

: 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 May 22, 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 (Arrived at 6:04 P.M.), Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11. Absent: None.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

**Corn Stock Theater
National Gun Violence Awareness Day 2018
Presentation of Mayor Woodruff's Gavel (Donated by Pat Lewis)**

MINUTES

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on April 23, 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 – TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA

(18-131) Communication from the Town Officials with a Request to APPROVE MONTHLY ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES for JUNE 2018 for the Town of the City of Peoria.

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the monthly anticipated expenditures for June 2018 for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (18-132) Request from the Township Supervisor to APPROVE a RESOLUTION for the Town of the City of Peoria to Authorize a DONATION to the PEORIA COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND and to the SAVE A CHILD PROGRAM.

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve a Resolution for the Town of the City of Peoria to authorize a donation to the Peoria County Veterans Memorial Fund and to the Save a Child Program; seconded by Trustee Cyr.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-132 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Rigenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, with Recommendations as Outlined

- (18-133) * Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following:
- A. APPROVE the Renewal of a CONTRACT with A CUT ABOVE TREE SERVICE for Tree Removal by Size and Tree and Brush Trimming by Hourly Rates, in an Amount not to Exceed \$170,000.00 (Bid #28-15) (City-Wide);
 - B. APPROVE the Renewal of a CONTRACT with JIMAX LANDSCAPING for Emergency Tree and Brush Trimming by Hourly Rates, in an Amount not to Exceed \$30,000.00 (Bid #28-15). (City-Wide)
- (18-134) Communication from the City Manager and Human Resource Director with a Request to APPROVE the Renewal of Existing Liability Coverages with ARGONAUT (Alteris) through Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services at a One-Year Cost of \$164,222.00, and to Add Cyber Liability Coverage with ACE INSURANCE at a Cost of \$12,643.00, and Crime Coverage with HANOVER INSURANCE at a Cost of \$2,597.00.
- (18-135) ** Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to APPROVE and Authorize the Execution of a One-Year CONTRACT with PINNACLE DATA SYSTEMS, in an Amount not to Exceed \$145,000.00, to Provide Utility Bill Printing and Mailing Services.
- (18-136) *** Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to APPROVE and Authorize the Execution of a One-Year CONTRACT with FIRSTECH, INC., in an Amount not to Exceed \$35,000.00, to Provide LOCKBOX SERVICES.

- (18-137) Communication from the City Manager and Manager of Emergency Communications with a Request for the Following:
- A. APPROVE a Five-Year Dispatch Services AGREEMENT Between the CITY of PEORIA and the CITY OF CHILLICOTHE.
 - B. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,579 Amending the City of Peoria 2018-2019 BIENNIAL BUDGET Relating to the General Fund to Recognize the Receipt of Funds and the Corresponding Expenditure of Funds Relating to the INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT with CHILLICOTHE to Provide DISPATCH SERVICES, in the Amount of \$110,425.00.
- (18-138) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request for the Following:

- A. APPROVE an Incumbency Certificate and RESOLUTION Accepting a Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) for the ABANDONED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY MUNICIPALITY RELIEF FUND (APP), in the Amount of \$106,164.43, and
 - B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the CITY OF PEORIA 2018 - 2019 BIENNIAL BUDGET Relating to the Capital Fund to Recognize the Receipt of a Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipal Relief Fund (APP) and Corresponding Expenditures, in the Amount of \$106,164.43.
- (18-139) 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 R-6 (Multi-Family Residential) District, for a SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS for the Property Identified as Parcel Identification No. 18-03-310-015, with an address of 919 NE JEFFERSON AVE, Peoria IL. (Council District 1)

- (18-140) 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 ORDINANCE NO. 17,580 REZONING Property from a Class R-4 (Single Family Residential) District to a Class C-G (General Commercial) District for the Property Identified as Parcel Identification No. 18-19-177-025, with an Address of 2311 SOUTH LIGONIER STREET (also known as 4201 SW ADAMS STREET), Peoria, IL. (Council District 1)
- (18-141) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Providing for the ISSUANCE of GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2018B, in an Aggregate Amount Not to Exceed \$10,000,000.00, of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, to Provide for Certain Capital Improvements Within Said City, and Providing the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Said Bonds to the Purchaser Thereof.

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- (18-142) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a CLASS H (Temporary Outdoor) Liquor License from the PEORIA FRIENDSHIP HOUSE OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE for an Event to be Held at 411 HAMILTON BLVD., on Saturday, June 9, 2018. (Council District 1)
- (18-143) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for Class A (tavern) Liquor License with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol, with a Subclass 1A (2:00 AM Closing Hours) at LAST CALL, 4201 SW ADAMS (aka 2311 S. LIGONIER), Contingent Upon Approval of a Pending Request to Rezone, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (DISTRICT 1)
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- (18-144) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for Class A (tavern) Liquor License with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol at P-MILL'S BAR & LOUNGE, 807 SW ADAMS, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (DISTRICT 1)
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- (18-145) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the GREATER PEORIA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES with a Request to Concur:
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- Maxine Wortham (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2022
- (18-146) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:
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- Janda Carter (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2021
Thomas C. (Tom) Jackson, Jr. (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2021
- (18-147) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:
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- John Dillon (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2022
Tom DeJarld (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2022
- (18-148) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS with a Request to Concur:
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- Lon Lyons (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2021
- (18-149) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the SISTER CITY COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:
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- Jeff Boss (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2021
Leo Jordan (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2021

(18-150) REAPPOINTMENTS AND APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the PUBLIC ARTS ADVISORY COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:

Jonathon Romain (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2021
Perry Johnson (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2021
Bill Conger (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2021

(18-151) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE with a Request to Concur:

City Treasurer Patrick Nichting (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
Council Member Zach Oyler (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020

(18-152) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the RIVERFRONT PROGRAM AND POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE with a Request to Concur:

Patrick T. (Pat) Sullivan (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2020

(18-153) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:

George Ghareeb (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2021
Nathaniel Herz (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2021
Patrick A. (Pat) McNamara (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2021

(18-154) REAPPOINTMENT and APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:

Deborah Dougherty (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2021
David Stotz (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2021

(18-155) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the LIQUOR COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:

Steve Kouri II (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2021
Council Member W. Eric (Eric) Turner (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2019

(18-156) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES with a Request to Concur:

Michael (Mike) Van Cleve (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2021
Kaye Berry (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2021

(18-157) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the MUNICIPAL BAND COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:

Lee Wenger (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2021
Don Baker (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2021
Mary Barthel (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2021

**(18-158) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA HOUSING AUTHORITY
with a Request to Concur:**

**Renee Andrews (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2021
Carl. K. Cannon (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2021
James C. Fassino (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2021**

**(18-159) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES with a Request to Concur:**

**Edward J. (Ed) Barry, Jr. (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2021
Stephen M. Buck (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2021
Tiffanie Duncan (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2021**

**(18-160) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the PLANNING AND ZONING
COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**

**Michele Anderson (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2021
Eric Heard (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2021
Richard M. (Rich) Unes (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2021**

**(18-161) REAPPOINTMENTS and APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the
CONSTITUTION GARDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE with a Request to
Concur:**

**Mollye H Bright (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2021
Wendy Faulkner (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2021
Susan Grant (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2021
Jeanette Kosier (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2021
Brandon Goodman (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2021
David Berry (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2021
Cindy Bertino (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2021**

**(18-162) REAPPOINTMENT AND APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA
URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD with a Request to Concur:**

**Michael Gary Wilkins (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2021
Becky Cobb (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2021
Haley Brewer (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2021
Matt Freeman (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2021**

**(18-163) REAPPOINTMENT and APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS with a Request to
Concur:**

**Savino Sierra (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2021
Haley Brewer (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2021**

- (18-164) REAPPOINTMENTS and APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**

Christopher Bailey (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2021
Barry Robinson (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2021
David McGinty (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2021
Carl Holloway (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2021

- (18-165) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the ADVISORY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RESOURCES with a Request to Concur:**

Wayne Cannon (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2021
Jessica Zobac (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2021

- (18-166) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the POLICE PENSION FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES with a Request to Concur:**

City Treasurer Patrick Nichting (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2020

- (18-167) REPORT from the CITY TREASURER PATRICK A. NICHTING for the MONTH of APRIL 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 Moore requested Item Nos. 18-133, 18-138, 18-139, 18-143 and 18-144 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Cyr requested Item No. 18-141 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Grayeb requested Item No. 18-145 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Jensen requested Item Nos. 18-146 through 18-166 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Montelongo requested Item Nos. 18-135 and 18-136 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. 18-133 through 18-167 (excluding Item Nos. 18-133, 18-135, 18-136, 18-138, 18-139, 18-141, 18-143 through 18-166) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

(18-133) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following:**
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- A. **APPROVE the Renewal of a CONTRACT with A CUT ABOVE TREE SERVICE for Tree Removal by Size and Tree and Brush Trimming by Hourly Rates, in an Amount not to Exceed \$170,000.00 (Bid #28-15) (City-Wide);**
- B. **APPROVE the Renewal of a CONTRACT with JIMAX LANDSCAPING for Emergency Tree and Brush Trimming by Hourly Rates, in an Amount not to Exceed \$30,000.00 (Bid #28-15). (City-Wide)**

Council Member Moore inquired as to the percentage of minority employees hired by A Cut Above Tree Service, commenting that the City's goal was to hire contractors that reflected the demographics of the City.

In response to Council Member Moore's inquiry as to the percentage of minority employees hired by A Cut Above, Public Works Director Scott Reeise said Staff had discussions with the owners of A Cut Above because there were some concerns regarding their workforce; however, he said A Cut Above was holding its contract price for 2018. He said if the City had to rebid the work, there would have been a greater chance for the prices to increase.

Council Member Moore commented that the possibility of a contractor increasing its prices if the City went out to bid should not drive the City in the selection process. She said there could be other contractors, who offered the same services, who were more reflective of the City. She said, for 2019, the City should look for a contractor who had a better minority percentage and offered a reasonable price for their services.

At the conclusion of her comments, Council Member Moore moved to approve the renewal of a contract with A Cut Above Tree Service for tree removal by size and tree and brush trimming by hourly rates, in an amount not to exceed \$170,000.00 and to approve the renewal of a contract with Jimax Landscaping for emergency tree and brush trimming by hourly rates, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(18-135) **Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to APPROVE and Authorize the Execution of a One-Year CONTRACT with PINNACLE DATA SYSTEMS, in an Amount not to Exceed \$145,000.00, to Provide Utility Bill Printing and Mailing Services.**
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Council Member Montelongo expressed a concern with this item along with Item Nos. 18-136 and 18-141. He said he had previously disagreed with the funding formula brought to Council regarding the Storm Water Utility as well as the Credit Policy. He said it was his hope that by fall someone would bring an item forward that would change the funding amount, which would have an impact on this contract. He said he would not support this item nor Item Nos. 18-136 and 18-141.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to approve and to authorize the execution of a one-year contract with Pinnacle Data Systems, in an amount not to exceed \$145,000.00, to provide utility bill printing and mailing services; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Montelongo - 1.

(18-136)

Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to APPROVE and Authorize the Execution of a One-Year CONTRACT with FIRSTECH, INC., in an Amount not to Exceed \$35,000.00, to Provide LOCKBOX SERVICES.

CLERK'S NOTE: See discussion held in Item No. 18-135.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to approve and authorize the execution of a one-year contract with Firstech, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00, to provide lockbox services; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Montelongo - 1.

(18-138)

Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request for the Following:

- A. **APPROVE an Incumbency Certificate and RESOLUTION Accepting a Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) for the ABANDONED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY MUNICIPALITY RELIEF FUND (APP), in the Amount of \$106,164.43, and**
- B. **ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the CITY OF PEORIA 2018 - 2019 BIENNIAL BUDGET Relating to the Capital Fund to Recognize the Receipt of a Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipal Relief Fund (APP) and Corresponding Expenditures, in the Amount of \$106,164.43.**

Council Member Moore stated that this item was a move toward growth and development in the 61605 zip code. She acknowledged Assistant Community Development Director Joe Dulin and his Staff for their efforts in the First District.

Assistant Community Development Director Dulin provided an overview noting it was a grant received through IDHA. He provided an explanation of the grant and how that grant was dispersed throughout the State of Illinois. Over recent years, he said the City had received approximately \$1 million from the State to address demolitions. He provided an explanation of the demolition process and how interested parties could find out more on properties slated for demolition. He said additional information could be obtained by contacting the Land Development Manager Eric Setter at 309-494-8600.

Council Member Moore moved to approve an Incumbency Certificate and Resolution accepting a grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund (APP), in the amount of \$106,164.43; seconded by Council Member Turner.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-138-A was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2018-2019 Biennial Budget relating to the capital fund to recognize the receipt of a grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipal Relief Fund (APP) and corresponding expenditures, in the amount of \$106,164.43; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,581 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(18-139)

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 R-6 (Multi-Family Residential) District, for a SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS for the Property Identified as Parcel Identification No. 18-03-310-015, with an address of 919 NE JEFFERSON AVE, Peoria IL. (Council District 1)

Council Member Moore said it was her intent to defer this item noting that when she attended the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting it was stated three times that this item would not be brought to the City Council until June 12, 2018.

Council Member Moore moved to defer this item to the June 12, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to defer to the June 12, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(18-141)

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Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Providing for the ISSUANCE of GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2018B, in an Aggregate Amount Not to Exceed \$10,000,000.00, of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, to Provide for Certain Capital Improvements Within Said City, and Providing the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Said Bonds to the Purchaser Thereof.

In response to Council Member Cyr's question regarding the HVAC system at the Main Library, City Manager Urich reported that it was nearly 50 years old. He said the intent behind the

replacement of the HVAC system would be that it would be a long-term capital project wherein the City would issue the debt and it would be repaid over time. He said the money for the system would be paid by the Library. He said the bond issuances were aggregated together to include sewer funds, stormwater utility funds, capital funds, and Library funds in order to save on the cost of debt issuance in one bond issue.

