

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois was held July 8, 2014, at 6:15 P.M., at Peoria County Courthouse, County Board Room 403, 324 Main 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, Spain, Turner, Weaver (left at 7:37 P.M.), Mayor Ardis – 9.
Absent: Jensen, Riggerbach – 2.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jim Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or silent reflection and he requested that the families of W. Dean McCoy, father of Sheriff Michael McCoy, retired Peoria Firefighter Donald Saltsman, and Robert Weaver, father of Council Member Chuck Weaver, be remembered due to their recent passings. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Council Member Spain moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on June 24, 2014, and the Special City Council Meetings held on June 23, 2014, and July 1, 2014, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Spain, Turner, Weaver,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

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

- (14-277) NOTICE OF LAWSUIT Filed on Behalf of JONATHAN DANIEL, Regarding a Complaint Against the City of Peoria, with a Request to Receive and File and Refer to the Legal Department.**
- (14-278) TAG DAY REQUEST from THE SOUTH-WEST KIWANIS CLUB OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS to Hold Their Annual KIWANIS PEANUT DAYS Fundraiser to Benefit the Children of Central Illinois, on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2014, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2014, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2014, and SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2014.**
- (14-279) Communication from the City Manager and the Chief Information Officer to Approve the PURCHASE of Professional Services from VIRE TECHNOLOGIES to Assist with the Configuration, Data Transfer and Employee Training for Microsoft Office 365, in the Amount of \$51,764.00.**

- (14-280) Communication from the City Manager and the Fire Chief with a Request to Accept the Bid for the PURCHASE of One (1) 100' AERIAL LADDER TRUCK from Pierce Manufacturing, in the Amount of \$919,464.00.
- (14-281)
* Communication from the City Manager and the Fire Chief/OEM Director with a Request to Accept a Bid for the PURCHASE of One (1) Outdoor Warning Siren from the SOLE Bidder, RAGAN COMMUNICATIONS, in the Amount of \$37,445.60.
- (14-282)
** Communication from the City Manager and Fire Chief with a Request to Approve the SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE of a Replacement Activation System for the OUTDOOR WARNING SYSTEM, in the Amount of \$72,640.00, from RAGAN COMMUNICATIONS.
- (14-283) Communication from City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to Accept the Value Engineered Proposal from OTTO BAUM COMPANY, INC., in the Amount of \$269,983.00, and Award a CONTRACT for the POPLETT HOLLOW ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT. (District 5)
- (14-284) Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following: (District 5)
- A. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 14-284 Designating TOWNLINE ROAD (Allen Road to University Street) and ALLEN ROAD (Route 6 to Townline Road) as CLASS II TRUCK ROUTES;
 - B. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,116 Amending the City of Peoria CAPITAL FUND BUDGET for the Fiscal Year 2014 to Recognize the Receipt of TRUCK ACCESS ROUTE PROGRAM (TARP) Funds from the Illinois Department of Transportation, in the Amount of \$40,500.00, for the TOWNLINE ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT and the Correlating Increase in Project Expense;
 - C. AWARD an Additional \$40,500.00 of TRUCK ACCESS ROUTE PROGRAM Funds to the TOWNLINE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT as Additional Contract Contingencies (Refer to Item #14-254); and
 - D. APPROVE the TRUCK ACCESS ROUTE PROGRAM AGREEMENT, in the Amount of \$40,500.00, for Construction for TOWNLINE ROAD, for a Total Project Authorization in the Amount of \$1,280,500.00.

