

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held August 23, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall, Council Chambers (Room 400), 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Ardis presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Akesson (Arrived at 6:04 P.M.), Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenschach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11. Absent: None.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

**St. Jude Memphis to Peoria Run – 35th Anniversary
Peoria Area Prostate Awareness Society (PAPAS) – 3RD Annual Fund Bike Ride
for Prostate Awareness September 3, 2016**

MINUTES

Council Member Spain moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on August 9, 2016, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenschach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

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

- (16-284) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ACCEPT the LOW BID of ADVANCED ELECTRIC, in the Amount of \$115,364.14, and AWARD a CONTRACT for the WISCONSIN AVENUE ORNAMENTAL LIGHTING PROJECT with an Additional Authorization of \$17,304.62 for a Total Award of \$132,668.76. (Council District 3)**

- (16-285) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE a Proposed HIGHWAY AUTHORITY AGREEMENT Between the City of Peoria and JIYA PROPERTY, LLC (JIYA) for the Property Known as 3606 NORTH PROSPECT ROAD, Peoria, Illinois.**

- (16-286) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following:**
- A. **APPROVE MOTOR FUEL TAX RESOLUTION NO. 16-286 in the Amount of \$973,033.16 for Construction and Construction Engineering Services for the UNIVERSITY STREET ASPHALT MILL AND OVERLAY PROJECT (FORREST HILL AVENUE TO WAR MEMORIAL DRIVE);**
 - B. **ACCEPT the LOW BID of R.A. CULLINAN & SON, a Division of United Contractors Midwest, and Award the Construction CONTRACT in the Amount of \$893,033.16 for the UNIVERSITY STREET ASPHALT MILL AND OVERLAY PROJECT (FORREST HILL AVENUE TO WAR MEMORIAL DRIVE). (Council District 2)**
- (16-287) **Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,393 Amending a SPECIAL USE to Allow Temporary Signage in a Class B1 (Downtown Commercial) District, for the Property Located at 201 SW JEFFERSON (Parcel Identification Nos. 18-09-251-009, 18-09-133-013, 18-09-202-001, -002, -003, -004, and -005), Peoria, Illinois. (Council District 1)**
- (16-262) **Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to DEFER UNTIL SEPTEMBER 13, 2016, a Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to APPROVE an ORDINANCE Amending the UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE Related to SIGNS.**
- (16-263) **Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to DEFER UNTIL SEPTEMBER 27, 2016, Changes to CHAPTER 5 of the City of Peoria CODE Pertaining to BUILDING CODES Based on the Recommendation of the Construction Commission to Adopt the 2012 ICC International Building Code, the 2012 International Fuel Gas Code, the 2012 ICC International Mechanical Code, the 2012 ICC International Property Maintenance Code, the 2012 International ICC Fire Code, the 2012 ICC International Residential Code and the 2014 National Electrical Code.**
- (16-264) **Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to DEFER UNTIL SEPTEMBER 27, 2016 Changes to CHAPTER 13 of the City of Peoria CODE Pertaining to Building Codes Based on the Recommendation of the Construction Commission to ADOPT the 2012 ICC International Building Code, the 2012 International Fuel Gas Code, the 2012 ICC International Mechanical Code, the 2012 ICC International Property Maintenance Code, the 2012 International ICC Fire Code, the 2012 ICC International Residential Code and the 2014 National Electrical Code.**

- (16-265) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to DEFER UNTIL SEPTEMBER 13, 2016, the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Approving a SPECIAL USE for a Wireless Communication Tower Facility in a Class W-M (West Main Street Form) District, for the Property Commonly Known as Peoria Next Innovation Center and Located at 801 W. MAIN STREET, and 1013 - 1017 N. DOUGLAS STREET (Parcel Identification Nos. 18-05-430-011, -001, -007, & -008), Peoria, Illinois (Council District 2). PZ 16-13.
- (16-266) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to DEFER UNTIL SEPTEMBER 27, 2016, Changes to CHAPTER 11 of the City of Peoria CODE Pertaining to Building/Fire Codes Based on the Recommendation of the Construction Commission to Adopt the 2012 ICC International Building Code, the 2012 International Fuel Gas Code, the 2012 ICC International Mechanical Code, the 2012 ICC International Property Maintenance Code, the 2012 International ICC Fire Code, the 2012 ICC International Residential Code and the 2014 National Electrical Code.
- (16-288) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,394 Amending an Existing SPECIAL USE, Ordinance Number 16,406, as amended, in a Class R-3 (Single-family Residential) District for a Cemetery, to add a Wireless Communication Tower Facility, for the Property Commonly Known as SPRINGDALE CEMETERY and Located at 3014 N. PROSPECT ROAD (Parcel Identification Nos. 14-34-200-006, 14-34-132-002, 14-27-476-001, 14-35-101-001), Peoria, Illinois (Council District 3). PZ 16-27.
- (16-289) * Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class A (Tavern) Liquor License with a Subclass 1A (2:00 A.M. Hours) for CASA DE ARTE, LLC, 306 PECAN, Contingent Upon the Issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 1)
- (16-290) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE DISABLED with a Request to Concur:

Amr Elsamny (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2019
- (16-291) APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD with a Request to Concur:

Jeff Hinchman (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2019
Aaron Roy Coffeen (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2019
Richard Swigart (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2019
Joseph Keck (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2019

- (16-292) **REPORT from the CITY TREASURER PATRICK A. NICHTING for the MONTH of JUNE 2016, with Request to Receive and File.**
- (16-293) **REPORT from the CITY TREASURER PATRICK A. NICHTING for the MONTH of JULY 2016, with Request to Receive and File.**

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

Council Member Moore requested Item No. 16-289 be removed from 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 Ruckriegel.

Item Nos. 16-262 through 16-266 and Item Nos. 16-284 through 16-293 (excluding Item No. 16-289, which was removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

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Council Member Moore stated that the petitioner in this matter requested this item be deferred until the second meeting in September, and she moved to defer this item to the September 27, 2016, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Spain.

Motion to defer to the September 27, 2016, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

- (16-294) **Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE One of the Following: (Refer to Item No. 16-234)**
- A. **Proposal A, the Second Amendment to the WASTE COLLECTION AGREEMENT Between the City of Peoria and PDC SERVICES, INC., which would Extend the Contract for Two and Half Years (2.5) from January 1, 2017, through June 30, 2019; All Current Services Would Remain "as is" in the Agreement; House-Count Reconciliation Mutually Agreed by Both Sides; Additional Week of Yard Waste**

Service in December; Eliminate 7-year Age Limit on Trucks; Increase Cart Rental Fee to \$4.00 per unit; Reduce Performance Bond to 12%; and an Annual 3% Increase Effective January 1, 2017; OR

- B. Proposal B, the Second Amendment to the WASTE COLLECTION AGREEMENT Between the City of Peoria and PDC SERVICES, INC., which would Extend the Contract for Three and Half Years (3.5) from January 1, 2017, through June 30, 2020 (Term Aligns with Cart Agreement Expiration); Every-other-week Recycling Pickup; \$1.85/unit Increase Effective January 1, 2017; 3.0% Annual Increase Effective January 1, 2018; Additional Week of Yard Waste Service in December; House-count Reconciliation Mutually Agreed by Both Sides; Eliminate 7-year Age Limit on Trucks; Increase Cart Rental Fee to \$4.00/unit; Reduce Performance Bond to 12%; and All Other Services Would Remain "as is" in the Current Agreement.**

Copies of the minutes from Public Meetings held July 13, 2016 at City Hall and the North Branch Peoria Public Library regarding waste collection were distributed to all Council.

City Manager Urich provided a timeline of events for the Waste Collection Agreement, which dated back to its initial approval in 2009. Since then, he said the agreement was amended in 2012 and was due to expire at the end of 2016. He said at a June City Council Meeting Council asked Staff to conduct public meetings in order to gain input from the community. He reviewed the two proposals presented noting that Proposal A extended the current contract with PDC for two and a half years with the addition of one week of landscape pickup in December. He said Proposal A would allow the City time to conduct a Request for Proposal and to work with a landfill consultant.

City Manager Urich reviewed Proposal B, which would be a three and a half year contract, which would increase the frequency of recycling with an additional cost. He reviewed the cost increase and how it would affect the contract. He said not only would there be a cost increase, but annual increases would continue as outlined in Proposal A.

In summary, City Manager Urich said Staff recommended Proposal A and then to engage the public on what they would like to see for future services.

