

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Joint Regular Meeting of the City Council and Town Board of Trustees of Peoria, Illinois, was held March 12, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall, Council Chambers (Room 400), 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Ardis presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Moore (Left the meeting at 6:15 P.M.), Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11. Absent: None.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or reflection and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

Kick Butts Day

Dunlap Valley Boys Basketball IESA 3A Runner-Ups

MINUTES

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on February 26, 2019, and the Special City Council Meeting held on March 5, 2019, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA

(19-070) Communication from the Town Officials with a Request to APPROVE the AGENDAS for the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the agendas for the Annual Town Meeting; seconded by Trustee Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

- (19-071) REQUEST from the Town Officials to APPROVE the FEBRUARY 2019 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES and to APPROVE the MARCH 2019 ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES for the Town of the City of Peoria.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the February 2019 actual expenditures and to approve the March 2019 anticipated expenditures for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggensbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, with Recommendations as Outlined

- (19-072) Communication from City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE an Addendum AGREEMENT with the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, in the Additional Amount of \$4,830.00, for a Total Agreement Amount of \$40,871.00, for the City's Participation in Sidewalk, Traffic Signal, and Resurfacing Costs Associated with the Improvement of KNOXVILLE AVENUE (IL ROUTE 40) from Pennsylvania Avenue to Corrington Avenue. (Ref. Council Item 18-014) (Council Districts 2 & 3)**
- (19-073) Communication from City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request for the City Manager to Execute an AGREEMENT with the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, in the Amount of \$23,000.00, plus Contingency, for the City's Participation in Resurfacing and Patching Costs Associated with the Improvements of KNOXVILLE AVENUE (IL ROUTE 40), from Fayette Street to Main Street (Resurfacing) and Main Street to S.W. Adams Street (Patching). (Council District 1)**
- (19-074) Communication from City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request for the City Manager to Execute an AGREEMENT with the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, in the Amount of \$71,990.00, Plus Contingency, for the City's Participation in Resurfacing, ADA Improvements, and Curb and Gutter Replacement Costs Associated with the Improvement of IL ROUTE 29, from South of War Memorial Drive to Abington Street. (Council District 1)**
- (19-075) Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Human Resources with a Request to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT Negotiated Between the CITY of Peoria and the UNITED ASSOCIATION OF STEAMFITTERS LOCAL UNION 353 from December 1, 2018 through November 30, 2022.**
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- (19-076)** ****** Communication from Mayor Jim Ardis and the Legal Department with a Recommendation to APPROVE a RESOLUTION to Increase the COMPENSATION of the CITY MANAGER by \$3,787.06, to be Allocated as a Bonus, Salary Increase, Deferred Compensation, or Any Combination as Deemed Appropriate by the City Manager.
- (19-077)** Communication from the City Manager, Community Development Director and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,663 Amending the City of Peoria 2019 REVISED BUDGET Relating to the General Fund to Recognize the Increase in Violations Fines and Fees Related to CHAPTER 5 and CHAPTER 13 of the CODE of the City of Peoria, in the Amount of \$100,000.00, and the Increase in Expenditures for Temporary Help and Software, in the Amount of \$75,000.00. (Requires a Super Majority Vote)
- (19-078)** APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the ADVISORY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RESOURCES with a Request to Concur:
- Catherine Cross (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2019**
- (19-079)** APPOINTMENT and REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA HOUSING AUTHORITY with a Request to Concur:
- Kadar Heffner (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2021**
- (19-080)** APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the ADVISORY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RESOURCES with a Request to Concur:
- Alexander Ikejiaku (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2022**
- (19-081)** APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD with a Request to Concur:
- Douglas Mc Carty (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2019**
Randy Swenson (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2019
- (19-082)** Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the Month Ended JANUARY 31, 2019, UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.
- (19-083)** REPORT from the CITY TREASURER PATRICK A. NICHTING for the YEAR 2018, with Request to Receive and File.

