

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois was held February 25, 2014, at 6:15 P.M., at City Hall, Council Chambers (Room 400), 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Ardis presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Akeson (Arrived at 6:40 P.M.), Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 11. Absent: None.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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 8, 2014, 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, 2014. He explained the Town Board and Town Officials did not agree with this provision and he made this announcement to inform citizens so they would have an opportunity to participate.

MINUTES

Council Member Spain moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on February 11, 2014, and the Special City Council Meeting held on February 18, 2014, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PUBLIC HEARING

(14-061) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the Proposed ANNEXATION of 2508 W. ALTA ROAD, DUNLAP, ILLINOIS, (Property Identification No. 09-31-128-002), to be held at City Hall, Council Chambers (Room 400), 419 Fulton Street, Peoria, Illinois.

Council Member Spain moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the proposed Annexation of 2508 W. Alta Road, Dunlap, Illinois, (Property Identification No. 09-31-128-002); seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Ardis opened the Public Hearing at 6:20 P.M.

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

Council Member Spain moved to close the Public Hearing regarding the proposed Annexation of 2508 W. Alta Road, Dunlap, Illinois, (Property Identification No. 09-31-128-002); seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Ardis closed the Public Hearing at 6:22 P.M.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, for the City of Peoria, with Recommendations as Outlined:

- (14-062) Communication from the City Manager and the Interim Corporation Counsel with a Request to Authorize SETTLEMENT of OFFICER DONNA NICHOLSON'S Claims Against the City of Peoria and Officer Jeff Wilson in *Donna Nicholson v. City of Peoria and Jeff Wilson*, U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois, Peoria, Illinois, Case No. 12-CV-1465.**

- (14-063) Communication from the City Manager and Chief Information Officer with a Request to Approve the PURCHASE of HEWLETT PACKARD Network Equipment from ABUNDANT INDUSTRIES, CENTRICS IT, NOVANIS, AND SYSTEM SOURCE According to the Line Item Responses in BID #04-14, in the Amount of \$89,036.00, as Part of the Information Systems Network Infrastructure Upgrade Project.**

- (14-064) Communication from the City Manager and the Fire Chief with a Request to Approve a SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE for Four (4) Automatic External Defibrillator's (AEDs) from PHYSIO CONTROL, in the Amount of \$101,199.40.**

- (14-065)** **Communication from the City Manager and the Emergency
* Communications Manager with a Request to Approve the SOLE SOURCE
PURCHASE of Mobile and Portable Radios, Control Stations, and
Accessories for Peoria Police, Peoria Fire, Public Works, and the
Emergency Communications Center, in the Amount of \$613,519.09, from
RAGAN COMMUNICATIONS.**
- (14-066)** **Communication from the City Manager and the Public Works Director
** with a Request to Approve an AGREEMENT with FRONTIER
COMMUNICATIONS, in the Amount of \$98,633.00, for Relocation of Existing
Cables for the Construction of the ORANGE PRAIRIE ROAD EXTENSION
PROJECT. (Location Map Attached) [District 5]**
- (14-067)** **Communication from the City Manager and Public Works Directors with a
Request to Approve the Following CONTRACTS with A CUT ABOVE TREE
SERVICE and JIMAX LANDSCAPING for TREE AND STUMP REMOVAL AND
TREE TRIMMING BID 01-14 in the Following Categories:**
- A. Tree Removal by Service Route with A CUT ABOVE TREE SERVICE,
not to exceed \$37,760.00;**
 - B. Tree Removal by Size with A CUT ABOVE TREE SERVICE, not to
exceed \$50,000.00;**
 - C. Tree and Brush Trimming by Hourly Rates with A CUT ABOVE TREE
SERVICE, not to exceed \$50,000.00;**
 - D. Emergency Tree and Brush Trimming by Hourly Rates with JIMAX
LANDSCAPING, not to exceed \$20,000.00;**
 - E. Stump Removal with A CUT ABOVE TREE SERVICE, not to exceed
\$20,000.00.**
- (14-068)** **Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development
*** Director with a Request to Approve the Allocation of \$225,000.00 of HOME
FUNDS to WALLICK-HENDY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC, for the
Rehabilitation of Schlarman House Located at 707 NE Madison Ave (Tax
ID# 18-03-351-001) (Council District 1).**
- (14-069)** **Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development
Director with a Request to APPROVE an INCUMBENCY CERTIFICATE and
RESOLUTION NO. 14-069 Accepting a GRANT from the ILLINOIS HOUSING
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S TRUST FUND EMERGENCY REPAIR
PROGRAM, in the Amount of \$217,350.00, for Housing Rehabilitation of
Lower Income Owner-Occupied Household, with Priority for Disabled and
Elderly.**
- (14-070)** **Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development
Director with a Request to Approve an ORDINANCE NO. 17,067 reserving
2014 PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND VOLUME CAP, in the Amount of
\$11,568,700.**

