

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :**: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :**

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, March 3, 2008, a Special City Council Meeting was held this date at 5:07 P.M., at City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, with proper notice having been given for the purpose of discussing business items and holding a Policy Session to discuss the Use of HOME Funds, with Mayor Jim Ardis presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Gulley (arrived at 5:15 P.M.), Jacob, Manning, Montelongo, Nichting, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 10; Absent: Turner - 1.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS

(08-095) Consideration of PROPOSALS of CITY MANAGER SEARCH FIRMS: FRONTIER PARTNERS, INC., THE PAR GROUP, THE MERCER GROUP, INC., and PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ASSOCIATES, LLC and EXECUTIVE SEARCH, INC., and With the Possibility of Taking Action to Hire One of the Above Listed Firms.

Corporation Counsel Randy Ray distributed a matrix of the City Manager Search Responses outlining each firm's municipal experience and potential costs to all members of the City Council for their review.

Following a brief discussion, Council Member Nichting moved to accept the proposal from the City Manager Search Firm, The Mercer Group, Inc.; seconded by Council Member Spain.

Council Member Van Auken said she would not support the motion because she supported the firm of Public Administration Associates, LLC and Executive Search, Inc. She said the representative from Executive Search, Inc. was local, the Council could have immediate contact, and their price was more cost effective.

Council Member Van Auken moved for a substitute motion to approve the proposal from the City Manager Search Firm, Public Administration Associates, LLC and Executive Search, Inc.; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

Substitute motion to approve the proposal from the City Manager Search Firm, Public Administration Associates, LLC and Executive Search, Inc. was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Jacob, Manning, Montelongo, Sandberg, Spain, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 7;
Nays: Nichting, Spears - 2.

Corporation Counsel Randy Ray advised the Council they should follow up with direction to negotiate a contract with the firm of Public Administration Associates, LLC and Executive Search, Inc. and authorize the Mayor or Interim City Manager to sign the contract.

Council Member Van Auken moved to direct the Administration to negotiate a contract with the firm of Public Administration Associates, LLC and Executive Search, Inc. and authorize the Mayor or Interim City Manager to sign the contract; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

Council Member Nichting questioned the estimated costs proposed by the Public Administration Associates, LLC and he noted that other proposals listed a "not-to-exceed" amount. He suggested that clear direction be provided to the Administration.

Mayor Ardis suggested a clear "not-to-exceed" amount should be addressed in contract negotiations.

Council Member Van Auken agreed that as part of the Council direction, a "not-to-exceed" amount should be established in contract negotiations.

Council Member Nichting said two of the four vendors provided a "not-to-exceed" number, so he said he felt the "not-to-exceed" number should not exceed the highest amount of the four proposals.

Mayor Ardis said the Council would have an opportunity to review the negotiated contract prior to voting to accept the contract.

Motion to direct the Administration to negotiate a contract with the firm of Public Administration Associates, LLC and Executive Search, Inc. and authorize the Mayor or Interim City Manager to sign the contract was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Jacob, Manning, Montelongo, Nichting, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Van Auken,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

Council Member Gulley arrived at 5:15 P.M.

POLICY SESSION

(08-096) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management Regarding a POLICY SESSION on the USE of HOME FUNDS.

Council Member Jacob moved for the Council to go into a Policy Session pertaining to the use of HOME Funds; seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Jacob, Manning, Montelongo, Nichting, Sandberg, Spain, Spears,
Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

The Policy Session opened at 5:15 P.M. and a Policy Session pertaining to the use of HOME Funds was held.

Council Member Jacob moved to close the Policy Session pertaining to the use of HOME Funds; seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Jacob, Manning, Montelongo, Nichting, Sandberg, Spain, Spears,
Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

The Policy Session adjourned at 6:56 P. M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was determined that an Executive Session was not needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Manning moved to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Van Auken.

Approved by viva voce vote.

The City Council Meeting adjourned at 6:57 P. M.

Mary L. Haynes, MMC, City Clerk
City of Peoria, Illinois

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