

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, June 8, 2010, a City Council Meeting was held this date at 6:22 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, Riggenbach, Sandberg (arrived at 6:38 P.M.), Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis - 10. Absent: Jacob - 1.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or silent reflection, and he requested Council Member George Jacob and his family be remembered due to his recovery from injuries sustained in a recent accident. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING UPDATE ON COUNCIL MEMBER GEORGE JACOB

Mayor Ardis announced, on behalf of the family of Council Member George Jacob, that they would like to extend their gratitude to members of the community for their thoughts and prayers and support during Council Member Jacob's recovery. He reported Council Member Jacob was in stable condition at this time.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

PRESENTATION: PEORIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY AWARD IN RECOGNITION OF THE CITY OF PEORIA – 2010 HISTORICAL PRESERVATION AWARD

PROCLAMATION: HARRIS UNIFORMS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

PROCLAMATION: WALK TO D'FEET ALS DAY - June 12, 2010

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK - June 6 - 12, 2010

PROCLAMATION: FLAG DAY - June 14, 2010

MINUTES

Council Member Spain moved to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2010, Special Joint Meeting of the Peoria City Council and the Peoria School District #150 Board of Education, as printed; and to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2010, City Council Meeting, amended as follows: (1) on page 29317 under Item No. (10-245) to reflect ORDINANCE NO. 16,566 was adopted, rather than ORDINANCE NO. 15,566; (2) further amended to reflect that the meeting occurred on May 25, 2010, on the heading of each page; (3) further amended to reflect on page 29321, following Council Member Irving's comments, Council Member Riggenbach's comments as follows: "In discussion with Council Member Riggenbach, Mr. Richardson confirmed rehabilitation projects utilizing the Historic Tax Credit were allowed, per the IRS, to charge a reasonable developer's fee up to 20%." The next paragraph should reflect as follows: "In discussion with Council Member Riggenbach, Corporation Counsel Randy Ray clarified past projects such as Riverfront Village had charged a developer's fee that was less than the Hotel project. He added the City of Peoria retained ownership of both the parking lot and the public deck." The following paragraph should then reflect as follows: "In further discussion with Council Member Riggenbach, Mr. Richardson confirmed there were some examples of development projects in East Peoria that were owned by the Developer, with the City assisting in the payment of the developer fee." Finally, the next paragraph should read as follows: "In discussion with Council Member Riggenbach, Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins clarified G.O. Bonds were much cheaper than Revenue Bonds, as the Revenue Bonds had a significantly higher interest rate;" seconded by Council Member Van Auken.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Sandberg - 1.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

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

- (10-253) NOTICE of LAWSUIT Filed by OSF HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, an Illinois Not for Profit Corporation d/b/a SAINT FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER Regarding a Complaint against Kenneth Flint, City of Washington, County of Peoria, and City of Peoria Claiming Reimbursement from the City of Peoria for Medical Bills Accumulated on May 17 – 19, 2010, with Request to Receive for Information and Refer to Legal Department.
- (10-254) * Communication from the City Manager and Communications Manager Requesting Approval of the LOW BID of GPS-TV and FOCAL POINT VIDEO to Operate the City's Public Access Television Station Channels Twenty and Twenty-Two, and Production of Two Monthly Meetings of Peoria City Council for a Period of Two Years.
- (10-255) Communication from the City Manager and Police Chief Requesting Approval of a SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE of ADVANCED CRIME ANALYSIS SOFTWARE from the OMEGA GROUP (Crimeview), in the Amount of \$16,172.00, to be Entirely Funded by Police Department Asset Forfeiture Federal.
- (10-256) Communication from the City Manager and Police Chief Requesting Approval for the PURCHASE of ONE (1) NEW BREATH ALCOHOL INTOXIMETER, MODEL: INTOX EC/IR II from INTOXIMETERS, INC., in the Amount of \$5,795.00, and Purchased through the Illinois State Contract.
- (10-257) Communication from the City Manager Requesting Approval to SELL a VACANT LOT Located at 1810 N. E. MADISON STREET, in the Amount of \$100.00 Plus Closing Costs, and Requesting Authorization for the City Manager to Execute the Necessary Documents.
- (10-258) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of the Developer's Request to OPEN CUT GRANITE STREET in the WYNNCREST SUBDIVISION for NEW SANITARY SEWER CONNECTIONS.
- (10-259) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval to PURCHASE REAL ESTATE Located at 1500 WEST DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DRIVE, in the Amount of \$35,000.00, as an Opportunity Acquisition for Future Widening of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive.
- (10-260) ** Communication from the City Manager Requesting Approval to REIMBURSE MARK TWAIN HOTEL, in the Amount of \$16,991.65 from their 1% HOTEL TAX Collected Within the BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT for Capital Improvements to their Facility.