- (14-071) **Communication From the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to Approve an ORDINANCE NO. 17,068 ABATING the Tax Heretofore LEVIED to Pay Principal of and Interest on GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE PURPOSES BONDS, of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois 1998 Series C, 2005 Series A & B, 2007 Series A, 2009 Series A, 2010 Series A, B, C, & D, 2011 Series A & B, 2012 Series A & B and 2013 Series A & C.**
- (14-072) **Communication for the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to Approve an ORDINANCE NO. 17,069 ABATING the Tax Heretofore LEVIED to Pay SPECIAL SERVICE AREA TAXES on the RIVERWEST NEIGHBORHOOD (Formerly the COLONEL JOHN WARNER HOMES DEVELOPMENT).**
- (14-073) **APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE DISABLED with a Request to Concur:**
- Ms. Teresa Miller (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2016**
- Ms. Patti Hathcock (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2016**
- Ms. Alexis Duhon (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2016**
- Mr. Luke Barr (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2014**
- Ms. Stephanie McGinnis (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2016**
- (14-074) **APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the EAST VILLAGE GROWTH CELL COMMITTEE with a Request to Concur:**
- Ms. Marilyn Mosley (Voting)**
- (14-075) **APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**
- Ms. Heather Oyler (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2016**
- (14-082) **REQUEST for Approval of the COMMITTEE REPORT (Policy Session) Regarding LIQUOR REGULATIONS Including Discussion on the Plan of Operation for Site Approval and Enforcement Proceedings and a Proposed Moratorium of Class A and B-1 Site Approvals in the Downtown Area.**
- (14-076) **Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to Receive and File the PEORIA PARK DISTRICT RIVERFRONT PROGRAMMING WORK PROGRAM and BUDGET REPORT for 2014.**
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Mayor Ardis questioned if the Council wished to have any of the Consent Agenda items removed for further discussion.

Council Member Moore requested Item No. 14-068 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Grayeb requested Item No. 14-065 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Weaver requested Item No. 14-066 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Spain requested Item No. 14-076 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 14-062 through 14-076 and Item No. 14-082 (excluding Item Nos. 14-065, 14-066, 14-068 and 14-076, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

**(14-065) Communication from the City Manager and the Emergency
* Communications Manager with a Request to Approve the SOLE SOURCE
 PURCHASE of Mobile and Portable Radios, Control Stations, and
 Accessories for Peoria Police, Peoria Fire, Public Works, and the
 Emergency Communications Center, in the Amount of \$ 613,519.09, from
 RAGAN COMMUNICATIONS.**

In response to Council Member Grayeb, Emergency Communications Center Manager David Tuttle said this purchase would update a radio system that was approximately 20 years old. He said this update would allow for all local enforcement agencies to contact one another, and would allow for specific talk groups during emergency situations.

Council Member Grayeb commented on the importance of having the capability to communicate with various responders, and said he approved the purchase of the new radio equipment.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the sole source purchase of mobile and portable radios, control stations, and accessories for Peoria Police, Peoria Fire, Public Works and the Emergency Communications Center, in the amount of \$613,519.09, from Ragan Communications; seconded by Council Member Weaver.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(14-066) Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Public Works
** with a Request to Approve an AGREEMENT with FRONTIER
COMMUNICATIONS, in the Amount of \$98,633.00, for Relocation of Existing
Cables for the Construction of the ORANGE PRAIRIE ROAD EXTENSION
PROJECT. (Location Map Attached) [District 5]**

In response to Council Member Weaver, Public Works Director Rogers said he would contact Frontier Communications to inquire whether they would relocate the existing cables themselves or contract that work to another company. He said there was no urgency at this time to pass this item and could be deferred to a later date.