- (14-265) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff for the Following:
- A. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,117 Amending APPENDIX B, the Zoning Ordinance, of the CODE of the City of Peoria with Respect to ROADSIDE PRODUCE STANDS, and
 - B. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,118 Amending APPENDIX C, the Land Development Code, of the CODE of the City of Peoria with Respect to ROADSIDE PRODUCE STANDS.
PZ CASE NO 14-G.
- (14-266) Communication from the City Manager and the Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17, 119 Amending CHAPTER 3 of the CODE of the City of Peoria, Adding Karaoke Subclass License; Adding Camera Requirement for 4 A.M. Subclass; Adding the Factor of Video Gaming Machines for Site Approval; and Separating Class G License.
- (14-285) Communication from the City Manager and the Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,120 Amending Ordinance No. 11,705A Relating to the APPOINTMENT of Non-Voting Members and Adding Two Ex-Officio Members to the CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY Board Of Commissioners.
- (14-286) Communication from the City Manager and the Deputy Corporation Counsel with a Request to Approve the SITE APPLICATION for a CLASS H (TEMPORARY OUTDOOR) Liquor License for an Event to be Held at 5105 N. SHERIDAN ROAD (PEORIA NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL) by PEORIA NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB on August 22, 2014.
(District 3)
- (14-287) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the SISTER CITY COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:
- Ms. Gloria Cassel Fitzgerald (Voting) - Term Expiration June 30, 2017
 - Mr. Bradford Ingram (Voting) - Term Expiration June 30, 2017
 - Mr. Rex Linder (Voting) - Term Expiration June 30, 2017
 - Mr. William Roeder (Voting) - Term Expiration June 30, 2017
 - Mr. Gary Schmidt (Voting) - Term Expiration June 30, 2017
- (14-288) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the MUNICIPAL BAND COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:
- Mr. James Hopkins (Voting) - Term Expiration June 30, 2017

(14-289) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS with a Request to Concur:

Dr. Rita A. Ali (Voting) - Term Expiration June 30, 2017
Ms. Lorene J. King (Voting) - Term Expiration June 30, 2017
Mr. Adam White (Voting) - Term Expiration June 30, 2017
Mr. Donald R. Jackson (Voting) - Term Expiration June 30, 2017
Council Member Denise Moore (Voting) - Term Expiration June 30, 2017

(14-290) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the GREATER PEORIA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES with a Request to Concur:

Ms. Maxine Wortham (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2018

(14-291) REPORT from the CITY TREASURER PATRICK A. NICHTING for the MONTH of MAY 2014, 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 Grayeb requested Item Nos. 14-281 and 14-282 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 Johnson.

Item Nos. 14-277 through 14-291 (excluding Item Nos. 14-281 and 14-282, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

(14-281) * Communication from the City Manager and the Fire Chief/OEM Director with a Request to Accept a Bid for the PURCHASE of One (1) Outdoor Warning Siren from the SOLE Bidder, RAGAN COMMUNICATIONS, in the Amount of \$37,445.60.

In discussions with Council Member Grayeb, ECC Manager David Tuttle said this warning siren would replace one purchased seven years ago and would allow sounding in four different locations. He said it had additional features, which would allow Staff to perform daily checks to ensure the equipment was operational. He provided an overview of additional features the new warning siren would provide that would benefit the City and its citizens.

Council Member Grayeb remarked on the importance of keeping the City's warning system up to date with the newest technology, which would ultimately save lives.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the bid for the purchase of one (1) outdoor warning siren from the sole bidder, Ragan Communications, in the amount of \$37,445.60; seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Spain, Turner, Weaver,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

(14-282) **Communication from the City Manager and Fire Chief with a Request to**
****** **Approve the SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE of a Replacement Activation**
System for the OUTDOOR WARNING SYSTEM, in the Amount of \$72,640.00,
from RAGAN COMMUNICATIONS.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the sole source purchase of a replacement activation system for the outdoor warning system, in the amount of \$72,640.00, from Ragan Communications; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Spain, Turner, Weaver,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

FIRST READINGS

(14-217) **Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development**
Director with a Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning
Commission and Staff with a Request for a FIRST READING Review of an
Ordinance Amending Appendix B, the Zoning Ordinance, of the CODE of
the City of Peoria Relating to TRADE SCHOOLS with HEAVY
EQUIPMENT/TRUCK OPERATORS. CPZ Case No. 14-F.

Council Member Montelongo moved to defer this Item until the August 12, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting, and he commented that a meeting was in the planning stage with Staff in order to discuss the technicalities of the Ordinance; seconded by Council Member Spain.

Motion to defer this Item until the August 12, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Spain, Turner, Weaver,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:**(14-292) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to Add the Position of COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST (1.0 Full Time Employee) to the Budget.**

City Manager Urich provided an overview of the position and stated the reasons for the need of a Communication Specialist. He outlined the job responsibilities and remarked how such a position would be better suited to coordinate communication efforts between the departments and community, especially with online communication efforts.

In response to Council Member Turner, he indicated that this position would not replace the communication positions at the Police Department, Fire Department or Public Works Department; but rather, this position would work to coordinate efforts with the other departments.

Council Member Spain commented on the importance of this position. He remarked on a similar position at Peoria County and the tremendous work done within that organization, which would make a great model for the City. He stated that this presented an opportunity for the City in its promotional efforts.

