

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, April 13, 2010, a City Council Meeting was held this date at 6:25 P.M., at City Hall, Council Chambers, 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Jim Ardis presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggerbach, Sandberg, Spain, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis - 9. Absent: Jacob, Spears - 2.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or silent reflection, and he asked that the family of Thomas Couri, father-in-law of Council Member George Jacob, Council Member Bill Spears, and Peoria Firefighter Ed Olehy, be remembered due to his recent passing. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.**

**PROCLAMATION:** DR. RICHARD H. PEARL

**PROCLAMATION:** THE KEEP PEORIA BEAUTIFUL GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP DAY - April 17, 2010

**PROCLAMATION:** MONEY SMART WEEK - April 17 - 24, 2010

**MINUTES**

Council Member Spain moved to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2010, Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggerbach, Sandberg, Spain, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

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

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

**(10-140) NOTICE OF LAWSUIT on Behalf of FREY CORPORATION Claiming Damages Suffered as a Result of Their Liquor License Being Revoked at 1823 W. Lincoln on November 25, 2009, with Request to Receive for Information and Refer to the Legal Department.**

**(10-141) Communication from the City Manager and Police Chief Requesting Approval to DECLARE TWO RETIRED PPD SQUAD CARS (Units #524 and #615) EXCESS PROPERTY and SELL THEM to PEORIA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #150 SECURITY for One Dollar (\$1.00) Each.**

- (10-142)  
\*      Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of an Amount Not to Exceed \$145,000 to NEGOTIATE RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION for the CONSTRUCTION of STAGE 1 of the IMPROVEMENT of the INTERSECTION of NORTHMOOR ROAD and SHERIDAN ROAD. (Refer to Item Nos. 05-609, 08-052 and 09-154)
- (10-143)  
\*\*     Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management Requesting Approval of a SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT to the 2009 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM to CANCEL the PHA LIGHTING ACTIVITY, Funded at \$54,667.00 and Replace it with a HARRISON HOMES REDEVELOPMENT STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY ACTIVITY Funded at \$54,667.00.
- (10-144)  
\*\*\*    Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management Recommending Approval of a Request from the BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS of GREATER PEORIA to Participate in the City of Peoria's COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT POCKET PARK PROGRAM.
- (10-145)      Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management Requesting Authorization for an APPLICATION for FEDERAL ASSISTANCE Related to CRITICAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS Around the GLEN OAK and HARRISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS.
- (10-146)      Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management with Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Administration to Award the 2010 NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER GRANTS to the Following NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS: BILTMORE HEIGHTS, CENTER BLUFF, DETWEILLER MARINA, GLEN OAK PARK, HAMILTON PARK, HARRISON HOMES, HAWLEY HILLS, HEART OF PEORIA, HICKORY GROVE, HIGHT POINT, JACKSON CORNERS, MADISON MANOR, MOSS-BRADLEY, NORTH FLORENCE, OLDE TOWNE SOUTH, PARKVIEW ADDITION, PARKVIEW ASSOCIATION, ROLLING ACRES, STERLING OAKS, UNIVERSITY EAST, UPLANDS, and WARDCLIFFE, in the Total Amount of \$8,400.00.
- (10-147)      Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management Requesting Authorization for the City Manager to Enter into a CONTRACT with the CENTER FOR MUNICIPAL SOLUTIONS to PROVIDE WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION CONSULTING SERVICES at No Cost to the City.
- (10-148)  
\*\*\*\*    Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with Request to Award a CONTRACT to the LOWEST BIDDER, KREILING ROOFING COMPANY, for the REPLACEMENT of the MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUILDING ROOF, in the Amount of \$82,167.00.

