

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting of Peoria, Illinois, was held May 12, 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, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Riggerbach, Spain, Weaver, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 10.
Absent: Moore - 1.

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.

RED Day - Kellar Williams Realty Community Service Day

Martha Herm - Retirement from Center for Prevention of Abuse

Tom McIntyre - Retirement from WEEK-TV

Salvation Army - 150th Anniversary Worldwide

National Public Works Week - May 17-23

Poppy Days

MINUTES

Council Member Spain moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on April 28, 2015, and the Special City Council Meeting on May 5, 2015, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA

(15-145) Communication from the Supervisor of General Assistance with a Request to Consent for the Following:

- A. Request to Consent to a RESOLUTION EMPLOYING GREGORY PELINI as a TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY and to Consent to Pay Compensation for the Specific Purpose of DRAFTING A GENERAL ASSISTANCE HANDBOOK for the Town of the City of Peoria, for a Fee, in the Amount of \$3,000.00, Plus Expenses Not to Exceed \$200.00;**
- B. Request for Consent of a Line Item Transfer of \$3,000.00 Plus Expenses Not to Exceed \$200.00 from the General Assistance Fund's "Contingency" line item to the General Assistance Fund's "Attorney Fees" line item.**

Trustee Grayeb explained that the City of Peoria City Council Members were also Trustees for the City of Peoria Township. He said being a Trustee was a different role from being a Council Member. He identified the Township Officials present, and he remarked that Attorney Greg Pelini, an expert on Township government, was also present. He requested some edification of the Board as to why the Trustees needed to approve this item.

City Treasurer Patrick Nichting introduced Attorney Greg Pelini, an attorney for Township government, who was present to provide the Board clarification as to why the Township needed to update its General Assistance Guidelines.

Attorney Pelini said he represented various Townships throughout the State, both terminus and coterminous units. He said the issue before the Board was that the Township wanted a line item transfer for a revision of the General Assistance Rules and Regulations. For decades, he said the Town of the City of Peoria was under the supervision of the State IDHS. He said the Township could not generate enough General Assistance Funds through tax levies, so it had to go to the State and asked to be subsidized. When that was done, he said that also meant the Board had to accept supervision by the State. He said part of that supervision was the adoption of the DHS policy regarding general assistance. However, he said a few years ago the Illinois DHS no longer provided that assistance. He said the State no longer ran a General Assistance program and that it no longer had receiving units. He said the State would no longer fund units because it no longer had enough funds to fund their General Assistance Program. He said the State repealed all rules and regulations, and because of that, he said those rules were no longer being updated or being revised. He said the Township, working under outdated regulations, no longer addressed current conditions. He said the Township was asking for a line item transfer to pay for a revision to the General Assistance Handbook to adopt their own policy, which they could amend for a line item transfer of \$3,000.00.

In response to Trustee Grayeb's question regarding powers that were exercisable by the Township Board, Attorney Pelini said the laws specified that in a coterminous unit the City Council exercised the powers vested in the Town Board. He said, as the Council sat as a Town

Board, they only had the powers the Town Board would have with regard to a Supervisor or an Assessor, the primary elected officials. He said the law stated that those office holders were elected to make the policy for those offices, not the Board of Trustees. Even though the Board of Trustees passed the levy and the budget, he said it would not carry policymaking authority. He said the Town Board would have policymaking authority only with regards to the Town Fund.

Chairman Ardis expressed his appreciation for Township Supervisor Joe Whalen, who was in attendance, and he thanked him for his service to the community. He inquired whether the Board had the authority to direct the Township Supervisor or the Township Assessor to attend various meetings.

In response to Chairman Ardis' question, Attorney Pelini said the Town Board had no legal authority to direct an elected Township Official to attend a meeting. He said the Board did not have the authority to eliminate or transfer Township services to the City or the County. He said the law stated that, if the County voted for a Township organization, then every inch of that County had to be in a Township. He said the only way to terminate a Township was to terminate County wide.

Attorney Pelini said he had represented coterminous units who voted to uncoterminate. He said there was a provision in the law that the City Council could vote to no longer be a part of the Town Board and the Township could elect its own Town Board and Township Clerk.

Trustee Jensen expressed her appreciation to Township Supervisor Joe Whalen for bringing this matter to the Board. She said she had made the suggestion at the last Annual Township meeting to look at the General Assistance Guidelines and to revise them. She inquired whether the Township could retain two legal counsel.

Attorney Pelini said there was nothing in Township law that stated the Township was limited to a certain number of attorneys. He said this item presented to the Board was for a single purpose.

