

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Regular City Council Meeting of Peoria, Illinois, was held May 26, 2015, at 6:00 P.M., at City Hall, Council Chambers, 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Ardis presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Akeson (Arrived at 6:06 P.M.), Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Spain, Weaver (Arrived at 6:23 P.M.), Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11. Absent: None.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

Honoring District 150 Teachers of the Month

Energy 102.3 Radio Station – Shattering the World Record

Society of Women Engineers

Peoria Sunday Morning League – 100th Season

Sue Blanton – Retirement – Keep Peoria Beautiful

MINUTES

Council Member Spain moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on May 12, 2015, and the Special City Council Meeting held on May 19, 2015, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PUBLIC HEARING

(15-166) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the Proposed ANNEXATION of PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NO. 09-31-128-005, DUNLAP, ILLINOIS, with a Permanent Address of 9619 NORTH ILLINOIS ROUTE 91.

Council Member Spain moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the proposed annexation of Parcel Identification No. 09-31-128-005, Dunlap, Illinois, with a permanent address of 9619 North Illinois Route 91; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

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

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Ardis opened the Public Hearing at 6:31 P.M.

Mr. Michael Honegger, attorney for the Petitioner, provided an overview of the annexation agreement and the property outlined in the agreement. He said the Petitioner proposed to divide the land and the portion of the property containing the single-family residence with approximately 3 acres around it would remain in the County and the remaining acreage would be annexed into the City. He asked the City Council to approve the proposed annexation petition and agreement.

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

Council Member Spain moved to close the Public Hearing regarding the proposed annexation of Parcel Identification No. 09-31-128-005, Dunlap, Illinois, with a permanent address of 9619 North Illinois Route 91; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Motion to close the Public Hearing was 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 Public Hearing at 6:35 P.M.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

- (15-167) **Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with Either the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to APPROVE or the Recommendation from Staff to DENY a RESOLUTION Approving An ANNEXATION PETITION and ANNEXATION AGREEMENT Including a Preliminary Plat and to Rezone Property From a Class R-3 (Single Family Residential) District to a Class A-1 (Agricultural) District for the Property Located North of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-030, South of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-032, East of Orange Prairie Road, and Along the West Side of IL Route 91, Property Identified as Part of Parcel Identification No 08-35-300-028, with an Address of 9619 N IL ROUTE 91, PEORIA, IL. (District 5)**

Council Member Johnson moved to defer this item to the June 9, 2015, Regular City Council meeting in order to allow for Community Development Director Ross Black to continue to work on the Annexation Agreement with the Petitioner; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to defer to the June 9, 2015, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PRESENTATIONS

- (15-168) **PRESENTATION of Findings from the NAACP Following a Review of the City of Peoria's HIRING PRACTICES Over the Past Four Years.**

Hearing no objections, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Donald Jackson, President of the Peoria Branch NAACP.

Mr. Jackson expressed his appreciation to the City Council for their willingness to address the City's hiring practices. He provided a history of the City's hiring practices, and he said his main focus was on the hiring of personnel in the City's Police Department and Fire Department. He provided statistics of the City's employment of minorities over the past four years, and he remarked on the importance of the NAACP holding government sectors accountable for their hiring practices. He said the NAACP was working with City Manager Urich and Corporation Counsel Leist to devise a protocol to address the issue. He said both the City and the NAACP pledged to continue to work together, and he recommended establishing a timeframe for establishing a protocol. He reviewed Peoria's demographics, and he remarked that the City's hiring practices should simulate the City's demographics. He inquired as to the City's past hiring practices and the status of the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) office that used to report directly to the City Manager. He said the NAACP would develop an aggressive plan of action, and he said he hoped the City Council would approve this plan.

Council Member Moore expressed her appreciation for the presentation, and she remarked that this should not only be directed at the City's employment practice, but it should also apply toward the City's hiring of contractors.

