

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

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois was held April 8, 2014, at 6:40 P.M., at City Hall, Council Chambers (Room 400), 419 Fulton Street, with Chairman Pro Tem Spain presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Pro Tem Spain requested a moment of silent prayer or silent reflection, and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

Council Member Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on March 25, 2014, as printed; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Turner, Weaver, Chairman Pro Tem Spain – 10;

Nays: None.

**PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA****PRESENTATION**

**(14-129) PRESENTATION by Adam White of SHAZAM RACING Regarding the 2014 Peoria “Run River City” MARATHON being held May 18, 2014.**

Mr. Adam White, co-director of the 2014 Peoria “Run River City” Marathon, gave a presentation regarding the 2nd Annual Peoria Marathon and recapped the successfulness of the 2013 Marathon along with the positive community support. He reported that last year’s event brought 2000 participants, of which 250 came from outside the community. He provided a list of events offered at the marathon as follows:

- 26.2 - Run Peoria's only road marathon! The new course will be USATF Certified.
- Marathon Relay - Run with 3 of your friends! Please note: All relays are 4 person relays.
- Half Marathon - New for 2014! This replaces the 25k distance.
- 5k - Run the 5k to blaze a fast time on the streets of downtown.
- Youth Run - Kids run the last 1.2 miles of the marathon route!

He said youth involvement had increased since last year from 250 youths in 2013 to a cap of 500 youths in 2014. He said there was currently over 250 youths registered for the Youth Run, most of which were from the Pekin community. He remarked that the purpose of the Youth Run was to encourage and promote health and wellness with free training programs available online.

Mr. White said the goal for this year's marathon was capped at 4,000 participants in the combined events. He remarked that the purpose of the River City Marathon was to benefit the St. Jude Runs. He provided a description of the course noting there would be a satellite presence of the St. Jude Run at various intervals, along with water stations and entertainment. He encouraged everyone to participate either in the run or as a volunteer, and he remarked on the importance of the need for volunteers to make the event successful.

Council Member Moore expressed her appreciation for including the First District as part of the course.

In response to Council Member Grayeb, Mr. White said there was not a rain date for inclement weather. He explained that should there be inclement weather, the marathon would implement the same rules as were utilized in high school sports noting there would be a 30-minute delay between each lightening strike in the event of a thunderstorm. Regardless of delays, he commented that the marathon had to conclude by 1:00 P.M. in order to reopen the streets of Peoria.

Council Member Jensen expressed her appreciation for Mr. White's efforts in making a successful event. She said the Moss- Bradley Neighborhood Association was enthusiastic about having the event run through their neighborhood.

Mr. White said additional information and registration could be found online at [peoriamarathon.com](http://peoriamarathon.com). He said the event would need over 500 volunteers in order to be successful, and that this was an opportunity for people of all ages to participate.

Council Member Jensen moved to receive and file the presentation by Adam White of ShaZam Racing regarding the 2014 Peoria "Run River City" Marathon being held May 18, 2014; seconded by Council Member Weaver.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Turner, Weaver, Chairman Pro Tem Spain – 10;

Nays: None.

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

- (14-130) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to Award a SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT to WAYNE STOHL & SONS PLASTERING CO., in the Amount of \$29,400.00, for the RE-PLASTERING of CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS. (Refer to 08-326 and 12-198)**

- (14-131) Communication from City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to Accept the LOW BIDS and to Approve CONTRACTS with WINEINGER & SONS, in the Amount of \$15,000.00, JIMAX LANDSCAPE, in the Amount of \$31,000.00, HEARN'S LANDSCAPING, in the Amount of \$24,000.00, and STEVE WALTON CONSTRUCTION, in the Amount of \$15,000.00, for the 2014 MOWING CONTRACTS for City of Peoria Boulevards, Rights of Way and Facilities.**
- (14-132) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to Accept the LOW BID of HOOD DEMOLITION & EXCAVATION, in the Amount of \$267,075.00, and Award the CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT for the 2014 HARRISON IMPACT ZONE SIDEWALKS PROJECT. (Location Map Attached) [District 1]**
- (14-133) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to Award the CONTRACT for the CENTRAL FIRE STATION AIR HANDLER REPLACEMENT Project to THE PIPCO COMPANIES, LTD., in the Amount of \$277,500.00.**
- (14-134) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Execute a Two-Year RESIDENTIAL DEMOLITION CONTRACT with JIMAX and Backup Contractor Provisions with RIVER CITY DEMOLITION and IRON HUSTLER EXCAVATING.**
- (14-135) \* Communication from Mayor Jim Ardis with a Recommendation to Approve a RESOLUTION to Increase the COMPENSATION of the CITY MANAGER by \$10,000.00, to be Allocated as a Bonus, Salary Increase, Deferred Compensation, or Any Combination as Deemed Appropriate by the City Manager.**
- (14-136) \*\* Communication from the City Manager with a Request for the Following:**

