

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, January 22, 2008, a Regular City Council Meeting was held this date at 6:20 P.M., at City Hall, Council Chambers, 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Jim Ardis presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Gulley, 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.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

PROCLAMATION: ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN

PROCLAMATION: 40 DAYS OF PRAYER

PROCLAMATION: COMMON PLACE: PEORIA READS!

PROCLAMATION: PEORIA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION: 100TH ANNIVERSARY of
LINCOLN MEMORIAL BANQUET

PROCLAMATION: NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE DAY - January 22, 2008

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY APPOINTED ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF PHIL KOREM

Mayor Ardis announced that former Captain Phil Korem was promoted to the Assistant Police Chief's position effective today. He congratulated Assistant Police Chief Phil Korem and wished him well in his new position.

MINUTES

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the minutes of the Executive Sessions held on January 8, 2008; seconded by Council Member Manning.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

**(08-012) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the Proposed Annexation of 1500 W.
WILHELM ROAD (Parcel ID #09-29-326-002).**

Council Member Nichting moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the proposed annexation of 1500 W. Wilhelm Road (Parcel ID #09-29-326-002); seconded by Council Member Van Auken.

Motion to open the Public Hearing was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Public Hearing opened at 6:47 P.M.

Following the third call by Mayor Ardis for citizens to address the City Council, Council Member Nichting moved to adjourn the Public Hearing regarding the proposed annexation of 1500 W. Wilhelm Road (Parcel ID #09-29-326-002) to the February 26, 2008, Regular City Council Meeting at 6:15 P.M. at City Hall in the Council Chambers; seconded by Council Member Van Auken.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Manning left the Council Chambers.

(08-013) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation from the Planning Commission and Staff to Approve the Following:

A. RESOLUTION Approving the REVISED ANNEXATION AGREEMENT, with Conditions, and Amending Resolution No. 95-597-B, for Property Located at the Southwest Corner of WILHELM ROAD and IL ROUTE 40, Identified as Parcel ID Nos. 09-29-352-012, 09-29-352-008, 09-29-376-004, 09-29-376-005, 09-29-376-006, 09-29-376-009, 09-29-326-002, and 09-29-376-010, all Located Within One and One-Half Miles of the City of Peoria;

Council Member Nichting moved to Table this item; seconded by Council Member Van Auken.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

B. ORDINANCE ANNEXING TERRITORY CONTIGUOUS to the CITY OF PEORIA - 1500 W. WILHELM ROAD (Temporary Address).

Council Member Nichting moved to Table this item; seconded by Council Member Van Auken.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Manning returned to the Council Chambers.

(08-014) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation from the Planning Commission and Staff to Approve a RESOLUTION Approving the PRELIMINARY PLAT of KNOXVILLE CROSSING SUBDIVISION, Located at the SOUTHWEST CORNER of WILHELM ROAD and IL ROUTE 40, Identified as Parcel ID Nos. 09-29-352-012, 09-29-352-008, 09-29-376-004, 09-29-376-005, 09-29-376-006, 09-29-376-009, 09-29-326-002, and 09-29-376-010, with Conditions.

Council Member Nichting moved to Table this item; seconded by Council Member Van Auken.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (08-015) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation from the Zoning Commission to Adopt ORDINANCE "A" OR with Recommendation from the Staff to Adopt ORDINANCE "B" Amending APPENDIX B Rezoning Property Located at 10500 N. KNOXVILLE AVENUE (Temporary Address) from the Present Peoria County Class A2 District to a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District, and AMENDING Ordinance No. 14,023, as Amended, a SPECIAL USE in the C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District to Allow a SHOPPING CENTER and Approving Local Sign Regulations, with Conditions.**

Council Member Nichting moved to Table this item; seconded by Council Member Van Auken.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