- (10-149)      **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to Award the CONTRACT for the IMPROVEMENTS to the ELEVATOR PITS at Various Locations to the LOWEST BIDDER, THYSSEN-KRUPP ELEVATOR CORPORATION, in the Amount of \$11,650.00.**
- (10-150)      **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of a CONTRACT EXTENSION to J.C. DILLON PLUMBING, INC., for PLUMBING MAINTENANCE, for an Annual Cost of \$50,000.00 Extending to June 2011.**
- (10-151)      **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, MANHOLE REHABILITATION PROJECT 4) and Requesting Concurrence in the Award of the CONTRACT for the Work to WALKER EXCAVATING CO., INC., in the Amount of \$118,147.81.**
- (10-152)      **Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller Requesting Adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 16,548 Amending the CITY OF PEORIA BUDGET for FISCAL YEAR 2010 Relating to the ACTION PLAN to ADDRESS the POTENTIAL 2010 BUDGET DEFICIT OF \$1,500,000.00.**
- (10-153)      **Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller Requesting Adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 16,549 Amending the CITY OF PEORIA BUDGET for FISCAL YEAR 2010 Relating to the LOCAL ENERGY ASSURANCE PLAN (LEAP) GRANT, in the Amount of \$200,000.00.**
- (10-154)      **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Approval for a CLASS H (Temporary Outdoor) LIQUOR LICENSE at 1601 W. NORTHMOOR, EXPOSITION GARDENS, for a FUNDRAISER on SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2010.**
- (10-155)      **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Approval of an APPLICATION for a CLASS H (Temporary Outdoor) LIQUOR LICENSE at 1601 W. NORTHMOOR, EXPOSITION GARDENS, for FUNDRAISER on SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2010.**
- (10-156)      **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Approval of the SITE APPLICATION for a CLASS "A" (Tavern) LIQUOR LICENSE at 3201 N. E. ADAMS, with Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve.**
- (10-157)      **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Approval of the SITE APPLICATION for a CLASS "A" (Tavern) LIQUOR LICENSE with a SUBCLASS 1 (4:00 A.M. Closing) and SUBCLASS 2 (Live Entertainment) at 531 MAIN STREET, with Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve.**

- (10-158) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management Regarding the 2009 HUD CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER), with Request to Receive and File.**
- (10-159) **REPORT of CITY TREASURER PATRICK A. NICHTING for the MONTH of FEBRUARY 2010, 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 Van Auken requested that Item Nos. 10-142 and 10-144 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Sandberg requested that Item Nos. 10-143 and 10-148 be removed from the 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 Montelongo.

Items No. 10-140 through 10-159 (excluding Item Nos. 10-142, 10-143, 10-144, and 10-148, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggensbach, Sandberg, Spain, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

- (10-142) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of an Amount Not to Exceed \$145,000.00 to NEGOTIATE RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION for the CONSTRUCTION of STAGE 1 of the IMPROVEMENT of the INTERSECTION of NORTHMOOR ROAD and SHERIDAN ROAD. (Refer to Item Nos. 05-609, 08-052 and 09-154)**
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Council Member Van Auken stated she would be abstaining from the discussion and vote on this item due to a family member's ownership of property in the area of this project.

Council Member Spain moved to approve an amount not to exceed \$145,000.00 to negotiate right-of-way acquisition for the construction of Stage 1 of the improvement of the intersection of Northmoor Road and Sheridan Road; seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggensbach, Sandberg, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 8;

Nays: None;

Abstentions: Van Auken - 1.

- (10-143)**      **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management Requesting Approval of a SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT to the 2009 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM to CANCEL the PHA LIGHTING ACTIVITY, Funded at \$54,667.00 and Replace it with a HARRISON HOMES REDEVELOPMENT STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY ACTIVITY Funded at \$54,667.00.**  
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Following clarification, Council Member Sandberg expressed concern regarding the process used to select the replacement project of Harrison Homes Redevelopment Street Right-of-Way Activity. He also expressed concern that this project was not on the list for capital improvements. He said he felt there were other capital projects that could have been funded with the proposed CDBG money. He added he did not feel this was good public policy.

Assistant Director of Planning and Growth Management Ross Black explained the River West South Lighting Project was part of the capital budget several years ago, but there was never enough funding to make the project happen. He said discussions were held with the Peoria Housing Authority regarding other potential projects that were within the Housing Authority's area that could be implemented immediately so a return could be realized on these funds, rather than waiting for another year or two to implement the lighting funds. He confirmed that this money would not have to be spent in the Peoria Housing Authority's area.

