

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Regular City Council Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois was held February 23, 2016, at City Hall, Council Chambers (Room 400), 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Ardis presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Grayeb (Arrived at 6:07 P.M.), Jensen, Montelongo (Arrived at 6:20 P.M.), Moore, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 9. Absent: Akesson and Johnson – 2.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jim Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or silent reflection. He recognized Boy Scout Troop 333 from United Presbyterian Church who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

**Society of Women Engineers and e-Week - February 21 - 27, 2016
Peace in Peoria Day - March 7, 2016**

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING NOTICE TO TOWNSHIP ELECTORS

Mayor Ardis announced, pursuant to Public Act 095 0761, any citizen who wishes to have an item considered on the Agenda at the Annual Town Meeting to be held Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at 6:00 P.M., is required to bring a specific request signed by 15 or more electors to the Clerk no later than March 1, 2016. He continued by saying that any group of registered voters may request an advisory question of public policy for consideration by the electors at the annual meeting by giving written notice of the specific advisory question to the Township Clerk in the same manner as required for an agenda item under subsection (b) of Section 30-10 of the Township Code.

MINUTES

Council Member Spain moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on February 9, 2016, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Jensen, Moore, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner,
Mayor Ardis - 8;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- (16-052) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the Proposed ANNEXATION of Part of Property Identification Number 08-35-100-034, with a Temporary Address of 9800 N. ORANGE PRAIRIE RD., PEORIA, Illinois.**

Council Member Spain moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the proposed annexation of part of Property Identification Number 08-35-100-034, with a temporary address of 9800 N. Orange Prairie Road, Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Jensen, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner,
Mayor Ardis - 8;

Nays: None.

Public Hearing opened at 6:15 P.M.

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 part of Property Identification Number 08-35-100-034, with a Temporary Address of 9800 N. Orange Prairie Road, Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Jensen, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner,
Mayor Ardis - 8;

Nays: None.

Public Hearing closed at 6:16 P.M.

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

Council Member Montelongo arrived at 6:20 P.M.

- (16-053) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to Receive for Information and to Refer to the Legal Department the NOTICE OF LAWSUIT Filed on Behalf of AUSTIN J. BERTSCHY Against Peoria Police Officer Zachary A. Janssen.**
- (16-054) Communication from the City Manager and Human Resource Director with a Request to Authorize the City Manager to TERMINATE the CONTRACT with ICMA-RC for the Police Department's Post Employment Retiree Health Savings Plan (RHS).**

- (16-055) Communication from the City Manager and the Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the Consent to the GROUND LEASE SUBLEASE and LEASEBACK with AMERICAN TOWER CORPORATION and AUTHORIZE the City Manager to Execute All Necessary Documents for the Sites Located at 2015 W. WILLOW RD., 3511 N. DRIES LANE; and 1615 SW WASHINGTON RD.
- (16-056) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,330 Amending an Existing SPECIAL USE Ordinance No. 13,450 as amended, in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District for a Shopping Center to Add a Restaurant with a Drive-Thru for the Property Identified as Parcel Identification Nos. 14-29-327-003, 14-29-327-021, 14-29-327-025, and 14-29-327-026, with an Address of 3425 - 3525 N UNIVERSITY STREET and Commonly Known as UNIVERSITY PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER. (Council District 2)
- (16-057) 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 ORDINANCE NO. 17,331 Amending Ordinance 13,553, as amended through 15,513, for a SPECIAL USE for a School, in a Class R-3 (Single Family Residential) District, to add a Gymnasium and Parking, for the Property Located at 2000 W. GLEN AVENUE (Parcel Index Number 14-19-427-007), Peoria, Illinois (Council District 4)
- (16-058) * Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Appendix C of the Code of the City of Peoria Relating to AWNINGS in FORM DISTRICTS.
- (16-059) ** Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Approving the FOSTER WAITE PROPERTIES, LLC. REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. (1st District)
- (16-060) *** Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the PEORIA URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE DESIGNATING ORDINANCE to Include Additional Vacant Land at JUNCTION CITY SHOPPING CENTER and the GATEWAY AT RIVER CITY DEVELOPMENT on ROMEO B. GARRETT AVENUE.
- (16-061) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to Approve ORDINANCE NO. 17,332 Reserving 2016 PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND VOLUME CAP, in the Amount of \$11,582,800.00.
- (16-062) **** Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE to be Filed with the Illinois Department of Revenue to Increase the City's Home Rule RETAILER'S OCCUPATION TAX and the SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX from 1.50% to 1.75% EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