- (08-016) * Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of a FINAL PAY ESTIMATE, in the Amount of \$8,808.62 (Or 22.54% Over Contract) to LASER ELECTRIC, INC. for the WEST SAM J. STONE AVENUE ORNAMENTAL STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**
- (08-017) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval to PURCHASE REAL ESTATE Located at 1704 W. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DRIVE, in the Amount of \$42,850.00, as an Opportunity Acquisition for the Future Widening of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive.**
- (08-018) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management with Request to UTILIZE EXISTING FUNDS to PROVIDE 2008 NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAMS, as Outlined.**
- (08-019) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of a SEWER IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT with the GREATER PEORIA SANITARY DISTRICT for the REPAIR of SEWERS, as a Part of the City of Peoria's SEWER REHABILITATION (Design Area 1 Sewers, CIPP Manhole to Manhole, Projects 5 & 6), and Requesting Concurrence in the Award of the CONTRACT to HOERR CONSTRUCTION, INC., in the Amount of \$351,477.00.**

- (08-020) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of a SEWER IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT with the GREATER PEORIA SANITARY DISTRICT for the Repair of Sewers, as a Part of the City of Peoria's SEWER REHABILITATION (Design Area 1 Sewers, CIPP Manhole to Manhole, Project 7), and Requesting Concurrence in the Award of the CONTRACT to INSITUFORM TECHNOLOGIES USA, INC., in the Amount of \$499,374.40.
- (08-021)
** Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of an MFT RESOLUTION, in the Amount of \$150,000.00, for Engineering Costs for the Development of Plans, Construction Inspection, and Construction Costs for a TRAFFIC SIGNAL at the INTERSECTION of ALLEN ROAD and CARRIAGE LANE.
- (08-022) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of a STATE MFT RESOLUTION NO. 08-022 for 2008 GENERAL MAINTENANCE FUNDS and Requesting Approval of the PURCHASE of ROCK SALT and LIQUID CALCIUM CHLORIDE Through the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Procurement Services.
- (08-023)
*** Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management Requesting Adoption of ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX B and Ordinance No. 15,860, an OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN in the N-1 (Institutional) District for MID-STATE COLLEGE, to Allow for a FOUNTAIN and a PAVILION to Be Located at 411 W. NORTHMOOR ROAD, with Conditions.
- (08-024) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management Requesting Adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 16,234 Amending APPENDIX B and Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class I-1 (Industrial/Business Park) District for a MACHINE SHOP Located at 8515 N. UNIVERSITY STREET, with Conditions.
- (08-025) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management Requesting Adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 16,235 REPEALING ARTICLE 8 of APPENDIX B of the Code of the City of Peoria Pertaining to the B-1 (Central Business) District.
- (08-026)
**** Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Approval of an APPLICATION for a CLASS B (Restaurant, Full-Service Bar) and SUBCLASS 3 (Beer Garden) LIQUOR LICENSE for 1112 W. PIONEER PARKWAY, with Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve.
- (08-027)
***** Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Approval of an APPLICATION for a CLASS G (Tavern/Restaurant with Beer & Wine Only) and SUBCLASS 3A (Sidewalk Café) LIQUOR LICENSE for 100 STATE STREET, SUITE A, with Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve.

- (08-028) **APPOINTMENT and REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Jim Ardis to the GIS POLICY COMMITTEE, with Recommendation to Concur:**

APPOINTMENT:

Council Member James Montelongo (Voting) - Term Expires 4/30/2010

REAPPOINTMENT:

Council Member William Spears (Voting) - Term Expires 4/30/2009

- (08-029) **REPORT of the CITY TREASURER REGINALD A. WILLIS - NOVEMBER 2007, with Request to Receive and File.**

- (08-030) **TOWN of the CITY of PEORIA FINANCIAL REPORT - Period Ending 12/31/2007, with Recommendation 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 Jacob requested that Item Nos. 08-026 and 08-027 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Sandberg requested that Item No. 08-027 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Van Auken requested that Item Nos. 08-021 and 08-023 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Spears requested that Item No. 08-016 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 08-016 through 08-030 (excluding Item Nos. 08-016, 08-021, 08-023, 08-026 and 08-027 which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

- (08-016) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of a FINAL PAY ESTIMATE, in the Amount of \$8,808.62 (Or 22.54% Over Contract) to LASER ELECTRIC, INC. for the WEST SAM J. STONE AVENUE ORNAMENTAL STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**

Following some brief comments and questions about the project being located in a TIF area, Council Member Spears moved to defer this item until the February 12, 2008, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Van Auken.

