

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held July 12, 2016, at 6:00 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, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 10.
Absent: Jensen - 1.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ardis requested a moment of prayer and he asked Pastor Martin Johnson to offer prayer in light of recent incidents that occurred in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Falcon Heights, Minnesota; and Dallas, Texas. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

**Great Neighbor Appreciation Week – July 11th - July 16th, 2016
Above and Beyond Award – Employer Support of Guard and Reserve Units -
Presented by Retired General Frank Rezac**

MINUTES

Council Member Spain moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on June 28, 2016, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain,
Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

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

- (16-240) **Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE the Sale of 2310 N. MARYLAND AVE. to STEVEN SANCHEZ and to Authorize the City Manager to Draft and Execute the Purchase CONTRACT. (Council District 3)**
- (16-241) **Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE the Grant Award of \$121,626.00 from the City's HUD HOME Funds to LISC for the Rehabilitation of One (1) Affordable, Single-Family, Owner-Occupied Home at 2408 N. DELAWARE ST. as Part of the Attorney General/Peoria LISC Initiative in the EAST BLUFF. (Council District 3)**

- (16-242) **A Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller Requesting AUTHORIZATION to Hold an ANNUAL AUCTION at the City of Peoria Operations and Maintenance Facility on Dries Lane, SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2016.**
- (16-243) **Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request from the Advisory Commission on Human Resource (HRC) to APPROVE the 2017 CDBG PUBLIC SERVICE APPLICATION.**
- (16-244) **REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY with a Request to Concur:**

Pratima Gandhi (Voting) - Term Expiration 7/1/2018

- (16-245) **REPORT from the CITY TREASURER PATRICK A. NICHTING for the MONTH of MAY 2016, 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.

Council Member Moore requested Item No. 16-243 be removed from Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 16-240 through 16-245 (excluding Item No. 16-243, which was removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

- (16-243) **Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request from the Advisory Commission on Human Resource (HRC) to APPROVE the 2017 CDBG PUBLIC SERVICE APPLICATION.**

Council Member Moore recognized the efforts of the HRC in identifying goals and budgeting funds appropriately and she expressed her appreciation to the committee.

Council Member Moore moved to approve the 2017 CDBG Public Service Application; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:**(16-246) Communication from the City Manager, Economic Development and Community Development Directors with a Request to Receive and File a PRESENTATION from the NATIONAL RESOURCE NETWORK.**

Mayor Ardis remarked that a number of members from the community had an opportunity to participate with the National Resource Network. He said today was an accumulation of the last several months, but for the community it was the start of a project upon which the City was ready to embark.

Mr. Jarrod Elwell from Enterprise Community Partners and National Housing and Community Development Nonprofit, which was also the managing partner of the National Resource Network and an initiative of the White House Council on Strong Cities, Strong Communities, provided a presentation on the research conducted by the National Resource Network since Council's approval in January of 2016. He reported that data was collected showing the impact of poverty on crime and public safety, housing, transportation, education, and employment. He provided an overview of the meeting with various stakeholders over the last two days. He reported that poverty was concentrated on the Southside, but was moving north. He said poverty was not just a challenge for the Southside, but was becoming an overall City issue. He said concentrated poverty affected everyone in the City, not just the people who lived in poverty. He said the last meeting with the stakeholders reviewed how the City could move forward to address the issues of poverty. He said FSG, a group that specialized in its collective impact framework, was contacted. He said FSG worked with cities to address complex social issues. He said 80 stakeholders at the meeting agreed that existing City resources needed to be deployed in a more strategic manner. He said the City needed an increased sense of urgency to address the poverty issues and to address the lack of trust throughout the City. He said the culture needed to change. He said the stakeholders were committed to ensure that Peoria continued to act and move forward in order to make progress to address the issues outlined to decrease poverty on the Southside and increase opportunity for all residents of Peoria.

Mr. Elwell said he would collaborate with Council Member Moore to identify a Steering Committee to develop the collective impact framework and meet with various stakeholders from all sectors of the community. He said he would work with FSG to bring their expertise to Peoria to assist with establishing the framework.

Mayor Ardis expressed his appreciation for the efforts of Mr. Elwell and all the individuals involved in this project.

