

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, February 28, 2012, a Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was held this date at 6:19 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: Akeson, Gulley, Irving, Riggerbach, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Weaver, Mayor Ardis - 11.  
Absent: None.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Jim Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or silent reflection, and then Boy Scout Troop #219 from St. Paul Baptist Church led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.**

**PROCLAMATION:** DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH – March 2012

**PROCLAMATION:** MUNICIPAL BAND – 75<sup>TH</sup> Year Celebration

**PROCLAMATION:** GREATER PEORIA FAMILY YMCA – Recognition

**ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING NOTICE TO TOWNSHIP ELECTORS**

Mayor Ardis announced, pursuant to Public Act 095-0761, any citizen who wishes to have an item considered on the Agenda at the Annual Town Meeting to be held Tuesday, April 17, 2012, at 6:00 P.M., is required to bring a specific request signed by 15 or more electors to the Clerk no later than March 1, 2012. He explained the Town Board and Town officials did not agree with this provision and he made this announcement to inform citizens so they would have an opportunity to participate.

**MINUTES**

Council Member Spain moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on February 14, 2012, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Gulley, Irving, Riggerbach, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner,  
Van Auken, Weaver, Mayor Ardis - 11;

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:**

- (12-066) TAG DAY REQUEST from THE AMERICAN LEGION, PEORIA POST #2, to Hold their POPPY DAY SALE for Donations on THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2012, Between 11:00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M., with a Rain Date of Friday, May 18, 2012, to Assist Local Disabled Veterans' Programs. (Dates are Open.)
- (12-067) TAG DAY REQUEST from the SOUTH-WEST KIWANIS CLUB OF PEORIA for Permission to Hold their ANNUAL KIWANIS PEANUT DAYS FUNDRAISER from AUGUST 30 to SEPTEMBER 1, 2012, and SEPTEMBER 28 and 29, 2012, to Benefit the Children of Central Illinois. (Dates are Open.)
- (12-068) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Authorization for the SETTLEMENT of the LAWSUIT Filed by TERRANCE JACKSON V. the City of Peoria, et al., in the Amount of \$95,000.00, and Requesting Authorization for the City Manager and Corporation Counsel To Execute the Necessary Documents.
- (12-069) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Information Systems Requesting Approval of a CONTRACT with SUNGARD PUBLIC SECTOR to UPDATE the CITY'S LAND FILE in Order to Meet Standard Formatting for Upgrade, in the Amount of \$16,000.00.
- (12-070)  
\* Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of a MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING Between the City of Peoria and the PEORIA CITY/COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT Concerning Providing Assistance as a Backup Agency with the Transportation of Medical CounterMeasures as a Result of a FEDERAL and/or STATE DECLARED EMERGENCY.
- (12-071) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Department Requesting Approval of a REVISED INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSIT VEHICLE AGREEMENT Between the City of Peoria and the GREATER MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT to Transfer Back Ownership of One (1) 1991 CHANCE TROLLEY BUS to the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District, and Requesting Authorization for the City Manager to Execute the Document. (Amends Nos. 10-271 and 10-309)
- (12-072)  
\*\* Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of an AMENDMENT NO. 1 to the AGREEMENT for PROFESSIONAL SERVICES with CRAWFORD, MURPHY & TILLY, INC., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$188,750.00, for the Repair of Sewers as a Part of the City of Peoria's SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROGRAM {Design Area 1 Point Repairs Project 12 (GPSD Project #2224)}. (Amends No. 10-070)
- (12-073) Communication from the City Manager Requesting Adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 16,798 Reserving 2012 PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND VOLUME CAP, in the Amount of \$10,925,665.00.
- (12-074) Communication from the City Manager and Acting Director of Planning and Growth Management with Recommendation from the Zoning Commission and Staff to Adopt ORDINANCE NO. 16,799 Rezoning Property Located at 1808 N. SHERIDAN ROAD from the Present Class C-N (Neighborhood Commercial) District to a Class R-4 (Single Family Residential) District.