Council Member Gulley expressed concern regarding this item being deferred for such a long period of time.

Motion to defer this item until February 12, 2008, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Gulley - 1.

**(08-021) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works
** Requesting Approval of an MFT RESOLUTION, in the Amount of
 \$150,000.00, for Engineering Costs for the Development of Plans,
 Construction Inspection, and Construction Costs for a TRAFFIC SIGNAL at
 the INTERSECTION of ALLEN ROAD and CARRIAGE LANE.**

Council Member Van Auken said there were some projects in her District she would like to use MFT money for and she questioned how to proceed.

Director of Public Works Dave Barber said it was his understanding that the decision regarding the proposed project was made in 2006 to use MFT funds. He said it was his understanding the project had been on the list for a long period of time. He agreed that, in the future, it would be better to bring forward different intersection projects and leave the general account for signal repair projects rather than installing new signals. He said he would welcome other projects for future MFT funds.

Following a brief history regarding the proposed project, Council Member Nichting moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to those who wished to address this issue; seconded by Council Member Spain.

Diane Vespa, a Peoria resident, urged the Council to approve the traffic signal project at the intersection of Allen Road and Carriage Lane. She explained traffic was delayed for a long period of time while waiting to turn onto Allen Road and she said the traffic signal was needed due to safety concerns.

Ron Sinn, a Peoria resident, said their neighborhood had been waiting for the completion of the proposed traffic signal for a long time. He urged the Council to move forward with the project.

Sandra Fritz, a Peoria resident, expressed concern regarding traffic attempting a left turn onto Allen Road. She urged the Council to support the project to address safety concerns for neighborhood residents. She also spoke on behalf of a neighbor whose teenage son was learning to drive and she voiced her concerns for his safety when turning onto Allen Road.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve an MFT Resolution, in the amount of \$150,000.00, for engineering costs for the development of plans, construction inspection, and construction costs for a Traffic Signal at the Intersection of Allen Road and Carriage Lane; seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

In discussion with Council Member Sandberg regarding the accident history at the proposed intersection, Director Barber said he could provide that information later in the week.

Council Member Sandberg expressed concern that money would be spent on rehabilitating a road that was relatively new. He said he did not feel it was fair to residents in other parts of the City.

Motion to approve MFT RESOLUTION NO. 08-021, in the amount of \$150,000.00, for engineering costs for the development of plans, construction inspection, and construction costs for a Traffic Signal at the Intersection of Allen Road and Carriage Lane was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (08-023)**

Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management Requesting Adoption of ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX B and Ordinance No. 15,860, an OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN in the N-1 (Institutional) District for MID-STATE COLLEGE, to Allow for a FOUNTAIN and a PAVILION to Be Located at 411 W. NORTHMOOR ROAD, with Conditions.

Council Member Van Auken expressed concern that there was no description regarding the proposed fountain and its depth, and she questioned if there would be safety concerns due to surrounding neighborhoods and the presence of children.

Director of Planning and Growth Management Pat Landes explained the permit process conducted by the Inspections Department and the guidelines they followed to address these kinds of issues.

Council Member Nichting further explained the flooding problems, which occurred on the property prior to the development of Mid-State College, and he said these problems were resolved by the developer. He said he did not feel there would be any safety concerns.

Director Landes stated the fountain would be twelve to eighteen inches deep, which was a depth of water that would be allowed in a pool in a single-family residential area without extra screening.

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Appendix B and Ordinance No. 15,860, an Official Development Plan in the N-1 (Institutional) District for Mid-State College to allow for a fountain and a pavilion located at 411 W. Northmoor Road, with conditions; seconded by Council Member Gulley.

ORDINANCE NO. 16,236, amending Ordinance No. 15,860, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (08-026)**

Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Approval of an APPLICATION for a CLASS B (Restaurant, Full-Service Bar) and SUBCLASS 3 (Beer Garden) LIQUOR LICENSE for 1112 W. PIONEER PARKWAY, with Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve.

Council Member Jacob said he would be abstaining from voting on this item because he was a liquor licensee and was prohibited from voting on liquor related matters by State Statute 235 ILCS 5/6-2.

