
**PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2002, AT 3:30 P.M.
R. DAVID TEBBEN * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, BARRA, MASSAGLIA, ORRICK, AND RICHMOND

ABSENT: NONE

Notice of a special meeting to discuss potential joint riverfront development with the Park District was received by Council on January 2, 2002.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by *Times* Reporter Holly Eitenmiller

Roll was called and all commissioners were present. Also present were staff members, Pekin Park District Director Robert Blackwell and the press.

New Business

**RESOLUTION NO. 154
APPOINTMENT OF DOUGLAS PARSONS
AS "AT LARGE" MEMBER TO THE TIF JOINT REVIEW BOARD**

Motion by Com'r. Barra, seconded by Com'r. Orrick, that Resolution No. 154 be adopted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Communications

Discussion of potential joint development for the riverfront with the Pekin Park District began with opening remarks and changes by City Manager Dick Hierstein to the presented outline agreement of understanding prepared by Park Director Bob Blackwell. The basic concept proposed would be to transfer ownership of a portion of Miller Park and parking lot to the city in exchange for property along the riverfront. Mr. Hierstein noted an equivalent trade would be made of title to property, leasing remainder to southerly portion described as parcel "C" for future development.

The purpose of the outline was to begin the process of understanding the City's and Park's respective responsibilities for cooperative development of riverfront open space for use by the public. Based on various discussions with the Park Board and City, Mr. Blackwell proposed that the Park would develop a design plan for the new open space area, apply for grants for construction improvements and be responsible for maintenance. The City would prepare a site along the riverfront, cooperate on funding sources, and provide use of existing building for equipment.

Council, staff and Mr. Blackwell spoke of the roll of each entity, the community benefits and the opportunity to cooperate. It was suggested to incorporate unique features to the open space such as a waterfall, play areas with rock-climbing obstacles, extended bike trail along the river.

It was agreed plans were flexible but site preparation issues, applications for grants and timing needed to be addressed soon. The Park was asked to take the lead in getting framework in place to set up intergovernmental agreements needed.

No further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Com'r. Barra, seconded by Com'r. Orrick, that Council adjourn. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:20 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk