

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held November 13, 2018, 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, Montelongo, Moore, 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.

**National Apprenticeship Week
Honor Flight Thank You
Edward Barry
2018 International Code Council Community Service Award**

MINUTES

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on October 23, 2018, and the Special City Council Meetings held on October 30, 2018, and November 5, 2018, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, with Recommendations as Outlined:

- (18-322) **Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE a FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT for 1009 WASHINGTON, LLC, In an Amount Not to Exceed \$5,000.00. (Council District 1)**
- (18-323) **Communication from the City Manager and Chief Innovation Officer with a Request to Approve the PURCHASE of Training Room Furniture from HENRICKSEN, in the Amount Not to Exceed \$35,000.00, utilizing the City of Peoria IPA/TCPN Joint Purchasing Contract.**

- (18-324) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE a 3-Year CONTRACT with KONE, INC. for Elevator Maintenance, for an Estimated Annual Cost of \$38,000.00, Using the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Contract.
- (18-325) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 18-325 OF FINANCIAL COMMITMENT between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City for a SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION. (Council District 5)
- (18-326)
* Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request for the Following:
- A. APPROVE a RESOLUTION Pertaining to the Hiring of City Employees by City Contractors and;
- B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 2 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to OFFICERS' AND EMPLOYEES' ETHICS.
- (18-314) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,625 Amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to COMMUNITY GARDENS and URBAN FARMS.
- (18-315)
** Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 26, Section 26-250 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Designating STANDARDS OF CONSTRUCTION FOR SIDEWALKS.
- (18-327) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,626 TO VACATE 2,435 Square Feet (0.056 Acre) of Gale Avenue and Woodruff Boulevard to Lots 21 & 22 of the East Clarendon Addition in the Northwest Quarter of Section 4 – Township 8 North – Range 8 East, Generally Addressed Properties at 1728 N. SHERIDAN ROAD. (Council District 2)
- (18-328) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:
- Angel Cruz (Voting) – Term Expiration 6/30/2021
- (18-329) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS with a Request to Concur:
- Megan Nguyen (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2019

(18-330) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES with a Request to Concur:

Shiraz Khaiser (Voting) – Term Expiration 6/30/2021

(18-331) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS with a Request to Concur:

Annette Begner (Voting) – Term Expiration 06/30/2020

(18-332) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:

SHAWN ALLEN (Voting) – Term Expiration 06/30/2019

(18-333) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the ADVISORY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RESOURCES with a Request to Concur:

Grace Hensold (Voting) – Term Expiration 06/30/2020

(18-334) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the Month Ended September 30, 2018, UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.

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

Council Member Riggerbach requested Item No. 18-326 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Moore requested Item No. 18-315 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 Ruckriegel.

Item Nos. 18-314, 18-322 through 18-334 (excluding Item Nos. 18-315 and 18-326, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

(18-326) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request for the Following:**
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A. APPROVE a RESOLUTION Pertaining to the Hiring of City Employees by City Contractors and;

B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 2 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to OFFICERS' AND EMPLOYEES' ETHICS.

A revised Ordinance was distributed to all Council Members.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to approve a Resolution pertaining to the hiring of City employees by City contractors; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-326 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to Officers' and Employees' Ethics; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,627 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

(18-315) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 26, Section 26-250 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Designating STANDARDS OF CONSTRUCTION FOR SIDEWALKS.**
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Following a brief comment, Council Member Moore moved to defer this item to the November 27, 2018, Regular City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Motion to defer to the November 27, 2018, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

PRESENTATIONS

(18-335) **Communication from the City Manager and Assistant City Manager with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a Discussion of the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TEAM.**

