



Office of the City Manager

**TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council**

**FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager**

**DATE: April 21, 2011**

**SUBJECT: Issues Update**

The following are issues related to the City for the weekly Issues Update. If there are additional items you believe should be included, please let me know.

**STRATEGIC PLAN WORKSHOPS.** The Strategic Plan Workshop for Department Heads has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. with Mr. Lyle Sumek. Phone interviews will be conducted on Monday and Tuesday, April 25 and 26, 2011 with the Mayor and Council Members with a follow-up workshop on Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**NEW COUNCIL MEMBER ORIENTATION.** On Tuesday April 19, a new council member orientation session was held for Beth Akeson and Chuck Weaver, and really for myself as well! Areas of discussion included: the Council Manager form of government; statutes such as the Open Meetings Act, FOIA, Gift Ban Act, conflicts of interest, and claims against the City and Council; basic council procedures; City Manager and departmental responsibilities and other City entities. Departments Heads set up separate appointments with each new Council Member for a more detailed departmental orientation.

**EATON CSO GATE MALFUNCTION.** The storm on Tuesday night, April 19, 2011 (***1.8+ inches of rain in less than 3 hours at the airport***) resulted in combined sewer overflow. The gate at the Eaton outfall closed automatically, as designed, when the riverfront interceptor was full, and the CSO occurred, as designed. At approximately midnight, the level in the riverfront interceptor dropped enough to open the gate and stop the CSO, but the gate failed to open automatically, as designed. The Greater Peoria Sanitary District manually opened the gate at about 8:00 a.m. Wednesday morning. This means that we had approximately 8 hours of "dry weather" discharge to the river. The problem was not in the gate hydraulics that were repaired in 2007 after the failure of a cylinder. The Greater Peoria Sanitary District is checking the monitors and sensors. The gate remains in the open position.

Per the city's permit requirements, Greater Peoria Sanitary District will notify the IEPA of the dry weather discharge today by phone. A follow up, joint Greater Peoria Sanitary District/City notification letter to IEPA will be drafted by the Greater Peoria Sanitary District for Jeff Smith's co-signature soon. We will likely get a violation notice from the IEPA in response. The Greater Peoria Sanitary District will continue to investigate the cause of the gate failure and will let us know the outcome. The determined cause and the remedy will be communicated to IEPA per our permit requirements.

**CLOSING DATE.** We anticipate that the land for the Caterpillar Visitors Center will be conveyed to Caterpillar on April 27, 2011.

**REDISTRICTING MEETING.** The first City of Peoria Redistricting Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 404 at City Hall, 419 Fulton, Peoria, IL.

**FERGUSON GROUP.** The Ferguson Group has put together an outline of program cuts that were included in the recent federal FY2011 budget negotiation. The report is attached **(Electronic Copy Only)**

**FIRST QUARTER CRIME SUMMARY STATUS REPORT 2011.** Attached for your review is a Memo from Chief Settingsgaard along with a report regarding the First Quarter Crime Statistics for your review. **(Electronic Copy Only)**