Council Member Moore moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to those individuals who wished to speak on this matter.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to those individuals who wished to speak on this item.

Mr. Don Jackson, President of the local NAACP, expressed a concern for the lack of a diversified workforce within PDC. He said he met with the Human Resource Director of PDC who provided conflicting information on the number of personnel the company employed; however, the number of minorities hired by the company was consistent at a total of 16 minority employees. He remarked on the importance of employing minorities in order for them to have the opportunity to obtain decent wages. He said he was discouraged that he had to discuss this matter again with the company. He remarked that this was a public contract and it was the goal of the NAACP to see equal employment opportunity in the City. He asked that the City consider this issue when issuing an RFP.

Ms. Joyce Blumenshine, Chair of the Heart of Sierra Club, said her organization supported the NAACP noting that the solid waste contract should have a minority component in it. She said she supported Proposal A. She remarked on how the City could improve its recycling efforts noting that the community needed to be educated on the matter. She said the City should work with a professional resource management consultant regarding recycling. She said there were currently no provisions to increase awareness of recycling. In conclusion, she encouraged the City Council to approve Proposal A.

Mr. Steve Ashburn, asked for more clarification of the proposals and how each would impact the citizens. He remarked on the importance of the citizens understanding what was presented to Council for approval.

Mayor Ardis remarked that the City Council was only voting on the extension of the contract to allow an opportunity for the City Manager and Staff to renegotiate the agreement.

In response to Council Member Grayeb, Public Works Director Rogers said if Proposal A was approved, it would include a Resource Management Specialist to assist the City with a plan for the RFP going forward. He remarked on the importance of having a professional to assist in the RFP process. He said the Waste Management Agreement was the biggest contract the City held. He said Proposal A would assist in developing the best RFP.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve Proposal A , the Second Amendment to the Waste Collection Agreement between the City of Peoria and PDC Services, Inc., which would extend the contract for two and a half years (2.5) from January 1, 2017, through June 30, 2019; all current services would remain "as is" in the Agreement; house-count reconciliation mutually agreed by both sides; additional week of yard waste service in December; eliminate 7-year age limit on trucks; increase cart rental fee to \$4.00 per unit; reduce performance bond to 12%; and an annual 3% increase effective January 1, 2017, with the stipulation to direct Staff to engage a Resource Management Professional to consult with the City to develop a Request for Proposal; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Council Member Spain remarked on the prudence of changing the renewal term of the contract from January to mid-year; however, he said the City Council needed to contemplate how the City's largest contract falling midway through the budget year would impact the City's 2-year budget.

City Manager Urich addressed the budget issue stating that the City was currently moving into its second year of a two year budget, and going forward, would need to anticipate the budgeting process for the City's 2018-2019 Budget. He reviewed the costs associated with garbage collection, noting that in future budget planning that would have to be taken into consideration. Going forward, he said garbage collection fees would have to be reviewed and the City Council advised as to the same.

Discussions were held on whether the City could engage the County of Peoria in order to provide some assistance as it related to a long range resource management plan. City Manager Urich stated that the City could engage with resource management professionals for input.

Council Member Spain said the settlement money with Waste Management should be applied towards the cost of engaging consultants in this matter.

In response to Council Member Moore, City Manager Urich said the \$14 fee per month would remain the same for residents; however, he said that would be a budget discussion at a future date, and he reviewed the costs the City incurred with the agreement.

Discussions were held regarding the affect recycling would have on the landfill, and City Manager Urich said in response to Council Member Akeson that the increase in recyclables would free up space in the landfill.

Motion to approve Proposal A , the Second Amendment to the Waste Collection Agreement between the City of Peoria and PDC Services, Inc., which would extend the contract for two and a half years (2.5) from January 1, 2017, through June 30, 2019; all current services would remain "as is" in the Agreement; house-count reconciliation mutually agreed by both sides; additional week of yard waste service in December; eliminate 7-year age limit on trucks; increase cart rental fee to \$4.00 per unit; reduce performance bond to 12%; and an annual 3% increase effective January 1, 2017, with the stipulation to direct to direct Staff to engage a Resource Management Professional to consult with the City to develop an Request for Proposal was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(16-295) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE the RIVERFRONT VILLAGE COOPERATION AGREEMENT. (Council District 1)

A copy of Exhibit A that outlined the platform on the Riverfront was distributed to all Council Members.