Assistant City Manager Deborah Roethler reviewed a presentation on Peoria Economic Development 2018, Looking Back and Thinking Forward. She provided an overview of some economic development functions like TIF Fund Management, Incentives and Loan Management, Public/Private Partnerships, Developer Engagement and Response, and City Property Management. She remarked on reduction in Staff from eight employees in 2002 to 2.5 employees today. She highlighted several projects the economic team has worked on in 2018, including Pioneer Industrial Park, which received grants along with investments that led to 5 companies, 258 jobs an estimated private investment of \$6 million. She spoke on redevelopment agreements the City had negotiated in the Warehouse District as well as the OSF investment of \$90 million in the Chase bank building on Adams Street, which would bring 700 employees downtown. She discussed the revolving loans the City has issued over the years, especially Cast Technology who received \$250,000 from the City. She talked about some key economic indicators that effected economic development in the City as well as the region. She spoke on strategies the City needed to utilize to accomplish success in economic development.

Council Member Moore remarked on the recent 24/7 Wall Street report that stated Peoria was the 5th worst City for African-Americans to live. She spoke on the need for community workforce enhancement.

In response to Council Member Jensen's question pertaining to development guidelines, Assistant City Manager Roethler stated she was working on a final draft that provided clear incentives along with a long term plan for economic development. City Manager Urich stated a Policy Session would be scheduled next year to discuss economic development.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file the Presentation of the Economic Development Team; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggensbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

FIRST READINGS

(18-336) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff for a FIRST READING Review of ORDINANCES Amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to DUPLEXES and the B1 DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

Community Development Director Ross Black provided an overview of the First Reading request to amend Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, relating to duplexes and the B1 downtown commercial district. He explained the Ordinance would allow duplexes in multi-family districts and eliminate density restrictions.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to receive and file the first reading review to adopt an Ordinance amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, relating to duplexes and the B1 downtown commercial district; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 18-336 will be placed on the November 27, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting Agenda.

(18-337) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 26, Section 26-250 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Requiring LICENSING AND BONDING FOR DUMPSTER AND PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINER CONTRACTORS. (All Council Districts)

Public Works Director Scott Reese stated the proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 26, Section 26-250 of the Code of the City of Peoria requiring licensing and bonding for dumpster and portable storage container contractors simply changed the process requiring contractors rather than homeowners to apply for a permit anytime a dumpster would be placed on a City Street.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file the first reading review to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 26, Section 26-250 of the Code of the City of Peoria requiring licensing and bonding for dumpster and portable storage container contractors; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 18-337 will be placed on the November 27, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting Agenda.

(18-338) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request for a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 18 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to DANCE HALL LICENSE REGULATION.

A revised Council Communication and Ordinance were distributed to all Council Members.

Corporation Counsel Don Leist explained the first reading review of an Ordinance amending Chapter 18 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to dance hall license regulations were technical changes, which clarified language within Chapter 18.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file the first reading review to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 18 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to dance hall license regulation; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 18-338 will be placed on the November 27, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting Agenda.

(18-341) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request for a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Creating Article XVIII (PUBLIC SAFETY PENSION FEE) of Article 18 (Licenses and Miscellaneous Business Regulations) of the CODE of the City of Peoria.

City Manager Patrick Urich reviewed the proposed Ordinance creating a Public Safety Pension Fee, which would consist of a \$50.00 fee for properties that contain a building of less than 5000 square feet and a \$300 fee for properties with buildings over 5000 square feet. He stated the fee would increase \$5.00 per year for buildings less than 5000 square feet and a \$50.00 increase per year for buildings more than 5000 square feet.

He indicated the Public Safety Pension Fee was modeled after the City of Danville to help insure public safety pensions were funded at a sufficient level. He stated the financial impact in 2019 would be \$2,183,960.00.

In response to Council Member Ruckriegel's question regarding the guidelines that determined the square footage, City Manager Urich stated the City would utilize the GIS System as done with the stormwater utility billing. He indicated property owners would receive a separate bill for the Public Safety Pension Fee and it would not be placed on their property tax bill.