Council Member Gulley urged the Council to move forward with the proposed request. He further explained there was not enough money to complete the PHA Lighting project, and he did not feel the Council would favor adding more funding to the project. He clarified the project was a sidewalk and other road right-of-way improvements, which was important for the First District.

Council Member Gulley moved to approve a substantial amendment to the 2009 Community Development Block Grant Program to cancel the PHA Lighting Activity, funded at \$54,667.00, and replace it with a Harrison Homes Redevelopment Street Right-of-Way Activity funded at \$54,667.00; seconded by Council Member Van Auken.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggenbach, Spain, Turner, Van Auken - 7;

Nays: Sandberg, Mayor Ardis - 2.

- (10-144)**      **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management Recommending Approval of a Request from the BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS of GREATER PEORIA to Participate in the City of Peoria's COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT POCKET PARK PROGRAM.**  
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Council Member Van Auken stated she would be abstaining from the discussion and vote on this item because she was a Board Member of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Peoria.

Council Member Spain moved to approve a request from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Peoria to participate in the City of Peoria's Community Development Block Grant Pocket Park Program; seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

Motion to approve a request from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Peoria to participate in the City of Peoria's Community Development Block Grant Pocket Park Program was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggensbach, Sandberg, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 8;

Nays: None;

Abstentions: Van Auken - 1.

**(10-148)      Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with  
\*\*\*\* Request to Award a CONTRACT to the LOWEST BIDDER, KREILING  
ROOFING COMPANY, for the REPLACEMENT of the MUNICIPAL SERVICES  
BUILDING ROOF, in the Amount of \$82,167.00.**

In discussion with Council Member Sandberg regarding the last time this roof was replaced, Facilities Engineer Steve Myers confirmed the Municipal Services Building roof was replaced fifteen years ago.

Council Member Sandberg suggested the City go back to the installers of the roof and request compensation. He said the original roofing installation project was a cooperative project with PALM and the labor groups, and was a \$1.5 million project. He said he felt the roof should have lasted longer.

Facilities Engineer Myers stated the roof had a fifteen-year warranty and the installer was no longer in business, but he said he had not spoken with the manufacturer.

Council Member Van Auken moved to award a contract to the lowest bidder, Kreiling Roofing Company, for the replacement of the Municipal Services Building roof, in the amount of \$82,167.00; seconded by Council Member Gulley.

In discussion with Mayor Ardis regarding capital items and current budget constraints, City Manager Scott Moore confirmed this was a critical expenditure that should move forward at this time. He stated other roofing projects could be delayed until the 2011 budget.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggensbach, Spain, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis - 8;

Nays: Sandberg - 1.

**(10-160)      Communication from the City Manager and Acting Director of Human  
Resources Requesting Approval to RENEW the CONTRACT with  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVANTAGES EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM for THREE YEARS.**

Council Member Spain moved to renew the contract with Behavioral Health Advantages Employee Assistance Program for three years; seconded by Council Member Van Auken.

In discussion with Council Member Turner regarding his concerns with Behavioral Health Advantages compared with the lowest bidder, Interim Human Resources Director Kimberly King

explained that each proposer brought something different to the table, but in terms of meeting the requirements of the proposal, Behavioral Health Advantages was the best choice. She said an important component was the 24-hour access to a hot line and their local presence in Peoria, and Behavioral Health Advantages offered the best services for the money.

In discussion with Council Member Sandberg, Interim Director King said that approximately 36% of the workforce used Behavioral Health Advantages' services per year.

Motion to renew the contract with Behavioral Health Advantages Employee Assistance Program for three years was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggenbach, Sandberg, Spain, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

**(10-161) Communication from the City Manager Requesting Authorization to CONTRACT with HVS for up to \$15,000.00 to PROVIDE ANALYSIS and CONSULTATION Regarding DOWNTOWN HOTEL PROJECTS.**

Council Member Turner moved to contract with HVS for up to \$15,000.00 to provide analysis and consultation regarding Downtown Hotel Projects; seconded by Council Member Spain.