- (10-261) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of an INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT with PEORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT #150 Regarding WASTE COLLECTION.
- (10-262) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Approval of an INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT by and Between the BOARD OF EDUCATION PEORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT #150 and the CITY OF PEORIA Regarding JOINT PURCHASING, and Requesting Authorization for the Mayor to sign the Agreement.
- (10-263) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of a JOINT AGREEMENT with IDOT for RESURFACING IL 40 from MERLE LANE to CORRINGTON AVENUE and INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS/SIGNAL MODERNIZATION at FORREST HILL, and Requesting Approval of the EXPENDITURE of Up to \$29,511.25 for the City's Portion of the Project.
- (10-264) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of the AGREEMENT with ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION for the FUNDING of PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING, and the CONSTRUCTION of the ALTA LANE and RADNOR ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT.
- (10-265) Communication from the City Manager and Assistant Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation from the Planning Commission and Staff to Approve RESOLUTION NO. 10-265 Amending Resolution No. 05-557, the PRELIMINARY PLAT for WILHELM RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION, to Establish 245 Single-Family Lots, the Designated Duplex Lots, and Request a WAIVER to Allow SACS Longer than 400 Feet for the Residential of TRAILS EDGE SUBDIVISION, SOUTH of HICKORY GROVE ROAD, Along the West Side of ALLEN ROAD, with Conditions.
- (10-266) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller Requesting Adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 16,569 Amending the CITY of PEORIA BUDGET for Fiscal Year 2010 Relating to the Use of RIVERFRONT TIF FUNDS, in the Amount of \$10,500.00, for Awarded CONTRACT with AUSTIN ENGINEERING to Conduct an ALTA SURVEY of CITY-OWNED Property Along the ILLINOIS RIVER.
- (10-267) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Approval for a CLASS "H" (Temporary Outdoor) LIQUOR LICENSE at 7800 SOMMER, for a Fundraiser on SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2010, for the PEORIA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION.
- (10-268) REPORT of the CITY TREASURER, PATRICK A. NICHTING, for the MONTH of MARCH 2010, with Request to Receive and File.
- (10-269) REPORT of the CITY TREASURER, PATRICK A. NICHTING, for the MONTH of APRIL 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 Sandberg requested Item Nos. 10-254, 10-260, and 10-264 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Van Auken moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as outlined in the Council Communications; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Items No. 10-253 through 10-269 (excluding Item Nos. 10-254, 10-260, and 10-264, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggensbach, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

**(10-254) Communication from the City Manager and Communications Manager
* Requesting Approval of the LOW BID of GPS-TV and FOCAL POINT VIDEO
 to Operate the City's Public Access Television Station Channels Twenty
 and Twenty-Two, and Production of Two Monthly Meetings of Peoria
City Council for a Period of Two Years.**

Council Member Sandberg expressed concern regarding the location of the studio which was proposed in the low bid. He said he felt it seemed burdensome to facilitate it in another City.

Council Member Van Auken moved to approve the low bid of GPS-TV and Focal Point Video to operate the City's public access television station Channels Twenty and Twenty-Two, and production of two monthly meetings of Peoria City Council for a period of two years; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Mayor Ardis noted he would expect a certain comfort level with the new provider and the Dream Center location should be utilized if possible.