City Manager Urich expressed his appreciation to Mr. Jackson for his presentation to the City Council. He said the City was committed in its desire to improve its hiring practices, and he said the Human Resource Department was working on creating a larger pool of candidates for interviews. He remarked that the biggest challenge was getting applicants. He said Corporation Counsel Leist and Mr. Jackson were working on the legal constructs for hiring Police Officers. He said this was an important issue to address, noting that 80% of the minority community throughout the 5-County Metro Area lived within the City of Peoria. He said the City's Human Resource Department would continue to focus their efforts throughout the City to engage more minority businesses.

Mayor Ardis expressed his appreciation to the NAACP. He said he had heard of their willingness to work with the City, and he remarked that the City would continue their efforts to improve its hiring practices. He remarked on the importance of reaching out and educating the City's youth, and he said the City would continue to work with the NAACP.

Council Member Spain expressed his appreciation for the presentation, and he inquired when recommendations would be brought to the City Council for review.

In response to Council Member Spain, City Manager Urich said he anticipated coming back to the City Council with a plan of action within 60-90 days.

Council Member Spain remarked on the importance of including building trades in the plan of action. He said there was a tremendous volume of construction activity, and he said there was a huge opportunity for employment in this area. He said these changes needed to take place and that this needed to be a process for the City to institutionalize. He said Community Construction Outreach was a program that provided private sectors opportunities to utilize the needs of the community, and he remarked on the importance of keeping that program involved.

Council Member Spain moved to receive and file the presentation of findings from the NAACP following a review of the City of Peoria's hiring practices over the past four years; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Council Member Turner said the City used to have an EEO document that tracked minority hiring in each department, and he inquired whether the City continued to utilize said document. He remarked on the importance of the City Council supporting the City's Administration to address this issue.

Council Member Montelongo expressed a concern for the statistics presented. He said locating potential applicants began with the recruitment process, and he inquired as to what the City utilized to locate and reach out to recruits. He said there were plenty of minority businesses and organizations that provided contracts for local government. He said the resources were available and the City needed to make an effort to utilize them. He recommended including the City's findings in the City's Annual Report.

Council Member Jensen expressed her appreciation to the NAACP for their efforts in this matter and for the presentation to the City Council. She said this was an important issue, and she requested a Report Back on the efforts the City utilized in the last four years to recruit minorities. She said the City needed a more aggressive plan. She expressed a concern on the ratio of male versus female hires, and she said she would support an aggressive plan to address this issue.

In response to Council Member Grayeb's question on whether the City had formalized recruitment efforts, City Manager Urich said those efforts depended on what department was recruiting.

Ms. Debra Bush, Human Resources Coordinator, reported on the City's advertising practices for job openings.

Chief of Police Jerry Mitchell said the Peoria Police Department offered a Police Explorer Program for 14-21 year olds. He said they were looking to extend that program which would eventually lead to testing an employment of the individuals. He remarked on the importance of offering the test more frequently, and he noted it was difficult for an applicant to wait several months for the hiring process to be completed. He said other cities faced the same struggles of hiring minorities as the City of Peoria.

Motion to receive and file the presentation of finding from the NAACP following a review of the City of Peoria's hiring practices over the past four years was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

- (15-169) **Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Community Development to Approve a List of QUALIFIED VENDORS for ASBESTOS REMOVAL ON RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES.**
- (15-170) **Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE
* Submission of a "TIGER 2015" Application for DISCRETIONARY GRANT, in an Amount up to \$22,000,000.00, from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the EXTENSION OF PIONEER PARKWAY. [District 5]**
- (15-171) **Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE
Submission of a "TIGER 2015" APPLICATION for DISCRETIONARY GRANT, in an Amount up to \$15,000,000.00, from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the IMPROVEMENT OF WASHINGTON STREET FROM MAPLE STREET TO EDMUND STREET. [District 1]**