  - A. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria BUDGET for Fiscal Year 2014 Relating to the Use of WAREHOUSE DISTRICT TIF Fund Balance for the REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT with LAVILLE DE MAILLET, LLC for a Project at 826 SW ADAMS, in the Amount of \$40,000.00 (Requires 2/3 Affirmative Votes of Those Voting);**
  - B. AMEND the REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT Between the City of Peoria and LAVILLE DE MAILLET, LLC for the Redevelopment of a Property Located Within the Warehouse District TIF at 826 SW ADAMS. (District 1)**
- (14-137) \*\*\* Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director Regarding Item No. 14-022A to Clarify the Conditions of Approval for SPECIAL USE Ordinance No. 17,070 and Establish Procedures for Review of Additional Events Outside Any Building for the Property Known as EXPOSITION GARDENS Located at 1601 W. NORTHMOOR ROAD, Peoria, Illinois.**

**(14-138) APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the PLANNING AND ZONING  
\*\*\*\* COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**

**Mark Misselhorn (Voting) - Term Expiration June 30, 2017  
Michael R. Wiesehan (Voting) – Term Expiration June 30, 2017  
Nick Viera (Voting) - Term Expiration June 30, 2017  
Winsley Durand, Jr. (Voting) - Term Expiration June 30, 2017  
Michele Anderson (Voting) - Term Expiration June 30, 2016  
Richard Unes (Voting) - Term Expiration June 30, 2015  
Eric Heard (Voting) - Term Expiration June 30, 2015**

**(14-139) REPORT from the CITY TREASURER PATRICK A. NICHTING for the MONTH  
of FEBRUARY 2014, with Request to Receive and File.**

**(14-140) REPORT from the CITY TREASURER PATRICK A. NICHTING for the YEAR  
2013, with Request to Receive and File.**

**(14-141) REQUEST to Adopt the COMMITTEE REPORT (Policy Session) Regarding  
BUILDING INSPECTIONS, CODE ENFORCEMENT, and NEIGHBORHOOD  
REVITALIZATION.**

Chairman Pro Tem Spain questioned if the Council wished to have any of the Consent Agenda items removed for further discussion.

Council Member Montelongo requested Item No. 14-137 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Weaver requested Item Nos. 14-135, 14-136 and 14-138 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 14-130 through 14-441 (excluding Item Nos. 14-135, 14-136, 14-137 and 14-138, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

**(14-135) \* Communication from Mayor Jim Ardis with a Recommendation to Approve  
a RESOLUTION to Increase the COMPENSATION of the CITY MANAGER by  
\$10,000.00, to be Allocated as a Bonus, Salary Increase, Deferred  
Compensation, or Any Combination as Deemed Appropriate by the City  
Manager.**

Council Member Weaver provided background on the evaluation process for the City Manager, and he noted that the City Council had met on three separate occasions in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. He said the recommended amount was parallel to the private business sectors, and he said he was in support of the increase.

Council Member Weaver moved to approve the Resolution to increase the compensation of the City Manager by \$10,000.00 to be allocated as a bonus, salary increase, deferred compensation, or any combination as deemed appropriate by the City Manager; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-135 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Turner, Weaver, Chairman Pro Tem Spain – 10;

Nays: None.