- (12-075) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Approval of the APPLICATION for a CLASS H (Temporary Outdoor) LIQUOR LICENSE from SULLY'S PUB & CAFE FOUNDATION for an Event at FULTON PLAZA on SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2012.**
- (12-076) **APPOINTMENT by Mayor Jim Ardis to the PEORIA CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY, with Request to Concur:**
- Harold Burdess (Voting) – Term Expires 7/1/2012**
- (12-077) **Communication from the City Manager Recommending Acceptance of the PEORIA PARK DISTRICT RIVERFRONT PROGRAMMING WORK PROGRAM and BUDGET REPORT for 2012.**
- (12-078) **Communication from the City Manager with a REPORT Regarding FUNDING the PEORIA AREA CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU (PACVB), with Request to Receive and File. (Refer to Item No. 11-433)**  
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- (12-079) **Communication from the City Manager and Acting Director of Planning and Growth Management Regarding a REPORT on the CITY OF PEORIA'S CURRENT HOUSING PROGRAMS, with Request to Receive and File.**  
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- (12-080) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Regarding a REPORT BACK Addressing Questions Raised at the WAREHOUSE DISTRICT PROJECT POLICY SESSION on February 4, 2012, with Request to Receive and File. (Refer to Item No. 12-059)**

Mayor Ardis questioned if the Council wished to have any of the Consent Agenda items removed for further discussion.

Council Member Gulley requested that item No. 12-079 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Sandberg requested that Item No. 12-070 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Spain requested that Item No. 12-078 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Van Auken requested that Item No. 12-072 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 Weaver.

Items No. 12-066 through 12-080 (excluding Item Nos. 12-070, 12-072, 12-078 and 12-079, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Akeson, Gulley, Irving, Riggerbach, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Weaver, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

- (12-070)**  
\* **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of a MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING Between the City of Peoria and the PEORIA CITY/COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT Concerning Providing Assistance as a Backup Agency with the Transportation of Medical CounterMeasures as a Result of a FEDERAL and/or STATE DECLARED EMERGENCY.**

Council Member Sandberg requested the item be deferred for two weeks to allow the City Manager time to contact the Director of the Peoria City/County Health Department and negotiate their cooperation in collecting HRA revenues from restaurants and taverns. He voiced his concerns that the restaurants and taverns that pay their taxes would be punished by a bond being required, and he stated he would like to see the Health Department and City work together to focus on the restaurants and taverns that do not pay their taxes on time.

Council Member Sandberg moved to defer this item until the March 13, 2012 Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Spain.

Motion to defer this item until March 13, 2012 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Gulley, Irving, Riggerbach, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner,  
Van Auken, Weaver, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

- (12-072)**  
\*\* **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of an AMENDMENT NO. 1 to the AGREEMENT for PROFESSIONAL SERVICES with CRAWFORD, MURPHY & TILLY, INC., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$168,930.00\*, for the Repair of Sewers as a Part of the City of Peoria's SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROGRAM {Design Area 1 Point Repairs Project 12 (GPSD Project #2224)}. (Amends No. 10-070)**

\*Public Works Director Dave Barber distributed a replacement communication and agreement amending the "not to exceed" amount from \$188,750.00 to \$168,930.00.

Council Member Van Auken moved to approve the replacement Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for professional services with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$168,930.00, for the repair of sewers as a part of the City of Peoria's Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Program {Design Area 1 Point Repairs Project 12 (GPSD Project #2224)}; seconded by Council Member Weaver.

Approved, as amended, by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Gulley, Irving, Riggerbach, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner,  
Van Auken, Weaver, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

- (12-078)**  
\*\*\* **Communication from the City Manager with a REPORT Regarding FUNDING the PEORIA AREA CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU (PACVB), with Request to Receive and File. (Refer to Item No. 11-433)**

A letter was distributed to the City Manager, Mayor Ardis and City Council Members from Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Chair Cheryl West providing recommendations for the City Council to consider.

Council Member Spain recognized Chairman of the Convention and Visitor's Bureau Cheryl West, Chairman of the Peoria Civic Center Authority Dan Silverthorn, Civic Center General Manager Jim Weatherington and other key staff in attendance. He thanked the City Manager for the quality report and recognized Tim Hoffman, an unpaid volunteer intern at City Hall for his tremendous work. He stated the conversation on this agreement began in the fall but was removed from the annual budget process to separate it from other budget decisions. He stated he would like to see this brought to a resolution soon. He recommended the City Manager to continue pushing this issue with a timeline that was both aggressive and responsible in order to move forward with a structure that would maximize dollars to regenerate other hotel and restaurant taxes in Peoria.

Council Member Spain moved to receive and file the report regarding funding the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (PACVB); seconded by Council Member Van Auken.

