circumstance and he would support this item.

Council Member Montelongo said he would approve this item noting that this program was doing what it was intended to do. He asked Staff to put additional information regarding the loan on the City's website for other businesses to review.

Mayor Ardis remarked that Centre State International Trucks had been in business within the City of Peoria since 1979. He said for the City to have the opportunity to help employees keep their jobs was a good outreach opportunity.

Motion to approve a loan from the City's Revolving Loan Fund to Centre State International trucks and to authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Akeson - 1.

(15-364) 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 an ORDINANCE AMENDING an Existing SPECIAL USE, Ordinance Number 13, 633, as Amended, for a Shopping Center is a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District to Add a NEW RETAIL BUILDING and a Fuel Center, for the Property Commonly Known as EVERGREEN SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER and Located at 801 W. LAKE AVENUE (Parcel Identification Numbers 14-20-476-066, -016, -017, -018, -019, -020, -023, -024, -025, & 14-20-428-009), Peoria, IL (Council District 3).

Council Member Riggenbach moved to defer this item for two weeks to the November 24, 2015, Regular City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to defer to the November 24, 2015 Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(15-365) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to APPROVE a RESOLUTION Urging the State Leaders to Release NON-GENERAL FUND REVENUES Payable to Local Governments.

Council Member Spain moved to approve a Resolution urging the State leaders to release Non-General Fund Revenues payable to local governments; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

City Manager Urich provided a status report on the House Bill 4305 noting it passed the House of Representatives this date and would continue to the Senate. He remarked that the next step would be to ensure the State Senate delegation released funds due to the local governments.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-365 urging the State leaders to release Non-General Fund Revenues payable to local governments was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (15-366) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class D (Hotel) Liquor License with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol at the RESIDENCE INN, 2000 W. WAR MEMORIAL, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (DISTRICT 4)**

Council Member Montelongo moved to approve the Site Application for a Class D (Hotel) Liquor License with on-site consumption and retail sale of alcohol at the Residence Inn, 2000 W. War Memorial; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

- (15-016) Communication from the City Manager and the Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request for Continued Discussion Regarding the 2016-2017 CITY OF PEORIA BIENNIAL BUDGET.**

City Manager Urich distributed a memo entitled "Budget Report Backs from October 27, 2015," the 2016 – 2020 Community Investment Plan Budget Submittals, a slide presentation entitled "2016 – 2017 Budget Report Back," and a map entitled "Preliminary Reconstruction Projects." He said the handouts would be posted to the City's website.

City Manager Urich reviewed the Preliminary Reconstruction Project map that showed proposed projects. He said the 2016 – 2020 CIP Budget Submittals contained a comprehensive list. He reviewed the Report Backs requested by the City Council.

Regarding the 2016 – 2020 Infrastructure Funding, City Manager Urich said the current recommended cost was \$64,294,613.00. He said that cost was broken down as follows: \$8,205,000.00 towards bridges, \$10,495,000.00 towards drainage, \$40,349,613.00 towards roads and \$5,245,000.00 towards sidewalks. Of that, he said approximately 63%, or \$8 million annually, went towards the funding of road improvements. He said \$1.2 million was allotted towards pavement preservation work; however, this amount was not enough to include residential streets. He said Staff estimated approximately 40% of road reconstruction projects were spent on drainage issues. He reported that the One Water Committee recommended a program that would provide an additional \$12.2 million, excluding funds towards the combined sewer overflow. He said Staff was able to cut that recommended program back to \$8.3 million towards drainage work and reallocate \$5 million towards CSO costs. He provided an estimated capital construction expense beginning in 2017 in the amount of \$6 million, which would eventually increase to \$8 million in 2020 for CSO-related construction. He said between 2016 – 2020, stormwater and CSO issues would cost \$67.7 million with 61.0% of that amount allotted towards CSO issues and 29.0% towards drainage. He said about 10% of this funding, or about \$7 million, would be able to be used for road projects. He said if the City Council went forward

with a stormwater utility, it would allow the City to accelerate some arterial road projects. He reviewed pending road projects, and he reviewed the streets that needed reconstruction work. He said if additional funding were set aside for roads, it would allow for reconstruction work. He reviewed what an additional \$4 million towards roads would do for various road projects. He said creating a stormwater utility would provide an approximate relief of over \$9 million to the CIP, which would allow the City to redirect that capital money or not spend that money, if the City Council desired.

City Manager Urich asked the City Council whether it wanted to raise revenues for road funding and from what revenue source. He said the budget recommended raising the Motor Fuel Tax by \$0.03. He said if Council was not amenable to that increase, another \$1.2 million would need to be generated from another source. He said Council could raise the sales tax by 0.25%, which would generate approximate \$3.8 million annually. He said 25.0% of sales come from people who reside outside the City and \$2.85 million came from residents. He reviewed what would be generated from increasing property taxes by \$0.01 or by \$0.10 and how that would impact a homeowner on an annual basis. He reviewed a potential 1.0% Hotel Tax increase; however, he said that amount generated could only be used towards tourism-related item. He said in order to utilize that tax towards something other than tourism-related items, the City would have to coordinate with the Civic Center.