Council Member Moore moved to receive and file the presentation from the National Resource Network; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

- (16-247) Communication from Council Member Tim Riggerbach with a Recommendation to AMEND an AGREEMENT with EAST BLUFF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES (EBNHS) For FY2016, to Modify the Amount of SPECIAL SERVICE AREA (SSA) Funds Devoted to the Health and Safety Loan Program from Previous Years, with the Inclusion of Additional Performance Measures.**

Council Member Riggerbach reviewed the agreement with the East Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services (EBNHS) for FY2016. He said funds were allotted for the cost of operations and for Health and Safety. He reported that EBNHS spent the entire allotment for the operations of the organization and received a loan from the Health and Safety Loan account to cover the remaining costs. He explained the shortfall noting the tax base decreased significantly for the area. He said the duplexes previously built in the East Bluff were not yet filled by HUD. He asked the City Council to amend the 2016 Agreement, which would allow the full allotment of service funds to be spent on EBNHS operations. He reviewed the conditions outlined in place of a repayment plan. He said City Staff reviewed the expenses for EBNHS and reported that expenses were legitimate. He said EBNHS was following the intent of the SSA Ordinance. He asked the City Council for their support noting that the East Bluff was a better place having EBNHS.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to amend an agreement with East Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services (EBNHS) for FY2016, to modify the amount of Special Service Area (SSA) funds devoted to the Health and Safety Loan Program from previous years, with the inclusion of additional performance measures; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

- (16-248) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS for Habitat for Humanity for the Project Located at the 1000 Block of NE MONROE STREET and Provide PUBLIC NOTICE of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency's (IHPA) Finding of No Adverse Effect on the North Side Historic District Resulting from Said Development. (Council District 1)**

Council Member Moore said she would be asking for a deferral to the next City Council meeting in two weeks. She said she was not asking for a deferral on the project itself noting that the project would continue to move forward. She said the deferral pertained to receiving and filing the final development plans only.

Council Member Moore moved to defer the receive and file of the final development plans for Habitat for Humanity for the project located at the 1000 block of NE Monroe Street and provide public notice of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency's (IHPA) finding of no adverse effect on the North Side Historic District resulting from said development to the July 26, 2016, City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Motion to defer to the July 26, 2016, City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

(16-249) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to Approve the THIRD AMENDMENT to the REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT with RIVER TRAIL DRIVE L.P. (Council District 1)

Assistant City Manager Chris Setti provided an overview on the Third Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement with River Trail Drive L.P. He reported that the "due diligence expiration date" was due to expire on July 29, 2016. He said the City had not received approval of the conversion from IDNR and NPS. He said the City was requesting an extension of the "due diligence expiration date" through the end of 2016.

Council Member Moore moved to approve the Third Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement with River Trail Drive L.P.; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Grayeb moved to grant the Privilege of the Floor to Ms. Elaine Hopkins.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to Ms. Elaine Hopkins to speak on this item.

Mrs. Elaine Hopkins, a concerned citizen, provided petitions bearing 199 signatures of concerned citizens who opposed the Rivertrail Apartments. She said this was another opportunity for the City Council to say no and to withdraw the application. She stated that the proposed swap was not comparable to what was currently on the Riverfront Park. She encouraged the City Council and interested citizens to visit the Friends of Riverfront Park Facebook page. She asked the City Council to vote no and to withdraw the application.

Council Member Grayeb moved to make the petitions bearing 199 signatures of concerned citizens, who opposed the Rivertrail Apartments, a part of permanent record; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to approve the Third Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement with River Trail Drive L.P. and to mark public the petitions bearing 199 signatures of concerned citizens, who opposed the Rivertrail Apartments, a part of the permanent record, was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 8;

Nays: Akesson, Grayeb - 2.

(16-250) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE SETTING COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIALS of the City of Peoria for the Period of 2017 Through 2021.

Council Member Turner moved to adopt an Ordinance setting compensation for certain elected officials of the City of Peoria for the period of 2017 through 2021; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Council Member Montelongo said he was not in favor of this item, noting the economic constraints of the City. He said he felt there was no need for an increase for the Mayor since the City was a managerial form of government and the Mayor only worked part-time.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,388 adopting an Ordinance setting compensation for certain elected officials of the City of Peoria for the period of 2017 through 2021 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: Montelongo - 1.

(16-251) Communication from Mayor Jim Ardis with a Recommendation to Approve a RESOLUTION to Increase the COMPENSATION of the CITY MANAGER by \$6,000.00, to be Allocated as a Bonus, Salary Increase, Deferred Compensation, or Any Combination as Deemed Appropriate by the City Manager.