Trustee Grayeb moved to consent to a Resolution employing Gregory Pelini as a Township Attorney and to consent to pay compensation for the specific purpose of drafting a General Assistance Handbook for the Town of the city of Peoria, for a fee in the amount of \$3,000.00, plus expenses not to exceed \$200.00; seconded by Trustee Turner.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-145 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the request for consent of a line item transfer of \$3,000.00, plus expenses not to exceed \$200.00, from the General Assistance Fund's "Contingency" line item to the General Assistance Fund's "Attorney Fees" line item; seconded by Trustee Montelongo.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(15-146) TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA FINANCIAL REPORT for PERIOD ENDING 3/31/2015, with Request to Receive and File.

Trustee Grayeb moved to receive and file the Town of the City of Peoria Financial Report for period ending 3/31/2015; seconded by Trustee Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

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

(15-147) * Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Public Works with a Request to Approve the Following:

- A. **Accept the LOW BID of LASER ELECTRIC INC. and Award the Construction CONTRACT, in the Amount of \$559,670.62, for the FLASHING YELLOW ARROW SIGNALS INSTALLATION PROJECT; (Refer to #14-328) [Districts 2-5]**
- B. **Approve and Authorize the City Manager to Execute a CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT with HERMANN & ASSOCIATES, LLC, for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$37,325.00, for the FLASHING YELLOW ARROW SIGNALS INSTALLATION PROJECT. [Districts 2-5]**

(15-148) Communication from City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to Approve a CONTRACT with TILLMAN ELECTRICAL SERVICES for the Installation of DUSK-TO-DAWN LIGHT UNITS, in the Amount of \$17,848.50, for the ALLEY LIGHTING PROGRAM.

(15-149) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to Approve a FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM Grant for 3611 SW ADAMS ST., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$3,575.00. (District 1)

- (15-150)** **Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Approve \$300,000.00 in HUD HOME FUNDS to HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GREATER PEORIA AREA for the Construction of Three (3) New, Affordable, Single-Family, Owner-Occupied Homes Located at 1833 N. ATLANTIC STREET, 1915 N. DELAWARE, and 900/902 E. NEBRASKA. (District 3)**
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- (15-151)** **Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Approve the Donation of Vacant Lots to HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GREATER PEORIA AREA for the Construction of Three (3) New, Affordable, Single-Family, Owner-Occupied Homes Located at 1833 N. ATLANTIC ST., 1915 N. DELAWARE, and 900/902 E. NEBRASKA. (District 3)**
- (15-152)** **Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 15-152 Amending the EAST VILLAGE GROWTH CELL (EVGC) TAX INCREMENT FINANCING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER, to Establish Staggered Terms for Committee Members.**
- (15-153)** **Communication from the Peoria Civic Center Authority with a Request to APPROVE the REVISED PEORIA CIVIC CENTER OPERATING and CAPITAL BUDGET for FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2015.**

- (15-154)** **PEORIA POLICE PENSION COMPLIANCE REPORT 40 ILCS 5/3-141, with a Request to Receive and File.**
- (15-155)** **REPORT of the CITY TREASURER PATRICK A. NIGHTING for the MONTH of MARCH 2015, with Request to Receive and File.**
- (15-156)** **APPROVE the COMMITTEE REPORT (POLICY SESSION) Regarding Potential Changes to the RIVERFRONT ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT RULES and REGULATIONS.**

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

Council Member Akeson requested Item Nos. 15-147 and 15-150 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Montelongo requested Item No. 15-153 be removed from the 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. 15-147 through 15-156 (excluding Item Nos. 15-147, 15-150 and 15-153, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

**(15-147) Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Public Works
* with a Request to Approve the Following:**

- A. Accept the LOW BID of LASER ELECTRIC INC. and Award the Construction CONTRACT, in the Amount of \$559,670.62, for the FLASHING YELLOW ARROW SIGNALS INSTALLATION PROJECT; (Refer to #14-328) [Districts 2-5]**

- B. Approve and Authorize the City Manager to Execute a CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT with HERMANN & ASSOCIATES, LLC, for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$37,325.00, for the FLASHING YELLOW ARROW SIGNALS INSTALLATION PROJECT. [Districts 2-5]**

Council Member Akeson commended the Public Works Department in their efforts on this item. She remarked that there were issues with the flashing yellow arrow for pedestrians trying to cross the street at the same time vehicles were trying to turn, and she had asked that the Public Works Department educate the public on flashing yellow arrows.