CLERK'S NOTE: See also the discussion held in Item No. 18-136.

Council Member Cyr moved to adopt an Ordinance providing for the issuance of General obligation Bonds, Series 2018B, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00, of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, to provide for certain capital improvements within said City, and providing the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds to the purchaser thereof; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,582 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Montelongo - 1.

(18-143) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for Class A (tavern) Liquor License with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol, with a Subclass 1A (2:00 AM Closing Hours) at LAST CALL, 4201 SW ADAMS (AKA 2311 S. LIGONIER), Contingent Upon Approval of a Pending Request to Rezone, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (DISTRICT 1)**

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Council Member Moore said her comments on this item also related to Item No. 18-144. She cautioned the business owners of the two locations noting that the First District had little tolerance for misbehavior and trouble from liquor establishments. She wished the business owners success in their endeavors and she noted that they would be watched and monitored like the other establishments within the First District.

At the conclusion of her comments, Council Member Moore moved to approve the Site Application for a Class A (tavern) liquor license with on-site consumption and retail sale of alcohol, with a Subclass 1A (2:00 AM closing hours) at Last Call, 4201 SW Adams (aka 2311 South Ligonier), contingent upon approval of a pending request to rezone; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(18-144) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for Class A (tavern) Liquor License with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol at P-MILL'S BAR & LOUNGE, 807 SW ADAMS, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (DISTRICT 1)**

CLERK'S NOTE: See comments in Item No. 18-143.

Council Member Moore moved to approve the Site Application for Class A (Tavern) liquor license with on-site consumption and retail sale of alcohol at P-Mill's Bar & Lounge, 807 SW Adams; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(18-145) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the GREATER PEORIA MASS
TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES with a Request to Concur:**

Maxine Wortham (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2022

Council Member Grayeb noted that there were 54 appointments and reappointments on the agenda, and he said he chose this one to identify Ms. Maxine Wortham and her contributions to the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District Board of Trustees. He asked the Mayor to outline for the public and the Council how important these appointments were for the City and how time consuming it was to make these appointments and to reach out to the City Council for their input.

Mayor Ardis commented that Ms. Maxine Wortham was an individual who had served the community for many years and who wanted to continue her service upon her retirement. He said she brought a wealth of community experience and knowledge to the Board along with diversification that the City was trying to accomplish. He explained the appointment process and said May and June and then again in October and November was when most of the appointments occurred. He commented on the size of the task for Staff to contact all of the currently serving members of the boards and commissions to inquire whether or not they would like to continue to serve or maybe step down or serve on another Commission. He said for the vacancies, Staff contacted hundreds of people who submitted profiles expressing interest in serving. He said once these appointments were made, and if there were still openings, Council would be contacted for their input on those who would like to serve.

Council Member Grayeb said, for those who were appointed, the City Manager and his designee would reach out and provide them packets and orientation information along with the first meeting date. He said these were very important appointments and having these commissions made the City Council's job easier. He expressed his appreciation to the Mayor for his efforts in these matters.

Council Member Grayeb moved to concur with the reappointment by Mayor Ardis to the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District Board of Trustees of Maxine Wortham (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(18-146) through (18-166) Appointments and Reappointments by Mayor Ardis to
Various Commissions**

Council Member Jensen said she had pulled each of the appointments and reappointments to comment on the need for diversity that reflected the demographics of the City. She asked, for future appointments, to be aware of the need for diversity in gender, race, sexual orientation and geographic location.

Mayor Ardis commented that the appointments and reappointments that were on the agenda were only a fraction of all the appointments of individuals that were currently serving. He said these boards and commissions saved the City Council a lot of time. He encouraged Council Members to review the commissions and to provide Staff notification of those who would like to serve.

At the conclusion of the comments, Council Member Jensen moved to concur with Item Nos. 18-146 through 18-166 which were the appointments and reappointments by Mayor Ardis to Various Commissions; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

FIRST READINGS

(18-168) Communication from the City Manager and the Corporation Counsel With a Request for a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 15 of the Code of the City of Peoria Relating to NOISE.

Corporation Counsel Leist provided an overview of the item noting that currently only restaurants or bars could have live music in the B-1/Downtown Central Business District. He said this amendment would allow live music in the C-2/Large Scale Commercial District until 11:00 P.M.

Council Member Moore moved to receive and file the First Reading review of an Ordinance amending Chapter 15 of the Code of the City of Peoria relating to noise; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 18-168 will be placed on the June 12, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting agenda.