Council Member Turner moved to approve a Resolution to increase the compensation of the City Manager by \$6,000.00, to be allocated as a bonus, salary increase, deferred compensation, or any combination as deemed appropriate by the City Manager; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Council Member Montelongo said he would oppose the proposed pay increase due to the economic constraints of the City.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-251 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: Montelongo - 1.

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

(16-183) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to Defer a Three (3) Year AGREEMENT with the PEORIA AREA CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU FOR TOURISM and Related Marketing Services, in the Amount of \$650,000.00 Annually until August 9, 2016.

Council Member Spain moved to defer a three (3) year agreement with the Peoria Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau for Tourism and related marketing services, in the amount of \$650,000.00 annually, until the August 9, 2016, City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Motion to defer this item to the August 9, 2016, City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

(16-175) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to Defer the INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT with the PEORIA CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY to Provide for Operations of the Peoria Civic Center until August 9, 2016.

Council Member Spain moved to defer the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Peoria Civic Center Authority to provide for operations of the Peoria Civic Center until August 9, 2016, City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Motion to defer this item to the August 9, 2016, City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

Update by the Chief of Police in Light of Recent Events in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Falcon Heights, Minnesota; and Dallas, Texas

In response to Council Member Grayeb's request for an update, Police Chief Jerry Mitchel provided the City Council with an update on the Police Department's activities in light of recent events that occurred in Louisiana, Minnesota and Texas. He stated that these incidents, specifically in Dallas, caused all law enforcement to take inventory to see how well Police Officers engaged their communities. He said outreach work would continue and he stated that the Peoria Police Department was more advanced than most departments when it came to community outreach. He remarked on how the Police Department could sustain an incident similar to the one that occurred in Minnesota. He said the Department met with various groups last week to engage in dialogue about expectations. He said dialogue was held with the Police Officers regarding the incidents.

He announced that the Police Department would be holding meetings around the City next week. He said notices would be sent of the dates and times. He said he anticipated holding two meetings in one day. He said dialogue would include expectations when interacting with a Police Officer. He said it was also important for individuals to be aware of their rights. He said this topic had already been introduced in the High Schools and would be the first of many topics the Police Department intended to cover within the community.

Police Scenario Engagement Training

Chief Mitchel said the Department would be participating in Police Scenario Engagement Training. He said two were held in the past, which were by invitation only. He provided an overview of the training noting it provided an opportunity to observe a typical Police Officer's day. He said this was not open to the public. He stated that this type of training was offered quarterly and that one was scheduled for Saturday, July 16, 2016, at 10:00 A.M. He invited Council Members to attend but only three at a time to comply with the Open Meetings Act. He said the training called for casual dress and asked participants to arrive at 9:45 A.M. He asked that Council Members interested contact him directly.

Peoria Police Department in Peoria Public Schools

Chief Mitchel said the Police Department was trying to connect with the youth of the community. He remarked that early engagement with the youth would address issues later in the youth's life. He said the Department collaborated with the Peoria Public Schools to discuss expectations. He reported that these efforts resulted in fewer incidents in the schools as well as the neighborhoods.

Update on the Resident Officer Program and Its Impact on Youth

Chief Mitchel said there were currently three Resident Police Officers in place with a fourth moving into the northern part of District 2. He reported that these Officers had day-to-day contact with the youth of their neighborhoods, which decreased crime in those neighborhoods. He stated there was also a strong Police presence within the Peoria Public Schools.

Conceal Carry

In response to Council Member Turner's request for an overview regarding conceal carry permit, Chief Mitchel said rules were discussed thoroughly in a Conceal Carry Training class. He stated that as part of the training, individuals were advised what not to do when a Police Officer approached their vehicle. He remarked that those who have a conceal carry permit go through training that informed them of the rules. He reported that an individual with a conceal carry permit would have it noted on their driver's license for Police Officers.

NEW BUSINESS**Riding for a Safer Tomorrow**

Council Member Moore announced that this Saturday, July 16, 2016, at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Park on MacArthur Highway beginning at 9:00 A.M. an event called "Riding for a Safer Tomorrow" was scheduled. She said the event was sponsored by the Shaun Livingston Foundation, It Takes a Village, and PAAPL. She said this was a non-competitive fun ride from Martin Luther King Park to Manual High School and back and she said the purpose was for fun, community, and comradery. She said there would be refreshments, prizes and a school supplies giveaway.