Council Member Weaver moved to defer this item to the March 11, 2014, regularly scheduled City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Motion to defer this item to the March 11, 2014, Regular Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(14-068) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development
*** Director with a Request to Approve the Allocation of \$225,000 of HOME
FUNDS to WALLICK-HENDY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC, for the
Rehabilitation of Schlarman House Located at 707 NE Madison Ave (Tax
ID# 18-03-351-001) (Council District 1).**

Council Member Akeson arrived at 6:40 P.M.

Council Member Moore inquired whether Home Funds were available on an annual basis. She expressed a concern that approximately half of the money from this Fund was being spent in February, which could lead to no money at the end of the year for other projects.

Community Development Director Black said the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated between \$450,000 to \$1 million annually to Home Funds. He said the timing of these funds were determined by the US Congress approval process. He said these funds would not be appropriated until early in the calendar year and the City would not receive the funds until later in the year. He said Home Funds had to be used for affordable housing projects. He remarked that these funds were audited each April, and had to be very carefully managed, regardless the size of the project. He said, in response to Council Member Moore, the City never ran out of these types of funds at the end of the year. He continued to mention that at the upcoming Policy Session regarding Neighborhood Revitalization, there would be discussions about how these types of funds would be targeted.

Council Member Moore said she would support his item, but asked for additional research when assisting individuals and organizations and low income housing needs. She inquired if this amount of appropriation should be granted to individuals or organizations that had already received significant funding from other sources, which would decrease this fund balance by half so early in the fiscal year.

Council Member Moore moved to approve the allocation of \$225,000.00 of Home Funds to Wallick-Hendy Development Company, LLC, for the rehabilitation of Schlarman House located at 707 NE Madison Avenue; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Grayeb noted Wallick-Hendy had four properties located within Districts 1, 2 and 4. He said since the Illinois Housing Development Authority approved \$30 million to rehabilitate these developments, he requested additional information from the developer on how the money would be spent.

Mr. Matt Schumacher, Vice President of the Wallick-Hendy Development Company, provided an overview of the Wallick-Hendy Peoria portfolio. He said the development had approximately 478 units of affordable housing, mostly single bedrooms, planned to be rehabilitated with ADA upgrades and site improvements, financed using State and Federal funds.

Motion to approve the allocation of \$225,000 of Home Funds to Wallick-Hendy Development Company, LLC, for the rehabilitation of Schlarman House located at 707 NE Madison Avenue was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(14-076) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development
**** Director with a Request to Receive and File the PEORIA PARK DISTRICT
 RIVERFRONT PROGRAMMING WORK PROGRAM and BUDGET REPORT
 for 2014.**

Council Member Spain commended the efforts of Bill Roeder, Superintendent of the Riverfront Division for the Peoria Park District, for organizing the activities on the Riverfront in 2013. He said now was the time for the City to engage further with the Park District and Visitors Bureau to discuss options for the Riverfront during the winter season. He said the City needed to be more creative in its use of the Riverfront space.

Council Member Spain moved to receive and file the Peoria Park District Programming Work Program and Budget Report for 2014; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

FIRST READINGS

**(14-077) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development
 Director for the FIRST READING Review of ORDINANCES Amending
 Appendix B of the Zoning Ordinance, and Appendix C of the Land
 Development Code Relating to MICROBREWERIES/CRAFT DISTILLERIES.
 Case No. ZC 14-B (FR - 36)**

- (14-078) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director Requesting a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending Appendix B, the Zoning Ordinance, to allow VET'S OFFICE - HOUSEHOLD PETS, with NO EXTERIOR RUNS, in the O-1 (Arterial Office) District. (FR - 37)**

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

Council Member Jensen moved to receive and file Item No. 14-077 and Item No 14-078 and to place on the Agenda for the next Regular City Council Meeting on March 11, 2014; seconded by Council Member Spain.