Council Member Moore said this was an exciting opportunity to come to the Riverfront, and she moved to approve the Riverfront Village Cooperation Agreement; seconded by Council Member Spain.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

- (16-155) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to DEFER UNTIL SEPTEMBER 13, 2016, the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Approving the UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE by Combining and Amending Appendix A, the Subdivision Ordinance, Appendix B, the Zoning Ordinance and Appendix C, the Land Development Code.**

Council Member Riggerbach moved to defer this Item until the September 13, 2016, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Motion to defer to the September 13, 2016, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (16-281) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to WITHDRAW an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 5 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to the REGISTRATION OF LOTS.**

Council Member Moore moved to withdraw an Ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to the registration of lots; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Motion to withdraw was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (16-283) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Peoria, to REZONE Property from a Class CG (General Commercial) to a Class I-2 (Railroad /Warehouse Industrial) District and to APPROVE a SPECIAL USE for Meat Processing and Packing, No Slaughtering, for the Property Located at 3545 SW PRECAST WAY, Parcel Index Number 18-19-202-067, Peoria, Illinois (Council District 1). CASE NO. PZ 16-26.**

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Peoria, to rezone property from a Class CC (General Commercial) to a Class I-2 (Railroad/Warehouse Industrial) District and to approve a Special Use for meat processing and packing, no slaughtering, for the property located at 3545 SW Precast Way, Parcel Index Number 18-19-202-067, Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Moore said this item was discussed at length at the last City Council Meeting regarding concerns of having a meat processing and packing facility within the City. She said it was determined that this was a complete operation that created no waste.

Council Member Jensen inquired whether the City would be able to regulate burn pollution and if there were controls in place to monitor the same.

Community Development Director Black said the Illinois and US EPA would monitor the regulation of burn pollution. He said the City did not have any regulations regarding the issue.

Mr. Kevin Evans, the petitioner in this matter, said that the facility was not coal fire operated, rather it was gas operated. He reviewed the outflow of the ovens noting they were commercial ovens with a ventilation system that took the emissions from the oven. He said part of that system had an air cleaner. With respect to air pollution, he said it was at acceptable standards noting it was cleaner than the emissions from a regular neighborhood grill.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,395 amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Peoria, to rezone property from a Class CS (General Commercial) to a Class I-2 (Railroad/Warehouse Industrial) District and approving a Special Use for meat processing and packing, no slaughtering, for the property located at 3545 SW Precast Way, Parcel Index Number 18-19-202-067, Peoria, Illinois, was adopted by roll call vote.
Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;
Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Recognition of Public Works Director Mike Rogers

Mayor Ardis recognized Public Works Director Mike Rogers for his efforts in the community. He announced that Director Rogers would be leaving the City of Peoria for another opportunity in Raleigh, North Carolina. He said Director Rogers would be greatly missed by the City and the community. He congratulated Director Rogers on his new path and wished him luck in his endeavors in Raleigh, noting that he would be greatly missed by the City of Peoria.

Director Rogers thanked the City Council for their recognition, and he commented on the difficult job they had as policymakers. He remarked that the City was headed in the right direction, and he noted the importance of engaging the community in its effort to create sustainable types of services.

Demolition of 506 E. Frye Avenue

Council Member Riggerbach expressed his concern for the demolition of a historic home located at 506 E. Frye Avenue. He emphasized that the home was demolished by the bank and not by the City. He said he wanted to make clear that the City wanted to save the home. He asked Director Black to put together a timeline of events that led to its demolition. He said this brought up the issue of how to address foreclosed homes within community and how to let people know the process for buying foreclosed homes.

Council Member Jensen commented on the demolition of the house on Frye Avenue. She asked for a Report Back on what other cities do in situations such as this and whether they have a process for these types of cases, and she asked that the Report Back include a salvage requirement.

Council Member Ruckriegel said he wanted to echo Council Member Riggenbach's concerns. He expressed his appreciation for his efforts on the situation. He remarked on the importance using mothballing techniques and salvage companies in order to salvage the history of the City.

Council Member Grayeb said the City needed to look at the aspect of architectural rescue. He moved for Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Tom Wester to speak on behalf of preservation.