- (15-172) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to Award the CONTRACT for the Annual City-Wide OVERHEAD DOOR MAINTENANCE CONTRACT to PINNACLE DOOR COMPANY, for an Estimated Annual Cost of \$19,185.00.
- (15-173) Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Community Development with a Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 15-173, which Approves a Preliminary and Final Plat for HOMOLKA SUBDIVISION, a Minor Subdivision, with Waivers, and Approves a Private Driveway Maintenance Agreement for the Property Located at 3410 N. KNOXVILLE AVENUE (Parcel Identification No. 14-28-451-007), Peoria, IL (Council District 3). Case PZ 15-23
- (15-174) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,226, Approving a SPECIAL USE for ELDERLY HOUSING, with Waivers, in a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District, for the Property Located at 5712-5720 NORTH KNOXVILLE AVENUE (Parcel Identification Numbers 14-16-451-014 &-14-16-451-016), Peoria, Illinois. (Council District 3)
- (15-175) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to Adopt ORDINANCE NO. 17,227 Amending an Existing Special Use Ordinance No. 13,260, as Amended, in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District for a Shopping Center to Add a WIRELESS COMMUNICATION TOWER for the Property Identified as Parcel Identification Nos. 14-05-203-004 (8919 N. KNOXVILLE AVE.), 14-05-203-007 (8901 N. KNOXVILLE AVE.), 14-05-252-004 (8727 N. KNOXVILLE AVE.), 14-05-252-002, 4-05-278-011 (N. KNOXVILLE AVE.), 14-05-252-005 (8727 N. KNOXVILLE AVE.), 14-05-278-012 (8713 N. KNOXVILLE AVE.), 14-05-278-010 (8711 N. KNOXVILLE AVE.), 14-05-278-016 (N. KNOXVILLE AVE.), 14-05-278-005 (8787 N. KNOXVILLE AVE.), 14-05-278-015 (N. KNOXVILLE AVE.), 14-05-203-008 (N. KNOXVILLE AVE.), 14-05-203-006 (8915 N. KNOXVILLE AVE.), Commonly Known as the NORTHPOINT SHOPPING CENTER, Peoria, IL. (Council District 5)
- (15-176) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a CLASS H (Temporary Outdoor) Liquor License from the PEORIA PROMISE FOUNDATION for an Event to be held at 5728 N. KNOXVILLE, On Saturday, June 13, 2015. (District 3)

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

Council Member Akeson requested Item No. 15-170 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Turner requested Item No. 15-176 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 15-169 through 15-176 (excluding Item Nos. 15-170 and 15-176, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

(15-170) * Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE Submission of a “TIGER 2015” Application for DISCRETIONARY GRANT, in an Amount up to \$22,000,000.00, from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the EXTENSION OF PIONEER PARKWAY. [District 5]

Council Member Akeson remarked on the state of the City’s public infrastructure, which was costly to maintain. Due to this expense and the state of the City’s budget, she said the City Council should not approve this item, noting the City’s need to match the grant.

Council Member Johnson moved to approve the submission of a “Tiger 2015” Application for discretionary grant, in an amount up to \$22,000,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the extension of Pioneer Parkway; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Montelongo requested additional information regarding the application and utilization of the Tiger Grant.

Assistant Director of Public Works/City Engineer Scott Reeise provided an overview of the Tiger Grant, the application process, and how the grant could be utilized. He remarked that the main purpose of the grant was for major improvements.

City Manager Ulrich said a Policy Session regarding the funding of roads was scheduled for June. He remarked that the proposed project for Pioneer Parkway had been on the Tri-County Regional Planning list for several years, and that the business community was supportive of this project.

Discussions were held regarding the grant and the grant process as well as various projects to which the grant could apply. Discussions were held on how various projects were identified and became “shovel ready.”

In response to Council Member Moore, Assistant Director of Public Works/City Engineer Scott Reeise provided an overview on what it would entail to get a project “shovel ready,” and he specifically identified approximate costs to begin Western Avenue and various steps to engage that particular project.

Council Member Moore requested the Public Works Department to begin planning for the improvement of Western Avenue.

Motion to approve the submission of a "Tiger 2015" Application for discretionary grant, in an amount up to \$22,000,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the extension of Pioneer Parkway was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Akeson – 1.