Council Member Spain moved to approve the request to add the position of Communications Specialist (1.0 Full Time Employee) to the Budget; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Spain, Turner, Weaver,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

(14-293) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to Approve Payment to SCI ILLINOIS SERVICES, INC., in the Amount of \$12,218.00, for the PURCHASE of a Portion of Parcel No. 14-32-376-007 for Right-of Way for the UNIVERSITY STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (Nebraska Avenue to War Memorial Drive). (District 2)

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve payment to SCI Illinois Services, Inc., in the amount of \$12,218.00, for the purchase of a portion of Parcel No. 14-32-376-007 for Right-of-Way for the University Street Improvement Project (Nebraska Avenue to War Memorial Drive); seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Spain, Turner, Weaver,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

(14-294) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request for the Following:

- A. Adopt an Ordinance Amending the City of Peoria General Fund Budget and Capital Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 Relating to the Use of the General Fund Balance, in the Amount of \$40,000.00, and the Use of Capital Fund Balance, in the Amount of \$40,000.00, to Provide Funding for the BOSCH SUPERMARKET PARK PROJECT.**
- B. Authorize the City Manager to Develop and Execute an Agreement with GIFTS IN THE MOMENT FOUNDATION regarding the Bosch Supermarket Park Project (District 1).**

Council Member Moore provided an update on the status of the Bosch Supermarket Park Project. She said the closure of the Aldi's grocery store on the South Side generated concern for the community and threw the entire First District into a food desert. She said a committee was convened to look at the short-term and long-term solutions to this problem. She remarked that voting on the \$80,000.00 contribution to the Gifts in the Moment Foundation would help expand the Bosch Supermarket Park, and she expressed her appreciation to the Bosch Corporation for their efforts in this matter.

Council Member Moore moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Barron Robertson, Group Product Manager at Robert Bosch Tool Corporation Garden and Watering Business Unit.

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria General Fund Budget and Capital Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 relating to the use of the General Fund Balance, in the amount of \$40,000.00, and the use of Capital Fund Balance, in the amount of \$40,000.00, to provide funding for the Bosch Supermarket Park Project; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,121 amending the City of Peoria General Fund Budget and Capital Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 relating to the use of the General Fund Balance, in the amount of \$40,000.00, and the use of Capital Fund Balance, in the amount of \$40,000.00, to provide funding for the Bosch Supermarket Park Project was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

Council Member Moore moved to authorize the City Manager to develop and execute an agreement with Gifts in the Moment Foundation regarding the Bosch Supermarket Park Project; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Barron Robertson.

Mr. Barron Robertson said this opportunity was a great privilege for the corporation, and he said this was a fantastic initiative to solve a need for the community in order to provide fresh food to the citizens of Peoria.

Council Member Turner said he was supportive of this Project, which would be good for the community.

In response to Council Member Turner, City Manager Urich said Staff asked HUD whether this project would be considered an allowable expense, which was determined not to be other than the public service proceed, which had already been exhausted. He said Staff would work on the agreement with Gifts in the Moment Foundation in order to execute the same.

Council Member Turner expressed his appreciation for the efforts put forth in this matter.

Motion to authorize the City Manager to develop and execute an agreement with Gifts in the Moment Foundation regarding the Bosch Supermarket Park Project was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Spain, Turner, Weaver,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

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

(14-218) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Recommendation to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 26 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to the Commercial Use of Sidewalks for SIDEWALK CAFÉS. New Communication, Ordinance and Program Guide

Council Member Akeson moved to defer this Item until the October 14, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Moore.

City Manager Urich said, in response to Council Member Weaver, the reason for the deferral was to engage all business owners over the next few months. He remarked, in response to Council Member Spain, that any technical questions relating to the Ordinance should be directed to Public Works Director Mike Rogers.

Discussions were held regarding the recent deferral of items and the reasons behind those deferrals.

City Manager Urich remarked that there could be different circumstances for each item. He said it depended upon the nature of the issue.

Council Member Grayeb noted that some of the deferrals were good moves when it involved the City Council conducting problem-solving.

Mayor Ardis said there were times a project may not be up to speed when it came before the City Council.

Council Member Akeson recommended a checklist structure in order to put more structure on agenda items. She noted that Staff had a set of questions to answer in their narratives, but she suggested having a couple of Council Members draft a checklist.