Mr. Tom Wester, a concerned citizen, said he acknowledged that the Council and Staff had made great strides in architectural preservation. He noted that the home on Frye Avenue fell through the cracks. He said the City should research what other communities were doing to preserve their historic architecture.

Council Member Grayeb asked Director Black to review how Massachusetts salvaged their historic architecture noting they were on the cutting edge for historic preservation.

Council Member Akeson said this would be an ideal time to have Donovan Rypkemka speak to the City Council regarding historic preservation.

Ornamental Lighting Project on Wisconsin Avenue

Council Member Riggenbach expressed his appreciation for Council's support and approval of ornamental lighting on Wisconsin Avenue.

Maintenance of Flower Boxes on Washington Street

Council Member Moore requested a plan on how to manage the maintenance of the flower boxes on Washington Street, noting that many of those boxes were not currently maintained and were overgrown. She commented that a lack of a plan did a disservice to the businesses in that location. She remarked on the need to convey to the business owners the importance of maintaining of those boxes. She suggested a Request for Proposal for said maintenance or to utilize Special Service Area Funds specifically for this purpose and perhaps include the snow removal feature that was previously authorized by the City Council. She said she appreciated Director Rogers' efforts on the Southside and that he would be greatly missed upon his departure from the City.

Black Business Showcase

Council Member Moore announced that the Black Business Showcase was scheduled for Saturday, August 27, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Gateway Building in Peoria, and she encouraged everyone to attend.

Kickback on Fulton Sidewalk Dining/Outdoor Seating

Council Member Akeson commented on the success of Kickback on Fulton's sidewalk dining/outdoor seating. She asked Staff to prepare a Report Back at the next City Council meeting outlining the number of businesses who participate in the program and why others are not participating in the program in order for more success for next year.

Sidewalk Snow Removal

Council Member Akeson said it was not too early to think about sidewalk snow removal for the winter, and she commented that businesses needed to know what to expect when the winter snows came.

Recognition of Mr. Aaron Chess

Council Member Jensen recognized former Richwoods High School student Mr. Aaron Chess who was in attendance at the meeting. She said Mr. Chess was currently enrolled in college and interested in public government.

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.

Marcus Fogliano, a citizen of Peoria, stated that an individual living in poverty would not mean they could not parent a child. He said the Council should focus on ending poverty, and he remarked on the importance of working together to address the issue. He remarked on the need to bring vital resources to the community to address the issue.

Donald R. Jackson, a citizen of Peoria, remarked on iTV3's method of installing fiber optic cables in the neighborhoods. He said there was damage done to several front yards within his neighborhood on Teton Drive and Kelly Court. He remarked that many yards had terrible brown patches where the grass had died from the digging. He asked the City to send Public Works or Code Inspections out to the neighborhood along with Council Member Johnson and other Council Members to see the damage iTV3 had done to the neighborhood.

Lavetta Ricca, a citizen of Peoria, remarked on the importance of recycling and the need to educate the community of its benefits. She stated that landlords were not concerned with recycling, and should garbage costs increase, that cost would be incurred by the renters. She asked that the City keep in mind the impact of increasing recycling and waste management would have on rental properties. She said she would like to see more people on the Southside participate in the recycling program without the cost being increased.

Amr Elsamny, a citizen of Peoria, expressed his appreciation for his appointment to the Mayor's Advisory Committee for the Disabled. He remarked on the decline in bus service for students who live over 1.5 miles from their school and how that impacted the children. He urged the City to work on the sidewalks on the Southside in order to provide a safer walking environment for school children. He also encouraged the City to review PDC's hiring practices to be more of an equal opportunity employer.

Tony Pagan, a citizen of Peoria, remarked on the change made July 2, 2016, by Governor Rauner wherein individuals would no longer be arrested for possessing less than 10 grams of marijuana. He said individuals were still being arrested for possession under 10 grams, and he asked the City to review its policy regarding the issue.

Savino Sierra, a citizen of Peoria, remarked on the condition of the grounds where the ice skating rink had been next to City Hall. He said the grounds looked terrible and he asked the City to address the issue. He expressed a concern for children having to walk to school without sidewalks. He also noted there were locations where sidewalks were available and the children were not using them. He said the closing of several neighborhood schools directly impacted the children and the transportation issues faced by the Peoria Public Schools.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.



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

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