(16-063) **Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE ABATING the TAX heretofore LEVIED To Pay SPECIAL SERVICE AREA PROPERTY TAXES on the PEORIA SPORTS CENTER PROPERTY TAX SPECIAL SERVICE AREA.**

(16-064) **REPORT from the CITY TREASURER PATRICK A. NICHTING for the MONTH of JANUARY 2016, with Request to Receive and File.**

(16-065) **Communication from the City Manager to RECEIVE and FILE the PEORIA PARK DISTRICT RIVERFRONT PROGRAMMING WORK PROGRAM and BUDGET Report for 2016.**

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

Council Member Moore requested Item No. 16-060 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Spain requested Item Nos. 16-058 and 16-062 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Jensen requested Item Nos. 16-059 and 16-063 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussions.

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

Item Nos. 16-053 through 16-065 (excluding Item No. 16-058 through 16-060, 16-062 and 16-063, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Grayeb, Jensen, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner,
Mayor Ardis - 8;

Nays: None.

(16-058) **Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Appendix C of the Code of the City of Peoria Relating to AWNINGS in FORM DISTRICTS.**
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Council Member Spain said this item related to Form Districts and came into play in the Warehouse District. He remarked that the proposed Ordinance provided for a technical change. He said this item should be reviewed as a First Reading for the Ordinance change and should come back to the City Council in two weeks for final approval.

Council Member Spain moved to receive and file as a First Reading the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to adopt an Ordinance amending Appendix C of the Code of the City of Peoria relating to awnings in Form Districts; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Motion to receive and file as a First Reading the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to adopt an Ordinance amending Appendix C of the Code of the City of Peoria relating to awnings in Form Districts was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 16-058 will be placed on the March 8, 2016, Regular City Council agenda.

**(16-059) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an
** ORDINANCE Approving the FOSTER WAITE PROPERTIES, LLC.
REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. (1st District)**

Council Member Jensen said the request for the tax abatement by Foster Waite Properties would not affect the development of the first three floors wherein Northwestern Mutual had planned to locate.

Assistant City Manager agreed with Council Member Jensen and he remarked that the abatement would only be available should Foster Waite Properties complete the fourth floor of the building. He said the incentive would not be offered for the renovation of the first three floors. He said it was the City's intent to create an incentive to complete the project up to and including fourth floor. He remarked that the fourth floor would be intended as commercial tenant space. He said Foster Waite Properties invested a considerable amount of money on purchasing and renovating the first three floors of the building, and he said it was the City's intent to provide an incentive to complete the fourth floor. He said Foster Waite had inquired about utilizing TIF funds to complete the fourth floor. He said Northwestern Mutual planned to move into the space on the first three floors in March 2016 and that the City's Council vote in this matter would not impact them moving in at that time. He said it was purely an incentive to complete the renovation of the building. He said they would have two years to complete the renovation of the fourth floor; however, there were no immediate plans to do so.

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance approving the Foster Waite Properties, LLC Redevelopment Agreement; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Spain said he would support this item, and he asked the Council to do the same. He said it was important to send the right message to the developer and to offer an opportunity to do the project and to finish the final floor. He said this was an example of a project coming together in a positive way.

Council Member Jensen said she would not vote in favor of this item, noting that it was not needed. She said, given the City's financial state, this agreement was not a necessity. She commented that Northwestern Mutual would move into the completed space regardless of whether this agreement was approved. She said there would be three floors that would be full.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,333 approving the Foster Waite Properties, LLC Redevelopment Agreement was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Jensen - 1.