Mayor Ardis questioned if the Council wished to have any of the Consent Agenda Items removed for further discussion.

Council Member Jensen requested Item No. 19-076 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Oyler requested Item No. 19-075 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as outlined in the Council Communications; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Item Nos. 19-072 through 19-083 (excluding Item Nos. 19-075 and 19-076) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oylar, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

(19-075) Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Human Resources with a Request to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT Negotiated Between the CITY of Peoria and the UNITED ASSOCIATION OF STEAMFITTERS LOCAL UNION 353 from December 1, 2018, through November 30, 2022.

An amended agreement was distributed to all Council Members.

Council Member Oylar said he would not vote in favor of this item stating that he could not support pay increases until the City was in a better financial situation.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between the City of Peoria and the United Association of Steamfitters Local Union 353 from December 1, 2018, through November 30, 2022; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: Oylar - 1.

(19-076) Communication from Mayor Jim Ardis and the Legal Department with a Recommendation to APPROVE a RESOLUTION to Increase the COMPENSATION of the CITY MANAGER by \$3,787.06, to be Allocated as a Bonus, Salary Increase, Deferred Compensation, or Any Combination as Deemed Appropriate by the City Manager.

Council Member Jensen said she would not support the increase since the last budget eliminated approximately 32 public safety positions.

Council Member Turner moved to approve a Resolution to increase the compensation of the City Manager by \$3,787.06, to be allocated as a bonus, salary increase, deferred compensation, or any combination as deemed appropriate by the City Manager; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Mayor Ardis said the Council Communication and the Resolution stated the City Manager had not received a raise for three years. He said each of those years the City Manager was awarded a raise, but he had refused to receive those raises due to budgetary issues. He said the City Council determined to award a 2% raise and the City Manager was advised that he could not turn down the raise.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-076 approving to increase the compensation of the City Manager by \$3,787.06, to be allocated as a bonus, salary increase, deferred compensation, or any combination as deemed appropriate by the City Manager was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Montelongo, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 7;
Nays: Akeson, Jensen, Oyler - 3.

PRESENTATIONS

(19-084) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a PRESENTATION Regarding the EAST BLUFF COMMUNITY CENTER.

Tim Cunningham, President of the Board of the East Bluff Community Center, provided a presentation on the efforts of the EBCC. He reviewed the streets that bordered the East Bluff, which were Prospect Avenue, Knoxville Avenue, Forrest Hill Avenue and Glen Oak Avenue. He reviewed the schools that served the East Bluff families for decades, noting there had been seven schools over the last 30 years. He said only Glen Oak School and Von Steuben School still remained viable schools today. He reviewed the change in demographics of the community after the closing of several schools. He outlined the major milestones for the EBCC since 2011, noting the efforts of City, church and community leaders to create a community gathering place for the citizens of the East Bluff. He said the EBCC officially opened with a lease from St. Bernard's Parish in 2013 and officially became a 501(c)(3) organization in 2014. He said between 2013 and 2018 the EBCC increasingly became a community significance offering a steady growth of programs, activities and overall usage. He reviewed the impact the EBCC had on the community in 2018 noting the number of activities, events and participants that utilized the center. He reviewed the EBCC's budget providing the net income and total expenses between 2014 and 2018. He introduced the current EBCC Board and strategy team and reviewed the EBCC's mission and vision. He reported on the proposed efforts of the EBCC for 2019 along with four goals. He acknowledged and thanked the volunteers, individuals, church groups, community organizations, civic and educational institutions and community leaders for their involvement in the EBCC. He said he looked forward to the next five years of the EBCC.

Council Member Riggenbach commented on the story of the EBCC noting that the volunteers made it phenomenal and sustainable. He recognized the Board members and commented that awareness was needed.

Council Member Ruckriegel said there was a sense of community at the EBCC stating they were setting an example for what could be done in Peoria.

To follow the progress of the EBCC, Mr. Cunningham said the community could follow the EBCC on Facebook. He said they were currently working on a professional website to access additional information. He encouraged everyone to visit the EBCC and to see the efforts of the community in repurposing a 100-year old building.

