

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, October 12, 2010, a Regular City Council Meeting was held this date at 6:28 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 (arrived 6:35 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 asked that the families and rescuers be remembered as they worked to free 33 miners who had been trapped for 69 days in a collapsed mine in San Jose Mine in Chile. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

BUSINESS SHOWCASE: COHEN DEVELOPMENT

PROCLAMATION: PETER COURI

PROCLAMATION: LORRAINE B. CARTER

PROCLAMATION: GOSPEL JUBILEE - October 17, 2010

PROCLAMATION: GENEALOGY DAY - October 23, 2010

PROCLAMATION: GERMAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH - October 2010

PROCLAMATION: BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH – October 2010

MINUTES

Council Member Spain moved to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2010, Regular City Council Meeting and the October 5, 2010, Special City Council Meeting, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

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:

(10-467) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Acceptance of the LOW BID and Award a CONTRACT to TERRY'S BERRIES, INC., for BUILDING DEMOLITIONS at 1322 and 1408 WEST DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DRIVE, in the Amount of \$12,480.00.**

- (10-468) Communication from the City Manager and Assistant Director of Planning and Growth Management Requesting Approval of a SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT to the 2010 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG) to Create a New Activity Called PUBLIC FACILITIES ENERGY EFFICIENCY and to Allocate \$200,000.00 in CDBG Funds to the Activity.
- (10-469) Communication from the City Manager and Assistant Director of Planning and Growth Management with a Request to Award CDBG PUBLIC FACILITIES FUNDS to the Following Organizations: DREAM CENTER PEORIA \$58,750.00; NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE \$17,773.00; FRIENDSHIP HOUSE \$65,829.00; and SALVATION ARMY \$57,648.00.
- (10-470)
* Communication from the City Manager and Acting Human Resources Director Requesting Authorization for the City Manager to Enter into a CONTRACT with CALLENDER & COMPANY for PROPERTY and CONTENTS INSURANCE at a Cost of \$73,867.00.
- (10-471) Communication from the City Manager and Police Chief Requesting Approval of an INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT Between the City of Peoria and the County of Peoria for the COPS TECHNOLOGY GRANT, and Requesting Authorization for the City Manager to Execute the Document.
- (10-472)
** Communication from the City Manager and Assistant Director of Planning and Growth Management Requesting Approval of a RESOLUTION to ENDORSE the SUBMISSION of the GRANT APPLICATION for a CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE IMPLEMENTATION GRANT to be Submitted by the PEORIA HOUSING AUTHORITY and to Enter into a PARTNERSHIP MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING as Outlined.
- (10-473) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 16,614 Amending CHAPTER 24 of the Code of the City of Peoria Pertaining to POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE Increasing the Number of At-Large Members from Two to Four and Increasing the Total Number of Members from Fifteen to Seventeen.
- (10-474) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller Requesting Approval of the ESTIMATE OF TAXES to be LEVIED, in the Amount of \$25,970,973.00, at a Rate of \$1.2899, Pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/18-60.
- (10-475) PEORIA CIVIC CENTER OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET for YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2011, with Request to Receive and File.
- (10-476) REPORT of the CITY TREASURER PATRICK A. NICHTING for the MONTH of AUGUST 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 Item No. 10-472 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Spain requested Item No. 10-470 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 Gulley.

Items No. 10-467 through 10-476 (excluding Item Nos. 10-470 and 10-472, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

(10-470) * Communication from the City Manager and Acting Human Resources Director Requesting Authorization for the City Manager to Enter into a CONTRACT with CALLENDER & COMPANY for PROPERTY and CONTENTS INSURANCE at a Cost of \$73,867.00.

Council Member Spain questioned if there was any information from other providers with preliminary quotes or estimates that should have been considered before moving forward with the proposed extension before the Council.

City Manager Scott Moore said the broker agreed to an increase of only 1% over the 2006 quote, if the City wanted to extend the contract. He said there were several outstanding claims and there may be a 15% to 20% increase in the premium, if the City went out for RFP's at this time. He added an RFP would be sent out in 2011. He further stated the current coverage expired September 30, 2010, but then the policy was renewed, so it was in effect as of today.

Council Member Spain urged the Administration to bring this item to the Council earlier in the year so the Council would not be against a deadline. He said, at this point, the Council did not have another option.

Council Member Spain moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Callender & Company for property and contents insurance at a cost of \$73,867.00; seconded by Council Member Turner.

In discussion with Council Member Irving regarding how the insurance market had performed since 2006, Risk Manager Ed Hopkins said he felt this cost was a good deal for the City of Peoria. He explained the market in 2006 was extremely soft, which was reflected by the price at that time. He said, since 2006, the City had an approximate \$14 million increase in property value and more than \$2 million in claims since then, but Callendar came back and held their pricing low.

In discussion with Mayor Ardis regarding the decision process, Acting Director of Human Resources and Senior Staff Attorney Kimberly King explained the decision was made internally in the Human Resources Department to renew the existing coverage because the price provided was lower than what the next lowest bidder had offered in 2006. She added it was determined it was prudent to go forward with the renewal and then go out for an RFP in 2011 when it was possible the market would change. She said she understood it was important to keep the Council informed and involved in the process.