City Manager Urich reviewed comparable cities and their property tax rates between 2008 – 2013. He noted that the City of Peoria was able to keep its property taxes at a constant rate over the period of five years. He remarked that the General Assembly continued to talk about implementing a property tax freeze. He remarked on the amount of property tax dollars going towards the funding of pension costs, and he stated that those costs continued to grow. He said if the General Assembly froze the property taxes, then the City would have to find another revenue source. As a hedge, he said the Council may want to consider levying up to a certain dollar amount to fund the City's debt service extension funding in order to ensure there was a separate property tax levy to provide insurance. He concluded reviewing potential revenues sources by reviewing comparable cities for sales tax and municipal hotel tax rates.

City Manager Urich reviewed building permits and rental registration increases. He said it was recommended to increase rental registrations to \$150 per year with an opportunity for landlords to receive a \$50 discount for attending a landlord training session. To address Council's concerns regarding non-problematic landlords, he said Staff recommended a rebate program equal to 50% of the total registration paid per property towards a future building permit to improve the property.

City Manager Urich said Staff recommended the collection of property registration fees be applied towards items that would improve neighborhoods such as a new resident Police Officer, demolitions and lot clearance, vacant property maintenance, code enforcement technology, rat abatement and board-ups.

City Manager Urich reviewed the COPS Grant and whether it could be utilized to fund additional Resident Police Officers. He remarked that the City was committed to assisting Peoria Public Schools District 150 with school resource officers (SRO), and the COPS Grant was utilized to assist with the placement of SROs.

City Manager Urich reviewed the impact of hiring contract engineers versus in-house engineers. He also provided the tax impact that the Louisville Slugger would have on the City in 2017.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Mayor Ardis said the budget presented to the City Council at the last meeting was balanced implementing at \$0.03 motor fuel tax and a 0.25% sales tax increase. Using that as a baseline, he inquired what Council would want to do should one of those revenue streams not be utilized. He remarked that if Council wanted to add an expense to the budget, then there needed to be a corresponding revenue stream to address it.

In response to Council Member Grayeb wanting to ensure City operations and a potential need for a tax service extension levy, City Manager Urich remarked that Council previously adopted an estimated levy. He said if Council wanted more property tax dollars to apply to the debt service fund, Council could abate the obligation to pay a certain amount of debt each year. He said Council could raise property taxes by that amount and pay the City's debt service with those funds. He said a property tax freeze would greatly affect pensions, noting that pensions continued to grow 8.0% annually. He said by 2018 Council would have to find another revenue source to pay for pensions.

Council Member Grayeb remarked on the impact a declining infrastructure would have on property valuation. He said as long as the citizens of Peoria were dedicated to a revenue source, it would have a positive impact.

City Manager Urich said when money was invested in infrastructure, there would be a ripple effect in the economy.

Regarding Council Member Grayeb's concern for street maintenance, City Manager Urich said the City currently invested \$4 million per year in the growth fund. He said the current budget increased that amount to \$5.2 million annually. He said the budget still needed an additional \$4 million annually in order to make an impact on the City's streets.

Council Member Grayeb remarked on the importance of addressing the City's infrastructure, and particularly the City streets and how it would affect the taxpayers if the streets were not repaired.

Council Member Akeson said she would support addressing the road issue beyond the maintenance level. She asked what it would cost for citizens to actually see improvements in the streets.

City Engineer/Assistant Public Works Director Scott Reeise said, in response to Council Member Akeson's question regarding what it would take for citizens to see improvements in the roads, an additional \$4 million would be needed along with a reassessment of the streets in the next year to determine whether the City was gaining ground.

Council Member Akeson inquired how the public would be guaranteed that the additional revenue generated would go towards the improvement of roads. She asked what would be the strategy to ensure increases would stay road focused. She said she would like to see some mechanism in place that this revenue would be directed towards infrastructure only.

Council Member Jensen said she concurred with Council Member Akeson regarding road funding. She said she was not opposed to increasing revenues as long as that increase was dedicated to maintaining the roads. She expressed a concern regarding the City's sales tax revenue and whether it was a dependable source. She said she would favor establishing a bond and increasing the hotel tax.

Discussions were held regarding rental registration and the potential revenue it would generate. City Manager Urich said Staff would bring a First Reading of an Ordinance revision for increased fees at the next City Council meeting. Council Member Spain expressed his concern on the possible negative impact this Ordinance would have on the City's desire to be business friendly.

For road funding, Council Member Spain remarked that this budget relied greatly on tax increases. He remarked that the anticipated revenues for 2016 were \$184 million. City Manager Urich said that was based upon a 0.25% sales tax increase. Council Member Spain said that increase would generate a surplus of \$3 million, which would put the proposed budget in a surplus.