Motion to receive and file and to place on the Agenda for the next Regular City Council Meeting on March 11, 2014, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

- (14-079) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to Approve a CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT with ILLINOIS AMERICAN WATER COMPANY for a Water Distribution Main on the ORANGE PRAIRIE ROAD EXTENSION PROJECT. (Location Map Attached) [District 5]**

City Manager Urich reported that in 2012 IAWC terminated its arrangement with the City allowing garbage bills to be on the same bill as water. He said City Staff noticed IAWC was charging more than was provided for in the agreement. He said when the City changed from quarterly billing to monthly billing, the charge should have changed from \$0.60 per bill to \$0.20 per bill. He said the billing amount never changed. He said IAWC owed the City of Peoria a total of approximately \$1.283 million. He said it was Staff's opinion for the City Council to approve a Construction Agreement with IAWC in order to recoup some of this money. He said IAWC would install water distribution mains and related facilities for the Orange Prairie extension out of these funds owed. He said the estimated cost for the installation of this water main would be \$611,282.00. He said IAWC would need to file an application before the Illinois Commerce Commission that would adjust their certificated area. He reported that the remaining monies would be remitted back to the City of Peoria. He asked the City Council to support this measure to recoup the monies owed by IAWC.

Council Member Johnson moved to approve the Construction Agreement with Illinois American Water Company for a water distribution main on the Orange Prairie Road Extension Project; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Council Member Akeson voiced concern about this recommendation. She commented on the infrastructure that needed to be done within the Districts of Peoria and that this money should be applied towards these infrastructure needs. She said this money would go into the General Fund if it was not applied towards the water main, which would be used to address infrastructure projects rather than future growth.

City Manager Urich said there were no current plans for further growth off of Orange Prairie Road.

Council Member Akeson suggested deferring this matter to review whether this would be the best option to invest this money.

Motion to approve the Construction Agreement with Illinois American Water Company for a water distribution main on the Orange Prairie Road Extension Project was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Akeson - 1.

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

- (14-016) New Communication from the City Manager and Public Works Director with a Request to 1) RECEIVE and FILE the Attached REPORT BACK, and 2) Approve the Attached New RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 07-677, pertaining to Parking Rates at City-Owned Parking Facilities. (With Memo and Traffic Regulation Attached, For Information Only) (Refer to FR-35)**

A replacement communication was distributed to all Council, which contained a corrected implementation date of April 1, 2014.

City Manager Urich reported there had been changes made to the Resolution since the Item had been deferred at the January 14, 2014, Regular City Council meeting in order to allow for the Downtown Advisory Commission and Traffic Commission to review. He reported that the Downtown Advisory Commission unanimously supported Staff's recommendation to equalize parking in the downtown area at \$1.00/hour along with a public education plan about cost and availability.

Public Works Director Mike Rogers reported that the Traffic Commission supported Staff's recommendation as well. He said there needed to be a sense of consistency with the parking program and attempt to eliminate various colored meters and rates. He concurred that there needed to be public education and dissemination of information.

Director Rogers said in response to Council Member Jensen that rates currently ranged from \$0.30 to \$0.80 per hour. He said the rates could be changed to \$0.80 across the board, but he said the City wanted to be consistent with the parking deck rates at \$1.00/hour.

Council Member Weaver moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to any citizen who wanted to address this matter.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to those citizens wishing to address the City Council on this matter.

Mr. Ray Lees, Member of the Downtown Advisory Commission, said the Commission approved the \$1/hr rate for street and parking decks with the caveat that this process was just a first step to an overall strategy. He said he researched other communities and their economic development approach in order to prepare for a long-term plan for Peoria. He reported some communities offered one to three hours of free on-street parking. He said there were some communities that offered no time limit on free parking.

Council Member Grayeb expressed his appreciation to the Downtown Advisory Commission and the Traffic Commission on their services. He said it was his opinion they were on the right track to lowering fees of the parking decks. He said he was an advocate for free parking available in the downtown area.

City Manager Urich said in response to Mayor Ardis that there was not a firm policy in place that addressed the parking issue.

Discussions were held regarding downtown employees utilizing metered spaces versus the parking decks. It was mentioned that this could interfere with potential customers to the downtown area utilizing those spaces. It was stated that a number of businesses in the Warehouse District subsidized their own parking lots to provide for their potential customers.