George Bean, of Focal Point Video, clarified his proposal included the studio location in the City of Washington in order to be prepared in the event that one was required. He said the Dream Center location would be utilized if that was the preference of the Council.

Council Member Sandberg noted the point of origin needed clarification prior to the acceptance of the bid.

In discussion with Council Member Sandberg, Corporation Counsel Randy Ray clarified Comcast had ensured a smooth transition with the new provider and there would not be a "black-out" period with which to be concerned.

Council Member Spain made a motion to amend the motion that the approval be contingent upon securing the Peoria facility; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

The amendment was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggensbach, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

Motion, as amended, to approve the low bid of GPS-TV and Focal Point Video to operate the City's public access television station Channels Twenty and Twenty-Two, and production of two monthly meetings of Peoria City Council for a period of two years, contingent upon securing the Peoria facility was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggensbach, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

- (10-260)** **Communication from the City Manager Requesting Approval to**
** **REIMBURSE MARK TWAIN HOTEL, in the Amount of \$16,991.65 from their**
 1% HOTEL TAX Collected Within the BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
 for Capital Improvements to their Facility.

Council Member Gulley moved to approve the reimbursement to Mark Twain Hotel, in the amount of \$16,991.65, from their 1% Hotel Tax collected within the Business Development District for Capital Improvements to their facility; seconded by Council Member Van Auken.

Motion was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggensbach, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: Sandberg – 1.

- (10-264)** **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works**
*** **Requesting Approval of the AGREEMENT with ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT of**
 TRANSPORTATION for the FUNDING of PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING,
 CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING, and the CONSTRUCTION of the ALTA
 LANE and RADNOR ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT.

Council Member Sandberg noted it appeared some traditional solutions were being considered for solving the issues at this intersection and he questioned whether or not, due to the excess right of way that existed because of the streams, any thought had been given to developing a round-about there to keep the traffic moving in one direction while it was stopped in the other.

In discussion with Council Member Sandberg, Public Works Director Dave Barber confirmed no thought had been given to the round-about concept, but he agreed it was early enough in the process to take a look at the traffic flow issues at the intersection and investigate such options to help to alleviate the existing traffic delays.

Council Member Sandberg moved to approve the agreement with Illinois Department of Transportation for the funding of preliminary engineering, construction engineering, and the construction of the Alta Lane and Radnor Road intersection improvement; seconded by Council Member Irving.

Motion was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggensbach, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner,
Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

- (10-270)** **PRESENTATION by the UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS at CHAMPAIGN URBANA**
 SCHOOL of ARCHITECTURE MASTERPLAN CONCEPT to REDEFINE the
 WAREHOUSE DISTRICT, with Request to Receive and File.

Mayor Ardis welcomed Associate Professor of Design, Paul J. Armstrong, and Associate Professor of History and Preservation, Paul H. Knapp from the University of Illinois at Champaign Urbana School of Architecture.

Professor Knapp briefly explained the students' project was to redefine the Warehouse District in the City of Peoria by determining what existing elements were usable and by integrating new elements to create a vital and livable environment.

Professor Armstrong gave a PowerPoint presentation to the City Council which illustrated a plan to transform the Warehouse District into a "Synergicity." He outlined the components of the district as follows: the ability of pedestrians to reach all destinations within the district;

increasing the density of the residential population; ensuring the sustainability of the district; creating epicenters of activities and services; and to develop cooperative cells within the district (synergy). He noted the different transections of the district included residential, retail/commercial, business/civic, and arts. He said the plan included the creation of a Riverfront Park which would house a biological infrastructure to recycle water from storm sewers to utilize for non-potable purposes. He also explained the plan provided for support of existing epicenters to enhance what already existed in the district. He said strategies for flood control would be developed in this area, as well as the development of a transportation center to provide a hub to the Warehouse District.

Mr. Ray Lees, Planning Committee Chair and Partner with PSA-Dewberry Architects, noted he was pleased to work with the future generation of architects from U of I and their interest in developing this plan for Peoria. He said an added bonus of the project was the exposure of these young architects to the City of Peoria and what it had to offer.