Council Member Nichting moved to concur with the Liquor Commission to approve an Application for a Class B (Restaurant, Full-Service Bar) and Subclass 3 (Beer Garden) Liquor License for 1112 W. Pioneer Parkway; seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstentions: Jacob - 1.

- (08-027) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel
***** Requesting Approval of an APPLICATION for a CLASS G
 (Tavern/Restaurant with Beer & Wine Only) and SUBCLASS 3A (Sidewalk
 Café) LIQUOR LICENSE for 100 STATE STREET, SUITE A, with
 Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve.**

Council Member Jacob said he would be abstaining from voting on this item because he was a liquor licensee and was prohibited from voting on liquor related matters by State Statute 235 ILCS 5/6-2.

Council Member Sandberg said he would also be abstaining from voting and discussion on this item due to a professional relationship with the Petitioner.

Council Member Nichting moved to concur with the Liquor Commission to approve an Application for a Class G (Tavern/Restaurant with Beer & Wine Only) and Subclass 3A (Sidewalk Café) Liquor License for 100 State Street, Suite A; seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Manning, Montelongo, Nichting, Spain, Spears, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 8;

Nays: None;

Abstentions: Jacob, Sandberg - 2.

- (08-031) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Economic
 Development Requesting Authorization for City Staff to MEET with
 DOWNTOWN HOTELS and OTHER PROPERTY OWNERS to INVESTIGATE
 POSSIBLE METHODS to ASSIST DOWNTOWN.**

Director of Economic Development Craig Hullinger explained the City's downtown hotels had been struggling somewhat and studies indicated the Civic Center would never perform as well as it might, if additional hotel space was not provided. He said the plan was to develop a level playing field for all downtown hotels. He discussed the City's competition with East Peoria, Bloomington-Normal, and Springfield. He urged the Council to authorize these meetings with downtown businesses so an acceptable solution could be found.

Council Member Montelongo moved to authorize City Staff to meet with downtown hotels and other property owners to investigate possible methods to assist downtown; seconded by Council Member Spain.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (08-032) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and
 Growth Management Requesting Adoption of the Following:**

- A. ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX B of the Code of the City of Peoria
 Relating to ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION FEES;**

Council Member Van Auken moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Appendix B of the Code of the City of Peoria relating to Zoning Board of Appeals Application Fees; seconded by Council Member Manning.

Council Member Gulley expressed concern regarding the increase in fees and he said he felt the fees needed further review, such as the non-conforming use change. He indicated he felt the proposed Ordinance was anti-business and it prevented people from investing in the City of Peoria. He said the other fees should be discussed and weighed to determine if the fees were increased appropriately.

Council Member Sandberg also expressed concern regarding the increase in fees for smaller projects. He said improvements should be encouraged and projects should be completed properly and safely.

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 16,237 amending Appendix B of the Code of the City of Peoria relating to Zoning Board of Appeals Application Fees was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

B. ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX C of the Code of the City of Peoria Relating to ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION FEES.

Council Member Van Auken moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Appendix C of the Code of the City of Peoria relating to Zoning Board of Appeals Application Fees; seconded by Council Member

ORDINANCE NO. 16,238 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(08-033) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management with Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Zoning Commission to APPROVE OR to Concur with the Recommendation from the Staff to DENY an ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX B and Ordinance No. 14,341, as Amended, which Allows an OFFICE in a CONTROLLED THOROUGHFARE OVERLAY DISTRICT, and a Class O-1 (Arterial Office) District by Allowing an ADDITIONAL ACCESS POINT to GLEN AVENUE for Property Located at 901 W. GLEN AVENUE.

Council Member Sandberg spoke in support of the Staff's recommendation.

Council Member Manning moved to concur with the recommendation from the Zoning Commission to adopt an Ordinance amending Appendix B and Ordinance No. 14,341, as amended, which allows an Office in a Controlled Thoroughfare Overlay District, and a Class O-1 (Arterial Office) District by allowing an additional access point to Glen Avenue for property located at 901 W. Glen Avenue; seconded by Council Member Van Auken.