Council Member Spain expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Lees for the information he provided to the City Council and his efforts on the Downtown Advisory Commission. He said there was confusion as to the various meters and rates within the downtown area. He said it made sense to lower the cost in the parking decks, and he said the notion of two-hour free parking was attractive and he would like to see that tested over the next few years. He said communication to the public regarding the parking meters, garages and rates was a very important piece. He expressed his appreciation for the Report Back to the City Council.

Council Member Riggerbach acknowledged the work and dialogue of the stakeholders. He said he would like research conducted on the regulation of two-hour parking without the use of meters. He said the City's goal should be to make parking more affordable and perhaps free in the future.

City Manager Urich said it was Staff's preference to adjust to two-hour meters, which would be easier to manage.

Council Member Riggerbach said he was in support of this Resolution.

City Manager Urich said the different parking rates were based upon businesses at certain times and types of intensity of parking within that location.

Council Member Moore said employees and businesses in the downtown area needed educated on the need for street parking for customers.

Council Member Jensen said she could not support the increase in rates. She said the study provided would not support this increase. She noted that seven of the cities studied for their parking were within Peoria's rates. She said she was supportive of decreasing the rates for the parking decks.

Council Member Grayeb said he was supportive in the reduction of the rates in the parking decks. He commented that the first step to bringing vitality to the downtown area was to make a change in parking.

Council Member Turner said he had to support charging for parking, whether or not it was something he wanted to support. He said it was his hope one day to not have to charge for parking in the downtown area once vitality returned.

Council Member Akeson said the City needed to charge for parking in the downtown area. She said it was her belief that this should not have an impact on the downtown vitality. She said free parking would not have and affect or drive retail one way or another.

Council Member Turner moved to receive and file the Report Back and to approve the replacement Resolution amending Resolution No. 07-677 pertaining to parking rates at City-owned parking facilities; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Council Member Weaver said there had not been good dialogue on this topic and that the Council needed additional information. He recommended conducting a three-year pilot program of free parking to see if it would drive more activity downtown.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-016 Amending Resolution No. 07-677, and the motion to receive and file the Report Back was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Weaver - 4.

(14-029) Communication from City Manager and Public Works Director with REPLACEMENT COMMUNICATION to Item No. 14-029, with New Request to REJECT the BID of the Lowest Responsible Bidder, MILENNIA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, and REJECT ALL BIDS, for the DR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DRIVE (Formerly Seventh Street) RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. [District 1]

Council Member Moore said this Item was brought before the City Council a month ago with a recommendation to approve with funds for this project to come from the Southtown TIF Funds. She said at that time the First District was going through some economic changes with the loss of a grocery store along with additional changes. She said the funding that was going to be used for the stabilization of MLK Drive would be better utilized applying towards economic development. She asked the City Council to support the rejection of this bid and to return the funds back to the Southtown TIF funds, and to review funding for this project from another source.

Council Member Moore moved to reject the bid of the lowest responsible bidder, Milennia Professional Services, and reject all bids, for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive (Formerly Seventh Street) Reconstruction Project; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Council Member Grayeb remarked that sidewalk and curb repairs made homeowners feel better about their neighborhoods. He said this was a major corridor, wherein repairs had been delayed for years. He said pursuing this project would enhance the quality of life for those who reside within the area. He said he would be supportive of another plan, and he said this project needed to be supported as this was a major thoroughfare to the downtown area.

Council Member Akeson said this area had been a topic of conversation with the previous First District Council Member. She said runoff created by the bluff was a concern. She said the City needed to do as much as possible to mitigate this situation, and that she was supportive of this project.

Council Member Jensen said the citizens within her neighborhood had concerns about the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, partly because of the restructuring of University Street. She said one of her neighborhood's alternate routes was this particular route. She said she would like to see the project continue.

After further discussion, Council Member Moore said she was in favor of the project, but wanted another funding source. She agreed this project should be done, but not with Southtown TIF funds.

Council Member Jensen moved for a substitute motion to defer this matter to the March 25, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Weaver.