Council Member Riggerbach remarked that if roads were a priority, the property tax would be the logical funding mechanism. City Manager Urich said a Motor Fuel Tax increase could only be dedicated toward road purposes. Council Member Riggerbach said the increased MFT would generate approximately \$1.2 million, but the City would need to generate an additional \$4 million, noting that a \$0.10 increase in property taxes would cover half of the \$4 million. He asked if the City would be able to develop a tracking system for revenues on the City's website and how that revenue would be spent.

In response to Council Member Riggerbach regarding a \$2.00 increase to garbage fees, City Manager Urich said increasing the garbage fee would add another \$900,000.00 to the General Revenue Fund. He said for 2016 the City was looking to put the garbage fee on property tax bills.

Council Member Riggerbach inquired whether other Council Members had thought about finding a revenue source dedicated towards the payment of garbage fees, and he asked for it to be put on a future agenda for further discussion.

Mayor Ardis said there was a desire to provide a revenue stream for roads; however, the City should let the taxpayers know which roads were scheduled for work.

City Manager Urich said the debt service extension would need to go through the Truth in Taxation process. He remarked that a Public Hearing was scheduled for this Thursday, November 12, 2015. Discussions were held as to what impact the debt service extension would have, and City Manager Urich said Staff would review and provide a Report Back at the Thursday Special City Council Meeting.

Council Member Moore inquired whether Staff was able to determine how many landlords in the past came to the City for building permits and whether the proposed rebate on a building permit would be feasible, and City Manager Urich said Staff was trying to create an incentive for landlords to reinvest in their property.

Regarding rental registration, Council Member Moore inquired whether the new fee structure would cover the costs incurred by the City. Community Development Director Ross Black said the fees collected may not cover the entire cost of the code enforcement function.

Council Member Montelongo inquired about the potential revenue generated from a stormwater utility, and City Manager Urich said that part was not finalized. He said the overall program was based upon \$5 per square foot; however, none of that was built into the budget as presented and would not be built into the budget this fall. He said it would be inserted into the budget once a Consent Decree was issued.

Council Member Grayeb cautioned about relying on the sales tax revenues, noting it was a variable revenues source. He said he agreed with a property tax increase. He remarked that the City had to consider safety and that a new firehouse would be needed due to the growth of the City. He said the Council needed to protect itself from a property tax freeze, and he asked the City Manager to bring a property tax increase back to the City Council for a vote.

Council Member Johnson asked if there would be a point where the hotel tax would decrease, and City Manager Urich said he would provide a Report Back on Thursday. Council Member Johnson asked at what capacity the City would diminish its credit rating if it bonded out, and City Manager Urich said he would provide that information in a Report Back for Thursday as well.

Discussions were held regarding money set aside to pay for the cost of the City's employees' benefits. City Manager Urich said that cost could be reduced, but it would be a short term fix to the problem. He remark that \$2.2 million currently went towards the other post-employment benefits account. He said the overall General Fund surplus was less than \$3 million. He remarked that the City was approximately 14-15 years away from the downward curve in pension costs.

Mayor Ardis requested a model of the different revenue streams and different amounts to meet the road needs. He said the Council was in favor of a debt service extension levy, which would protect the City in case the General Assembly established a freeze on property taxes. He said he would like to see how the hotel tax would work. He said the City was going to conduct a Resource Allocation Study in order to make sure the Fire Department had all the equipment it needed in place.

Council Member Akeson moved to receive and file the preliminary 2016 through 2019 Budget Projections as of August 5, 2015; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(15-238) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Historic Preservation Commission to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Article 16, the HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE, of the CODE of the City of Peoria with Respect to Various Items.

Community Development Director Ross Black provided an update on the joint recommendations to the Ordinance, noting that all outstanding issues had been resolved.

Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Article 16, the Historic Preservation Ordinance, of the Code of the City of Peoria with respect to various items; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,291 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

“Slow Down” Signs

Council Member Jensen remarked that, since mentioned in September, Police Chief Jerry Mitchell designed “Slow Down” signs that residents could place in their yards. She showed the new sign to all of Council, and she commended Chief Mitchell for his efforts.

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 concerned citizen, remarked on potholes that were in the streets of the South Side, and the need for them to be repaired, and he commented on the nuisance of people walking in the streets of the South Side.

Mr. John Marter, a concerned citizen, remarked on the proposed \$0.03 increase on Motor Fuel Tax stating that he was against the increase. He expressed appreciation for Council's time spent with him over the last couple of weeks.

Mr. Joseph Keck, a concerned citizen, offered to volunteer his services to the City. He remarked that he had a political science degree.

Ms. Jamila Wilson, a concerned citizen, remarked that the PCCEO sponsored a six-week Neighborhood Academy to engage neighbors on the South Side.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION to 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; 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)(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)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; 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)(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 Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Grayeb moved to adjourn the Joint City Council & Town Board Meeting; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Joint City Council & Town Board Meeting adjourned at 9:11 P.M.



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