



Office of the City Manager

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager

DATE: May 13, 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.

E-PAY TRAINING. City Treasurer Patrick Nichting, in collaboration with the State Treasurer Dan Rutherford's office will provide training to City Departments on the City-State-E-Pay system. The training will occur on May 18, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 404 at City Hall. George Brahos, Participant Service Specialist from State Treasurer Dan Rutherford's office will lead the training. This training will consist of the mechanics of E-Pay and how efficiencies and effectiveness of customer service are delivered through the E-Pay system and end with a Q&A session.

What is E-Pay? E-Pay is a safe and secure electronic payment program that allows you to pay bills 24 hours a day, seven days a week without leaving your home. Agencies that offer E-Pay may accept credit cards, bank cards and/or electronic checks. The service is provided by the State Treasurer's Office to more than 650 local governments and state agencies in Illinois, including elected county officials, county treasurers, cities and villages, schools, libraries, parks and recreation facilities, sewage treatment districts, sanitation districts, community colleges, and universities.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT VEHICLE (ARMADILLO). The Nuisance Abatement Vehicle (Armadillo) program was the subject of featured article in Police Chief Magazine for May. Listed below is a link to the article. http://www.policechiefmagazine.org/magazine/index.cfm?fuseaction=display&article_id=2357&issue_id=42011

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN FOR FAIR PRACTICES (AAP). Every few years the City updates its AAP. The plan takes a look at the diversity of the City's workforce at a given time and identifies in what job groups, a set of job titles with similar content, wage rates and opportunities for advancement, the utilization of minorities and females are below their availability within the relevant labor market. If underutilization exists in a job group, a hiring goal is set for each target group under represented. The administration has completed its work on the revised AAP and will be presenting it for review to the Mayor and Council at a future meeting.

NEW CITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION FORMAT. With the adoption of the new Comprehensive Plan, the section of the Council recommendation form related to the Comprehensive Plan has been modified. The new statement will read, "Which Critical Success Factor(s) from the Comprehensive Plan does this Recommendation Implement?" The Critical Success Factors are those items that we (as a community and an organization) must do right in order to succeed. A more user-friendly version of this information is in production now and will be distributed as soon as possible. The new Council recommendation form

allows for up to three Critical Success Factors to be selected. Please note that not all recommendations will necessarily implement a Critical Success Factor, so 'Not Applicable' is a choice. A copy of the entire Comprehensive Plan, the Future Land Use Map, and an overview that was sent to Council is available at the following link <http://www.ci.peoria.il.us/planning-commission> The following information are the Critical Success Factors to be selected.

1. Reduce Crime
2. Improve District 150
3. Grow Employers & Jobs
4. Invest in Our Infrastructure and Transportation
5. Support Sustainability
6. Reinvest in Neighborhoods
7. Keep Taxes and Fees Competitive
8. Have an Efficient Government

CREEK INSPECTION AND SURVEYING. The Engineering Division began the annual inspection of the City's creek system this week. "Dry weather screening" of the creeks is required per the City's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, issued by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for our city storm sewer system. The goal of this inspection is to look for sources of pollution in the creek system, such as petroleum or chemical dumping or sanitary sewer leaks. The screening will continue through mid-summer throughout the City. City consultants Clark Dietz, Inc. are performing topographic surveying of portions of Dry Run Creek in the area generally bounded by Briarwood, Daytona, Ronald Road and Sunnyview. This work is required to update a floodplain study for the recently constructed Hollyhedges Devereux Streambank Stabilization project.

POTENTIAL ORDINANCE CHANGE REGARDING SEC. 20-11 (CANNABIS-DRUG PARAPHERNALIA). A copy of a draft council communication and ordinance (**Electronic Copy Only**) is attached for your review. The criminal offense of drug paraphernalia carries a minimum fine of \$750. There is a provision under the Act that says it does not prohibit a municipality from having the same or stricter regulation on the same offense. Therefore, the same amount has been added in the ordinance that can go even lower. This change would allow the City to write a ticket for small amounts of marijuana and paraphernalia.

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