Council Member Jensen expressed her appreciation for the presentation and requested a copy of the PowerPoint be provided to the Council Members. She said the efforts of the EBCC would be a model for other areas within the City.

Mayor Ardis expressed his appreciation for the presentation and the efforts of the EBCC Board noting it took a lot of hard work and the efforts of a community working together. He invited the Board and Team to join him in providing a proclamation to Jim Combs for beginning the efforts of the EBCC, noting Mr. Combs was the initial visionary for the project.

At the conclusion of the proclamation, Mr. Combs expressed his appreciation for the recognition and he recognized other members of the Board along with Bill Collier who served as President of the Board for most of 2018.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to receive and file a presentation regarding the East Bluff Community Center; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggensbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

(19-085) Communication from the City Manager and Assistant City Manager with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a PRESENTATION Regarding SOUTH VILLAGE TIF JOB TRAINING GRANT PROGRAMS.

Assistant City Manager Deborah Roethler introduced two organizations who benefited from the South Village TIF in order to provide job training, readiness and preparedness programs to individuals who resided within those TIF boundaries. She said five programs were awarded in 2018 and had completed their first full year.

Julie Hudelson Schmidgall, Executive Director of Metec, provided an overview of the organization's efforts to provide job training to those who resided within the South Village TIF boundaries. She said Metec had been active in the TIF grant for approximately six months wherein they assisted clients in finding work. She said Metec helped address and remove barriers in finding employment. She reviewed a group entitled the "Job Club" that met on a weekly basis to review how to obtain a job and to discuss budgeting finances. She said Metec also helped with the sealing and expungement process, along with Prairie State Legal Services, for those individuals who qualified. She said Metec provided caregiver classes so individuals would be qualified to provide senior care upon completion, which also provided an introduction to the health field. She said Metec highlighted one employer each week and invited those interested in the field to attend and to discuss opportunities with the employer. She said 25 individuals graduated from the program while two were from the South Village TIF District. She reviewed the success of the individuals who graduated from the class. She said Metec had learned that TIF grants were very particular and specific. She said there were not many South Village residents who sought assistance from Metec. She said, in going forward, Metec would focus their outreach efforts more to the South Village boundaries in order to utilize and meet the parameters of the TIF funds.

Laraine Bryson, President of the Tri-County Urban League, said the Urban League was currently operating a job readiness training program specifically in the South Village TIF District wherein pathway, exploration, job training and readiness as well as placement and certifications in various skills were offered. She said the programs had a 60% success rate in helping individuals find employment or career paths. She said many of those who sought assistance were chronically unemployed or had no work history. She said their main focus was trying to get those individuals in an industry-recognized certification that would be valid throughout the United States. She said the main focus of their program was to find job placement and

encourage job retention. She provided statistics and demographics of the people served noting that 100% had increased their skill sets. She said they offered fork-lift certifications and recently had one individual receive a CDL certification. She noted that the career interests were mainly manufacturing, transportation, logistics, hospitality and trades. She said in order for their program to make an impact, it was necessary to have the resources to assist and provide a holistic program. She said there was a need for supportive services, stipends, training dollars and frequent incentives. She said additional resources would aid in providing active engagement rather than passive engagement.

Council Member Akeson requested a datasheet that outlined the information provided by both speakers. She also requested more information on the partnerships associated with the programs, inquired whether the grant would be offered again, and the location of where the services took place.

Discussions were held regarding the amount budgeted towards these types of programs and Assistant City Manager Roethler said there were five grantees awarded TIF funds for the programs offered. In all she said there was a total amount of \$150,000.00 to be distributed from the TIF fund for these types of programs.

Council Member Jensen expressed her appreciation for the information and said she would be in favor of expanding the support of these types of programs.

Assistant City Manager Roethler said it was important to administratively secure TIF funds and extend the time period to use those TIF funds and she said she would like to seek input from the City Council about more of a commitment on how to proceed.