(16-060) **Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an**
*** **ORDINANCE Amending the PEORIA URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE**
 DESIGNATING ORDINANCE to Include Additional Vacant Land at
 JUNCTION CITY SHOPPING CENTER and the GATEWAY AT RIVER CITY
 DEVELOPMENT on ROMEO B. GARRETT AVENUE.

Council Member Moore asked that this item be deferred for two weeks noting that the parties involved were still discussing the matter.

Council Member Moore moved to defer this matter to the March 8, 2016, Regular City Council Agenda; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to defer to the March 8, 2016, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner,
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

(16-062) **Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller**
**** **with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE to be Filed With the Illinois**
 Department of Revenue to Increase the City's Home Rule RETAILER'S
 OCCUPATION TAX and the SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX from 1.50% to
 1.75% EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

Council Member Spain said he pulled this item from the Consent Agenda in order to allow the opportunity for the prevailing side to make a motion.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to adopt an Ordinance to be filed with the Illinois Department of Revenue to increase the City's Home Rule Retailer's Occupation Tax and the Service Occupation Tax from 1.50% to 1.75% effective July 1, 2016; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,334 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Jensen, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 7;

Nays: Spain, Montelongo - 2.

(16-063) **Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller**
***** **with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE ABATING the TAX heretofore**
 LEVIED To Pay SPECIAL SERVICE AREA PROPERTY TAXES on the
 PEORIA SPORTS CENTER PROPERTY TAX SPECIAL SERVICE AREA.

City Manager Urich provided an overview of this item, noting it had been determined there would be sufficient tax revenues from the Special Service Area Hotel Tax and Sales Tax that the additional Special Service Area Property Taxes would not be needed to meet the annual debt service payment for 2016. He remarked the taxes for the Holiday Inn would be abated

because the project was not yet complete. He remarked this was previously agreed to by the Developer and the City.

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied to pay Special Service Area property taxes on the Peoria Sports Center Property Tax Special Service Area; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

ORDINANCE NO. 17, 335 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

FIRST READING

(16-066) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Peoria and Authorizing the Creation of "FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES" within the City of Peoria.

Corporation Counsel Leist provided an overview of this item. He said the Subcommittee on Police & Fire Diversity provided recommendations to the City Council to have the personnel of the Police Department and Fire Department to closely mirror the demographics of the City of Peoria. He remarked that this would advance the City's goal to diversify its workforce and create employment opportunities for all demographics.

Council Member Moore moved to receive and file the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Peoria and authorizing the Creation of "Fair Employment Practices" within the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Jensen expressed her appreciation for bringing this item to the Council in light of the NAACP presentation last October. She said it was good policy and she said it was her hope to increase the goals of minorities in the workforce.

Motion to receive and file the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Peoria and authorizing the creation of "Fair Employment Practices" within the City of Peoria was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 16-066 will be placed on the March 8, 2016, Regular City Council agenda.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:**(16-067) PRESENTATION by Patrick Roesler of the SISTER CITY COMMISSION
Regarding Youth Travel to Friedrichshafen, Germany, for 2016.**

Mr. Patrick Roesler, current president of Friends of Friedrichshafen provided a presentation regarding the 2016 Youth Exchange to Friedrichshafen, Germany. He said the City would be celebrating its 40th anniversary as a Sister City with Friedrichshafen along with celebrating 38 years of youth exchange. He provided an explanation of how the program worked and the benefits the youth received from participating. He said the cost would be approximately \$2,200.00 per person, which was more affordable than most European trips. He said it was his focus to attract youth in the Tri-County area to participate in the program. For more information he recommended visiting www.peoriasistercity.org. He remarked that youth who returned from such a trip had a broader world view, and he expressed his appreciation for the City's support.

Mayor Ardis said this was a very good program wherein alternative years the City of Peoria hosted youth from abroad. He said it was a great opportunity for kids to experience their culture. He expressed his appreciation for the efforts of Mr. Roesler and his wife, and he said he looked forward to seeing them in the near future to present the 40th anniversary trip.