City Manager Urich said, in response to Council Member Moore, that Staff wanted something put together in a timely manner in order for the City Council to review. He said there was no legal requirement, but he remarked that there may be a requirement for certain items.

Discussions were held regarding the capability to search PDF documents. Council Member Akeson said she would like the documents associated with the agendas to be searchable in Adobe PDF. She said this capability would eliminate the use of Staff time to search items when their time could be more appropriately spent on something else.

Mayor Ardis said deferrals were a part of business. He said as long as all the parties understood why there was a deferral, there would not be a problem with deferring an item. He said the City Council wanted to make sure they made an informed decision.

Motion to defer this Item until the October 14, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Spain, Turner, Weaver,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

(14-211) Communication from the City Manager and the 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 the following: (District 5)

- A. A RESOLUTION Amending the OFFICIAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN for the City Of Peoria to Change the Future Land Use Designations of Property Currently Designated Commercial and Office to High Density Residential;**
- B. An ORDINANCE Rezoning Property from a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District and a Class O-1 (Arterial Office) District to a Class R-7 (Multi-Family Residential) District;**
- C. A RESOLUTION Approving the FRYE CROSSING APARTMENTS, a Multifamily Residential Development for the Property Identified as Parcel Identification Nos. 13-11-304-002, with a Temporary Address of 5400 W LANDENS WAY, and Part of 13-11-304-004, with an Address of 7013 N. STALWORTH DRIVE, Peoria, Illinois.**

Council Member Johnson moved to defer this Item until the July 22, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to defer this Item until the July 22, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Spain, Turner, Weaver,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

(14-213) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to Adopt the following ORDINANCES Regarding the LOUISVILLE SLUGGER SPORTS COMPLEX:

- A. An ORDINANCE Establishing the PEORIA SPORTS CENTER PROPERTY TAX SPECIAL SERVICE AREA in the City of Peoria, Illinois;**
- B. An ORDINANCE Establishing the PEORIA SPORTS CENTER HOTEL TAX SPECIAL SERVICE AREA in the City of Peoria, Illinois;**
- C. An ORDINANCE Establishing the PEORIA SPORTS CENTER SALES TAX SPECIAL SERVICE AREA in the City of Peoria, Illinois;**
- D. An ORDINANCE Establishing the HOLIDAY INN PROPERTY TAX SPECIAL SERVICE AREA in the City of Peoria, Illinois;**
- E. An ORDINANCE Establishing the HOLIDAY INN HOTEL TAX SPECIAL SERVICE AREA In The City Of Peoria, Illinois;**
- F. An ORDINANCE Establishing the HOLIDAY INN SALES TAX SPECIAL SERVICE AREA in the City of Peoria, Illinois.**

Council Member Johnson moved to defer this Item until the July 22, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to defer this Item until the July 22, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

(14-214) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to Adopt the following ORDINANCES LEVYING Certain TAXES in Conjunction with the LOUISVILLE SLUGGER SPORTS COMPLEX SPECIAL SERVICE AREAS (Revised Ordinances):

- A. An ORDINANCE Levying a PROPERTY TAX for the Peoria Sports Center Property Tax Special Service Area;**
- B. An ORDINANCE Levying a HOTEL TAX for the Peoria Sports Center Hotel Tax Special Service Area;**
- C. An ORDINANCE Levying a SALES TAX for the Peoria Sports Center Sales Tax Special Service Area;**
- D. An ORDINANCE Levying a PROPERTY TAX for the Holiday Inn Property Tax Special Service Area;**

- E. **An ORDINANCE Levying a HOTEL TAX for the Holiday Inn Hotel Tax Special Service Area;**
- F. **An ORDINANCE Levying a SALES TAX for the Holiday Inn Sales Tax Special Service Area.**

Council Member Johnson remarked that the closing on the property just occurred today and that the Petitioner had requested a deferral.

Council Member Johnson moved to defer this Item until the July 22, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to defer this Item until the July 22, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

(14-219) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Recommendation to Approve an EMERGENCY REPAIR PROGRAM Funded with Trust Funds from the Illinois Housing Development Authority with an Initial Focus Area of VINTON HIGHLANDS (District 4).

Council Member Montelongo said these funds would go towards the rehabilitation of owner-occupied single-family homes, with priority given to senior citizens and those with special needs. He remarked that this Program would help the citizens in Vinton Highlands and stabilize the neighborhood.