In response to Council Member Riggerbach, Assistant City Manager Roethler said the recipient or the employer needed to reside in the South Side in order to receive a benefit of TIF funds for job training.

Council Member Montelongo requested a Report Back on the numbers for the different age groups, gender, minorities and location of who was receiving these benefits. Assistant City Manager Roethler said as the full year for the TIF funds and these services came to a close should would be able to provide better statistics to the City Council.

Mayor Ardis expressed his appreciation for the presentation noting the City Council put a lot of focus on this particular area over the last few years. He said it looked like there would be strong support for continuation of the programs, noting that Council Member Moore was a huge advocate for these types of supportive services.

Council Member Jensen moved to receive and file a presentation regarding South Village TIF Job Training Grant Programs; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

FIRST READINGS

(19-086) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request for a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 26 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Regarding COMMERCIAL USES OF RIGHTS OF WAY.

Interim Public Works Director Bill Lewis reviewed the proposed Ordinance commenting that it started last summer as part of a project on West Main Street. At that time, he said a parklet was used as an extension of the sidewalk. He explained the uses of a parklet noting that West Main Street was a pilot project that became successful. He said the proposed Ordinance would update the Code accordingly.

Council Member Akeson expressed her appreciation for the efforts of the project to enhance City streets and public right-of-ways. She asked that a requirement of live plant material be included in the Ordinance in order for citizens to see a greener and more beautiful City. She said it was outlined as a strategic goal. She directed Interim Public Works Director Lewis to evaluate the minimum standards that could be written into the Ordinance in order to get some live plant material incorporated into the designs.

Council Member Jensen said she concurred with Council Member Akeson. She said when the Ordinance came back to the City Council there needed to be some minimum green requirements included. She asked to expand the parameters to include not only restaurants or food markets, but other business establishments who wished to have a parklet.

Council Member Grayeb said the pilot project for a parklet was on West Main Street. He recognized Chief Innovation Officer Anthony Corzo for his efforts on this project. He said he would like to see more parklets, but greener. He inquired as to who was responsible for the maintenance of these parklets. He said as businesses wanted to have parklets in front of their establishment, requirements would need to be defined as to the terms of maintenance.

Interim Public Works Director Lewis said Staff agreed that the parklets would continue to need to be maintained, and he said since parklets were in the public right-of-way it would fall on the Public Works Department to maintain them. He commented that the Public Works Department recently hired a Permit Engineer, which would help manage the workload of ensuring the parklets were maintained.

Discussions were held regarding the permit fees for Commercial Parklets and Council Member Jensen requested, before the next meeting, fees established by Peoria Heights for unmetered parking spaces.

Council Member Grayeb expressed his appreciation for the First Reading of this Ordinance and he commented that the fees needed to be modest and reasonable.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 26 of the Code of the City of Peoria regarding commercial uses of rights of way; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 19-086 will be placed on the March 26, 2019, Regular City Council Meeting agenda.

(19-087) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request for a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 27 TAXATION Article VII Sec 27-151; Article VIII Sec 27-180; Article IX Sec 27-204; Article XI Sec 27-257; Article XII Sec 27-263; Article XV Sec 27-306; Article XVI Sec 27-316 and Article XVIII Sec 27-334 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to the Calculation of the Penalties for LATE PAYMENT of Hotel Taxes, Restaurant Taxes, Amusement Taxes, Utility Taxes, Motor Fuel Taxes, Water Utility Taxes, Gas Utility Taxes and Alcoholic Liquor Sold At Retail Establishment Taxes.

Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins reviewed the proposed Ordinance noting that the new accounting software did not allow for two penalty assessments as outlined in the current Code of a 5% penalty followed by a 2% penalty for each month thereafter. He said the proposed Ordinance provided for one assessment wherein he recommended a 3% penalty on a monthly basis, which would be more efficient when calculating taxes.