- (18-169) Communication from the City Manager and the Corporation Counsel with a Request for a FIRST READING review to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 2 (Administration), Article V (Officers and Employees), Division 7 (Public Safety Benefits), Section 2-350 (PUBLIC SAFETY BENEFITS ACT) of the CODE of the City of Peoria.**

Corporation Counsel Leist provided an overview of the proposed Ordinance noting that the purpose was to define, for purposes of the City's policy, "catastrophic injury." He said "catastrophic injury" was not defined by the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act (PSEBA). He said the City could utilize its Home Rule power and provide a definition of "catastrophic." He said the purpose of this amendment was to provide clarity.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file the first reading review of an Ordinance amending Chapter 2 (Administration), Article V (Officers and Employees), Division 7 (Public Safety Benefits), Section 2-350 (Public Safety Benefits Act) of the Code of the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 18-169 will be placed on the June 12, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting agenda.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

- (18-170) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a PRESENTATION Report on the Current Status of the City's TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) FUNDS.**

Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins distributed two handouts: 1) A revised Executive Summary with a change on Page 3 of 5 in bold text, and 2) Tax Increment Financing – Summary of TIF Districts.

Director Scroggins said the information provided was compiled at the request of the City Council from the last Council meeting. He said the Executive Summary was the joint efforts of the Finance Department and Economic Development Department. He reviewed the one correction in the Executive Summary on Page 3 wherein it stated that, "PSD regarding Valeskia Hinton. The final payment was made in the amount of \$237,982.87 for a total payment of \$4.2 million." He said that was part of the Southtown TIF. He said the single-page handout on the TIF balances reflected an ending projected balance for 2018 of the obligated funds within each TIF. He said the Central Business District TIF reflected a negative balance which denoted they had been designated to a project but not yet spent. He said by the time these contracts were paid, there would be funds received for 2019.

Mayor Ardis requested that both documents be placed on the City's website where it could be easily found by the public.

City Manager Urich reviewed the growth of the equalized assessed value (EAV), which has averaged annually about 8.3% compared to the EAV growth to the entire City which had grown at about 5.0%. He commented that the Peoria Public School EAV growth had been 2.5%. He said the General Assembly established TIFs as an economic development tool to grow the tax base. He said TIFs played an important part in growing our tax base.

Council Member Riggerbach said he was involved in the establishment of the East Village Growth Cell TIF wherein all the stakeholders were part of the discussion. He said the City did not take this lightly, and he noted that, even with the TIF, some of the areas lost EAV. He said this was not something the City did without weighing the cost and benefit. He said the documents distributed provided tangible data useful for the Council.

Discussions were held regarding the extension of a TIF and the process of extending a TIF. It was noted that in order to extend a TIF there needed to be legislative approval by the General Assembly, which could take some time.

Council Member Jensen said she wanted the City Council to be aware that a portion of the increment could continue to be allotted to the Peoria Public Schools or any other taxing body, if that was something they wanted to do. City Manager Urich said it would be a policy question the City Council could discuss.

Discussions were held regarding the expiration of a TIF that had a remaining balance and where those funds would be directed. City Manager Urich said the City could declare a surplus and disperse those funds back to the taxing bodies proportionally or the City could identify additional costs or programs within that TIF boundaries and the remaining fund be ported into another adjacent TIF where they shared a boundary, which would be a policy decision for the City Council.

Discussions were held regarding the Northside Riverfront TIF, which was due to expire in 2018. City Manager Urich said the remaining funds in that TIF could be discussed during the upcoming budget process for the Council to decide what to do with those funds.

Discussions were held on how TIF money could be used, noting that those funds could only be used inside the geographic boundaries of the TIF toward eligible infrastructure projects. However, it was stated that funds from one TIF could be swept into another TIF only if the two TIFs shared a boundary. It was stated that TIF money could not be used outside the geographic boundaries of the TIF.

Council Member Moore said that a large portion of the TIFs were in the First District and she said it would be her intent to ensure those monies were spent in the First District in the areas for which they were generated. She said the monies that were in the TIFs had been utilized to bring much needed improvement in the First District. She expressed her appreciation for the explanation of how money could be ported from one TIF to another now that all the TIFs connected; however, she said she would not allow that to happen, noting that each area had unique needs.

Council Member Riggerbach concurred with Council Member Moore's comments. He said the East Village Growth Cell TIF had a Citizen's Advisory Council that met on a quarterly basis. He said that Council would ensure that the needs within that TIF boundary was met and the money would be applied for what was intended.

Council Member Jensen moved to receive and file a presentation report on the current status of the City's Tax Increment Financing Funds; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(18-171) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/ Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a PRESENTATION on the Quarter Ended MARCH 31, 2018, UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.

Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins distributed a handout entitled "Quarterly Financial Report – January – March 2018."