**(14-136) Communication from the City Manager with a Request for the Following:**

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- A. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria BUDGET for Fiscal Year 2014 Relating to the Use of WAREHOUSE DISTRICT TIF Fund Balance for the REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT with LAVILLE DE MAILLET, LLC for a Project at 826 SW ADAMS, in the Amount of \$40,000.00 (Requires 2/3 Affirmative Votes of Those Voting);**
- B. AMEND the REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT Between the City of Peoria and LAVILLE DE MAILLET, LLC for the Redevelopment of a Property Located Within the Warehouse District TIF at 826 SW ADAMS. (District 1)**

Council Member Weaver remarked that 826 SW Adams was the address for the restaurant known as Sugar. He said he had received a number of positive comments about the location of this business as well as the incorporation of an upstairs office space. He inquired whether it was possible to pass this item and then direct Staff to review other alternatives to address the Code issue, and he asked whether there was flexibility in the expenditure of \$40,000.00. In support of a decreased expenditure, he remarked that the new office space was not going to be used as residential space and would only be occupied during the day. He expressed the importance of supporting these types of businesses and that the City needed to do all it could to promote businesses within the Warehouse District. Additionally, he remarked that he continued to hear from developers about the difficulties of starting a business within the Warehouse District.

Council Member Weaver moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 relating to the use of Warehouse District TIF fund balance for the Redevelopment Agreement with LaVille de Maillet, LLC for a project at 826 SW Adams, in the amount of \$40,000.00; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Council Member Moore commented that the repurposing of this building required for Sugar to install fire sprinklers. She said the City would reimburse up to \$40,000.00 from the Warehouse District TIF and repay itself from the developer's half of future property tax increment. With this project, she said the City would be setting the standard for repurposing buildings. She remarked on the difficulties of repurposing older structures, especially with the lack of sufficient City Staff to assist with the process, and she commented that the average business person had difficulties with the process. In the attempt to bring back economic development within the area, she said there may be an opportunity to take another look at what types of uses there could be for repurposing buildings, and to make sure the repurposing was as safe as possible along with a more agreeable process.

City Manager Ulrich said one of the challenges the City faced was trying to ensure Code compliance and safety, which was the purpose of the Building Codes. He provided a history of the building and noted its original intent was for a residential structure, which had been converted into a restaurant instead. He said the proposed plans were reviewed for Code compliance, and the only item noted was the need for the installation of a sprinkler system, which was only needed on the first floor in the restaurant; however, he said Staff would review the International Building Code to see if there were other less costly options. He said the main concern for Code compliance was to ensure a fire separation between the restaurant and the upstairs business.

In response to Council Member Grayeb, City Manager Ulrich said the City of Peoria previously adopted and currently used the 2006 International Building Codes; however, he said the City had the ability to make local modifications to those Codes. At a recent Policy Session, he said the City Council had discussed potentially adopting the 2012 Codes with the option to modify. However, he remarked that at this point installation of sprinklers was the safest route in order to provide for a fire separation. He said the City currently operated under the 2006 Codes and Staff would review those Codes for other fire separation options.

Chairman Pro Tem Spain said he shared the same frustration with the Building Codes, which made it difficult for economic development. Although it was important to abide by the Code, he remarked on the importance of investing in the redevelopment of the Warehouse District. He said the City of Peoria was the oldest community in the State of Illinois with several old structures waiting to be repurposed. He said he was in support of Staff reviewing the Codes for another less costly option. He expressed his appreciation to Staff for their involvement in this matter, and he said there was an interest in resolving this issue in a timely manner in order for the tenant to occupy the space. He said he was looking forward to discovering what could be done to facilitate economic development in the Warehouse District. He said the City supported businesses and property owners, and was excited about this redevelopment.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,086 amending the City of Peoria Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 relating to the use of Warehouse District TIF fund balance for the Redevelopment Agreement with LaVille de Maillet, LLC for project at 825 SW Adams, in the amount of \$40,000.00 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Turner, Weaver, Chairman Pro Tem Spain – 10;

Nays: None.