Council Member Sandberg expressed concern that the City of St. Louis hired HVS to advise them regarding the Renaissance Hotel, which was attached to their Civic Center, and in 2009, the hotel went bankrupt. He said the entire hotel industry had been negatively impacted by the economic downturn, and he would not be able to support the motion.

City Manager Scott Moore stated HVS made their recommendations to the City of St. Louis in 2000, which was prior to the 9-11 disaster, and there were several other factors that affected the St. Louis hotel's situation.

Council Member Montelongo suggested that the Council review other bids from consultants before moving forward with HVS.

Motion to contract with HVS for up to \$15,000.00 to provide analysis and consultation regarding Downtown Hotel Projects was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggenbach, Spain, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis - 8;

Nays: Sandberg - 1.

**(10-162) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Adoption of an ORDINANCE Creating a PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY RIVERFRONT ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT.**

Corporation Counsel Randy Ray distributed a replacement Ordinance, which was hand-delivered to the Council on Friday, April 9, 2010.

Corporation Counsel Randy Ray distributed another replacement Ordinance to all members of the Council at this meeting, which reduced the requirement for closing a block from 100% of property owners to 90% of property owners, and provided for a lesser fee if a smaller area was being closed.

Corporation Counsel Ray explained the area proposed to be closed for the Riverfront Entertainment District was Water Street between State Street and Hamilton Boulevard.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Jay Goldberg.

Jay Goldberg, Chairman of the Riverfront Programming Policy Advisory Committee, said this area would be a Riverfront Entertainment District. He explained meetings had been held with business owners along Water Street and the area would have an outdoor café-type atmosphere. He said the area would be broken into zones and would be fair to all participating businesses in this Entertainment District. He said the District would include the platform at Riverfront Village, potential sidewalks and parking lots. He said this District would be in effect from now until January 1, 2011, for a test period. He explained the process of obtaining a permit for an event.

Council Member Gulley moved to adopt the replacement Ordinance Creating a Public Right-of-Way Riverfront Entertainment District (which reduced the requirement for closing a block from 100% of property owners to 90% of property owners, and provided for a lesser fee if a smaller area was being closed); seconded by Council Member Turner.

In discussion with Council Member Sandberg regarding Riverfront Village public bonds that were issued when it was constructed and regarding his concerns whether or not this proposal would jeopardize the public space being used for commercial purposes, Corporation Counsel Randy Ray said he had not reviewed that specifically. He said he spoke to Bond Counsel on a related issue recently and if an application was submitted for the landing, he said he would check with Bond Counsel to get their approval.

Council Member Sandberg also expressed concern regarding the loss of revenue from parking lots that were open until 6:00 P.M., if an event began at 4:00 P.M. He expressed further concern regarding reduced access to the River during event times, but he said, if this was a success, it could be done anywhere. He said an additional concern was that, if this venture was successful, it would also shift money from other Peoria businesses.

Following a discussion with Corporation Counsel Randy Ray, Council Member Montelongo moved to adopt the Ordinance Creating a Public Right-of-Way Riverfront Entertainment District, as presented, but change the words "property owners" to the word "renters" in Section 4 of the Ordinance. No second was heard.

Clerk's Note: Due to no one seconding this motion, Council Member Montelongo's motion amending the proposed Ordinance did not stand.

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 16,550 Creating a Public Right-of-Way Riverfront Entertainment District (the replacement Ordinance, which reduced the requirement for closing a block from 100% of property owners to 90% of property owners, and provided for a lesser fee, if a smaller area was being closed) was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggensbach, Sandberg, Spain, Turner, Van Auken,  
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.



**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

- (10-133-A) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of an AGREEMENT with the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION for FUNDING of PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING and the CONSTRUCTION of a PORTION of ORANGE PRAIRIE ROAD from AMERICAN PRAIRIE ROAD to ALTA ROAD.**

**MOTION ON THE FLOOR:** Amended Substitute Motion to approve the agreement with Illinois Department of Transportation for funding of preliminary engineering and construction of a portion of Orange Prairie Road from American Prairie Road to Alta Road, to change the last word at the end of paragraph 4, page 3 of the agreement to "State" instead of "City" and leave the responsibility with the State to negotiate the terms of the Jurisdictional Transfer.

