

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

A Special Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at 6:20 P.M., at City Hall, Room 400, 419 Fulton Street, Peoria, Illinois, with proper notice having been given, with Mayor Jim Ardis presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Council Members physically present: Gulley (arrived at 6:32 P.M.), Irving, Montelongo, Riggensbach, Sandberg (arrived at 6:23 P.M.; left at 7:30 P.M.), Spain, Spears, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 9; Absent – Jacob, Van Auken - 2.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS**POLICY SESSION**

(10-060) Communication from City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management Regarding the CITY OF PEORIA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN and FUTURE LAND USE MAP.

Council Member Spain moved to go into the Policy Session; seconded by Council Member Irving.

Motion was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Irving, Montelongo, Riggensbach, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 8;

Nays: None.

Mayor Ardis opened the Policy Session at 6:23 P.M. and a Policy Session regarding the City of Peoria Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map was held.

Council Member Spain moved to adjourn the Policy Session regarding the City of Peoria Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map; seconded by Council Member Irving.

Motion was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggensbach, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 7;

Nays: Spears - 1.

The Policy Session closed at 8:37 P.M.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO MOTIONS TO RECONSIDER, IF ANY, ITEMS FROM THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING)

(10-054) Communication from the City Manager Requesting Approval of the CITY OF PEORIA'S PORTION of the COMMUNITY LEGISLATIVE AGENDA Regarding FY2011 CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS. (Revised)

City Manager Scott Moore provided a brief overview of the requests that would be presented to legislators on behalf of the City of Peoria. He noted only those with a good chance of being funded would be presented. He listed the Harrison School Impact Zone Project, the Drug Market Initiative, Springdale Cemetery erosion repair, the upgrade and/or replacement of radio systems for Police and Fire Departments, and development of the Opportunity Center. He

added the radio systems and the Opportunity Center would be presented in conjunction with Peoria County, as this would be beneficial to both entities. He said the road projects previously listed would not likely be funded.

In discussion with Mayor Ardis, City Manager Moore clarified Peoria County had already met and agreed to the two joint projects.

Police Chief Steve Settingsgaard explained the goal of the Drug Market Initiative was to begin another target area project, but with the staff shortage it was necessary to utilize the funds to cover the over-time needed for the program.

In discussion with Council Member Spain, Special Projects Manager Chris Setti explained the previously listed funding in the \$200,000.00 range had been a typographical error and funding was always to be \$100,000.00. He noted, in working with Farnsworth Group, Staff had learned the manner in which a request was submitted often determined the response it would receive. He added that similar projects, depending on the submitting community's size, ranged in cost from \$75,000.00 to \$450,000.00.

Council Member Spain expressed concern regarding the Springdale Cemetery erosion repair project. He noted, while it was a good project, many cemetery projects funded recently at the Federal level had faced criticism.

Special Projects Manager Setti explained the erosion issue affected not only the quality of the roads, but the integrity of the gravesites. He noted Springdale was not just a final resting place for many, but it had become a tourist attraction and a recreational site for many citizens who take advantage of its hiking trails and paths. He added the erosion issue needed to be addressed now or it would be a larger problem later.

Following concern expressed by Council Member Gulley regarding the amount of funding listed for the Opportunity Center, Special Projects Manager Setti clarified projects listed at greater dollar amounts were not likely to be funded and outlined various funding categories and/or accounts targeted toward City government.

Council Member Spain moved to approve the FY2011 Congressional Appropriation Requests for the City of Peoria Legislative Agenda listed on the revised communication dated February 9, 2010; seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

Motion approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggerbach, Spain, Spears, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 8;

Nays: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was determined that an Executive Session was not needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Spears moved to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Special City Council Meeting adjourned at 9:18 P.M.

/s/ Mary L. Haynes

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

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