



Office of the City Manager

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** Patrick Urich, City Manager   
**DATE:** July 27, 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.

**PLANNING & INSPECTIONS MOVE TO CITY HALL.** This week the relocation of Planning and Inspections personnel from the Twin Towers to City Hall began. The staff of the Neighborhood Division (grants & housing rehab staff) has been moved to room 203 at City Hall. Within the next two weeks, Building Inspections and Code Enforcement personnel will be moved to the old Public Works location on the third floor of City Hall. Following this move, the remainder of the Planning Department personnel will be moved to the old Human Resources location, also on the third floor of City Hall. All employee phone numbers and email addresses will remain the same. Further updates will continue to be provided during this transition.

**DON'T SHOOT TEAM FOURTH WEEK.** Don't Shoot Team one month comparison of gun violence data is attached for your review. **(Electronic Copy Only)**

**2012 YEAR TO DATE CRIME STATISTICS.** The 2012 Year to Date Crime Statistics are included in this week's Issues Update for your review. **(Electronic Copy Only)**

**PEORIA PARK DISTRICT 2012 1ST AND 2ND QUARTER REPORT.** Included in this week's Issues Update is the Peoria Park District 2012 1st and 2nd Quarter Report. **(Electronic Copy Only)**

**JULY 2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REPORT.** The July 2012 Capital Improvement Project Report is included in this week's Issues Update for your review. **(Electronic Copy Only)**

**CITY/GREATER PEORIA SANITARY DISTRICT (GPSD) PROVIDE TESTIMONY FOR CONGRESSIONAL WATER RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING REGARDING USEPA DEMANDS FOR UNFUNDED SEWER UPGRADES.** The City and the Greater Peoria Sanitary District (GPSD) jointly submitted written testimony to the Congressional Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment for a Hearing held on July 25, 2012. This Subcommittee is under the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The Hearing Memorandum and the submitted testimony are included. **(Electronic Copies Only)** More information can be viewed on this link: <http://transportation.house.gov/hearings/hearingdetail.aspx?NewsID=1671>.

The City and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) have been in negotiations for the acceptance of a Long Term Control Plan to control combined sewer overflows for years. At the heart of the stalled negotiations is the cost of the proposed program. The City maintains that we can achieve

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the USEPA requirements at a lower cost than most comparable communities. USEPA continues to push for further and more costly improvements, not only to the City's combined sewer system, but also to the GPSD sewage treatment plant and sanitary sewer system. Providing testimony to the subject Subcommittee allowed our story to be heard at a national level. Our negotiations with the USEPA will continue.

The City and GPSD received assistance in the preparation and submittal of the testimony from the staff of Congressman Aaron Schock, The Ferguson Group (our City/County advocate in Washington, DC), and our outside counsel Barnes & Thornburg, LLC.