Council Member Weaver moved to amend the Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Peoria and LaVille de Maillet, LLC for the redevelopment of a property located within the Warehouse District TIF at 826 SW Adams with the stipulation that Staff would review the 2006 International Codes to determine whether there was a more cost effective way to provide for fire separation between the two businesses; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Turner, Weaver, Chairman Pro Tem Spain – 10;

Nays: None.

- (14-137)**      **Communication from the City Manager and Community Development  
\*\*\* Director Regarding Item No. 14-022A to Clarify the Conditions of Approval  
for SPECIAL USE Ordinance No. 17,070 and Establish Procedures for  
Review of Additional Events Outside Any Building for the Property Known  
as EXPOSITION GARDENS Located at 1601 W. NORTHMOOR ROAD,  
Peoria, Illinois.**

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 said he received questions from the nearby neighborhood as it related to Condition No. 4 in Ordinance No. 17,070, which allowed for no additional internal combustion motors or amplified events outside of buildings without prior approval from City Council. He said Exposition Gardens inquired as to the process to request for additional internal combustion motors or amplified events, and he reviewed the procedures as outlined in the Council Communication.

Council Member Montelongo moved to receive and file the clarification of the conditions of the approval for Special Use Ordinance No. 17,070, and to establish procedures for review of additional events outside any building for the property known as Exposition Gardens located at 1601 W. Northmoor Road, Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Turner, Weaver,  
Chairman Pro Tem Spain – 9;

Nays: None;

Abstain: Jensen – 1.

- (14-138)**      **APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the PLANNING AND ZONING  
\*\*\*\* COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**

**Mark Misselhorn (Voting) - Term Expiration June 30, 2017**  
**Michael R. Wiesehan (Voting) – Term Expiration June 30, 2017**  
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**Eric Heard (Voting) - Term Expiration June 30, 2015**

A Replacement Communication was distributed to the City Council that provided the names and resumes of those being appointed.

Council Member Weaver said the City Council had been discussing growth and development for quite some time. He said the combination of the Zoning Commission and the Planning Commission was appropriate, and he remarked on the importance of the same. However, he said he was unable to support this item without the appropriate background information for some of the individuals recommended for appointment.

Council Member Montelongo moved to concur with the appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission of Mark Misselhorn, Michael Wiesehan, Nick Viera, Winsley Durand, Jr.,

Michele Anderson, Richard Unes, and Eric Heard. He said he agreed with Council Member Weaver's comments, and said the appropriate information should have been disseminated to the City Council in timely manner. Nevertheless, he said there was business development in progress that needed to meet with the Commission in the near future. He said deferring this matter would delay development.

Council Riggerbach seconded the motion.

Council Member Moore said any recommendation that came from the Planning and Zoning Commission would have to come before the City Council for final approval. She said four of the individuals recommended for appointment had already served on one of the previous commissions. She said the senior leaders would be able to assist in the direction and education of the newer appointments.

Motion to concur with the appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission of Mark Misselhorn, Michael Wiesehan, Nick Viera, Winsley Durand, Jr., Michele Anderson, Richard Unes, and Eric Heard was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Turner, Mayor Pro Tem Spain – 9;

Nays: Weaver - 1.

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

- (14-142) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to Adopt an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria BUDGET for FISCAL YEAR 2014 Relating to the Use of the General Fund Balance, in the amount of \$80,000.00, and Reprogramming of Certain Operating Accounts, in the Amount of \$160,000.00, to Increase the 2014 ROCK SALT BUDGET and Replenish Depleted Stock Through Open Bids.**

City Manager Urich said the Public Works Department began the year with an ample amount of rock salt, without the expectation of the record snowfall the City ultimately encountered. He said this past winter the City depleted a significant portion of its rock salt, which needed to be replaced. He said it was unfortunate that this item was not budgeted into the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget, but he commented that prior to the winter season the City had approximately two years' worth of rock salt.

In response to Council Member Weaver, Public Works Director Mike Rogers said Staff was reallocating some funds, but the programs mentioned would not be depleted. He said he was trying to take some money from various locations in the budget to replenish the rock salt supply without completely depleting any portion of the funds. He said there would still be sufficient funds to address potholes and trees.

Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 relating to the use of the General Fund Balance, in the amount of \$80,000.00, and reprogramming of certain operating accounts, in the amount of \$160,000.00 to increase the 2014 Rock Salt Budget and replenish depleted stock through open bids; seconded by Council Member Turner.



ORDINANCE NO. 17,087 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

- (14-107) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Approve \$300,000.00 in HUD Home Funds to Habitat for Humanity Greater Peoria Area for the Construction of Three (3) New, Affordable, Single-Family, Owner-Occupied Homes Located at 1102 E. MELBOURNE (Council District 3) and 909 N.E. Perry, 911 N.E. PERRY and 913 N.E. PERRY.**

Council Member Moore moved to approve \$300,000.00 in HUD Home Funds to Habitat for Humanity Greater Peoria Area for the Construction of Three (3) new affordable, single-family, owner-occupied homes located at 1102 E. Melbourne and 909 N.E. Perry, 911 N.E. Perry and 913 N.E. Perry; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

At the last City Council Meeting, Council Member Moore said she requested deferring the proposal to award \$300,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant home funds to Habitat for Humanity, specifically, as it related to the two single-family homes that were proposed in the First District. She said the purpose of the deferral was to allow more time to gain better insight into low-income homes that were being proposed. Also, due to heightened scrutiny against low income housing in recent months, before passing judgment, she said she wanted time to understand the issue and the alternatives, if any. After looking at all of the options available, Habitat's goals and commitment to the individuals who reside in those homes, she said she determined that supporting the award of these funds would be good economic development. She remarked on the importance of sending the right message to those who wished to build homes in this community. She said those who found it necessary to come before the City Council with a request should be encouraged to build affordable homes in all districts of the City if they wanted to receive funding, change ordinances, or change zoning. She said a review of Habitat for Humanity's building history revealed they were not just focused on the First District, rather they had bid homes throughout the First, Second and Third Districts. She said it should be expected that anyone seeking City Council approval for zoning changes related to housing be asked about plans to add affordable housing. She said the plan should not only hold the developer accountable, but the City of Peoria accountable as well. She said funds awarded should reflect a goal of adequate, affordable housing throughout the community, and if that could not be accomplished, then the award of funds or making any type of zoning changes should be strongly questioned.

Motion to approve \$300,000.00 in HUD Home Funds to Habitat for Humanity Greater Peoria Area for the Construction of Three (3) new affordable, single-family, owner-occupied homes located at 1102 E. Melbourne and 909 N.E. Perry, 911 N.E. Perry and 913 N.E. Perry was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**NEW BUSINESS****Implementation of the 2012 Building Codes**

Council Member Weaver said he spoke with a member of the Peoria Area Association of Realtors and they had commented that Community Development Director Black requested cooperation as a region for the implementation of the 2012 Building Codes. He remarked on the importance of only putting Codes into place that were implemented in neighboring communities. He said the Mayor of East Peoria was supportive of all communities working together in the same direction for implementation of the 2012 Codes. He expressed appreciation to Director Black for his efforts in obtaining support within our region.

**Illinois American Water Franchise Agreement**

Council Member Weaver said there were discussions of bringing the Water Franchise Agreement back to the City Council at the April 22, 2014, City Council Meeting. He requested a separate night for a public meeting or forum in order to educate the community prior to bringing the matter to the Council floor.

Council Member Akeson requested notification of any public meeting should be posted on the City's website along with any additional information necessary. She also requested the meetings be scheduled on the City's electronic calendar available on its website. She said she would like to see it featured for the public to get the information as soon as possible.

**Seeds2Success Peoria Regional Food Summit**

Council Member Moore expressed her appreciation to the Seeds2Success Greater Peoria Regional Food Summit that took place March 29, 2014, at the Riverplex. She said there were good discussions relating to alternative food strategies. She said Dr. Leslie McKnight of the City of Peoria attended the meeting and would be available to answer questions from anyone who wanted more information. She said some of this information received at the Summit would be forwarded to the Grocery Store Community Committee, and she said they would be moving forward on some of the strategies presented at that Summit in order to develop quantifiable suggestions together to bring to the City Council for review. She expressed her appreciation to those who brought the summit to Peoria. She said anyone interested in learning more should contact Dr. Leslie McKnight, who was the depository for much of the information.