Community Development Director Ross Black said, in response to Council Member Montelongo, that applications would be available July 14, 2014. He said applications could be picked up at City Hall or call 494-8656. He said applications were available and would be accepted; however, priority would be given to the elderly and special needs individuals. He remarked that qualified applications would be reviewed by a Focus Group Team that would inspect the house to determine its qualification.

Council Member Montelongo moved to approve the Emergency Repair Program funded with trust funds from the Illinois Housing Development Authority with an initial focus area of Vinton Highlands; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

(14-263) APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY with a Request to Concur:

Mr. Paul Digiallonardo (Voting) - Term Expires July 1, 2019
Ms. Yvonne Greer Batton (Voting) - Term Expires July 1, 2019
Ms. Pratima Gandhi (Non-Voting) - Term Expires July 1, 2016
Mr. Matthew Bartolo (Non-Voting) - Term Expires July 1, 2016
Mr. Joseph Dalfonso (Non-Voting) - Term Expires July 1, 2016

Revised communication due to the Amendment to Ordinance No. 11,705A creating 2 *ex-officio* members, thus opening all 3 advisory seats.

Council Member Spain moved to concur with the appointments of Mr. Paul Digiallonardo, Ms. Yvonne Greer Batton, Ms. Pratima Gandhi, Mr. Matthew Bartolo, and Mr. Joseph Dalfonso to the Peoria Civic Center Authority; seconded by Council Grayeb.

Council Member Moore voiced her concern that a voting labor member was not appointed to the Peoria Civic Center Authority. She remarked that the labor workforce took the lead to make sure the City had a Civic Center. She said it was her hope that this would be corrected in the future.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Spain, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 8;

Nays: Moore – 1.

(14-273) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to Adopt an ORDINANCE Rezoning Property from the Present R-6 (Multifamily Residential) District to CN (Neighborhood Commercial) District and P-1 (Parking) District; and Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class CN (Neighborhood Commercial) District for a School for the Property Identified as 919 NE JEFFERSON(18-03-310-015 and -014), Located within Peoria, IL. (District 1)

Council Member Moore moved to defer this Item until the July 22, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting, commenting on the difficulty of receiving pertinent information from the Federal Government in a timely manner, which warranted a deferral; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

In response to Council Member Akeson, Community Director Black commented that as of this date, the City did not have an application submitted for landmark status. He said the condition for the Special Use, in terms of the landmark processing being completed by July 22, 2014, would not be completed. However, he said the condition in the Ordinance was still there, so if Council passed this item as written, then, because the Special Use was conditioned upon the landmark status, then the City would not issue building permits nor allow any type of work to be done to the property until all of the conditions were met. He affirmed that if the landmark status was not approved by the time the City Council voted on this matter on July 22, 2014, then the property would be rezoned and the City would not have preserved the building.

Council Member Akeson said there was a risk of not getting the condition met as part of the Special Use with the potential of the building being razed. She said she liked the proposal of having Greeley repurposed in order to preserve the building. She said the process with IDHA and receiving landmark status would not be completed by the July 22, 2014, Regular City Council meeting, and she requested a later deferral date in order to get the Historic Preservation Commission's decision on whether it could be landmarked.

Council Member Moore said she was not in favor of a longer deferral primarily because there was a time factor involved in this matter. She said the application was due by July 25, 2014, and failure to meet that deadline would delay this project for another 12-14 months before the application process could be reinitiated. Secondly, she said the deferral was not appropriate because if nothing was done, someone could purchase the building and still be able to raze it.

Council Member Weaver requested additional information before approving additional time as requested. He asked for the following: 1) indemnification regarding the halfway house in the event they cannot keep their contract for the first three years, 2) inside hallways, 3) additional information from the Modal Group, which he said he previously requested and had not received, and 4) sustainability numbers.

