

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, April 17, 2012, a Special City Council Meeting was held this date at 6:19 P.M., at City Hall, Council Chambers, 419 Fulton Street, with Chairman Pro Tem Spain presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Akeson, Gulley, Irving, Riggensbach, Sandberg, Spears, Turner, Weaver, Chairman Pro Tem Spain, - 9. Absent: Van Auken, Mayor Ardis - 2.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Pro Tem Spain requested a moment of silent prayer or silent reflection, and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

(12-158) (Second) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the PLAN of OPERATION and GOVERNANCE, the Next Step in IMPLEMENTING the OPT-OUT MUNICIPAL ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM Approved by Voters on March 20, 2012.

Council Member Riggensbach moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the Plan of Operation and Governance, the next step in implementing the Opt-Out Municipal Electricity Aggregation Program approved by voters on March 20, 2012; seconded by Council Member Weaver.

Motion to open the Public Hearing was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Gulley, Irving, Riggensbach, Sandberg, Spears, Turner, Weaver,
Chairman Pro Tem Spain, - 9;

Nays: None.

The Public Hearing opened at 6:22 P.M.

Special Projects Manager Chris Setti clarified changes made to the meeting Communications. He said the Plan of Operation and Governance had been changed in two minor ways; Appendix A was changed to remove any references to ComEd, and a sentence was added to Section 11 regarding energy efficiency and demand management, which said the City would use revenue earned from the ARES (Alternative Residential Energy Supplier) paid commission to fund these initiatives. He said Staff was unsure what level of revenue would be generated by this commission and a commitment had been made to segregate those funds into a specific account until the total amount could be estimated. He said, at that time, a Policy Session would be held in order for City Council to direct Staff on how to spend any money in excess of what was mentioned in the Plan of Operation and Governance. He added the focus of Staff plans had been on funding sustainability initiatives.

He also reported a 15 day opt-out period seemed to be the standard in Illinois and remained the recommendation. He added Good Energy had agreed to work with citizens unable to respond in this time frame on a one-on-one basis to ensure they were able to opt out of the program in a timely manner without a cancellation fee.

Mr. Setti reported outreach to the public, and specifically to senior citizens, was being conducted by radio, magazine, newspaper and television. He also stated Good Energy's website and telephone helpline were other sources of information available to the public.

Chairman Pro Tem Spain opened the Floor to those who wished to address the City Council regarding this issue.

Denise Moore, a Peoria citizen, requested information also be published in the Traveler newspaper.

Tracy Fox, representing Global Warming Solutions Group of Central Illinois, commended the Council for moving forward with this referendum and she stated outreach was the key to the high participation necessary for the success of the program. She requested Council direct Staff to make information on renewable energy credits clear to citizens. She commented moving to renewable energy would not jeopardize the energy supply or local jobs.

Joyce Harant, a Peoria citizen, thanked the Council for making these changes and stated her support of using funds for sustainability projects. She requested Social Service Agencies working with the elderly also be contacted.

Following the third call by Chairman Pro Tem Spain for citizens to comment further, Council Member Turner moved to close the Public Hearing regarding the Plan of Operation and Governance, the next step in implementing the Opt-Out Municipal Electricity Aggregation Program approved by voters on March 20, 2012; seconded by Council Member Riggensbach.

Motion to close the Public Hearing was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Gulley, Irving, Riggensbach, Sandberg, Spears, Turner, Weaver,
Chairman Pro Tem Spain, - 9;

Nays: None.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:32 P.M.

**(12-159) Communication from the City Manager Requesting Approval of a
RESOLUTION Approving the CITY OF PEORIA ELECTRICITY
AGGREGATION PROGRAM PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE.**

Council Member Sandberg moved to approve a Resolution approving the City of Peoria Electricity Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance; seconded by Council Member Weaver.

RESOLUTION No. 12-159, was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Gulley, Irving, Riggensbach, Sandberg, Spears, Turner, Weaver,
Chairman Pro Tem Spain, - 9;

Nays: None.

