

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, October 5, 2010, a Special City Council Meeting was held this date at 6:15 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: Irving, Montelongo, Riggensbach, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis - 9. Absent: Gulley, Jacob - 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 – CITY OF PEORIA

- (10-463) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Approval of the APPLICATION for a CLASS H (Temporary Outdoor) LIQUOR LICENSE at SHEA STADIUM on NEBRASKA AVENUE on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2010.**

Council Member Turner moved to approve the application for a Class H (Temporary Outdoor) Liquor License at Shea Stadium on Nebraska Avenue on Saturday, October 16, 2010; seconded by Council Member Van Auken.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (10-464) Communication from the City Manager Requesting Direction to Staff on the PRELIMINARY 2011-2015 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PLAN.**

City Manager Scott Moore distributed a handout that highlighted an additional item to be added to the Community Investment Plan.

Following brief comments from City Manager Moore, Mayor Ardis opened the floor to Council Members to ask Department Heads or Staff any questions related to the CIP.

Mayor Ardis noted the budget deficit facing the City for 2011. He said, while Staff was hesitant to tap into the Community Investment Plan funding, there were not many other options. He commented that there were items, such as Springdale Cemetery, that were maintained through a partnership. He said discussion needed to be held with the ownership partners to identify areas where the partners could greater assist, especially with the City's current budget situation.

In discussion with Council Member Spain who expressed concern regarding projects piling up for future years, City Manager Moore said projects would be prioritized according to necessity rather than having a single budget year when all projects would be addressed.

Council Member Sandberg requested clarification on the Pioneer Park Rail Crossing Improvement Project. He expressed concern regarding why money was budgeted for this project since the rail had been removed.

Director of Public Works Dave Barber said this particular crossing had not been removed and the City had a responsibility to merge improvements to the area into those made by the rail company.

Corporation Counsel Randy Ray clarified the agreement regarding abandonment of the rail line specified the crossing would remain to allow future rail service to the businesses on Pioneer Parkway.

Council Member Van Auken said she felt cuts needed to begin now. She recommended a detailed analysis of each CIP item to determine when the project should occur and why the project was necessary.

In discussion with Council Member Sandberg regarding the Pennsylvania Avenue project, Director Barber explained the project was being done in concert with OSF Saint Francis' Campus Plan. He explained further action was required to advance the project.

Council Member Riggerbach noted the East Village Growth Cell and the Pennsylvania Avenue Projects were vital to the area and the people who would be affected were excited about it. He said the stakeholders in these projects were primarily residential and he added it was premature to discuss the scope of the East Village development until the study of the Growth Cell was complete.

In discussion with Council Member Spain, Director Barber clarified that local MFT funding was used for debt service to Charter Oak Road and for operations for street projects. He added that he would provide a follow up report detailing this information to Council.

In discussion with Council Member Riggerbach, Director Barber confirmed the improvements scheduled at the Glen and University intersection would be accessible and pedestrian-friendly.

In discussion with Council Member Sandberg, Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins clarified projects located within TIF districts would be completed utilizing TIF funding where possible. He noted he was awaiting verification that the Jefferson Parking Deck project was within the Downtown TIF district. He said, if this was the case, funding could be shifted.

Council Member Van Auken moved to approve the Preliminary 2011-2015 Community Investment Plan; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Ardis noted the Special Budget Meetings scheduled for October 19, 2010, and November 16, 2010, would be held at 5:00 P.M., rather than 6:15 P.M. as previously scheduled.

(10-465) Communication from the City Manager Requesting Direction to Staff Regarding POTENTIAL INCREASES to VARIOUS FEES and FINES.

Council Member Spain moved to defer this item to the October 19, 2010, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to defer this item until October 19, 2010, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(10-466) PUBLIC COMMENTS Regarding FY2011 CITY OF PEORIA BUDGET

Hearing no objections, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to any citizen who wished to address the City Council regarding the FY2011 Budget.

Savino Sierra, resident of Peoria, expressed concern regarding the condition of sidewalks around Trewyn School. He requested money to be shifted to fund this project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

**(10-458) INTENT TO RECONSIDER and REQUEST COUNCIL ACTION on the
Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works
Requesting Approval of the PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT with
HANSON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC., in an Amount Not to Exceed
\$950,000.00 for ENGINEERING SERVICES for WASHINGTON STREET
Between I-74 and MacArthur Highway.**

Council Member Van Auken explained she had brought this item forward to reconsider following the Council's vote and her discussion with the Director of Public Works. She noted the Council had not received complete information on the project at the time of the vote. She said she learned State law required such projects to be headed by engineering firms. She added the second piece of information that was especially important for Council to know was Public Works sent all processes and bids for this project to Andres Duany of Duany Plater-Zyberk and Company for review. She emphasized the importance of these details coming to Council as projects were reviewed. She added this would enable the Council to look in new directions and work toward the City's goal for Public Works projects to create a different paradigm.

Council Member Van Auken moved to reconsider the Professional Services Agreement with Hanson Professional Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$950,000.00 for engineering services for Washington Street between I-74 and MacArthur Highway; seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

Motion to reconsider Item No. 10-458 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Van Auken moved to defer taking action on this item until the November 9, 2010, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Spain.

Motion to defer this item to November 9, 2010, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

ANNOUNCEMENT Regarding VISITORS from CLONMEL, IRELAND

Council Member Turner announced the Friends of Clonmel would host visitors from Clonmel on October 23, 2010, at their annual dinner. He said an official welcome would be held October 21, 2010, at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers for those who wished to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was determined that an Executive Session was not needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Spain moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Council Member Riggensch .

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Irving, Montelongo, Riggensch, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auker,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 P.M.

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

By:_____
Beth Ball, Chief Deputy Clerk
City of Peoria, Illinois

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