



Office of the City Manager

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager *PUK*

DATE: April 20, 2012

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.

PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED ON PROPOSED FOOD TRUCK LICENSE. At its April 10, 2012 meeting, the City Council deferred a decision on a proposed food truck license ordinance in order to gather public input. A public meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 25 at 3:30 pm in Room 420 of the Twin Towers Office Building (456 Fulton). Given that many of the concerns and questions are likely to come from existing restaurant operators, this time was chosen to avoid lunch and dinner periods. The meeting will be advertised via a press release issued on Monday morning. The proposed ordinance from the April 10 meeting has been posted on the front page of the City's website (www.ci.peoria.il.us). In addition to the public meeting, comments can be shared by contacting Chris Setti, Special Projects Manager, in one of three ways:

By Phone: (309) 494-8618

By E-Mail: csetti@ci.peoria.il.us

In writing: Chris Setti, City of Peoria, 419 Fulton Room 207, Peoria IL 61602

Comments will be accepted through May 1, 2012 for inclusion in the May 8, 2012 Council Communication.

INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT 2012 PAINT PROGRAM. Applications became available for the 2012 Paint Program on April 16, 2012. Applicants must have an active housing case, provide proof of ownership, and meet income eligibility requirements. The program provides up to 20 gallons of paint for a house and an additional 5 gallons for an unattached garage. The program will continue until funds (\$10,000) are exhausted or when the program ends on November 1, 2012.

EAST VILLAGE GROWTH CELL HOUSING PROGRAM. On April 3, 2012, the East Village Growth Cell Advisory Committee (the Committee) voted to approve the final guidelines of a housing program for qualified residents within the East Village Growth Cell boundary. **(Electronic Copy Only)**

The Committee has been working diligently with residents of the neighborhood, for almost a year, to develop the guidelines for a program that will assist in the rehabilitation of existing housing stock and the increase of the overall value and attractiveness of the area.

The housing program will not be brought to the Council for approval at this time, due to the fact that there is not sufficient increment in the TIF to support such a program. After careful consideration, it was determined that the approval of a program that is not financially viable, would create an expectation within the neighborhood that could not be met at this time.

In reviewing the Olde Town TIF District in Decatur, a primarily residential TIF used as a basis for the East Village TIF, it was found that their housing program, while thought of at the establishment of the TIF District, was not actually created until much later due to lack of increment. The Olde Town TIF District was established in 1999, but the housing program was not created and opened for application until 2006, when a steady stream of TIF funding became available.

To help bridge the gap, the City will re-advertise our general housing and community development programs in the East Village area. When funds become available, to make the program viable, the specific program guidelines will be brought to Council for final approval.

TIRE DISPOSAL. The City has collected tires for many years at our Darst Street site for collection by our trash hauling contractor. When we prepared the Request for Proposal in 2009 for the trash collection and disposal contract we estimated that about 17,000 to 20,000 tires would be collected annually by the City for disposal. This included the tires the City disposes from our Fleet operations and was based on previous estimates of tires collected. Last year almost 25,000 tires were collected for disposal. Within the last two weeks someone dropped a full truckload of semi tires at the Darst Street site.

The Darst Street site has become a dumping area and many tires are just showing up at this location. In an effort to control the use of this area as a dump site we will now be delivering tires collected by City staff at our Public Works site on Dries Lane and no longer using Darst Street for dumping. Signs will be added at Darst Street informing that this site is not open for dumping and only authorize personnel are permitted on this site. We have the ability at Dries Lane to monitor who enters our site and can control the illegal dumping of tires at our location. We are also working with the Police Department and Code Enforcement to try and determine who is dropping tires throughout the City.

2011 PRE-AUDIT HEALTH CARE 4TH QUARTER REPORT. The 2011 4th Quarter Health Care Report is attached for your review. **(ELECTRONIC COPY ONLY)** Based on the information submitted, the amount is under budget for 2011.