**Metro Peoria Committee Meeting Announcement**

Council Member Riggerbach announced that the Metro Peoria Committee would be meeting Wednesday, April 9, 2014. He said this Committee was composed of City Council Members and County Board Members who met on a regular basis to discuss issues of cooperation and collaboration. He said at the meeting an update would be provided from the City's Public Works Director and Peoria County's Engineer regarding the jurisdictional transfer of county highways within the City's limits. He said Executive Director Tom Bride from the City Election Commission and Peoria County Clerk Steve Sonnemaker, would discuss the election process and the possibility of combining the two election services into one to provide more efficiency for the voters.

**Wisconsin Avenue Business Corridor Tour and Discussion**

Council Member Riggerbach announced that the Wisconsin Avenue Business Corridor Workshop would be held on April 29, 2014, at 5:30 P.M. at the East Bluff Community Center. He said there would be a short walking tour of the area with a brainstorming session from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. He said all business owners were invited along with residents and neighborhood groups to provide input for that corridor.

**Celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil Rights Movement**

Council Member Jensen announced there would be a celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil Rights Movement this Friday, April 11, 2014, at the Institute for Principle Leadership at Bradley University. She said a special tribute would be made to the U.S. Senate Minority Leader Everett Dirksen and his role in getting the Civil Rights Act passed. She said Congressman John Lewis would be the keynote speaker at that celebration. She said the symposium was open to the public and reservations could be made online by going to Bradley University's Institute of Principle Leadership.

**Building Codes Used to Beautify the Community**

After the comparison of the Aldi's grocery store in East Peoria and the Aldi's grocery store on North University, Council Member Grayeb remarked that Building Codes could work in the City's favor, which would provide for a more attractive, beautiful and aesthetic community. He also remarked that both East Peoria and Peoria could learn from one another on this issue.

**Request for Discussion with the Metro Peoria Committee – Summer Concert**

Council Member Montelongo requested Council Member Riggerbach discuss with the Metro Peoria Committee an upcoming concert scheduled for this summer on the Ravina on the Lakes. He said this would be an opportune time to discuss how the City and the County could corroborate on this event to address community issues, and he provided examples.

**Meeting with the Peoria Housing Authority (PHA)**

Council Member Montelongo requested a joint meeting with the PHA, and he asked the City Manager to establish a date for the same. He said there had been discussions with three Council Members at a time, and he requested notes from those meetings and to make those notes publicly available. He requested a tentative date for a meeting with the PHA to be provided within the next week.

Council Member Moore said she would be in favor of meeting in small groups with the PHA in order to better facilitate for questions and answers.

Chairman Pro Tem Spain agreed with Council Member Moore, however, he suggested initially meeting in small groups with the City Council, the City Manager, the PHA and neighborhood associations. However, he also recommended having a large discussion in public as well.

Council Member Moore said the PHA had a very transparent process relating to their public meetings. She said anyone was welcome to attend any of the meetings. She commented that the meetings were open, noticed to the public, published in the local newspaper and were found

on the PHA website. She said she was looking forward to the City Manager coming back with a scheduled meeting with the PHA.

Council Member Montelongo stated that it was important to meet with the PHA to discuss what would be in the best interest of the community.

Chairman Pro Tem Spain requested City Manager Urich to provide a schedule of meetings similar to that provided for policy sessions, a few months in advance.

### **Pere Marquette Financial Reports**

Council Member Montelongo requested an update on the financial reports regarding the Pere Marquette.

### **Request for an Annual Meeting with Various Governmental Entities**

Council Member Akeson recommended meeting with all the various governmental entities within the City on an annual basis. She said the various entities generally had mutual concerns that could be discussed or addressed. She said she was in favor of scheduling a meeting with the PHA in the near future. She also recommended scheduling a meeting with the Peoria School District 150.

### **CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD**

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

Mr. Savino Sierra, a Peoria resident, commented on the potholes that need filled in the streets of the South Side. He also commented on the Wisconsin Business Corridor as well as the Civil Rights Bill passed in 1964.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Regular City Council Meeting adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

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