City Manager Patrick Urich summarized the report and outlined the recommendations and timeline. He said recommendations included revision of agreements with the PACVB and Civic Center that were over 15 years old, restructuring funding for the PACVB so that communities shared equitably in the financing of its operations, modifying agreements to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the PACVB and the Civic Center, and restructuring the way the entities were incentivized. He stated the report also recommended that additional time over the next several months be spent in discussion with the two entities to establish changes and modifications based on the recommendations in the report prior to concrete recommendations being presented to Council by June 12, 2012. He also stated a Return on Investment analysis was attached to the letter from the PACVB that was handed out.

Council Member Sandberg complimented Staff on the report. In discussion with City Manager Patrick Urich, Council Member Sandberg determined if state funding were included in the graph on page 6 of the report showing the per capita contribution of the five local communities who contributed to the PACVB, it would amplify the disparity between the per capita contributions of Peoria and the surrounding communities. He shared his concerns that the citizens of Peoria, who most likely had a lower per capita income, were providing much more support to the PACVB than citizens in surrounding communities.

Motion to receive and file was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Gulley, Irving, Riggerbach, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner,  
Van Auken, Weaver, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

**(12-079)      Communication from the City Manager and Acting Director of Planning and  
\*\*\*\* Growth Management Regarding a REPORT on the CITY OF PEORIA'S  
CURRENT HOUSING PROGRAMS, with Request to Receive and File.**

Acting Director of Planning and Growth Management Ross Black distributed "Exhibit A," a copy of the application materials used for the City of Peoria's housing programs.

Council Member Gulley moved to receive and file the report on the City of Peoria's current housing programs, as amended; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Gulley stated he requested this report back to look at ways to increase participation in the housing program specifically in the Harrison Impact Zone. He pointed out the report stated only one application had been accepted for the 2011 Whole House Program in the Harrison Impact Zone.

Acting Director of Planning and Growth Management Ross Black stated the application process for the Harrison Impact Zone was based on the process used for the Glen Oak zone. He added property owners were invited to participate and many were eligible but chose not to participate. He also stated additional outreach in Harrison was planned and he expected the program to be fully subscribed by spring and all houses to be under construction in 2012.

Council Member Gulley stated a meeting was planned for March 8, 2012 at Harrison School to ensure the community was informed of this program. He added if application submissions did not increase, recommendations would need to be made in order to increase the number of participants in this program.

In conversation with Council Member Gulley, Mayor Ardis determined that Staff would work to have the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting posted on the City's website tomorrow.

Motion to receive and file the report regarding the City of Peoria's current housing programs, as amended, was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Gulley, Irving, Riggerbach, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner,  
Van Auken, Weaver, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

**(12-081) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works  
Requesting Approval of the Submission of a "TIGER 2012"  
DISCRETIONARY GRANT from the U.S. Department of Transportation for  
the EXTENSION of PIONEER PARKWAY, in the Amount of \$19,760,000.00.**

Council Member Weaver said he would be abstaining from discussion and voting on this item due to his ownership of property in the vicinity of the project.

A letter of support from OSF Senior Vice President Michael Chihoski was distributed to all members of the City Council.

Council Member Irving moved to approve the submission of a "Tiger 2012" Discretionary Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the extension of Pioneer Parkway, in the amount of \$19,760,000.00; seconded by Council Member Spain.

Council Member Irving said this grant was specific to the Pioneer Parkway extension project. He said the entire project was estimated to cost \$75 million and in order to jump start the project, Staff has discussed breaking it into four phases. He said two of these phases would be matched to the Department of Transportation grant program and an application would be submitted to the Department of Transportation for a \$20 million grant that would require a \$5 million match from the City over a three year period. He added funding would be sought for Phase I from Harker Road to Radnor Road and for Phase III from Wood Sage to Orange Prairie Road. He stated these two sections held the most economic development potential. He said the section between these two areas would be the most expensive and included a bridge over Illinois Route 6 and the interstate entrances and exits. He added an engineering agreement approved by City Council last year was currently in process. He said there was currently an agreement with Notre Dame High School in which the school would donate the right-of-ways to give access to begin the roadway to the west of Allen Road and this agreement expired in 2014. He added that OSF had agreed to donate land off of Route 91 for a fire station. He stated that Staff indicated the U.S. Department of Transportation may have a response to the grant request as early as the end of April or beginning of May.

Motion to approve the submission of a "Tiger 2012" discretionary grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the extension of Pioneer Parkway, in the amount of \$19,760,000.00 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Akeson - 1;

Abstentions: Weaver - 1.