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE 16,239 amending Ordinance No. 14,341 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Jacob, Manning, Nichting, Spain, Spears, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 8;

Nays: Montelongo, Sandberg - 2.

- (08-034) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management with Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Zoning Commission to DENY OR to Concur with the Recommendation from Staff to APPROVE an ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX C by Rezoning Property Located at 3622 N. MISSOURI AVENUE from the Present Class R-4 (Single Family Residential) District to a Class CN (Neighborhood Commercial) District.**

A citizen distributed a copy of Petitions signed by citizens who opposed the rezoning to all members of the City Council, but noted the signatures were not original.

City Clerk Mary Haynes said a letter from the Petitioner, Floyd Rashid, was received requesting that the item be withdrawn from the City Council Agenda.

- (08-035) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management with No Recommendation from the Zoning Commission and Recommendation from the Staff to DENY an ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX C by Rezoning Property Located at 407 N. E. ROCK ISLAND AVENUE from the Present Class R-4 (Single-Family Residential) District to a Class I-2 (Railroad/Warehouse Industrial) District.**

Council Member Manning moved to remand this item back to the Zoning Commission for their next meeting scheduled for February 7, 2008, for additional public comment and recommendation to the City Council; seconded by Council Member Gulley.

Motion to remand this item back to the Zoning Commission was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (08-036) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Council Approval for the ISSUANCE of a REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) Regarding the SELECTION of a SEARCH FIRM to Assist the City in its Hiring of a NEW CITY MANAGER; AND Direction Regarding Desired Changes to the 2003 RFQ.**

Council Member Sandberg encouraged the Administration to select a firm in the local area.

Council Member Montelongo moved to approve the issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) regarding the selection of a search firm to assist the City in its hiring of a new City Manager; seconded by Council Member Spain.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business to come before the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

- (08-037) REQUEST to RESCHEDULE the POLICY SESSION Regarding USE of HOME FUNDS to SUPPORT NEW/LOW MODERATE HOUSING from TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2008, to TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2008.**

Council Member Manning moved to reschedule the Policy Session regarding the Use of Home Funds to Support New/Low Moderate Housing from Tuesday, February 5, 2008, to Tuesday, March 4, 2008; seconded by Council Member Van Auken.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (08-038) REQUEST for REPORT BACK Regarding INCREASE FEES and Provide an OVERVIEW of the PROCESS Including LOCAL REGULATIONS and STATE REGULATIONS, and DIFFERENT TYPES of APPLICATIONS.**

Council Member Gulley requested a report back in the City Manager's Issues Update regarding the impact of increased fees for non-conforming uses, text amendment, and fence permits and determine if investment had been stimulated and if additional revenue had been gained. He questioned if the fee increases had benefited the City. He also requested that the process be reviewed.

City Manager Oliver explained there were costs associated with running required ads in the Journal Star. He said a Public Hearing had to be held and notices had to be sent to surrounding property owners. He said, if the Council was willing to allow some of these requirements to be conducted administratively, in certain circumstances, those fees could be reduced. He said the fixed costs were substantial.

Mayor Ardis suggested that a review of the process be made and then the fees could be reviewed later.

Director of Planning and Growth Management Pat Landes said she would provide an overview of the process, explain which regulations were local and which were State, and provide the different types of applications. She said the Council could then provide direction regarding their focus and discuss possible cost savings.

Council Member Gulley agreed.

CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

- (08-039) Request for CITIZENS to ADDRESS the CITY COUNCIL Regarding VARIOUS ISSUES.**

Hearing no objections, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to those citizens wishing to address the City Council.

Mr. Greg Chase, a Peoria resident, said he was a new resident to the City of Peoria. He discussed economic development for the area, dumpsters and recycling ordinances, and registering to vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- (08-040) REQUEST for APPROVAL of a MOTION for the CITY COUNCIL to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION to Discuss 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; and 2(c)(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.**

Council Member Manning moved that the City Council go into Executive Session to Discuss 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; and 2(c)(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; seconded by Council Member Van Auken.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Jacob moved to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

Approved by viva voce vote.

The City Council Meeting adjourned at 8:07 P. M.

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

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