Council Member Spain moved to receive and file the presentation by Patrick Roesler of the Sister City Commission regarding youth travel to Friedrichshafen, Germany, for 2016; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner,
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

**(16-068) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to Approve Updated
Guidelines for the City's REVOLVING LOAN FUND.**

Assistant City Manager Chris Setti said the City's Senior Development Specialist, Mr. Cesar Suarez, put a lot of time and effort into updating the City's guidelines for its Revolving Loan Fund. He said the City received a \$500,000.00 grant in 1988 to create said fund, wherein the City matched with approximately \$270,000.00. He said the City loaned out approximately 43 different loans, remarking on the various businesses within the City that utilized the program. He noted the guidelines had not been updated since 1988. He said the guidelines have been revised to bring them up to current best practices. He said the City has not been lending as much money since 2011, which put the money in jeopardy with the Economic Development Association (EDA). He said the money provided for the Fund was restricted money, and he said Staff was looking at ways the money could be targeted to meet the intent of the program and to address some of the community goals, especially with minority businesses.

Mr. Setti distributed a handout to all Council that outlined the major proposed changes of the Revolving Loan Fund. He remarked on the creation of an *ad hoc* Loan Review Panel created to advise the City Manager. He said the changes would focus on small and minority businesses. He said the City Council and the EDA would have to approve the guidelines, and he remarked that the EDA had tentatively approved the proposed changes.

Discussions were held regarding the definition of "full-time employee" (FTE) and how that requirement was calculated and the minimum per hour take-home pay. Senior Development Specialist Suarez said the FTE job equaled to 2,080 hours of work per year.

Discussions were held regarding the default rate. Assistant City Manager Setti said if the City's loan went into default, so would the bank's loan. He said this was traditionally considered "Gap" Financing. Historically, he said the City only had six write-offs, noting that half were restaurants. He said Staff was taking the underwriting seriously. Overall, he said the project succeeded more than failed.

Council Member Jensen commented that it was her hope the proposed changes would improve the default rate.

Council Member Riggerbach expressed his appreciation for the efforts of Staff in updating the guidelines. He said this was not to compete with banks and that the City did not want to diminish the entrepreneur spirit.

Council Member Moore remarked on the efforts of Mr. Suarez and his strategy on managing these loans. She said he worked on minority business strategy and she expressed appreciation for the effort of creating a diversified loan committee.

Council Member Grayeb expressed his appreciation for the discussion and comments of other Council Members. He remarked on the importance of diversifying Peoria's economy. He said one of the goals of this Council and previous Councils was to help move Peoria forward to be a world class medical research and healing center. He remarked on Financing Policy – Allowable Borrowers, and he comment on the need to include sexual orientation.

City Manager Urich said sexual orientation would be included in the document. He said unless there was an objection by the City Council, Staff would make the changes for the next City Council meeting for approval.

Council Member Moore moved to approve the updated guidelines for the City's Revolving Loan Fund; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

(16-069) Communication from the City Manager with a Request for the following:

- A. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Approving the SOUTH SIDE TRUST & SAVINGS BANK, INC. REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. (1st District)**
- B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2016/2017 Biennial Budget Relating to the Use of the SOUTH VILLAGE TIF Fund Balance.**

Council Member Moore said she would refrain from voting in this matter due to a business relationship she had with South Side Trust & Savings Bank.

Council Member Ruckriegel said this item was a prime example of what the City Council hoped

to see happen with TIF dollars. He said the redevelopment agreement should help spur other growth within the area, which would serve the south side and all of Peoria. He said South Side Trust & Savings wanted to invest at their current location. He said this agreement would increase the tax value of 2139 SW Adams, and was a nice mirror of what a TIF investment should look like.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to adopt an Ordinance approving the South Side Trust & Savings Bank, Inc. Redevelopment Agreement; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,336 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner,
Mayor Ardis - 8;

Nays: None;

Abstain: Moore – 1.