Motion to defer to the March 25, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(14-022A) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from Staff, with No Recommendation from the Zoning Commission Due to a Tie Vote, to Adopt an ORDINANCE Amending an Existing SPECIAL EXCEPTION ORDINANCE No. 12,043 with a SPECIAL USE in a Class R-2 (Single-Family Residential) District for a Fair Grounds to Add Various Events and a Previously Constructed Parking Lot Expansion for the Property Identified as Parcel Identification No. 14-17-100-001 and Located at 1601 W. NORTHMOOR RD, PEORIA, IL. (Council District 4) Case No. 13-27B (REVISED COMMUNICATION)

Council Member Jensen said she would abstain from voting in this matter due to a potential conflict of interest with the involvement of her law firm.

Council Member Montelongo moved to adopt an Ordinance amending an Existing Special Exception Ordinance No. 12,043 with a Special Use in a Class R-2 (Single-Family Residential) District for a Fair Grounds to add various events and a previously constructed parking lot expansion for the property identified as Parcel Identification No. 14-17-100-001 and located at 1601 W. Northmoor Rd., Peoria, Illinois, as amended to include the following amended conditions:

- 1) The HOI Fair as conducted in past years;
- 2) Two (2) ¼ scale tractor events per year (Each event is one weekend) conducted within the boundary of the interior road system;
- 3) One (1) outdoor concern, per year (must end no later than 10:00 P.M.) conducted within the boundary of the interior road system;
- 4) No additional internal combustion engines or events outside of buildings without prior approval from City Council;
- 5) All non-internal combustion engines or amplified events must take place within the boundary of the interior road system, with the exception of:
 - a. Running events
 - b. Parking in the area adjacent to Northmoor Road
 - c. Use of the existing camp grounds for camping purposes
- 6) Outdoor events are limited to typical fairgrounds related activities and must comply with all City codes;
- 7) A berm must be constructed along the west property line adjacent to the camp grounds;
- 8) Landscaping for the front yard along Northmoor Road and the previously constructed parking lot expansion located in the southwest corner of the property must be planted, in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance, within three (3) years;
- 9) Amplified or speaker systems for announcement purposes must be directed to the east or away from the immediate residential properties.

Seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Council Member Montelongo moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to any citizen who wanted to address this matter.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to those citizens wishing to address the City Council on this matter.

A Peoria resident who lives within the area of Expo Gardens said she approved of the regulations proposed before the City Council. She said she appreciated the plan of action, commitment and enforcement of this agreement, and that she looked forward to a commitment of Expo Gardens officials. She said she appreciated everyone involved for receiving input from the residents, and she said she was pleased with the process of addressing the noise disturbance issues. She asked the City Council to vote in favor of the proposed changes to the variance.

A Peoria resident who lives within the area of Expo Gardens said she was pleased with the process of notifying the residents and gathering input on this item. She expressed her appreciation to those at Expo Gardens for working with the residents within the area. She said the neighborhood association was donating money towards various projects.

Mr. Rob Murphy, Vice President of Expo Gardens, said he met with the residents of the area, and said he was willing to work with the neighborhood. He expressed his appreciation to Council Member Montelongo for his leadership in this matter.

Council Member Montelongo commended the leaders of the Expo Gardens for working towards an agreement, which was accomplished through a series of neighborhood meetings. He said he was impressed with the efforts of all those involved. He expressed his appreciation to

Council Member Johnson for his support and to Community Development Director Ross Black and Senior Planner Leah Allison for their diligent work.

Council Member Weaver said progress was made through negotiations. He remarked that this was an example of what happens when Council Members get involved with the community.

Mayor Ardis expressed his appreciation to Council Member Montelongo for his efforts in this matter. He said this was a good example of negotiations and compromise, which would not have gotten done without the involvement of Council Member Montelongo.

Council Member Weaver withdrew his second to the motion as a courtesy to Council Member Johnson, who had also worked on this project.

Council Member seconded the motion to adopt an Ordinance amending an Existing Special Exception Ordinance No. 12,043 with a Special Use in a Class R-2 (Single-Family Residential) District for a Fair Grounds to add various events and a previously constructed parking lot expansion for the property identified as Parcel Identification No. 14-17-100-001 and located at 1601 W. Northmoor Rd., Peoria, Illinois, as amended.