Council Member Oyler moved to receive and file a First Reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 27 Taxation Article VII Sec 27-151; Article VIII Sec 27-180; Article IX Sec 27-204; Article XI Sec 27-257; Article XII Sec 27-263; Article XV Sec 27-306; Article XVI Sec 27-316 and Article XVIII Sec 27-334 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to the calculation of the penalties for late payment of hotel taxes, restaurant taxes, amusement taxes, utility taxes, motor fuel taxes, water utility taxes, gas utility taxes and alcoholic liquor sold at retail establishment taxes; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 19-087 will be placed on the March 26, 2019, Regular City Council Meeting agenda.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(19-054) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Amend an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 13 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to VIOLATION FINES and FEES.

After a brief overview by Community Development Director Ross Black on the proposed amendments, Council Member Akeson moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 13 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to violation fines and fees; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,664 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

(19-055) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Amend an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 5 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to VIOLATION FINES and FEES.

Community Development Director Black said this item was similar to 19-054 but related to a separate section of the Code.

Council Member Akeson moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to violation fines and fees; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,665 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

(19-056) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 5 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to INSPECTION OF DWELLINGS.

Council Member Akeson moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to inspection of dwellings; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Jensen said she would support the item with an amendment to insert a hyperlink after each section where it states, "The property owner must comply with the adopted Code standards of the City of Peoria." She said the hyperlink should take the property owner to the section of the Code to review the Code standards.

Council Member Akeson and Council Member Turner agreed to the proposed friendly amendment.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,666 amending Chapter 5 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to inspection of dwellings was adopted, as amended, to include a hyperlink after each section where it states, "The property owner must comply with the adopted Code standards of the City of Peoria" that would take the property owner to the section of the Code to review the Code standards was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Including but not limited to motions to reconsider items, if any, from the previous Regular Meeting)

(18-231) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE the PURCHASE of the SIMANTEL PROPERTY Located at the Foot of SPRING STREET. (Council District 1)

City Manager Ulrich requested a two week deferral stating that he anticipated an appraisal this week, which would be posted to the City's website and distributed to all interest parties.

Council Member Cyr moved to defer this item to the March 26, 2019, Regular City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Motion to defer to the March 26, 2019, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

(18-275) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to DEFER an Amendment of CHAPTER 13 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to REFUSE CONTAINERS until March 26, 2019.

Council Member Montelongo moved to approve the request to defer an amendment of Chapter 13 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to refuse containers until March 26, 2019; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

(19-057) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Approving a Special Use in a Class O-1 (Arterial Office) District for a PRESCHOOL for the Property Located at 3406 N. ROCHELLE LANE, (Parcel Identification No. 13-25-427-011) Peoria, IL. (Council District 4)

Council Member Montelongo moved to TABLE Item No. 19-057; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Motion to TABLE was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

- (19-051) Communication from the City Manager and Fire Chief with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Establishing and Implementing a Program to CHARGE MITIGATION RATES for the Deployment of Emergency and Non-Emergency Services by the Fire Department for Services Rendered by the Peoria Fire Department.**

Council Member Riggerbach moved to defer this item to the March 26, 2019, Regular City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to defer to the March 26, 2019, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

- (19-067) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to ADOPT, or the Recommendation from Staff to DENY an ORDINANCE Amending an Existing Special Use Ordinance No. 13,932 as Amended in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District for a Shopping Center to WAIVE THE PARKING IMPACT FEE for the Property Located at 7425 N. GRAND PRAIRIE DRIVE (Parcel Identification No. 13-11-151-027), Commonly Known as THE SHOPPES AT GRAND PRAIRIE Located at 5201 W. WAR MEMORIAL DRIVE, Peoria, IL.**

Council Member Cyr moved to defer this item to the May 28, 2019, Regular City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Motion to defer to the May 28, 2019, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

- (19-064) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to DEFER to the MARCH 26, 2019, Regular City Council Meeting the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to Adopt an Ordinance Amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to OFF-PREMISE SIGNS.**

Council Member Jensen moved to approve the request to defer to the March 26, 2019, Regular City Council Meeting the recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to adopt an Ordinance amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, relating to Off-Premise Signs; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

ADDITIONAL UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update Regarding the Fitch Study

Council Member Akeson said a preliminary presentation was given by the Fitch Consultants in October 2018. She said at that time the Council was advised that they would get a full presentation on October 23, 2018. She said there was no presentation or report to date. She requested that a presentation be provided to the City Council at the next City Council Meeting.