Discussions were held pertaining to the Public Safety Pension Fee and the rising cost each year. Council Member Akeson requested the City Manager review if an additional tier could be placed to keep the cost lower for property owners, which City Manager Urich indicated he would review the matter. City Manager Urich stated the City would need to review the Public Safety Pension Fee after five years to determine if the fee would continue or find other revenue to assist with pension obligations. He reminded the City Council that pension cost went up at least 8% each year.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to receive and file the first reading review of an Ordinance creating Article XVIII (Public Safety Pension Fee) of Article 18 (Licenses and Miscellaneous Business Regulations) of the Code of the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: Jensen, Oyler – 2.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 18-341 will be placed on the November 27, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting Agenda.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(18-339) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Approving the 725 WASHINGTON LLC REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. (Council District 1)

Senior Development Specialist Cesar Suarez provided an overview of the 725 Washington LLC Redevelopment Agreement and outlined the costs involved and what the developer requested. He said this property was the old Ingersoll building located in the Warehouse District. He stated this project was an investment of \$4 million and would convert the space into 26 residential units mixed with commercial space. Senior Development Specialist Suarez explained the developer Larry Winkler would receive around \$266,000 from the Warehouse TIF.

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance approving the 725 Washington LLC Redevelopment Agreement; seconded by Council Member Turner.

In response to Council Member Jensen's question regarding parking for the project, Senior Development Specialist Suarez stated the City would provide land for parking, but the developer would design the parking lot at his own expense. Council Member Jensen asked if union labor would be utilized on the project and developer Mr. Winkler stated he would be unable to respond since he was in the process of taking bids.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,628 approving the 725 Washington LLC Redevelopment Agreement was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: Jensen – 1.

(18-340) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Approving the PROJECT 812 DEVELOPMENT LLC REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. (Council District 1)

Senior Development Specialist Cesar Suarez provided an overview of the Project 812 Development LLC Redevelopment Agreement and outlined the costs involved and what the developer requested. He said this property was the Builders Warehouse building located in the Warehouse District. He stated this project was an investment of \$21 million and would convert the space into 124 residential lofts. Senior Development Specialist Suarez explained the City would demolish the building at 815 Washington to provide 50 parking spaces for the development. He stated the City would lease the spaces for \$65.00 per space per month.

Following a brief statement that a long term solution was needed for parking and she requested that union labor be used, Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance approving the 812 Development LLC Redevelopment Agreement; seconded by Council Member Turner.

In response to Council Member Jensen's question, Attorney Chris Oswald from Miller, Hall & Triggs representing the developers, indicated union labor would be utilized in this development.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,629 approving the Project 812 Development LLC Redevelopment Agreement was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11.

Nays: None.

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

(17-353) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to WITHDRAW the Request to Amend the UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE Related to TEMPORARY SIGNS. (City Wide)

Council Member Grayeb moved to WITHDRAW the request to amend the Unified Development Code related to temporary signs; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Motion to WITHDRAW was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

(18-302) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a Continued Discussion of the 2019 REVISED BUDGET

The following handouts were distributed to the City Council:

- 2019 Revised Budget
- FAQ – 2019 Revised Budget
- New Fire Station proposal map

City Manager Patrick Urich provided an overview on several Council Report Backs.

Council Member Cyr questioned if the City could pay \$1 million towards the PAAG lawsuit in 2019 Budget, then the remaining \$1 million out of the 2020 Budget. He stated splitting the payments would be good cash management to assist with the current budget crisis.

Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins stated the City paid \$191 per day interest on \$1 million on the PAAG lawsuit so delaying the payments would cost the City additional money.

Council Member Jensen voiced concerns regarding the Report Back on collections for work orders, board ups and other environmental cases from the Community Development Department. She requested a Report Back on collections for parking tickets and false alarms, and she suggested an analysis of collections over a period of three years.

In response to Council Member Jensen's question regarding the Gateway Building, City Manager Urich stated numbers were consistent over the last 10 years. He stated the Gateway Building loses money each year in operational costs. He affirmed that the Peoria Park District provided their own marketing strategies for the Gateway Building.

Council Member Riggerbach requested a Report Back for the first quarter on a review of the professional collection agency hired by the City to collect debt owed to the City for fines and fees.