Director Scroggins provided a presentation on the First Quarter Financial Report. He reviewed the fund balances and the current change in each. For the first quarter, he reported the total change in all fund balances was approximately \$8 million with the majority of that change being in the capital funds. He said the general fund increased by approximately \$2.7 million for the first quarter with revenues coming in at approximately 94-95%. Overall, he said the first quarter was a good quarter as it related to a change in fund balances. However, he reported that based on first quarter information, revenues in the general fund were projected to be approximately \$2 million lower than anticipated with the remaining funds on target. He reviewed the general fund balance in detail providing a breakdown projecting the year-end sales tax \$340,000.00 under budget. He said that was trying to estimate the impact of various stores closing. He said the State income tax was estimated at \$500,000.00 less than what was budgeted, which was related to the proposal that the State was withholding the 10% going into next year. He said the City had done a good job reducing its revenues when the budget was prepared, so the numbers were closer to budget than in the past. He reviewed the State sales tax noting 2018 was based on 2017 sales tax in the amount of \$21 million. He said the actual revenues came in at \$20.9 million, but he still anticipated revenues coming in at 98% in the amount of \$21.160 million. He reviewed the home rule sales tax, which was coming in at 97% of budget with a budgeted 1% growth for 2018. He said those revenues were projected to be in \$700,000.00 under budget. He reviewed the State income tax allocation noting a \$500,000.00 shortfall related to the State continuing to take a 10% reduction of the local distributive fund. He reviewed expenditures outlined by major funds with the projection of 1.3% over budget. He said other funds came in as budgeted with about a 1% overall under budget. He said the overall budget was \$221 million, but the actual came in at \$220 million. He reviewed the expenditures in the General Fund noting the employee benefits fund was coming in higher than anticipated.

City Manager Urich said when the City Council adopted the 2018-2019 Biennial Budget it included putting \$2 million back into the General Fund balance. He said, in 2017, the General Fund fund balance was reduced by about \$6 million. He said for the first quarter of 2018 there were significant changes in revenues with store closings. He said the impact to the revenues coupled with unanticipated expenses necessitated the need of making adjustments in order to put \$2 million back into the General Fund. In order to achieve that, he said there would need to be \$3.5 million in additional cuts made to the budget. He remarked on the challenges of the Fire Department's budget, noting there were vacant positions at the start of 2018. He said, in order for the Fire Department to stay within their budget, changes to their operations would have to be made, which would have an impact on the community and on the Department. He said he

would be meeting with the Department Heads at an upcoming Staff meeting to review the City's spending. He said after the meeting he would prepare a report for the City Council on proposed changes in order to decrease the City's spending.

At the request of City Manager Urich, Fire Chief Olehy provided an overview of the Fire Departments budget noting that personnel dramatically affected their expenses. He commented that the Department started the year short-staffed with multiple illnesses and employees relocating out-of-state. Because of this, he said the Department had used 90.53% of its overtime budget. He said he and his Staff reviewed a number of options in order to make budget cuts, and he said should personnel drop to a certain number, then a machine would be shut down. He commented that they would shut down a second machine should personnel continue to drop. He explained which machines would be shut down and how that would impact the Department and the community. He said it was their hope not to have to shut down a second or third machine. He said these were the steps the Fire Department was taking in order to stay within its budget for 2018.

Discussions were held about the machines that would be shut down and how it would impact response times and addressing certain situations. Chief Olehy commented that when a machine was shut down, it would affect the Department's response time to an emergency call. He commented that the renovations slated for Fire Station 4 were a necessity, noting the poor condition on the Fire Station.

Discussions were held regarding the changes in retail and restaurants. It was noted that restaurants did not generate the amount of the sales tax dollars as retail stores.

Discussions were held about the General Fund balance. It was noted that the City's Policy was to have 25% allotted to the General Fund; however, based on the current projection of increasing the fund balance by \$2 million, the fund balance would be about approximately 12.0%.

Discussions were held regarding the home sales and how the decrease in value would affect the property taxes. It was noted that the City would see the actual decrease of the property taxes in 2019.

Council Member Ruckriegel remarked on the difficulty of making conservative choices. He commented on liquidity noting it affected the rate at which the City would be able to get bonds in the future. He said the City had important projects coming in the future that would be influenced by the US EPA, and he said the City would have to get bonds to pay for those projects. He said if the City lost its liquidity rating, it would have to pay higher rates on those bonds for a long time. He remarked on the City's expenses stating that there had to be cuts in every Department. He said there may be projects that would have to be delayed by a year or two.

Discussions were held regarding the City's legal fees noting that the largest expenditure was due to several wrongful conviction lawsuits that were alleged against the City. He said these cases were specialized and the damages sought often exceeded over a million dollars a year. He remarked on the importance of defending these cases, which forced the City to spend a certain amount of money so the City was not faced with an exposure of over a million dollars per year from each claim.