**(12-082) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of the SELECTION PROCESS and RESULTS for VARIOUS ENGINEERING CONSULTANT JOBS and Direct Staff to Negotiate Contracts and Bring Them to Council for Individual Consideration.**

Council Member Spain moved to defer this item until the March 13, 2012 Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Motion to defer this item until the March 13, 2012 Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Gulley, Irving, Riggerbach, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Weaver, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

**(12-083) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Approval of the SECOND AMENDMENT to the AMENDED and RESTATED REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT by and Among the City of Peoria and EM PROPERTIES, LTD. and PERE MARQUETTE HOTEL, LLC and PERE MARQUETTE TIF, INC. Extending the Closing Deadline until MARCH 30, 2012, and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Second Amendment or Take Such Other Action Pertaining to the Pere Marquette Agreement as Council May Deem Appropriate.**

Corporation Counsel Randy Ray distributed a copy of the Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Redevelopment Agreement to all members of the City Council.

Council Member Van Auken moved to approve the Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Redevelopment Agreement by and among the City of Peoria and EM Properties, LTD. and Pere Marquette Hotel, LLC and Pere Marquette TIF, Inc. extending the closing deadline until March 30, 2012, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the document; seconded by Council Member Gulley.

City Manager Patrick Urich reported all parties were working diligently on a number of issues to bring the hotel project to a close but, because of the volume of documents, additional time was needed. He stated due to Federal Historic Tax Credits, State Historic Tax Credits and the investment of State New Markets Tax Credits in the project, the redeveloper had created several new redeveloper entities. He said the second amendment included all of those redevelopment entities as signatories in the applicable sections of the agreement. He said the Pere Marquette Courtyard, LLC, Pere Marquette Garage MT, LLC, and Pere Marquette Garage LLC, were included as borrowers and the Pere Marquette Historic, LLC was added as a redeveloper entity that would not be a borrower for tax credit purposes. He highlighted the following changes included in the second amendment: Section 6.1 was amended to require the redeveloper borrowers to sign a promissory note for the \$7 million loan the City would be providing; Section 6.3 pertaining to payment terms was amended to require that if the \$30 million senior loan was refinanced without the hotel being sold or without the City's portion being

refinanced, then either the City's outstanding balance must be rolled into the refinancing or the interest rate must increase from 7% to 8% per annum; Section 6.4 was amended to require redeveloper borrowers be included in the mortgage and security agreement and that upon completion of the construction period the redeveloper would escrow funds to pay the property taxes, which would provide about 45% of the debt service payments on the project; Section 6.7 was amended to reflect the proper name of the Federal Historic Tax Credit Investor; Section 6.8 was amended to clarify the cash flow priority on the project and the priority of the City's position as a creditor, which was behind the senior lender and well behind the Federal Tax Credit investor for the 7 year repayment period of the Federal Tax Credits; Section 7.5 is a new section which included information on liquidated damages of \$41,000 a month which was calculated as a 7% interest rate on \$7 million, roughly the same amount as the interest cost. He further stated the developer would pay liquidated damages of \$41,000 for every month that the Pere Marquette was not open after March 1, 2013 and for every month that the Courtyard was not open after May 1, 2014; Sections 8.5 and 8.6 were required for submissions before the City would agree to close on the deal and have been updated to reflect the current condition of where the documentation was within the agreement; Section 8.7 requires new closing conditions be established between the redeveloper, the senior lender, and the City.

City Manager Ulrich stated all documents would be placed into escrow until the documents were complete, at which time the process of selling the bonds would begin and it would take the City from 14 to 21 days to move through the process of the bond sale. He said schedule 5 now included declarations that all redevelopment entities and their successors and assigns would follow all declarations in section 5 which included agreeing to the terms and conditions of the redevelopment agreement, following anti-discrimination laws, maintaining the hotel in good condition with reasonable wear and tear accepted, operating the hotels in a professional manner that would meet the franchise requirements of Marriott hotels including the establishment of funding of reserves for replacement of fixtures, furniture and equipment, and agreeing to not contest property taxes. He also stated a non-structural veneer of limestone masonry block was built into the construction drawings for the first floor of the Courtyard hotel.

Council Member Van Auken commended the City Manager and Corporation Council Randy Ray for working through this enormously complex document and for their effort to make information accessible to the public in a timely way. She also commended the partners on the project. She stated the delays were resulting in improvements to the project and protecting the tax payers' interest.