**(15-176) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel to
** APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a CLASS H (Temporary Outdoor)
 Liquor License from the PEORIA PROMISE FOUNDATION for an Event to
 be held at 5728 N. KNOXVILLE, On Saturday, June 13, 2015. (District 3)**

Mayor Ardis said he would abstain from voting on this matter due to a conflict of interest since he was on the board of the Peoria Promise Foundation. He requested that Council Member Turner assume the Chair for this item.

Council Member Spain moved to approve the Site Application for a Class H (Temporary Outdoor) liquor license from the Peoria Promise Foundation for an event to be held at 5728 N. Knoxville, on Saturday, June 13, 2015; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstentions: Mayor Ardis – 1.

FIRST READINGS

**(15-177) Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Community
 Development with a Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning
 Commission and Staff to Approve a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE
 Amending Appendix B, the Zoning Ordinance and Appendix C, the Land
 Development Code Relating to VARIATIONS.**

Community Development Director Ross Black provided a summary of the proposed Ordinance. He said the Zoning Board of Appeals had requested clarification and direction on the decisions they were making, and it was during that time it became clear that guidance on decision for variances was not in alignment with State law. He said this Ordinance amendment provided clarification and would align the City's Ordinance with the State law and with comparable communities' Ordinances.

Council Member Moore moved to receive and file the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Appendix B, the Zoning Ordinance and Appendix C, the Land Development Code relating to variations; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:**(15-102) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT Option A or Option B of an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 30 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Permitting TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES to Operate Within the City of Peoria.**

Council Member Spain said he would be requesting a deferral of this item. He said the first Ordinance brought before the Council was a rough draft and then Staff brought a second Ordinance to the Council for review. He said he would like additional time for Staff to draft an additional Ordinance that was somewhere between the two that were presented.

Council Member Weaver said another draft would not necessarily mean the City had to make the requirements more restrictive.

Council Member Jensen said she appreciated the safety requirements outlined in Option B, and she asked that while Staff was drafting a third option, they would include those safety requirements.

Discussions were held as to whether Option B would place too much of an enforcement obligation on the City's Police Department. Concerns were expressed over Option B, and it was noted it was the Council's desire for those concerns to be addressed at the next meeting.

Council Member Spain moved to defer this item to the June 9, 2015, Regular City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Motion to defer to the June 9, 2015, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(15-157) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 18 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to the RENEWAL of LICENSES of STREET AND SIDEWALK VENDORS.

Assistant City Manager Chris Setti provided background information on the Ordinance amending Chapter 18 of the Code pertaining to the renewal of licenses of street and sidewalk vendors. He said this Ordinance added a requirement that prior to a license being renewed, the vendor must present a record of sales from the previous year.

At the conclusion of the overview, Council Member Riggerbach moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 18 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to the Renewal of Licenses of Street and Sidewalk Vendors; seconded by Council Member Moore.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,228 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (15-178) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the OFFICIAL ZONING MAP of the City of Peoria, to Rezone Property from a Class I-2 (Railroad/Warehouse Industrial) District to Class I-3 (General Industrial) District, for the Property Located at 100 CASS STREET, 114 CASS STREET, 115 CASS STREET, and 2026 SW WASHINGTON, Parcel Index Numbers (18-17-258-005, 18-17-258-009 through 18-17-258-012, 18-17-259-008 and 18-17-259-017 through 18-17-259-018) (ORDINANCE A); or, in the ALTERNATIVE, Concur with the Recommendation from Staff to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the OFFICIAL ZONING MAP of the City of Peoria, to Rezone Property from a Class I-2 (Railroad/Warehouse Industrial) District to Class I-3 (General Industrial) District, for the Property Located at 100 CASS (PINs 18-17-259-008 and 18-17-259-017 through -018) (ORDINANCE B), Peoria, Illinois (Council District 1). Case No. PZ 15-22.**

Council Member Moore commended Staff on their efforts with this item, and she provided an explanation of the property this Ordinance would affect.