Council Member Ruckriegel expressed his appreciation for the budget update, stating how important it was to make sure the public was aware of what was going on around the Council.

Mayor Ardis said he appreciated letting the Council know of the upcoming budget discussions with Staff. He said he anticipated a report or plan of action back to the Council in the next 30 days. He requested the City Manager and Staff to tighten up the budget on the expenditure side. He commented that identifying these trends in the budget early in the year made it easier to make smaller adjustments. He commented that the decisions the Fire Department had to make were extremely difficult and it would impact the taxpayers and the men and women in the Fire Department who were responding and still had to be safe in their duties.

Discussions were held regarding the General Fund balance. It was noted that the sales tax through June was still on target; however, it was anticipated that those revenues would decrease the second half of the year. It was mentioned that the revenue for the 2018 budget was decreased in light of the outcome in 2017, and that the 2018 revenues budget was within the 2% comparison from 2017.

Council Member Montelongo expressed a concern to making cuts to the City's Public Safety. He suggested that, instead of cutting expenses, to delay projects for a year. He inquired about the revenues from online shopping and whether the City collected all the revenues that were ordered online but picked up in the store, and he asked for a report back regarding whether the City was receiving an appropriate amount of revenues from online sales.

Council Member Oyler expressed a concern with issues in the budget so early in the year and he said if these issues were not addressed, the budget would continue to deteriorate. He remarked on the need to address the problems as quickly as possible.

City Manager Urich said he anticipated addressing the 2018 budget in the next 30 days and shortly thereafter start discussions on the 2019 budget.

Council Member Moore moved to receive and file a presentation on the quarter ended March 31, 2018, Unaudited Financial Report; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(18-172) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a PRESENTATION by Peoria Public Works Department for the STORMWATER UTILITY CREDIT MANUAL.

Public Works Director Scott Reeise distributed a handout entitled "A Citywide Approach to Wet Weather Issues."

Public Works Director Scott Reeise provided a presentation on the City's Stormwater Utility Credit Manual. He commented that the entire City was affected by stormwater issues. He said the City offered two public meetings wherein 50 participants attended each of those meetings. He said he and his Department had received several comments from the public and commercial businesses. He commented that the City had another unfunded mandate caused by the combined sewer overflow. He provided examples of wet weather issues in the City noting that the Public Works Department was backlogged with 436 projects and approximately 120 miles of storm sewers. He said the City Council approved the stormwater utility in 2017, which was a public utility similar to the water utility, sewer utility or parking utility. He said the stormwater utility would fund wet weather management. He said no one would be exempt from the

stormwater utility. He said the rate of the cost for the stormwater utility was based on the impervious area on the property, noting that incentives would be offered to reduce the cost. He reviewed the average residential rate for 2018 noting that the average residential monthly stormwater bill would be approximately \$7.80 for 2,600 square foot of impervious area on a parcel. He reviewed the projected revenues and expenses for 2018 for the utility. He reviewed the grants and credits offered to citizens and businesses along with the application process. He said the credit manual was a living document wherein it would continually be updated. He said the utility would start June 1, 2018, with bills sent out in July of 2018. He said citizens and businesses would have until September to apply for credits. He said the Public Works Department would continue to be open to additional feedback on how to manage the stormwater utility. He said additional information could be found at peoriastormwater.com, at the Peoria Public Works Department at 309-494-8800, and by email at stormwater@peoriagov.org.

Discussions were held regarding the number of properties or rooftops the utility would include and the process by which the Public Works Department would approve grants and credits.

Council Member Cyr said he had attended a number of meetings in the Fifth District, and he expressed a concern about the monthly average cost for a number of people in that district. He said he met with business owners in the Fifth District as well and learned the number of taxes and fees they currently paid. He expressed a concern for losing businesses already and commented that this fee could affect additional businesses and whether they would be able to stay open. He said the most important comments stated was that the Stormwater Utility Manual would continue to be living document. He remarked on the importance of listening to the residents and businesses of the City of Peoria.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to receive and file a presentation by Peoria Public Works Department for the Stormwater utility Credit Manual; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Cyr - 1.

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 from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to DEFER an ORDINANCE Amending the UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE Related to TEMPORARY SIGNS until June 12, 2018. (City Wide)

Council Member Moore moved to approve the deferral of an Ordinance amending the Unified Development Code related to temporary signs until June 12, 2018; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Grayeb recommended tabling the item indefinitely noting there were issues with the proposed Ordinance that were difficult to resolve.

Motion to defer until June 12, 2018, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Grayeb - 1.

(18-107) 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 CN (Neighborhood Commercial) District for a HALFWAY HOUSE for the Properties Identified as Parcel Identification Nos. 18-17-153-009 and 18-17-153-033, with an Address of 1010 SOUTH BLAINE STREET, Peoria Illinois. (Council District 1)

Council Member Moore moved to defer this item to the June 12, 2018, Regular City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to defer to the June 12, 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.