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 17,070 amending an Existing Special Exception Ordinance No. 12,043 with a Special Use in a Class R-2 (Single-Family Residential) District for a Fair Grounds to add various events and a previously constructed parking lot expansion for the property identified as Parcel Identification No. 14-17-100-001 and located at 1601 W. Northmoor Rd., Peoria, Illinois, as amended, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstention: Jensen – 1.

(14-023) Recommendation from Councilman Riggerbach to enact a MORATORIUM on the Enforcement of ANIMATED and MOVING SIGNS.

Community Development Director Ross Black said, in response to Council Member Riggerbach, that there was a desire on behalf of the City Council to look at relaxing the standards for animated signs and that he anticipated bringing this matter back to the Council for additional discussion within 60 days.

Council Member Riggerbach said there was a desire for additional discussion once Staff had compiled additional information.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to Table this Item; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to Table was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(14-037) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning Commission and Staff for the Following:

- A. To Approve a RESOLUTION Approving an Annexation Agreement;**
- B. To Approve a RESOLUTION to Amend the Official Comprehensive Plan for the City of Peoria to Change the Future Land Use Designation of Property Currently Designated Low Density Residential to High Density Residential;**
- C. To Adopt an ORDINANCE Annexing the Property Generally Located West of IL Route 91, North of Parcel Identification Number 08-35-300-008, East of Orange Prairie Road Extended, and South of Parcel Identification Number 08-35-300-028.**

And To Concur with the Recommendation from Staff, with No Recommendation from the Zoning Commission Due to a Tie Vote for the Following:

- D. To Adopt an ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX B, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Peoria, Rezoning Property from the Present Class R-3 (Single Family Residential) District to a Class R-6 (Multi-Family Residential) District;**

All for the Property Identified as Parcel Identification Numbers 08-35-300-006, 08-35-300-020, 08-35-300-022, and 08-35-300-029, Peoria, IL.

Council Member Weaver said he would abstain from discussion and voting on this matter in that he had property adjacent to the proposed annexation.

Council Member Johnson moved to defer this item until the March 11, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to defer to the March 11, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstention: Weaver – 1.

NEW BUSINESS

Snow Removal Efforts

Council Member Moore commended the Public Works Department on their snow removal efforts. She said she received a number of compliments from the community regarding the same.

State of the District

Council Member Moore announced the State of the District was rescheduled from March 8, 2014, to March 22, 2014, at 10:00 A.M. at the Downtown Library.

IHSA Speech Competition

Council Member Riggerbach announced that the IHSA Speech finals were last week. He said Richwoods High School sent a delegation of 12 students to participate. He said they did not make it to the finals, but they represented the City of Peoria well.

Public Works Appreciation

Council Member Jensen said she appreciated the efforts of Public Works Director Mike Rogers and his crew for this winter's snow removal and filling of potholes. She said she received a number of compliments from the citizens.

Fourth District Neighborhood Meeting

Council Member Montelongo announced he would be holding his monthly meeting of the Fourth District at West Lake Panera on March 3, 2014, from 7:30 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. He said there would be a guest speaker from District 150.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA

(14-080) TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA FINANCIAL REPORT for PERIOD ENDING 12/31/2013, with Request to Receive and File.

Trustee Grayeb moved to receive and file the Town of the City of Peoria Financial Report for period ending 12/31/2013; seconded by Trustee Jensen.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

POLICY SESSION

(14-081) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to Hold a POLICY SESSION on ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and Provide Direction as Appropriate.

Council Member Johnson moved to open the Policy Session on Economic Development; seconded by Council Member Spain.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Ardis opened the Policy Session at 8:20 P.M.

The Policy Session on Economic Development was held.

Council Member Spain moved to close the Policy Session on Economic Development; seconded by Council Member Weaver.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Ardis closed the Policy Session at 9:36 P.M.

CITIZEN'S OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD

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

Mr. Savino Sierra, a Peoria resident, remarked that another business had closed on the South Side. He said the Public Works Department could provide additional snow removal and to be careful not to pile the snow at the end of intersections where it would make it difficult to see oncoming traffic. He requested additional training for Public Works employees. He said the South Side would welcome additional businesses and projects such as the Louisville Slugger Dome.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Motion to go into Executive Session was approved by roll call vote.

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

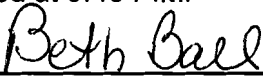
Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.



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

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