In response to Council Member Jensen's question regarding the use of the building located at 2139 SW Adams, City Manager Ulrich said it would be predominantly used for not-for-profit organizations. He said the reason the building was still on the tax rolls was because South Side Trust & Savings was adjacent to the property. He reported the Black Business Alliance was one of the current tenants to go into that space.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2016/2017 Biennial Budget relating to the use of the South Village TIF Fund balance; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,337 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner,
Mayor Ardis - 8;

Nays: None;

Abstain: Moore – 1.

(16-070) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Providing for the ISSUANCE of VARIABLE RATE GENERAL OBLIGATION DEMAND BONDS, SERIES 2016A, of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, Authorizing the Execution of One or More Bond Orders, Providing for the Levy and Collection of a Direct Annual Tax for the Payment of the Principal of and Interest on Said Bonds, and Authorizing the Sale of Said Bonds to the Purchaser Thereof.

Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins provided an overview of the bonds.

Council Member Grayeb remarked that this was good management on behalf of the City. He said anything to reduce the debt service was welcome.

Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance providing for the issuance of variable rate General Obligation Demand Bonds, Series 2016A, of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, authorizing the execution of one or more bond orders, providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Council Member Montelongo asked how much money was saved and whether those savings would be applied to the debt service, and Finance Director/Comptroller Scroggins remarked that the savings would go towards the capital program.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,338 providing for the issuance of variable rate general obligation demand bonds, series 2016A, of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, Authorizing the execution of one or more bond orders, providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

(16-071) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE providing for the ISSUANCE of one or more series of GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2016B, of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, in an Aggregate Amount Not to Exceed \$23,000,000 to Refund Certain Outstanding Bonds of said City, Providing for the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Said Bonds, Authorizing and Directing the Execution of an Escrow Agreement in Connection with the Issue of Said Bonds, and Authorizing the Sale of Said Bonds to the Purchaser Thereof.

Finance Director/Comptroller Scroggins provided an explanation of the bonds noting it was a refunding of the library bonds issued in 2008. He said approval of this item would reduce the City's debt service by \$180,000.00 for 2016.

Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance providing for the issuance of one or more series of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016B, of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$23,000,000 to refund certain outstanding bonds of said City providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds, authorizing and directing the execution of an escrow agreement in connection with the issue of said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,339 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

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

Illinois American Water Update

Council Member Jensen inquired about Illinois American Water and when they were scheduled to present to the City Council regarding its proposed rate increase.

City Manager Urich said Staff was working on scheduling a presentation at the first City Council meeting in April. He said the City still had enough time to weigh in on the rate increase before that matter went before the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Corporation Counsel Leist said the City filed its appearance in the matter relative to the capital case. He asked for direction from the City Council, but he said it would be presented as a Council item on the next City Council agenda.

Council Member Jensen requested a Report Back as to the timeline.

NEW BUSINESS

African American Museum Gala

Council Member Moore announced that on Saturday, February 27, 2016, there would be an African American Museum Gala at the Riverfront Museum honoring Caterpillar's Vice President Dave Bozeman.

One World Café

Council Member Grayeb congratulated the owners of One World Cafe for being identified as one of the top ten establishments to visit in Illinois.

Creve Coeur Club – 118th Annual George Washington Banquet

Mayor Ardis announced that the Creve Coeur Club held its 118th Annual George Washington banquet on Monday, February 22, 2016. He said the former Mayor of New York City, Mayor Rudy Giuliani, was the speaker and he congratulated the Club on the event's success.

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.

Ms. Molly Cadagin, a Peoria resident, expressed a concern for the amount of litter within the City. She said action and strong statements were needed in the City, and she asked by beginning with "No Litter" signs to be erected and enforced

Mayor Ardis expressed his appreciation for Ms. Cadagin's concern. He said the City had a Litter Commission that met regularly, and he asked Community Development Director Ross Black to meet with Ms. Cadagin immediately after the Council Meeting. He remarked that the City took pride in the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant 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.

Council Member Grayeb 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; seconded by Council Member Spain.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner,
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner,
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

The Regular City Council Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.



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