Motion to approve the Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Redevelopment Agreement by and among the City of Peoria and EM Properties, LTD. and Pere Marquette Hotel, LLC and Pere Marquette TIF, Inc. extending the closing deadline until March 30, 2012, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the document was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Riggerbach, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis - 8;  
Nays: Akeson, Sandberg, Weaver - 3

**(12-084) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel  
Requesting Approval of the SECOND AMENDMENT to the AGREEMENT  
Between City of Peoria and MAIN STREET LAND TRUST and PEORIA  
SPEAKEASY, INC. and to a PURCHASE AGREEMENT Between the City of  
Peoria and MAIN STREET LAND TRUST and/or MAIN STREET LLC, and to  
Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Necessary Documents.**



Council Member Van Auken moved to approve the Second Amendment to the Agreement between City of Peoria and Main Street Land Trust and Peoria Speakeasy, Inc. and to a purchase agreement between the City of Peoria and Main Street Land Trust and/or Main Street LLC, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents; seconded by Council Member Gulley.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Irving, Riggerbach, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis - 8;

Nays: Akesson, Sandberg, Weaver - 3

**(12-085) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel  
Requesting Action on the SITE APPLICATION for RETAIL SALE of  
ALCOHOL, CLASS C (Package Liquor) at 2415 N. SHERIDAN ROAD, with  
Request from the Liquor Commission to DENY.**

A letter from Robert J. Hanauer, Esq. of Cusack, Gilfillan & O'Day, LLC, requesting the withdrawal of Sheridan Food Mart's application for liquor license site approval was distributed to all Council Members.

This item was withdrawn by letter of request.

**(12-086) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel  
Requesting Approval of a HIGHWAY AUTHORITY AGREEMENT Between  
the City of Peoria and BP PRODUCTS NORTH AMERICA, INC. for Property  
Known as 1514 N. KNOXVILLE AVENUE.**

Council Member Sandberg moved to defer this item for one month until the March 27, 2012, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Akesson.

Motion to defer this item until March 27, 2012 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Gulley, Irving, Riggerbach, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner,  
Van Auken, Weaver, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

**(12-007) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel  
Requesting Adoption of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 31,  
SCHEDULE A, of the Code of the City of Peoria Prohibiting the Use of  
Groundwater as a Potable Water Supply by the Installation or Use of  
Potable Water Supply Wells or by Any Other Method, and with Request to  
Receive and File the SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION.**

Council Member Sandberg said that a property owner had come forward with some concerns and requested a one month deferral of this item after meeting with Council Member Gulley, Corporation Counsel and her County Board Member. He added that this had been brought to the attention of the petitioner, BP, who had also concurred with a one month deferral to work on the impact ramifications.

Council Member Sandberg moved to defer this item until the March 27, 2012, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Motion to defer this item until March 27, 2012 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Gulley, Irving, Riggerbach, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner,  
Van Auken, Weaver, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

#### **PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA**

##### **(12-087) TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA FINANCIAL REPORT for Period Ending 12/31/2011, with Request to Receive and File.**

Trustee Irving moved to receive and file the Town of the City of Peoria Financial Report for period ending 12/31/2011; seconded by Trustee Spain.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Gulley, Irving, Riggerbach, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner,  
Van Auken, Weaver, Chairman Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

#### **PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA**

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##### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **(12-088) POLICY SESSION Regarding SIMPLIFICATION of SIGN ORDINANCE**

In discussion with Council Member Riggerbach regarding the policy session to simplify the sign ordinance, City Manager Urich stated that Staff was developing a number of recommendations regarding process improvements and future ordinance revisions and will plan to hold a larger policy session early in the second quarter that would include discussion of the sign ordinance.

Council Member Sandberg left the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

##### **CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD**

##### **(12-089) REQUEST from CITIZENS to Address the CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD Regarding Various Items.**

Hearing no objections, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to those citizens wishing to address the City Council.

Savino Sierra, a Peoria resident, discussed his concerns that the Pere Marquette hotel project was moving too slowly and stated it would have been best to construct the new hotel first. He expressed concerns about the delay in staffing the information booth in City Hall. He also suggested it would be beneficial for the Municipal Band to find additional venues at which to perform.

Lavetta Ricca, a Peoria resident, stated her concern that violations were allowed on the south side that were not allowed in other areas of the City. She added the condition of properties on the south side made it difficult to incent other property owners to maintain their locations.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was determined that an Executive Session was not needed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Riggerbach moved to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Irving.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Regular City Council Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.