Mayor Ardis said he had been impressed by the caliber of the students and their enthusiasm and the energy they brought to the project.

Council Member Turner expressed his gratitude to the U of I for providing a large array of ideas and suggestions which could be used in the future development of the City. He said it gave the Council an idea of the existing possibilities.

Council Member Spain noted a more productive economy was needed and that all possibilities should be explored. He said the integration of residential areas and activity areas, or creation of mixed use developments, would be important to do so. He said he was glad to see the role of the River taken into consideration within the plan that was presented.

Council Member Spain moved to receive and file the presentation by the University of Illinois at Champaign Urbana School of Architecture Master Plan Concept to Redefine the Warehouse District; seconded by Council Member Gulley.

Motion was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggerbach, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

(10-271) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Approval of an INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSIT VEHICLE AGREEMENT Among the CITY, VILLAGE of PEORIA HEIGHTS, and GREATER PEORIA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT, and the NEW JUNCTION VENTURES TROLLEY AGREEMENT, and Requesting Authorization for the City Manager to Execute the Documents.

Following brief comments, Council Member Turner moved to approve the Intergovernmental Transit Vehicle Agreement among the City, Village of Peoria Heights, and Greater Peoria Mass Transit District, and the New Junction Ventures Trolley Agreement, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the documents; seconded by Council Member Van Auken.

Motion was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggerbach, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

(10-272) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting the Acceptance of the REPORT BACK Prepared by apaceDESIGN Concerning a Review of ALTERNATE SOLUTIONS for the REPAIR of the STAIRS, AND Award the CONTRACT for the RECONSTRUCTION of the RIVERFRONT VILLAGE STAIRS to the LOWEST BIDDER, WILLIAM AUPPERLE AND SONS, in the Amount of \$265,617.00 or Take Such Action as the City Council May Deem Appropriate. (Refer to Item No. 10-186)

Public Works Director Dave Barber distributed a handout to members of the City Council.

Council Member Spain said he would be abstaining from discussion and voting on this item due to his employer's location on the Riverfront Village platform.

Council Member Turner moved to approve Option 3 to use pre-cast concrete stair risers/treads and re-use the existing steel stringers to repair the Riverfront Village Grand Stairs and to award the contract for the reconstruction of the Riverfront Village Stairs to the lowest bidder, William Aupperle and Sons, in the amount of \$265,617.00 and to accept the report back; seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

Council Member Sandberg expressed concern regarding the overall safety to citizens who utilized the platform. He said the option did not address a long-term solution. He noted there were not sufficient exits to allow more than 1,000 persons legally on the platform. He said part of this insufficiency came from locked exits. He referred to the recent Riverfront Ordinance that was passed that had created even more traffic on the Riverfront.

Council Member Turner emphasized the City's responsibility to maintain the stairs.

In discussion with Council Member Irving, Public Works Director Barber confirmed the life expectancy of the stairs would be extended for up to 20 years with these repairs and that funding for this project would come from the TIF funding.

Motion to approve Option 3 to use pre-cast concrete stair risers/treads and re-use the existing steel stringers to repair the Riverfront Village Grand Stairs and to award the contract for the reconstruction of the Riverfront Village Stairs to the lowest bidder, William Aupperle and Sons, in the amount of \$265,617.00 and to accept the report back, was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggerbach, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 7;

Nays: Sandberg, Spears – 2;

Abstentions: Spain - 1.

(10-273) Communication from the City Manager and Acting Human Resources Director Requesting Approval to RENEW the CONTRACT for HEALTH CARE CONSULTING SERVICES with GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES, INC. on a Month-to-Month Basis, Effective from 7/1/2010 through 6/30/2011, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$96,000.00 per Year, with Request to Receive and File the ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT.

Council Member Van Auken moved to renew the contract for health care consulting services with Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc. on a month-to-month basis, effective from 7/1/2010 through 6/30/2011, at a cost not to exceed \$96,000.00 per year, and to receive and file the Annual Stewardship Report; seconded by Council Member Gulley.