- (10-133-B) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION and with a Request to Approve the REVISED AGREEMENT with the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION for the FUNDING of PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING and the CONSTRUCTION of a PORTION of ORANGE PRAIRIE ROAD from AMERICAN PRAIRIE ROAD to ALTA ROAD.**

Council Member Sandberg said it was clarified in the supplemental information that, if this was approved, it was IDOT's position that the City take the rural roadway and pay for the upgrade later with the City's money. He said this project would be less than three and one-half miles and would be very costly for future citizens of Peoria to pay.

In discussion with Council Member Irving, Director of Public Works Dave Barber outlined his conversation with IDOT and he said it was IDOT's understanding that this project would be funded with the stipulation a Jurisdictional Transfer would take place at a later date. He said there was nothing specific in the agreement as to when the Jurisdictional Transfer would take place and what the City would do once the City owned the roadway. He said decisions in the future would need to be made to seek more grant money or to seek more funds through other sources, but the agreement needed to include the Jurisdictional Transfer or IDOT would not sign the agreement.

Council Member Irving said this money from the State was meant to be used to extend Orange Prairie Road and, as stated, there was no Jurisdictional Transfer date that had been set. He said, when the City received the Jurisdictional Transfer for old Route 91, it would be up to the City to determine when money would be budgeted to bring the road up to an urban standard. He said Orange Prairie Road would be a vital artery for the City going North from Route #150 in the future. He urged the Council to approve the revised agreement that was presented with the supplemental information. He commended State Senator Risinger and his Staff for their efforts on this project.

Amended Substitute Motion to approve the agreement with Illinois Department of Transportation for funding of preliminary engineering and construction of a portion of Orange Prairie Road from American Prairie Road to Alta Road, to change the last word at the end of paragraph 4, page 3 of the agreement to "State" instead of "City" and leave the responsibility with the State to negotiate the terms of the Jurisdictional Transfer was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Sandberg – 1;

Nays: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggensbach, Spain, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 8.

Clerk's Note: Following the handling of the amended substitute motion on the Floor, the next motion on the Floor would be the original motion to approve the agreement with Illinois Department of Transportation for funding of preliminary engineering and construction of a portion of Orange Prairie Road from American Prairie Road to Alta Road made by Council Member Irving.

Council Member Irving moved to amend his motion to approve the revised agreement (presented under Item No. 10-133-B) with Illinois Department of Transportation for funding of preliminary engineering and construction of a portion of Orange Prairie Road from American Prairie Road to Alta Road; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Amended motion to approve the revised agreement (presented under Item No. 10-133-B) was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggensbach, Spain, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis - 8;

Nays: Sandberg - 1.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**(10-163) REQUEST Regarding the REPAIR of the RIVERFRONT VILLAGE STAIRWAY and for COUNCIL ACTION to be Taken at the APRIL 27, 2010, CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

Council Member Turner expressed concern regarding the condition of the stairway of Riverfront Village and he said he had received several calls from citizens regarding the problems. He distributed pictures of the deterioration and he stated he felt it was a public safety hazard that should be addressed as soon as possible. He said it was the City's responsibility to maintain the stairway.

City Manager Scott Moore said estimates had been received and this item could be placed on the April 27, 2010, City Council Agenda for Council action. He agreed it was the City's responsibility to repair the Riverfront Village stairway.

Council Member Turner requested that the item be placed on the April 27, 2010, Council Agenda. No objections were heard.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT Regarding THE GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP**

Council Member Spain announced the Great American Cleanup would be held this Saturday, April 17, 2010, and volunteers should meet on Greenlawn Avenue. He said the Boy Scouts would also be meeting downtown on the Riverfront for the Scout Sweep at Main and Water Streets on Saturday, April 17, 2010, from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. He urged volunteers to participate in one of the activities.