Public Works Director Mike Rogers provided an overview of left turns on flashing yellow arrows and the issue these lights had created. He remarked that with the new program, the conflict would no longer exist. He said the flashing yellow arrow would no longer initiate at the same time pedestrians crossed the road.

Council Member Akeson moved to accept the low bid of Laser Electric, Inc. and award the construction contract, in the amount of \$559,670.62, for the Flashing Yellow Arrow Signals Installation Project; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Council Member Montelongo mentioned this topic was discussed at his neighborhood meetings in the Fourth District. He said he heard several concerns about the flashing yellow arrow signals from the community. He said there was confusion with the flashing yellow and flashing red arrows. He recommended educating the community more on how these lights worked.

Public Works Director Rogers agreed there needed to be more communication with the community. He said he would work with the City's Communications Specialist on how to disseminate information regarding these lights.

Council Member Montelongo requested an update at the May 26, 2015, Regular City Council Meeting on how the community was being educated on these types of lights.

In regards to Council Member Weaver's inquiry as to how the location of these lights were determined, Public Works Director Rogers said a number of the site selections were IDOT areas with State truck lines and higher turning volumes. He said these locations were mandatory, and he commented that the City reviewed safety and community concerns in order to have safe locations.

Motion to accept the low bid of Laser Electric, Inc. and award the construction contract, in the amount of \$559,670.62, for the Flashing Yellow Arrow Signals Installation Project was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Akeson moved to approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a Construction Engineering Services Agreement with Hermann & Associates, LLC, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$37,325.00, for the Flashing Yellow Arrow Signals Installation Project; seconded by Trustee Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(15-150) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Approve \$300,000.00 in HUD HOME FUNDS to HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GREATER PEORIA AREA for the Construction of Three (3) New, Affordable, Single-Family, Owner-Occupied Homes Located at 1833 N. ATLANTIC STREET, 1915 N. DELAWARE, and 900/902 E. NEBRASKA. (District 3)

Council Member Akeson extended her gratitude towards Habitat for Humanity for their efforts in this matter. She remarked that Habitat for Humanity was able to build a two-story house on Nebraska, contrary to previous plans. She remarked on the façade, noting there was only one window on each side of the homes, and she requested, upon approval of the item, that future plans be changed to include additional windows on each side of the homes.

Council Member Riggerbach extended his appreciation to Habitat for Humanity for their efforts on this project, and he remarked that they were able to stay within budget while continuing to provide high quality housing for residents. He recommended Council Member Akeson engage with Habitat for Humanity on the next project in order to provide her input on the design.

Council Member Akeson moved to approve \$300,000.00 in HUD Home Funds to Habitat for Humanity Greater Peoria Area for the construction of three (3) new, affordable, single-family, owner-occupied homes located at 1833 N. Atlantic Street, 1915 N. Delaware, and 900/902 E. Nebraska; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(15-153) Communication from the Peoria Civic Center Authority with a Request to APPROVE the REVISED PEORIA CIVIC CENTER OPERATING and CAPITAL BUDGET for FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2015.

At the request of Council Member Montelongo, Mr. Robert Manning, Chairman of the Peoria Civic Center Authority, provided an overview of the Revised Peoria Civic Center Operating and Capital Budget. He remarked that, due to the change in the food and beverage provider, the financial statements received a positive impact of \$100,000.00.

At the conclusion of the discussions, Council Member Akeson moved to approve the revised Peoria Civic Center Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year ended August 31, 2015; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Motion to approve the revised Peoria Civic Center Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year ended August 31, 2015, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

FIRST READINGS

(15-157) Communication from the City Manager with a Request for a FIRST READING of 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 said this item was brought to the City Council in order to strengthen some of the language within the Ordinance. He said the proposed Ordinance required that, prior to a license being renewed, the vendor had to produce an accurate record of sales organized by date and transaction amount. He said another proposed Ordinance amending a previously passed Ordinance would be presented to this City Council this evening that would do the same thing for food trucks.

In response to Council Member Akeson's concern for the design and aesthetics for food trucks, Assistant City Manager Setti said Staff would work with the vendors to ensure they met a particular standard, and he remarked on the importance of enforcing current Ordinances as well.

City Manager Urich said there had been discussions with the Downtown Advisory Commission (DAC) regarding standards, and he remarked that discussions would continue.

Mayor Ardis recommended having the DAC review for design standards.

Council Member Weaver said he was comfortable with the direction recommended.

Council Member Spain moved to receive and file the First Reading of 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 Jensen.

Council Member Spain said the Council may want to review these outlines for food trucks and carts. He said he would like to review best practices from other communities as well. He expressed his appreciation toward Assistant City Manager Setti for his report on revenues, and he said this should strengthen the language in the Ordinance.

Mayor Ardis recommended Council Member Akeson take leadership with Council Member Weaver to work with Assistant City Manager Setti to discuss food carts and provide guidelines to the DAC.

Discussions were held regarding the revenue generated for food carts and what that revenue went towards, including the IRS, IDOR and the City.

Motion to receive and file the First Reading was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

- (15-158) Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with Either the Recommendation from Staff to ADOPT ORDINANCE A to Allow Secondary Access from TRAILCREEK DRIVE to CRESTLINE DRIVE without an Access Control Gate, or with the Petitioner to ADOPT ORDINANCE B to Allow Secondary Access from TRAILCREEK DRIVE to CRESTLINE DRIVE with an Access Control Gate, Both Amending Ordinance No. 15,393 for a PRIVATE STREET AGREEMENT at the Intersection of TRAILCREEK DRIVE and CRESTLINE DRIVE for the Residents of TRAILCREEK ESTATES CONDOMINIUM. (District 5)**

Council Member Johnson said he and Council Member Turner had met with Mr. Tom Leiter about this project, and he commented that this was a safety issue for the neighborhood, noting that the neighborhood was supposed to have a secondary access out, but currently only had one.

Council Member Johnson moved to adopt Ordinance B to allow secondary access from Trailcreek Drive to Crestline Drive with an access control gate, amending Ordinance No. 15,393 for a Private Street Agreement at the intersection of Trailcreek Drive and Crestline Drive for the residents of Trailcreek Estates Condominium; seconded by Council Member Weaver.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,224 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(15-159) Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Community Development with a Recommendation from the Historic Preservation Commission and Staff to Approve a WORK PLAN for 2015.

After a brief discussion, Council Member Grayeb moved to concur with the recommendation from the Historic Preservation Commission to approve the Work Plan for 2015; seconded by Council Member Spain.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(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 Akeson moved to defer this matter until the May 26, 2015, Regular City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Spain.

Motion to defer to May 26, 2015, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Spain, Riggerbach, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 8;

Nays: Johnson, Turner - 2.

(15-161) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to Approve a Professional Services AGREEMENT with PASSPORT PARKING, INC. to Provide a MOBILE PAYMENT PROGRAM for Parking.

City Manager Urich introduced Public Works Director Mike Rogers, who provided a presentation on Passport Parking.

Public Works Director Rogers provided a presentation on Passport Parking. He said it would not take away from the City's current methodology, rather it would add to the parking program. He said this technology was expandable and individuals would be able to utilize their phones to access parking. He said this program would be at no cost to the City. The main areas of focus,

he said, were around the museum, courthouse and Liberty Parking. He said an app was available do download for phones; however, those who wanted to use coins could still do so.

Council Member Weaver said he was a proponent of free parking.

Director Rogers said this was not about generating revenue. He said the goal was to encourage people to visit downtown, which would be a friendly type of approach.

Council Member Spain expressed his appreciation for the presentation. He said he would enthusiastically support this program.

Discussions were held regarding the initial two-hour free parking available at Liberty and how that would work with the program.

Council Member Spain suggested a pilot validation program for individuals who visited downtown for lunch.

In response to Council Member Spain, Director Rogers said the program was such that it could credit back an individual's money. He said there was a business in the downtown area who wanted to participate in such a program.

Discussions were held regarding the ability to conduct real-time reporting of parking revenues.

Council Member Spain expressed his appreciation to Director Rogers and commended him on the work he had done in the Public Works Department, noting he was an asset to the City.

Council Member Grayeb said he was an advocate for free parking in the downtown area. With this program, he said the City was going in the wrong direction. He said offering free parking would contribute to the vibrancy of the City.

Council Member Akeson expressed her support for the program, and she moved to approve a professional services agreement with Passport Parking, Inc. to provide a Mobile Payment Program for parking; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Council Member Weaver said he would support the program. He said it was his hope to track usage through the meters in order to determine the location of surplus meters. He remarked that the surplus meters could always be converted to free parking, which could maximize parking in the downtown area.

Mayor Ardis expressed the importance of educating the people and the businesses in the areas where these new meters would be installed.

Motion to approve a professional services agreement with passport Parking, Inc. to provide a Mobile Payment Program for parking was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Spain, Turner, Riggerbach, Weaver,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: Grayeb - 1.

