



Office of the City Manager

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager 
DATE: October 12, 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.

2012 CENTRAL ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL CLERK'S ORGANIZATION PRESIDENT'S AWARD. City Clerk Beth Ball is the recipient of the 2012 Central Illinois Municipal Clerks Organization President's Award. The award was presented to Beth at the 2012 CIMCO Annual Meeting on October 10, 2012. Beth served as the Membership Chairman and Chairman of the Nominating Committee for the past year. Recognizing the importance of networking with other Clerks, Beth coordinated a program designed to contact and encourage new City/Village Clerks in Central Illinois to join CIMCO for education, networking, and social purposes. CIMCO Membership was increased by approximately 10%.

ALLEN ROAD REPAIRS (WILLOW KNOLLS INTERSECTION). On September 25, 2012, Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the Allen Road Improvements (Pavement Repair Project North of Willow Knolls Road) for an amount not to exceed \$220,000. Since this was a different approach to awarding contracts, Councilman Spain requested a report back on the bidding results. Bids for the project were received September 28, 2012 as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Total Bid:</u>
<i>RA Cullinan & Son, Inc.</i>	<i>\$185,364.13</i>
Illinois Civil Contractors, Inc.	\$198,420.00
Stark Excavating, Inc.	\$209,065.00
Hein Construction	\$217,717.60
Otto Baum Co.	\$262,922.00

Engineer's Estimate: \$199,744.20

By authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract, this project was able to start construction activities on October 8, 2012.

TAKING BACK OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. A public forum titled Taking Back Our Neighborhood – Investing in Our Kids will be held at Glen Oak Learning Center, Tuesday, November 27, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The forum will feature a brief video produced by neighborhood teenagers, which will be followed by information sessions about the 911 emergency communications system, street gang culture, and neighborhood watch. Food, child care, and door prizes will be provided. The forum is open to the public. Registration is not required.

The first Taking Back Our Neighborhood public forum was held in November 2011 and drew over 120 participants. That forum spurred residents to establish three neighborhood watch groups, and resulted in an inspiring Neighborhood Peace Walk on August 7th. In addition, the Taking Back Our Neighborhood initiative played an influential role in action taken by District 150 police to post signs around Glen Oak Learning Center alerting residents and youth to the hours of the playground and basketball court. Members of the Taking Back Our Neighborhood committee are also collaborating with staff of the Local Support Corporation (LISC) to develop a neighborhood action plan. Taking Back Our Neighborhood committee members represent residents, neighborhood organizations, businesses, churches, and the City of Peoria.



MULTI-SPACING PARKING AROUND MUSEUM BLOCK. On September 11, 2012, the City Council authorized the City Manager to create a pilot project for the use of multi-space parking meters around the museum block and in certain river front parking lots. The Manager was authorized to spend up to \$53,000, but indicated during the meeting that the City was seeking "free trials" from meter vendors. The City received two such offers and a team of staff representatives selected the offer from Digital Payment Technologies. Digital has offered a six-month trial of eleven Luke II meter stations: four will be installed around the museum block and seven will be used in river front parking lots. The only cost is for shipping the units from the manufacturer to Peoria.

Four "pay and display" meters will be installed around the museum block during the week of October 15, 2012 and will "go live" on October 22, 2012. Two meters will be installed on Water Street and one each will be installed on Main Street and Liberty Street. The meters will be set at \$0.25 per 15 minute increment (\$1/hour). The machines accept coins, credit cards and debit cards. Patrons will need to approach the machine, pay for the time required, and place the ticket in their windshield. City staff is working on a public relations and education plan. Additionally, legal staff is working on changes to the City ordinance that regulates parking to accommodate this new system.

The remaining seven units will be used in the river front lots. Staff is working closely with the Peoria Riverfront Association and other stakeholders to create a plan that accommodates all users. These units are anticipated to be installed in early November.