**(10-164) REQUEST for INFORMATION Regarding the AMOUNT PEORIA EXPENDED on the RECENT VISIT from a DIGNITARY.**

Council Member Sandberg said there was a visiting dignitary in Peoria approximately two years ago for a fundraiser and the City of Peoria was reimbursed for services provided. He requested information regarding how much the City of Peoria expended on the most recent visit from a dignitary. He said he would like to know how the payment or the non-payment fit within the policy that was developed after the first visit, and he said he would like to understand this within the concept of the policy that was developed.

**CONGRATULATIONS to IRINA RIGGENBACH for WINNING the DEIRDRE PURCELL COLLINS MATHEMATICS AWARD**

Council Member Riegenbach congratulated his oldest daughter, Irina, who was the winner of the Deirdre Purcell Collins Mathematics Award at Von Steuben School. He said he was sorry to miss the awards ceremony at Illinois Central College tonight, but he recognized her achievement with pride.

Mayor Ardis requested that Council Member Riegenbach pass along the City Council's gratitude for his attendance and their congratulations on her achievement.

**ANNOUNCEMENT Regarding COMCAST COMMUNITY DAY and the REFURBISHMENT of the PEORIA BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS**

Council Member Gulley announced that Comcast Community Day would be held on Saturday, April 24, 2010, at 8:00 A.M. He said they chose Peoria Boys and Girls Clubs as their project and volunteers would be refurbishing their structure.

**(10-165) REQUEST for an UPDATE Regarding CRIME CAMERAS to be Placed on the Next COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

Mayor Ardis requested a status update regarding the crime cameras that had been installed. He requested the information be provided at the next City Council Meeting because he felt the community would be interested in the progress that had been made.

**ANNOUNCEMENT Regarding the "STEPPING UP FOR THE COMMUNITY" CAMPAIGN**

Mayor Ardis referred to the Stepping Up Program and he said volunteers in the business and residential communities could participate by having their picture taken by the blue Stepping Up box at City Hall and mailing the picture to the Heartland Partnership for the Stepping Up for the Community Campaign.

**ANNOUNCEMENT Regarding DISCUSSION About SCHOOLS and URBAN EDUCATION MODELS with U.S. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION ARNE DUNCAN and Others**

Mayor Ardis announced that U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, Superintendent of the Recovery School District of New Orleans Paul Vallas, and several others would be holding a discussion regarding schools and Urban Education Models on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, from 9:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. at the Peoria Civic Center Grand Ballroom. He invited the public to go to the Bradley University web site to review the information and participate in the meeting.

**CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL****(10-166) REQUEST from CITIZENS to Address the CITY COUNCIL Regarding Various Items.**

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

Terry Knapp urged the Council to read the book "The Death and Life of the Great American School System" by Diane Ravitch. He said he would leave the book with City Clerk Mary Haynes for Council Members to pick up and read.

Lavetta Ricca, President of Olde Towne South Homeowners Association, urged everyone to volunteer and participate in the Great American Cleanup event to be held this Saturday in her neighborhood.

Savino Sierra, a Peoria resident, urged participation in the Great American Cleanup and to continue the work all year round. He spoke in opposition to using experts for assistance with the school system and he said he opposed the Edison Program. He urged the Council to repair the sidewalks in the Southside of Peoria to prevent flooding.

Roger Sparks, a Peoria resident, spoke in opposition to hiring a consultant for the proposed downtown hotel. He stated he did not feel the City should fund new businesses because several of them have filed for bankruptcy and the City did not receive a return on their investment. He also expressed concern regarding streets that were not wheelchair accessible.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION****(10-167) Consideration of a Motion to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION to Discuss 2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; 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 an action is probable or imminent; and 2(c)21 Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.**

Council Member Spain moved to go into Executive Session to Discuss 2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; 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 an action is probable or imminent; and 2(c)21 Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06; seconded by Council Member Van Auken.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggerbach, Sandberg, Spain, Turner, Van Auken,  
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Turner moved to adjourn the City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Riggenbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggenbach, Sandberg, Spain, Turner, Van Auken,  
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

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

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