Community Development Director Ross Black said the approval of this item would make all the addresses outlined zoned for I-3 (General Industrial).

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Peoria, to rezone property from a Class I-2 (Railroad/Warehouse Industrial) District to Class I-3 (General Industrial) District, for the property located at 100 Cass (PIN Nos. 18-17-259-008 and 18-17-259-017 through -018) (Ordinance B), Peoria, Illinois (Council District 1); seconded by Council Member Akeson.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,229 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Turner - 1.

- (15-179) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to Approve the SITE APPLICATION for Class A (tavern) Liquor License with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol at PEACE BROTHERS TAVERN, 1900 W GARDEN, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve, Contingent Upon the Issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy and the Payment of all Fees Owed to the CITY OF PEORIA. (DISTRICT 1)**

Council Member Moore expressed her appreciation to the Peace Brothers in their efforts to comply with the City's request. She said she was glad to see an organization get established that was looking to do a lot of good within the community.

Council Member Moore moved to approve the Site Application for a Class A (tavern) liquor license with on-site consumption and retail sale of alcohol at Peace Brothers Tavern, 1900 W. Garden, with a recommendation from the Liquor Commission to approve, contingent upon the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy and the payment of all fees owed to the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (15-180) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to Approve the SITE APPLICATION for Class A (tavern) Liquor License with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol at CHEMISTRY, 807 SW ADAMS, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve, Contingent Upon the Issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. (DISTRICT 1)**

Council Member Moore moved to defer this item to the June 9, 2015, Regular City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to defer to the June 9, 2015, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

- (15-160) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Approve a CONTRACT with RIVER CITY DEMOLITION, in the Amount of \$82,500.00, for the Demolition of Properties Located at 801 NE PERRY and 803 NE PERRY.**

Council Member Moore said this item had been before the City Council previously, and she reviewed the history of these properties, noting they were a liability. She remarked that the residents of the North Valley had to watch these properties decline for nearly two decades. She said the Council Communication provided an executive summary that indicated the scope of work these properties would need in order to be salvaged, which would cost approximately \$1.3 million to \$1.7 million. She remarked that the money was not available to salvage these properties, and she said it was in the best interest of the City to approve this item.

Council Member Moore moved to approve a contract with River City Demolition, in the amount of \$82,500.00, for the demolition of properties located at 801 NE Perry and 803 NE Perry; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Akeson said she had requested to defer this matter at the last Regular City Council meeting. She expressed regret that this property had gotten to the point of demolition.

She said, ideally, it would be her desire to preserve the structures until the market turned for the better. She said these structures were a reflection that the City had not been aggressively trying to restore structures. She said she would vote no on this item.

Council Member Riggerbach said this was a regrettable situation, especially for structures that had history tied to them. He said the City Council had previously discussed deconstruction versus demolition, and he asked for the status of the deconstruction process.

Community Development Director Ross Black said the Council expressed an interest to reclaim elements heading towards demolition. In these properties, he said the reality was there was not much left of worth in either structure, and he said that there was nothing left to salvage.

Council Member Riggerbach requested a Report Back on properties that had been deconstructed so the Council could see what kind of steps were being taken.

Council Member Moore said it was not in the best interest of the City to tear down homes to forge a better City. She remarked on the importance of interceding on homes that were in disrepair before they became unsalvageable. She said the City needed to take control of properties in disrepair and develop a program to salvage them before they approached demolition.

Council Member Spain said he was grateful for the earnestness of Council Member Moore and her appreciation and love she had for preservation, and he said he would reluctantly vote against this item.

Council Member Grayeb said the City Council needed to review the City's historic preservation process.

In response to Council Member Grayeb's request for thoughts on what the City could do better in order to prevent historic buildings from demolition, Community Development Director Black said he would appreciate the opportunity to bring back more of a comprehensive answer to that request. He remarked, however, that if every property owner maintained their own property, there would be no need for demolition. He said the City did not have the financial resources to save every property. He said it was key to get to the properties earlier in the process of deterioration. For 801 and 803 Perry, he said at no point in the history of these two buildings was the City the owner of these properties. He said these buildings were solely privately owned, and he said it was the private owners who allowed for the deterioration of these buildings.