Motion to defer this Item until the July 22, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Spain, Turner, Weaver,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Bradley University Recognition

Council Member Grayeb reported that Bradley University was listed in US News and World Reports publication of "American's Best Colleges for 2014" wherein Bradley University was recognized as a top Illinois University of its type and ranked among the Midwestern Universities providing a full range of undergraduate and master programs. He said Bradley tied with the highest graduation rate and was placed 7th as the best value. He reported that the Caterpillar College of Engineering and Technology was ranked as one of the 30 best undergraduate engineering schools in the Nation, and Foster College of Business was listed as one of the best undergraduate business schools in the United States of American. He remarked the Princeton Review included Bradley University as a university with extensive academic resources and personal attention given to students with ideal class sizes. He said Bradley's Entrepreneurship Program was ranked in the top 20 undergraduate programs of the United States of America, by the Princeton Review and Entrepreneur Magazine, advancing four spots to 19th position. Kiplinger's Personal Finance, he said, ranked Bradley 57th as the national's best value and private college, and Bradley was the only Illinois school outside the Chicago area included in the top 10 best value schools in the Midwest. He said the City of Peoria was privileged to have Bradley University for what it added to the community in terms of an academic atmosphere, the amenities it provided, and the jobs it provided. He said it was a stable anchor in the 2nd District on the West Bluff

Mayor Ardis extended his appreciation to the accolades and President Glaser and her team for outstanding performance, especially during the difficult times for college students.

Breakfast Chat Thursday, July 10, 2014

Council Member Turner announced that he and Council Member Weaver would conduct the monthly Breakfast Chat, which was scheduled for Thursday, July 10, 2014, at 7:30 A.M. at City Hall in Room 404. He said the City's new Corporation Counsel Don Leist, Interim Police Chief Gary Mitchell and Mrs. Reagan from the PHA would be the guest speakers to answer any questions from the community.

Recognition of Kate Green, City Manager's Office

Council Member Moore recognized Ms. Kate Green for her efforts with the Botswana delegation who visited the City of Peoria in June. She said she received a number of compliments from the delegation regarding Ms. Green's assistance during their visit, and she extended her appreciation to Ms. Green regarding the same.

Fourth District Breakfast Meeting, Thursday, July 19, 2014

Council Member Montelongo announced the Breakfast Meeting for the Fourth District was scheduled for Thursday, July 10, 2014, at 7:30 A.M. at Panera in Westlake Shopping Center. He said the meeting was designed for open communications with the citizens within the Fourth District.

Meeting Regarding Montessori School Purchasing Washington School, July 9, 2014

Council Member Grayeb extended an invitation to the public to attend a meeting on Wednesday, July 9, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. at Westminster Hall to participate in a colloquium discussion regarding the merits of Montessori Children's House of Peoria purchasing Washington School. He remarked that after the colloquium, at a later date, a recommendation would be made to the District 150 School Board. He said he was looking forward to a successful conclusion and he expressed appreciation to towards District 150 for their cooperation in this matter.

Appreciation for Assistance of City Council Meeting Going On-the-Road

Council Member Spain expressed his appreciation to the City Clerk's Office, to City Clerk Beth Ball, Stefanie Rice and Dan Sullivan for their efforts in coordinating the City Council Meetings on the road. He also expressed a thank you to Peoria County and the Metro Committee for hosting the City Council Meeting in the County Board Room. He asked that the appreciation be passed along to County Administrator Lori Curtis and County Board Chairman Tom O'Neal.

Opening of Running Center in the First District

Council Member Moore announced that Running Central would be having their grand opening on Monday, July 14, 2014, on the Riverfront. She expressed her appreciation for returning their business back to the City of Peoria within the First District.

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, remarked on the remodeling of the City Council Chambers at City Hall. He remarked on the recent events at the 4th of July Celebration on the Riverfront.

Mr. Kenny Kerrigan, a Peoria resident, said the City learned something from the recent delegates from Botswana. He remarked on the competency of the City Council and he said this was the most competent Council he has seen in office. He remarked on the professionalism of City Staff, namely Assistant City Manager Christopher Setti and Community Development Director Ross Black, on the recent demolition of a house on North Knoxville. He said he attended the one-year anniversary of Peoria being named All American City. He said the news articles were wrong, that there were hundreds of people in attendance at the event. He acknowledged the recent dedication of the Ray LaHood Highway. In conclusion, he remarked on the Municipal Band stating that it was attracting a large number of people to the Riverfront on Wednesday nights.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity, and 2(c)(3) The selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in the Open Meetings Act, including a vacancy in a public office, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office.

Council Member Weaver left the meeting at 7:37 P.M.

Council Member Moore moved to go into Executive Session to discuss 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity, and 2(c)(3) The selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in the Open Meetings Act, including a vacancy in a public office, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

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

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 8;

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Turner moved to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 8;

Nays: None.

The Regular City Council Meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.



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