In discussion with Council Member Irving, Interim Human Resources Director Kimberly King clarified the consultant's role had been important in providing the City of Peoria with appropriate responses to health care providers in order to qualify for discounts and overall cost savings.

Motion to renew the contract for health care consulting services with Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc. on a month-to-month basis, effective from 7/1/2010 through 6/30/2011, at a cost not to exceed \$96,000.00 per year, and to receive and file the Annual Stewardship Report was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggerbach, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None

- (10-274) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller Requesting Adoption of an ORDINANCE Amending the CITY OF PEORIA BUDGET for Fiscal Year 2010 for ADDRESSING the POTENTIAL 2010 BUDGET DEFICIT of \$826,000.00.**

City Manager Scott Moore provided a brief overview of the potential 2010 Budget deficit and he noted the additional cuts came from a request made to Department Heads at the May 5, 2010, City Council Retreat.

Council Member Van Auken moved to adopt the Ordinance amending the City of Peoria Budget for Fiscal Year 2010 for addressing the potential 2010 Budget deficit of \$826,000.00; seconded by Council Member Riggensbach.

ORDINANCE NO. 16,570 amending the City of Peoria Budget for Fiscal Year 2010 for addressing the potential 2010 Budget deficit of \$826,000.00 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggensbach, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

- (10-057) Communication from Council Member Barbara Van Auken with Request to Amend Something Previously Adopted to CHANGE THE DATE OF DEFERRAL on ITEM NO. 10-057, Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 16 of the Code of the City of Peoria Related to the DESIGNATION PROCESS and the CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS PROCESS, from August 10, 2010, to June 22, 2010, on a Portion of the Document.**

Council Member Van Auken moved to amend the previously adopted motion, which was to defer this matter to August 10, 2010, to place this item on the June 22, 2010, Council Meeting Agenda; seconded by Council Member Riggensbach.

Council Member Van Auken explained matters not pertaining to Landmark Designation from this item included: 16-3 definitions; 16-61 scope of requirements; 16-63 Certificate of Appropriateness; and 16-65 economic hardship. She said it would also include the Action Plan and Attachment B, excluding the Community List. She further noted matters pertaining to Landmark Designation would be covered on the August 10, 2010, City Council Agenda and included: 16-38 designation criteria and 16-86 designation procedures, as well as the Community List.

Motion to amend the previously adopted motion, which was to defer this matter to August 10, 2010, to place this item on the June 22, 2010, Council Meeting Agenda was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggensbach, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

(10-191) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation from the Zoning Commission to APPROVE, or Recommendation from Staff to DENY an ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX B of the Code of the City of Peoria, and an ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX C of the Code of the City of Peoria Relating to OFF-PREMISE SIGN EXTENSIONS.

Director of Planning and Growth Management Pat Landes distributed replacement Ordinances to members of City Council.

Council Member Turner reported a local business asked for changes to the sign regulations to permit extensions to off-premise signs, commonly known as billboards. He noted on April 27, 2010, that request was remanded back to the Sign Committee, a citizen's group currently reviewing sign ordinance regulations. He said the Council, at the May 25, 2010, meeting had supported his motion to discharge the Sign Committee from their review of this issue and place the item on the Council agenda for this evening. He said rather than delay action on this marketing technique for the local economy, he requested the Council to approve replacement ordinances tonight that will temporarily approve the extensions during the time period the Sign Committee was conducting its review of the Sign Ordinance. He added the ordinances would terminate on January 25, 2011, the date scheduled for the Sign Committee's recommendations through the Zoning Commission. He concluded the temporary approval would permit the construction of signs with extensions, would allow the community to view and comment during the appropriate public hearing process, and would not permit the legal display of the subject extensions after January 25, 2011, unless the Council would take further action.

Council Member Turner moved to approve the two substitute ordinances for Council item 10-191, granting temporary approval for extensions to off-premise signs, and to direct the Sign Committee to include a recommendation regarding sign extensions in their report scheduled for Council action on January 25, 2011; seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

Council Member Sandberg expressed concern regarding the off-premise billboards. He said citizens were not supportive of this.