Mayor Ardis requested that decisions of this nature be brought before the Council in the future because it was wise to test the market to determine what pricing was available.

Motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Callender & Company for property and contents insurance at a cost of \$73,867.00 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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Director of Planning and Growth Management Pat Landes distributed a replacement Resolution and a replacement Memorandum of Understanding to all members of the City Council.

Council Member Van Auken moved to approve the replacement Resolution to endorse the Submission of the Grant Application for a Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Implementation Grant to be submitted by the Peoria Housing Authority and to enter into the replacement Partnership Memorandum of Understanding as outlined; seconded by Council Member Gulley.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-472 to endorse the Submission of the Grant Application for a Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Implementation Grant to be submitted by the Peoria Housing Authority and to enter into the Partnership Memorandum of Understanding, as outlined and as amended, was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Montelongo, Riggenbach, 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)

- (10-390) REPLACEMENT COMMUNICATION from the City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation from the Zoning Commission and Staff to Adopt an ORDINANCE Rezoning Property Identified as PARCEL ID #14-21-381-033 Located on KNOXVILLE AVENUE from the Present Class R1 (Single Family Residential) District to a Class R-3 (Single Family Residential) District, with REPORT BACK. (Replacement Communication Only)**

Council Member Riggenbach moved to Table this item; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to Table this item was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (10-399) **APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Jim Ardis to the ADVISORY COMMITTEE on POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS (Replacement Communication), with Request to Concur:**

William Ordaz (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2013
Savino Sierra (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2012
Sharon E. Draper (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2013
Douglas Lindstrom (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2013
Erica K. Baird (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2013
Howard E. Williamson (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2013
George H. Azouri (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2012
Whitney J. Lawson (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2012
Donald R. Jackson (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2011
James Bryson (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2011
Larry D. Ivory (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2012
Rita A. Ali (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2011
Rev. Arthur Guyton (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2012
Greg Collins (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2011
Council Member Eric Turner (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2011
City Manager Scott Moore (Voting)
Police Chief Steven Settingsgaard (Voting)

Council Member Gulley moved to concur with Mayor Ardis' appointments to the Advisory Committee on Police-Community Relations of William Ordaz, Savino Sierra, Sharon E. Draper, Douglas Lindstrom, Erica K. Baird, Howard E. Williamson, George H. Azouri, Whitney J. Lawson, Donald R. Jackson, James Bryson, Larry D. Ivory, Rita A. Ali, Rev. Arthur Guyton, Greg Collins, Council Member Eric Turner, City Manager Scott Moore, and Police Chief Steven Settingsgaard; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to concur 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 DEDICATION to DOVEY ROBERTS at 1507 N. LINN STREET

Council Member Turner reported the Heart of Peoria Neighborhood Association planned to dedicate and name a property located at 1507 N. Linn Street in the name of Dovey Roberts. He said a sign would be unveiled at a dedication at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 17, 2010, and he invited citizens to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENT Regarding an OPPORTUNITY to LEARN DETAILS of the CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVES on OCTOBER 14, 2010, at HARRISON SCHOOL

Council Member Gulley announced there would be an opportunity for citizens to learn about the details of the Choice Neighborhood initiatives and would be asked for their input on October 14, 2010, at 6:00 P.M. at Harrison School. He said the proposal was up to \$30 million, but it was unknown exactly what was needed in Peoria, but an application would be submitted. He invited citizens to participate.

ANNOUNCEMENT Regarding LADIES ROLLER DERBY

Council Member Sandberg announced a new Sports venue would be coming to the Peoria area. He explained on October 23, 2010, would be the inaugural event of Ladies Roller Derby in East Peoria, and he said tickets were available in advance and at the door. He stated his daughter and Senator Koehler's daughter would be participating on the team. He invited citizens to attend and enjoy the evening.

CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**(10-477) 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.

Charles Williams, a Peoria resident, expressed concern regarding traffic around schools, especially the area near Northmoor School, Richwoods High School, and St. Vincent's School when they all dismissed at the same times. He urged the Council to find a solution. He also expressed concern regarding the City's 2011 Budget problems and the possibility of laying off Police Officers. He suggested moving the garbage fee and including it in the property tax bill. He said he was in support of the City raising taxes to address the needs for 2011, because he felt there was no other choice. He also suggested that, if the City offered a buyout for employees, the employees should have at least 20 years of service to be eligible.

Wilma Schubert, a Peoria resident, said she would like to donate her doll collection to the new Museum, but she said she had been turned down. She said she felt children visiting the museum would benefit from viewing over 3,400 dolls that ranged from long ago to current day.

Mayor Ardis requested that Communications Manager Alma Brown assist Ms. Schubert in contacting the museum to discuss this further.

Lavetta Ricca, President of Olde Towne South Neighborhood Association, discussed some of the details of the \$31 million Neighborhood Choices grant and she pointed out there was a need for 5% of the amount to be in-kind services. She said there were influential people in Peoria who had been raised in the Southside of Peoria and she urged them to donate to this cause.

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 Riggensbach .

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 P.M.