Discussions were held regarding Fire Station No. 4 on Jefferson Street and Fire Station No. 8 on Hurlburt Street and the potential new consolidated station on the South Side of Peoria. City Manager Urich indicated that Station No. 4 & Station No. 8 were only 1.3 miles apart so a new consolidated station would combine those two stations, which would serve the South Side of Peoria. Council Member Moore indicated it was the City's intent to keep the current stations on Jefferson and Hurlburt open until a new consolidated station could be built through the City's Capital Improvement Projects. She informed the public that the Fire Department had a positive response time to calls and the safety of citizens were not at risk. She commented that the City needed to retain a more diverse fire personnel. In response to Council Member Grayeb's question regarding the proposed Fire Department cuts and the impact on safety in the 2nd District, especially Bradley University, Fire Chief Ed Olehy stated Bradley University should not be affected by the cutbacks.

Council Member Montelongo suggested the City create a Combined Sewer Overflow fund to monitor funds coming into the City as well as spent on projects for accounting purposes. He asked the City Manager to address this matter in next year's budget.

Council Member Akeson voiced concerns regarding TIF funds being used for renovations at Roosevelt School. She stated she received a letter from the Peoria Public School District 150 School Board President requesting a joint meeting with the City to discuss the matter. Council Member Akeson requested a Policy Session be held to discuss TIF Districts.

Council Member Moore spoke on the request for TIF Funds for Roosevelt School. She stated the State of Illinois defines what TIF money could be used for and Roosevelt's request meets those requirements.

Council Member Moore moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Peoria School District 150 Board President Dan Adler.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to Peoria School District 150 Board President Dan Adler.

Mr. Dan Adler, President of Peoria School District 150, provided an overview of the proposed Roosevelt School project. He stated the Peoria Public Schools had a commitment to the students of Roosevelt School to move the cafeteria from the third floor to the main floor and utilize the old cafeteria space for music and art programs. In response to Council Member Oyler's question regarding why the School District decided to pursue TIF funds, President Adler stated meetings were held discussing joint issues between the School District and the City and how they could partner to assist one another.

Discussions continued regarding what other projects in the South Village TIF could benefit from TIF funds. Council Member Jensen suggested the City shutdown the Northside TIF Fund that expired at the end of the year and distribute the remaining funds back to the taxing bodies, which would provide the necessary funding to Peoria Public Schools for the Roosevelt project.

Council Member Montelongo requested a Report Back on agreements the City had with various agencies. He remarked on the funding the City was spending on these agencies were as follows: Springdale Cemetery \$250,000.00, Peoria County Animal Control \$242,000.00, Convention and Visitor's Bureau \$542,000.00, Peoria Civic Center \$1.3 million, Downtown Development Corporation \$100,000.00, Economic Development Council \$75,000.00 and Building Trades \$50,000.00. City Manager Urich explained the functions of each agency and the reasoning behind the City's financial support.

Council Member Moore moved to approve the City Manager's recommendations as follows: Fire Department - Decommission Engine 2 & Rescue 2, move Truck 3 to Station 11 on Florence Street, move Rescue 1 to Station 3 on Armstrong Street and build a new consolidated Fire Station in the Southside; Police Department - Eliminate 16 vacant position and shift specialized unit staff to cover Patrol; Community Development - Eliminate vacant Code Enforcement Aide; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Several City Council Members voiced concern regarding the motion, and they felt the vote was premature and they indicated they were not prepared to vote. Mayor Ardis indicated the intention of the motion was to move the budget forward, and the vote was not final and it was strictly providing direction to the City Manager.

Following comments by Council Member Grayeb, Council Member Ruckriegel moved to Call the Question; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

There were no objections to moving forward with the vote on the Motion on the Floor.