Council Member Van Auken noted she felt the Ordinances were a good compromise until further input could be received.

Council Member Spears said the signage issue would be on-going and, rather than vote to make exceptions, he said he felt the City should establish a fee structure according to size for signage and, if businesses wanted signage which did not meet certain criteria, they would pay the City for the accommodation.

Council Member Riggerbach concurred with Council Member Spears and added, especially with the ever-changing technology, the City should keep an open mind about it. He said he would support the temporary trial.

Replacement ORDINANCE NO. 16,571, amending Appendix B of the Code of the City of Peoria relating to off-premise signs, and replacement ORDINANCE NO. 16,572, amending Appendix C of the Code of the City of Peoria related to off-premise signs, granting temporary approval for extensions to off-premise signs, were adopted by roll call vote, with direction to the Sign Committee to include a recommendation regarding sign extensions in their report scheduled for Council action on January 25, 2011.

Yeas: Gullet, Irving, Montelongo, Riggerbach, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: Sandberg - 1.

- (10-249) **Communication from the City Manager and Assistant Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation from the Zoning Commission and Staff to DENY a REQUEST to AMEND a PREVIOUS USE WITH APPROVAL, with a REQUEST for a SPECIAL USE, in a C2 (Large Scale Commercial) District for an EXISTING MOTEL to INCREASE the SIZE of a FREESTANDING SIGN from 150 Sq. Ft. to 204 Sq. Ft. for Property Known as BAYMONT INN & SUITES, Located at 2002 W. WAR MEMORIAL DRIVE.**

Council Member Spears moved to concur with the recommendation from the Zoning Commission and Staff to deny a request for a Special Use, in a C2 (Large Scale Commercial) District for an existing motel to increase the size of a freestanding sign from 150 sq.ft. to 204 sq. ft. for property know as Baymont Inn & Suites, located at 2002 W. War Memorial Drive; seconded by Council Member Sandberg.

Motion to concur with the recommendation from the Zoning Commission and Staff to deny a request for a Special Use, in a C2 (Large Scale Commercial) District for an existing motel to increase the size of a freestanding sign from 150 sq.ft. to 204 sq. ft. for property know as Baymont Inn & Suites, located at 2002 W. War Memorial Drive was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggenbach, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

Council Member Turner announced the annual Neighborhood Association Convention would be taking place in the near future and he encouraged his fellow Council Members to take the time to get involved and be a part of the event. He said he would provide additional details as they become available.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING COMMUNITY CALL TO ACTION EVENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2010.

Council Member Gulley reported there would be as a result of the recent Community Call to Action forums being held at the Dream Center, a survey would be taken in the Harrison School Impact Zone on Saturday, June 12, 2010. He said volunteers are asked to convene at Harrison School at 11:00 A.M. and wear comfortable shoes to assist in conducting the survey throughout the neighborhood. He said anyone interested in helping was welcome to do so.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING BLOOD DRIVE BEING HELD AT BREWERS DISTRIBUTING ON THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2010 IN HONOR OF COUNCIL MEMBER JACOB

Mayor Ardis announced Brewers Distributing would host a Blood Drive in honor of Council Member Jacob on Thursday, June 10, 2010, from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at their facility on Townline Road.

CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

- (10-275) **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.

Gordon Seibold, Peoria resident, expressed concern regarding the excessive noise from exhausts on vehicles, especially motorcycles.

Savino Sierra, Peoria resident, expressed concern regarding the City's neglect of the older neighborhoods in Peoria. He also said the City should encourage more patriotism from its citizens.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(10-276) Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION to Discuss 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; 2(c)(6) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body; 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 an action is probable or imminent.

Council Member Montelongo moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; 2(c)(6) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body; 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 an action is probable or imminent; seconded by Council Member Spain.

Motion to enter into Executive Session as outlined was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Rigggenbach, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Spain moved to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Rigggenbach.

Motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Rigggenbach, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None .

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

/s/ Mary L. Haynes

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