(15-162) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Ordinance 17,211 Pertaining to Licensing of MOBILE FOOD VEHICLES. (District 1)

Council Member Spain moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Ordinance 17,212 pertaining to licensing of mobile food vehicles; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,225 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Spain, Riggenschach, Turner, Weaver, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

(15-163) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to Approve an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 18 of the Code of the City Of Peoria Pertaining to Licensing of MOBILE FOOD VEHICLES Outside of the Downtown Business District with a Request for a Deferral Until May 26, 2015.

Council Member Spain moved to defer this item to the May 26, 2015, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

In response to Council Member Grayeb's question regarding why this item should be deferred, Assistant City Manager Setti requested additional time in order to finalize the Ordinance.

Council Member Weaver left the Council Chambers.

Motion to defer to May 26, 2015, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Riggenschach, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

(15-102) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to DEFER UNTIL MAY 26, 2015, the ADOPTION of an ORDINANCE Permitting TRANSPORTATION NETWORK CARRIERS to Operate Within the City of Peoria.

Council Member Turner moved to defer this item until the May 26, 2015, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

Motion to defer to May 26, 2015, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Riggenschach, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

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

(15-108) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel to Approve a Collateral Assignment by JP RIVERFRONT, LLC and JP RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT COMPANIES, INC. to CENTRAL ILLINOIS BANK.

Corporation Counsel Leist requested that this item be withdrawn noting that it would not be in the best interest of the City to sign the agreement as drafted.

Council Member Spain moved to withdraw the request to approve the collateral assignment by JP Riverfront, LLC and JP Riverfront Development Companies, Inc. to Central Illinois Bank; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Motion to withdraw was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

Council Member Weaver returned to the meeting.

(15-016) Discussion Regarding the PRELIMINARY 2016 THROUGH 2019 BUDGET PROJECTIONS as of May 12, 2015, with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE.

City Manager Urich provided an overview of the budget process reporting that the City conducted five public budget meetings. He said over 1,400 people participated in the Budget Challenge. He reported that the challenge was now closed and Staff was compiling the information to present to the City Council by the end of the month.

Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins presented a revised budget forecast, and he reported that \$1.7 million was removed for street repairs.

Council Member Spain inquired whether the IMRF Fund balance of \$9 million was an obligation as it stood as of January 1, 2015.

In response to Council Member Spain's question regarding the IMRF Fund balance of \$9 million, Director Scroggins said that was the amount the City still owed due to early retirements, and he said that amount would decrease each year. He also reported that the debt service was consistent, which was based over a 10-year period paid quarterly.

Council Member Spain remarked that a fair portion of tax bills within the City went towards pensions, noting that approximately 83% - 85% of the tax bill went towards payment of those pensions.

Mayor Ardis said that the General Assembly would be discussing whether to freeze the property taxes all over the State, and he remarked the impact that could have on the payment of the pensions.

Council Member Grayeb said the City Council and the community needed to remember that the pensions being paid were pensions earned. He said people worked many years to earn these pensions. He said the individuals who wanted to diminish the pensions were those who earned a fair income. He remarked on the importance of being fair with pension discussions.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to receive and file the Preliminary 2016 through 2019 Budget Projections as of May 12, 2015; seconded by Trustee Akeson.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Chamber Technology

Council Member Weaver said Staff should follow-up with the vendor on expectations for the equipment. He commented that it was great when the equipment worked well. He asked City Staff to pull the contract held with regards to the technology in the Council Chambers. He remarked that he received a number of complaints regarding the sound system in Council Chambers as well.

PCAV Murder Stand Down for Peace

Council Member Grayeb said Steve Fairbanks and members of the Police Department, as well as other Council Members attended the PCAV Murder Stand Down for Peace on May 11, 2015. He said it was well attended and neighborhoods had the opportunity to unite.

New Regulations for Outdoor Dining

Council Member Riggerbach requested a Report Back regarding the new criteria established by the Health Department for outdoor dining. He remarked that this new criteria affected the new owners of Lou's Drive-In, and he wanted to know if there were other examples throughout the City.

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 road work was needed on the South Side and homes needed repair. He also expressed his disappointment with the outcome of the River Front Development project.

Ms. Joyce Blumenshine, a Peoria resident and member of the HOI Sierra Club, discussed the City's environment and noted the impact the Riverfront development would have as well as the coal-ash issue coming from the Edwards plant. She said even though the Edwards plant was not in the City, it was an issue for the City of Peoria, and she said she would like to see proactive steps taken by the community.

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)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; 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; 2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

Council Member 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)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; 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; 2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Riggerbach moved to adjourn the Joint City Council & Town Board Meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Joint City Council & Town Board Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.



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