Motion to approve the City Manager's recommendations as follows: Fire Department - Decommission Engine 2 & Rescue 2, move Truck 3 to Station 11 on Florence Street, move Rescue 1 to Station 3 on Armstrong Street and build a new consolidated Fire Station in the Southside; Police Department - Eliminate 16 vacant position and shift specialized unit staff to cover Patrol; Community Development - Eliminate vacant Code Enforcement Aide was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 8;

Nays: Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo - 3.

Council Member Jensen proposed several reductions as alternatives to raising taxes. Council Member Jensen moved to reconsider the previous motion; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Corporation Counsel Don Leist determined the Motion to Reconsider by Council Member Jensen was inappropriate because according to Council Rules, the maker of the motion and the seconder must be on the prevailing side.

Council Member Grayeb moved to increase property taxes by 15 cents, raise package liquor tax for an additional \$700,000.00, establish an EMS billing fee from the Fire Department for an additional \$200,000, and implement a Public Safety Pension Fee generating \$2,200,000.00.

No second was heard.

Council Member Jensen moved to increase package liquor tax, establish an EMS billing fee, eliminate the Municipal Band, cut management salaries including Police and Fire command positions \$10,000.00 for people making over \$100,000.00 and \$5,000.00 for people making \$70,000.00 - \$99,999.00, reducing the contributions to the Peoria Convention and Visitor's Bureau by half, and reducing the contributions to the reserve fund by \$1 million; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Council Member Jensen indicated her motion if approved, would save the City \$2.6 million.

Council Member Ruckriegel voiced concerns with reducing the contributions to the Convention and Visitor's Bureau, cutting funds to the Municipal Band, and not rebuilding the Reserve Fund.

Council Member Oyler stated he could not support the motion and he voiced concerns regarding reducing the contributions to the Convention and Visitor's Bureau as well as reducing the reserve fund contribution by \$1 million.

Council Member Moore explained the Convention and Visitor's Bureau had an estimated \$15 million economic impact to the City of Peoria's economy. She stated local sales tax generated \$229,629.00 and she disagreed with reducing the funding to an agency that generated revenue.

Motion to increase package liquor tax, establish an EMS billing fee, eliminate the Municipal Band, cut management salaries including Police and Fire command positions \$10,000.00 for people making over \$100,000.00 and \$5,000.00 for people making \$70,000.00 - \$99,999.00, reducing the contributions to the Peoria Convention and Visitor's Bureau by half and reducing the contributions to the reserve fund by \$1 million was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Jensen – 2;

Nays: Akeson, Cyr, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 9.

Council Member Jensen moved to increase the package liquor tax, establish an EMS billing fee, eliminate funding for the Municipal Band, and reduce the reserve fund contributions by \$1 million; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Motion was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo – 3;

Nays: Akeson, Cyr, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 8.

Council Member Jensen moved to increase the package liquor tax and establish an EMS billing fee; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Motion was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Mayor Ardis – 8;

Nays: Cyr, Ruckriegel, Turner – 3.

Council Member Jensen moved to reduce the contributions to the Reserve Fund by \$1 million; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Discussions were held regarding the Voluntary Separation Incentive, which has a deadline of December 10th and how the reduction in the reserve fund would affect the City.

Motion to reduce the contributions to the Reserve Fund by \$1 million was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo – 3;

Nays: Akeson, Cyr, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 8.

Following a brief statement, Council Member Cyr moved to pay \$1 million toward the PAAG lawsuit in 2019 Budget and \$1 million in 2020 Budget; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

In response to Mayor Ardis's question, Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins stated the City was paying 6.9% interest currently on the PAAG lawsuit.

Council Member Oyler voiced concerns with potential legal ramifications if the motion passed and he questioned Corporation Counsel Don Leist for his legal opinion.

Corporation Counsel Don Leist revealed he would want to give his opinion to the Council on this matter in closed session.

Council Member Akeson voiced concerns regarding the financial and legal implications if the motion passed.

Council Member Riggerbach stated he would support exploring this idea, but needed more information before a vote was taken.

In response to Council Member Ruckriegel's question, Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins stated when the City borrowed money, the interest rate was 3.4%.