City Manager Urich said it was his intent to have the Fitch Consultants before the City Council in two weeks to provide a presentation. He said a delay was due to working with the Dispatch Center to ensure the City was operating under best practices.

NEW BUSINESS

Finance Software Conversion

Council Member Cyr requested a presentation and update on the new software conversion in Finance. He said the reports were not the same as what was previously presented to the Council and he requested an overview of the reports and how to read the numbers generated.

Civic Forfeiture of Vehicles Unconstitutional

Council Member Jensen requested a Report Back on a recent decision by the Supreme Court Case wherein it was held that the civic forfeiture of vehicles was unconstitutional and a violation of the 8th Amendment because it was considered an excessive fine. She asked that the Report Back contain how this decision would impact the City's programs and how the City would comply with the new ruling.

Recognition of Bradley University and Manual High Schools Basketball Teams

Council Member Oyler said it had been an exciting week for basketball in Peoria and he congratulated the Bradley Basketball Team for their recent win at the Missouri Valley Conference Championship and Manual High School Basketball Team's recent win and heading to the State Championships.

Braves to Host NCAA Selection Show Party

Mayor Ardis said the public was invited to the Selection Show Party on Sunday, March 17, 2019, at the Renaissance Coliseum at Bradley University at 4:00 P.M. with the show beginning at 5:00 P.M. He said no tickets were necessary as the watch party was free for all Braves fans.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to those citizens who wished to address the City Council.

Katie Vandenberg, a property owner in the City of Peoria, expressed a concern about investing in Peoria noting that the fees assessed made real estate investments unfeasible. She said she had difficulties with Peoria being a quality investment. She said her compensation for providing affordable housing had dropped considerably, noting she paid more in fees and received less in return. She expressed a concern regarding the Community Development, noting the lack of customer service. She encouraged the City Council to make changes and cuts in the organization to address the issues.

Charles Williams, a citizen of Peoria, recognized City Manager Urich for his efforts as City Manager and he encouraged him to continue working hard. He expressed a concern about the violence that was occurring in the City. He said the City needed to be safe and the City needed to provide protection to its citizens. He remarked on the importance of getting crime off the streets of the City of Peoria. In conclusion he asked to keep the citizens in Alabama in prayer who were recently hit by a tornado.

Paige Streitmatter, a citizen of Peoria, expressed a concern regarding the proposed salary increase for the City Manager. She commented on the City being ranked as the 5th worst City in the United States for African Americans, and was currently ranked the worst City in Illinois overall. She expressed a concern regarding the property costs and pension fees. She commented on the rental registration fee, the investment in the Pere Marquette, the Water Company Buyout, out of control property costs and the additional pension fee per property.

Kevin Jones, a landlord within the City of Peoria, expressed a concern regarding the Community Development Department and its leadership. He commented on recent efforts to meet with the Director of Community Development Department. He said that some of the issues in City Hall reflected poorly on the City Council. He asked for the City Council to review the matter in Executive Session and to prepare a solution in order to hold Staff accountable for their actions. He commented on how some of these actions reflected upon the Council's constituents and taxpayers of the City. He said he would like another meeting with the Community Development Department and the City Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent; and, 2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

Council Member Oyler moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent; and, 2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

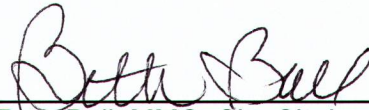
Council Member Grayeb moved to adjourn the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

The Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M.



Beth Ball, MMC, City Clerk
City of Peoria, Illinois

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