**(12-160) Communication from the City Manager Requesting Approval of a
RESOLUTION Authorizing Execution of a SERVICE AGREEMENT with the
Lowest Responsible Bidder for the SUPPLY of ELECTRICITY for
RESIDENTIAL and SMALL COMMERCIAL RETAIL CUSTOMERS Who Do
Not Opt Out of Such a Program.**

Council Member Irving moved to approve a Resolution authorizing execution of a service agreement with the lowest responsible bidder for the supply of electricity for residential and small commercial retail customers who do not opt out of such a program; seconded by Council Member Weaver.

RESOLUTION No. 12-160 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Gulley, Irving, Riggerbach, Sandberg, Spears, Turner, Weaver,
Chairman Pro Tem Spain, - 9;

Nays: None.

(12-161) CANVASS of the CITY OF PEORIA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY PROPOSITION for the GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION Held on March 20, 2012, in the City of Peoria, County of Peoria, and State of Illinois, with Request to Receive and File.

Council Member Irving moved to receive and file a Canvass of the City of Peoria Electricity Supply Proposition for the General Primary Election held on March 20, 2012, in the City of Peoria, County of Peoria, and State of Illinois; seconded by Council Member Turner.

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

Yeas: Akeson, Gulley, Irving, Riggerbach, Sandberg, Spears, Turner, Weaver,
Chairman Pro Tem Spain, - 9;

Nays: None.

WELCOME OF LOCAL DIGNITARIES

Chairman Pro Tem Spain welcomed former Council Member James Polk to the Council Meeting.

(12-162) Communication from the City Manager Requesting Approval of the Following:

- A. **ADOPTION of an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 to Allocate up to \$115,000.00 from the SOUTHTOWN TIF FUND for the REPAIR or REPLACEMENT of the ROOF at CARVER CENTER;**

Council Member Gulley recognized Carver Center Board Chairman Norman Lippett and Board Member Billy Halstead who were present at the meeting.

Council Member Gulley moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria Budget for fiscal year 2012 to allocate up to \$115,000.00 from the Southtown TIF Fund for the repair or replacement of the roof at Carver Center; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE 16,815 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Gulley, Irving, Riggerbach, Sandberg, Spears, Turner, Weaver,
Chairman Pro Tem Spain, - 9;

Nays: None.

- B. **AUTHORIZE the City Manager to Execute any CONTRACTS with FIRMS Selected for the REPAIR or REPLACEMENT of the ROOF at CARVER CENTER, not to Exceed \$115,000.00.**

Council Member Gulley moved to authorize the City Manager to execute any contracts with firms selected for the repair or replacement of the roof at Carver Center, not to exceed \$115,000.00; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Gulley, Irving, Riggerbach, Sandberg, Spears, Turner, Weaver,
Chairman Pro Tem Spain, - 9;

Nays: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(12-155) PRESENTATION by MR. MIKE LEWIS from the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION with Request for INPUT on the EASTERN BYPASS STUDY and to Receive and File the Documentation. (Deferred from the April 10, 2012, City Council Meeting)

Mike Lewis with the Illinois Department of Transportation gave a presentation regarding the Eastern Bypass Study. He stated a Corridor Study is currently underway and is expected to take another year to complete. He added the Corridor Study will be followed by an Alignments Study. He explained the goal of the studies was to gather information, and he said a decision of whether or not to build would be made once the Alignments Study was complete. He advised it would be a total of seven to ten years before ground could be broken on the project. He stated a forty-seven member advisory group had suggested locations for the study, analyzed the corridors, and reduced the number of corridors being considered from twenty to four. He said Corridors P-4 and T-7 were shown in the information provided, but had been eliminated. He reviewed the remaining four corridors being considered and he said IDOT planned to meet with the advisory group in May or June at which time the number of corridors being considered could be reduced to one or two. He stated the time for input from the community was now. He also requested a resolution, letter, or some tangible input from the City Council.