Council Member Grayeb remarked on the importance of making historic preservation a priority.

Discussions were held regarding the funds to demolish these properties. Council Member Jensen suggested establishing a revolving loan fund in order to help with historic preservation.

Motion to approve a contract with River City Demolition, in the amount of \$82,500.00, for the demolition of properties located at 801 NE Perry and 803 NE Perry was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Akesson, Spain – 2.

(15-181) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 18 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to Licensing of MOBILE FOOD VEHICLES. (Refer to Item No. 15-163)

Assistant City Manager Chris Setti distributed a replacement Ordinance to all Council, and then he provided an update on this item. He said the City Council had asked him to split the locations of food trucks into two areas: Downtown and outside of Downtown. He said this item focused on outside the Downtown area. He provided a summary of his findings of the locations for food trucks outside of Downtown. He said there were very minimal spaces across the City, and he reviewed the restrictions that were in place that would prevent a food truck from parking wherever they wanted.

Council Member Montelongo expressed his appreciation to Assistant City Manager Setti for his efforts in this matter.

Discussions were held regarding whether a food truck could locate in District 4 and whether the City Council could zone in that area for food trucks. Discussions were held regarding the licensing of food trucks, noting that the cost would be \$300.00 outside the Downtown area.

Council Member Riggerbach expressed his appreciation to Assistant City Manager Setti for his diligence in this matter. He said the reports provided to the City Council alleviated concerns, and he said he would support this item.

Mayor Ardis expressed his appreciation to Council Member Spain who brought this item to the City Council a few years ago. He also expressed his appreciation to Assistant City Manager Setti for his efforts on this item.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 18 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to licensing of Mobile Food Vehicles; seconded by Council Member Spain.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,230 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Monthly Breakfast Chat

Council Member Turner announced that the next Breakfast Chat would be held Thursday, June 4, 2015, from 7:30 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. in Room 112 at City Hall.

Peoria Police Department Memorial Service and Award Recognition

Council Member Riggerbach said the Peoria Police Department Memorial Service was held Wednesday, May 13, 2015, in honor of the City's fallen officers. He recognized Officer Elizabeth Blair who received the 2014 Police Officer of the Year Award, and expressed his appreciation for the work that Officer Blair and the other Officers did in his District and other older neighborhoods.

Recognition of Richwoods High School

Council Member Riggerbach recognized Richwoods High School for being ranked 75th out of 677 Illinois high schools. He said it made the top 13% high schools nationwide, and he expressed his appreciation to all the teachers and their efforts.

Fourth District Neighborhood Chat

Council Member Montelongo announced that he would be hosting his monthly breakfast chat on Thursday, June 4, 2015, at 7:30 A.M. at Panera located at Westlake Shopping Center.

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. Sheldon Schafer, a Peoria resident, expressed his concern regarding the River Trail Development along with the Constitution Gardens. He asked the City Council to engage the public prior to the proposal of the development.

Mr. Savino Sierra, a Peoria resident, remarked on his experiences of being a minority in the community and how the City should address the situation.

Mr. Chris Taylor of Uber Technologies provided an overview of the Uber service and the safety practices that the company already implemented. He said the Ordinance was previously deferred for another two weeks by the City Council. He said Option A would be difficult from a regulatory aspect, and he said he would advocate for Option B. He said this was an exciting opportunity for the City, and he asked the Council to support that item.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION to 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; 2(c)(5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body; 2(c)(6) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body; 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent.

Council Member Weaver moved to enter into an Executive Session to Discuss 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; 2(c)(5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body; 2(c)(6) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body; 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent; seconded by Council Member Moore

Motion moved to enter into an Executive Session to Discuss 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; 2(c)(5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body; 2(c)(6) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body; 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent 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 Grayeb moved to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Regular City Council Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.



Beth Ball, MMC, City Clerk
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