TIF Program Funds Used to Hirer Administrator

Council Member Moore said that TIF program funds could be used to hire someone to administer programs funded by the TIF. She said she had conversations with City Staff and determined that the TIF funds could be used to hire an individual to help administer various programs funded by the TIF. She said the program would proceed later in the year wherein the City Council would need to approve the use of funds for such a need.

Diversity Officer

Council Member Moore expressed a need to hire a Diversity Officer, and she provided examples for why one was needed.

Council Member Moore left the meeting at 9:10 P.M.

Update on the Agreement with the CEO Council

In response to Council Member Jensen regarding an update as to the agreement between the City and the CEO Council to conduct due diligence of the water company, Corporation Council Leist said he had sent a memo to all Council Members stating that the agreement was not ready to be reviewed by the Council for discussion. He said he would be meeting with the CEO Council later in the week. He said it was his hope to bring something to the City Council at the June 12, 2018, City Council meeting.

Riverfront Development Plans

Council Member Jensen said she had attended the Riverfront Community Advisory Community meeting wherein there was a presentation about developing the plans for the Riverfront. She inquired as to the plans and input that was previously provided, and she said this meeting seemed to start the whole planning process over. She asked that the previous work be included in the plan.

Public Works Director Scott Reese explained why meetings were separate between the stakeholders and the community.

Chronic Nuisance Properties

Council Member Jensen remarked on chronic nuisance properties specifically noting issues in the East Bluff that Police Chief Marion had addressed. She expressed her appreciation for his efforts. She requested period Report Backs on chronic nuisance properties to ensure that the City was pursuing these issues.

Music on the Riverfront

Council Member Jensen commented on the music on the Riverfront for the summer programs and she inquired as to the process the City was implementing to ensure that there would not be as many noise complaints this year.

City Manager Ulrich said there had been numerous discussions with the people involved with the Riverfront programs, and he said the Peoria Park District would be monitoring the noise.

NEW BUSINESS

It was determined that there was no new business to come before the City Council at this time.

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.

Pastor Clara Underwood, the petitioner in Item No. 18-107, commented on the need for a halfway house for women released from the Department of Corrections. She said the facility would provide outreach programs to teach these women to make better choices and to offer support and aid. She said she had spoken with various pastors, agencies and clinics who were excited about the project and who wanted to see these women get a good start in order to succeed.

Robert Johnson, a concerned citizen, spoke regarding Item No. 18-107 stating that there had been a lot of dissent regarding the proposed halfway house on the South Side. He said there had been meetings with Council Member Moore, the South Side Office of Concern and Lavetta Ricca about the project. He said Pastor Underwood was advised not to go to the Zoning Board until she had met with the community first, which had yet to be done. He agreed that there was a need for re-entry; however, he said there were enough problems on the South Side of Peoria. He commented that 15-25% of the women in the halfway house would commit some type of infraction that would send them back to the Department of Corrections. He said this project was not conducive to this part of the community.

Shelley Epstein, a concerned citizen, said he had distributed a book to all Council Members entitled *Dynasty of Water*, which provided a history of the American Water Company wherein he had highlighted a few sections that related to the City of Peoria. He said the book was a blueprint on how the company operated. He said if the City Council did nothing regarding the water buyout, then the City would surely pay higher water rates. He commented on how the cost of water increased over the last few years, and he said House Bill 4508, which was currently on the Governor's desk, would allow Illinois American Water to raise Peoria's rates by 2.5% each time they buy a new water system. He encouraged the City to pursue due diligence, and should the financials be right, pursue the purchase of the water company.

Gale Thetford, a citizen of Peoria, commented on the budget constraints of the City and how the City needed to increase its revenues. She said the City could not pose new taxes or new user fees. She said the Council needed to find a new revenue stream, and she remarked on the importance of conducting the due diligence of the water company.

Joyce Blumenshine, a member of the Heart of Illinois Sierra Club, said the club had voted and was in favor of conducting due diligence of the water company. She remarked on the importance of providing good water to the citizens and how the City having control of the water company would be able to oversee the water treatment process. She encouraged the City Council to pursue the due diligence process of the water company.

Dorothy Autumn, a citizen of Peoria, spoke on the Joseph Dream House associated with Item No. 18-107. She said they had gotten over 200 signatures in support of the project. She said this project would offer support to those women coming out of the Department of Corrections for the last 60-90 days of their incarcerations. She said the Dream House would help women find jobs and attend classes on how to obtain a job. She said the facility that was to be rezoned was ideal because it was a former church. She said the building would be renovated in order to accommodate the needs of the program.

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

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:32 P.M.



Beth Ball, MMC, City Clerk
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