In discussion with Council Member Weaver, Mr. Lewis stated the projected cost of the remaining four corridors was in the \$620 to \$670 million range and he said cost had not been a driving factor in decision making. In further discussion with Council Member Weaver, he added the advisory group had worked to come to a consensus through discussion rather than having used a weighting system to score each corridor. In response to a question from Council Member Weaver regarding the quality of use of each corridor in driving economic impact, Mr. Lewis discussed the anticipated traffic usage for each corridor as well as the indicators outlined on the Corridor Screening Matrix of "Improved Traffic Flow," "Mobility," "Land Use Plans," and an assessment completed by the Economic Development Council, "Support of Economic Development Plans".

Council Member Sandberg stated existing State Routes 8 and 116 had a current connector to the orbital road and added Route 24 was a critical input/output that must be taken into consideration. He suggested the bypass should be tied into the I-74/I-474 break point West of Morton and said the continuation of I-474 would be efficient as well as being critical to achieving goals for the older portion of Peoria. He stated that using the I-74/I-474 interchange as an anchor would appear convenient on a map and would avoid creating an outer and inner circle of roads. He added that moving the bypass further to the East would only encourage sprawl.

In response to a question from Chairman Pro Tem Spain, City Manager Patrick Urich stated IDOT wanted to hear from the Council as a policy making body and he said a small Policy Session could be scheduled at a future date in order for Council to come to a decision.

In discussion with Council Member Akeson, Mr. Lewis stated discussion on a bypass road was first held in 1968 as part of an East Peoria Comprehensive Plan and came up again in the 1990's and after 2000. He added the current discussion precipitated from input given during a Transportation Symposium in the tri-county area. In response to Council Member Akeson's concerns regarding the accuracy of forecasted traffic numbers and how decisions had been made, Mr. Lewis agreed to gather additional information.

Council Member Riggensbach concurred with Council Member Sandberg that using the I-74/I-474 interchange would be a logical way to make the bypass complete and he expressed concern regarding Corridor D-13 because of the various impacts of urban sprawl.

In response to a question from Council Member Weaver, Mr. Lewis stated the traffic flow numbers discussed were predicted levels for the year 2045 when the road would be fully constructed and built out, and he said those numbers were taken from the Tri County Regional Planning Commission's traffic model. Mr. Lewis also stated, in response to a question from Council Member Weaver, the City of Peoria representative on the advisory group was Steve Van Winkle. In response to Council Member Weaver's concern that weighting was not used, Mr. Lewis stated there was a conscious effort to avoid weighting because it would pit different preferences against one another and a conclusion satisfying both sides was desired.

In response to a question from Chairman Pro Tem Spain, Mr. Lewis stated the optimum time to receive input from the Council would be prior to information being presented to the advisory group in late May or June.

Chairman Pro Tem Spain suggested the first meeting in May would be an appropriate time to consider this item.

Council Member Irving moved to receive and file the documentation related to a presentation by Mr. Mike Lewis from the Illinois Department of Transportation; seconded by Council Member Riggensbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Gulley, Irving, Riggensbach, Sandberg, Spears, Turner, Weaver,
Chairman Pro Tem Spain, - 9;

Nays: None.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD

(12-163) REQUEST from CITIZENS to Address the CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD Regarding Various Items.

Hearing no objections, Chairman Pro Tem Spain granted Privilege of the Floor to those citizens wishing to address the City Council.

James Polk, a Peoria resident and former City Council Member, shared his concerns regarding the process used for redistricting, and requested open hearings be held.

Chairman Pro Tem Spain stated redistricting was scheduled to be on the agenda for the first Council meeting in May and he said, though a date had not yet been set, a public meeting could be anticipated prior to the entire Council meeting to discuss it again.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was determined that an Executive Session was not needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Sandberg moved to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Gulley, Irving, Riggerbach, Sandberg, Spears, Turner, Weaver,
Chairman Pro Tem Spain, - 9;

Nays: None.

The Special City Council Meeting adjourned at 7:19 P.M.