Southside Community United for Change

Council Member Moore announced that the Southside Community United for Change would hold a meeting at the Lincoln Library on Saturday, July 16, 2016, at 11:30 A.M. She said this meeting provided an opportunity for several neighborhood associations to meet and discuss community issues.

Additional Information Regarding Item No. 16-241

Council Member Riggerbach explained the significance of passing Item No. 16-241 that approved the grant award from the City's HUD Home Funds to LISC for the rehabilitation of one affordable, single-family, owner-occupied home at 2408 N. Delaware St as part of the Attorney General/Peoria LISC Initiative in the East Bluff. He said it would create a total of 14 new homes over the next two years for the East Bluff area.

Road Closures Due to Foot Races in Streets

Council Member Riggerbach said a concerned citizen contacted him about numerous road closures in the City due to foot races. He asked the City Manager to provide a report on the number of races that were held in the City that required the need for street closures.

Recognition of Local News Stations Broadcasting Severe Weather

Council Member Grayeb said the community was fortunate to have an outstanding group of local television stations that broadcast severe weather situations. He recognized HOI 19 News, WEEK News 25, and WMBD News Channel 31 for their efforts during times of weather emergencies.

Peoria Disposal Company

City Manager Urich said Staff scheduled two public meetings for Wednesday, July 13, 2016, one at the Peoria Public Library's North Branch in the McKenzie Room and another at City Hall in Council Chambers both to occur from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. hosted by the Public Works Department and the City Manager as well as PDC representatives to gather input into the current waste agreement.

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.

Savino Sierra, a citizen of Peoria, said a lot of work needed to be done to make the City a better place. He expressed his concerns for the neighborhoods. He said the Police Department was doing a good job, but asked them to do more. He expressed the need for upstanding citizenship. He voiced his concerns for the July 4th events in the City and the heavy traffic as the result of it.

Marcus Fogliano, a citizen of Peoria, stated it was inappropriate to begin a civic meeting with prayer. He thanked Police Chief Jerry Mitchel for his assistance at a vigil for Black Lives held last weekend wherein a procession took place from Liberty Park to the Police Station. He remarked on the importance of the Council taking community relations more seriously. He said the Police Community Relations Advisory Committee for the past year had not had a representative from the City Manager's Office attend. He said only one Council Member attended in the past year as well. He said it was an important issue and there needed to be representation at those meetings. He asked for the policy and procedures of the Police Department, which he had not received access to yet. He said that information needed to be available to the community. He remarked on the Resolution against Islamophobia that would come before the City Council as an unfinished item, and he asked that the Resolution come back to the City Council as it was originally written.

Lavetta Ricca, a citizen of Peoria, expressed her excitement for the new grocery store that opened on the Southside and she asked everyone to visit. She thanked Council Member Moore for her efforts in this matter.

Eman Kamil Mufti, a concerned citizen, shared how the Muslims were giving back to the City of Peoria and their efforts in various programs. He expressed his concern for Islamophobia and how it affected the Muslim families. He asked that the Resolution against Islamophobia be passed. He said passing such a resolution would send a positive message to the Muslim families telling them they are welcome in the City of Peoria.

Hedy Elliott, a concerned citizen, shared her concern for the old Harrison School, which currently stood vacant. She outlined the various dangers of having a vacant building standing for a long period of time. She asked the City to disclose the future plans for the building to the public and she asked for the building to be demolished should it not be repurposed.

Amr Elsamny, a concerned citizen, addressed the issue of Islamophobia. He remarked on the Resolution in support of the Muslim community and the need to make it specific rather than all inclusive. He reviewed his efforts in this matter with Council Member Jensen and said there was no need to make it all inclusive. He said it needed to be specific and identify a specific group.

Farhat Abbas, a concerned citizen, remarked on the issue of Islamophobia, noting that Peoria's diverse community made it a wonderful place. She stated that hate crimes against Muslims were at an all-time high. She requested that the Resolution against Islamophobia be accepted without diluting the original wording.

Colt Sandburg, a citizen of Peoria, expressed his appreciation to those who were involved with the Mardi Gras Festival on the Riverfront. He remarked on the attendance at the Fourth of July Celebration on the Riverfront noting that the fireworks were well attended. He stated the importance of everyone working together to promote the downtown. He inquired what the plan was for the properties of Joe's Crab Shack and New Amsterdam. He expressed his gratitude for a new sidewalk in the First District.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT


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

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.



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

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