Council Member Moore said she supported the motion, but needed to know the legal ramifications if the motion passed.

Motion to pay \$1 million toward the PAAG lawsuit in 2019 Budget and \$1 million in 2020 Budget was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Turner – 3;

Nays: Akeson, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 8.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve reducing salaries \$10,000.00 for management employees making \$100,000.00 and reducing salaries \$5,000.00 for management employees making \$70,000.00 - \$99,999.00; seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

In response to Council Member Akeson's question regarding the number of employees affected by the proposed motion, City Manager Ulrich referred to Report Back 5.9, which explained the small number of employees affected.

In response to Council Member Moore's concern regarding potential legal ramification by City employees, Corporation Counsel Don Leist stated the City would need to seek outside legal counsel for legal opinion.

Council Member Oyler stated he would be open to the idea if bargaining units agreed to the same reduction in salaries.

Motion to approve reducing salaries \$10,000.00 for management employees making \$100,000.00 and reducing salaries \$5,000.00 for management employees making \$70,000.00 - \$99,999.00 was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Jensen – 1;

Nays: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 10.

Council Member Grayeb moved to receive and file a continued discussion of the 2019 Revised Budget; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Motion was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

Update on the Disappearance of Alexis Scott and other missing persons

Interim Chief of Police Loren Marion provided an update on the Alexis Scott matter. He said the update would be limited due to it being an ongoing investigation. He read a letter from the FBI indicating their involvement in the investigation. He spoke about four other women from the Peoria area that went missing and indicated his department was working diligently to solve these investigations. He reported one of the four missing women was recently located in the Chicago area and another women was declared a runaway rather than a missing person's case.

NEW BUSINESS

24/7 Wall Street Report

Council Member Moore acknowledged the 24/7 Wall Street Report was not affiliated with the Wall Street Journal publication. She stated the report indicated Peoria was the 5th worst place for African-Americans to live. She acknowledged the hard work the Urban League and the NAACP were doing in the community to address these concerns.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to those citizens wishing to address the City Council/Town Board.

Cinda York, a citizen of Peoria, voiced concerns for the proposed Fire Department cuts, and then she discussed several missing person cases in the Peoria area.

Justine Donald, a concerned citizen, commented on missing person Alexis Scott and she suggested the Police Department investigate possible DNA evidence recently found.

Kristen Meierkord, a citizen of Peoria, spoke on the Alexis Scott case and expressed her concerns with the ongoing investigation.

Lawrence Maushard, a concerned citizen, remarked on the Alexis Scott missing persons investigation and provided suggestions to assist in the investigation.

Jesse McGowen Jr., a citizen of Peoria, voiced concerns regarding the budget and the request by Peoria Public Schools District 150 for TIF funds to make improvements at Roosevelt School. He said he supported the proposed request and he stated the improvements would help the school children with provided a new cafeteria and would provide a larger space for music classes.

Rachel O'Reilly, a concerned citizen, spoke on the Alexis Scott matter and she asked for justice for Ms. Scott and her family. She commented about the City budget and the recent placement of security at City Hall.

Natasha Allen, a citizen of Peoria, read a letter from a missing persons advocate and she expressed concerns with the investigation of Alexis Scott.

Mary Ann Hall, a concerned citizen, spoke regarding the Alexis Scott investigation.

Darcie Cady, a citizen of Peoria, commented about missing person cases Alexis Scott and Janie Sellers. She voiced concerns regarding the proposed public safety cuts.

April Allen-Scott, mother of Alexis Scott, spoke on her daughter's disappearance and she expressed appreciation for the community support. She voiced concern regarding the handling of the investigation by the Peoria Police Department.

Anthony Walraven, a concerned citizen, voiced concern regarding proposed budget cuts and property taxes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was determined that an Executive Session was not needed at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

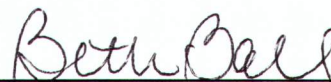
Council Member Oyler moved to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 P.M.



Beth Ball, MMC, City Clerk
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