

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Regular Meeting of the Joint City Council and Town Board of Trustees of Peoria, Illinois, was held October 8, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall, Council Chambers (Room 400), 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Ardis presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen (Arrived at 7:34 P.M.), Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, 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.

**Illinois American Water Company – 130th Anniversary in the Peoria District
Citizen Leadership Academy Graduation**

MINUTES

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on September 24, 2019, as printed; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

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

(19-305) REQUEST from the Town Officials to APPROVE the SEPTEMBER 2019 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES and to APPROVE the OCTOBER 2019 ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES for the Town of the City of Peoria.

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the September 2019 Actual Expenditures and to approve the October 2019 Anticipated Expenditures for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Chairman Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, with Recommendations as Outlined

- (19-306)** **Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Administration to Hold an AUCTION at the City of Peoria Operations and Maintenance Facility on Dries Lane, Saturday, October 12, 2019.**
- (19-307)** **Communication from the City Manager and Chief of Police with a REQUEST for the Following:**
- A. APPROVE an INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT between the City of Peoria and the COUNTY OF PEORIA under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY2019 Local Solicitation, in the Amount of \$62,801.00.**
- B. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,714 Amending the City of Peoria 2019 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Capital Fund to Recognize the Receipt of an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and the Corresponding Expenditures, in the Amount of \$62,801.00.**
- (19-308)** **Communication from the City Manager and Community Development *
Director with a Request to APPROVE a RESOLUTION Establishing the DOWNTOWN PEORIA INNOVATION DISTRICT (Council District 1)**
- (19-309)** **Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,715 Amending Ordinance 17,629 Approving the PEORIA 812 DEVELOPMENT LLC REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. (Council District 1)**
- (19-310)** **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 BUILD PEORIA for an Event to be Held in the 1200-1300 BLOCKS OF SW ADAMS STREET, on Saturday, October 12, 2019. (Council District 1)**
- (19-311)** **APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the SISTER CITY COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**

Mr. Kim Blickenstaff (Voting) 6/30/2022

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

Council Member Moore requested Item No. 19-308 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 19-306 through 19-311, (excluding Item No. 19-308, which was removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.
Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 10;
Nays: None.

**(19-308) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development
* Director with a Request to APPROVE a RESOLUTION Establishing the
DOWNTOWN PEORIA INNOVATION DISTRICT (Council District 1)**

Three letters of support were distributed to all Council Members, written by: the Chief Operating Officer of the Peoria Riverfront Museum, the Peoria County Administrator and the Director of Verizon Smart Communities.

Council Member Moore moved to Grant Privilege of the Floor Mr. Jake Hamann.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to Jake Hamann.

Mr. Jake Hamann, Executive Director of Peoria Innovation Alliance, described the progress made in improving innovation activity in the region since the last time he presented in front of the Council. He spoke of upcoming events and strategies to bring people, including alumni, back to the region. He commented on Peoria being ranked 36th in the Midwest for start-up companies, which was an improvement and a continuing goal. He thanked Council Member Moore and others for their support.

Council Member Moore spoke regarding the trend of losing citizens, especially millennials, and her hope was that this initiative would create excitement and new opportunities for current and future residents.

At the end of her comments, Council Member Moore moved to approve the Resolution establishing the Downtown Peoria Innovation District; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Council Member Montelongo thanked Mr. Hamann for his presentation and commented on the many great things Peoria had to offer. He expressed concern regarding the exclusion of the Warehouse District and the boundaries that were set in this Resolution, and he asked if they could be expanded at a later date. He also wanted clarification that Peoria was not contributing any funds at this time, which City Manager Urich confirmed.

Mr. Hamann described this as phase one; which would keep the boundaries and the area small initially in order to be more manageable and controlled. He said that the boundaries could be expanded in phase two.

Mayor Ardis invited Mr. Hamann to describe the upcoming public event and Mr. Hamann said there would be a press event on Wednesday, October 9th, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the lobby of the Peoria Riverfront Museum.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-308 establishing the Downtown Peoria Innovation District was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 10;
Nays: None.

FIRST READINGS

(19-312) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Recommendation from the Construction Commission for a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 5 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Relating to AIR RIGHTS.

Community Development Director Ross Black explained this Ordinance would be an amendment to the Building Code that would remove challenges of redeveloping buildings that existed on a property line. Referring to the provided documents, he stated the current Code prohibited any openings, including doors, windows and vents, on the wall facing the property line. He explained that the only measure to allow such openings would require purchasing or acquiring additional property, which was not always a possibility. He said this amendment would allow the City to recognize private agreements for air rights between property owners, which would allow openings with an option for height/level limitations and would give the City the authority to issue the building permit. He also emphasized this would not move a property line.

Council Member Riggerbach questioned what legislation other cities were using to solve this issue, and if this amendment was similar to what they already had in place. He also asked if the Downtown Development Corporation (DDC) had signed off on this amendment.

Director Black said the wording was a little different, but overall it was very similar to what was in place elsewhere. He said the DDC had been a partner in the process to get this approved through the Construction Commission before bringing it before the City Council for approval.

Council Member Ruckriegel recognized this amendment took a lot of collaboration, and he commented on the benefit towards city development and congratulated all who worked on this project.

Council Member Oyler moved to receive and file the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the Code of the City of Peoria relating to Air Rights; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None

CLERKS NOTE: Item No. 19-312 will be placed on the October 22, 2019, Regular City Council Meeting agenda

(19-313) 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 RECEIVE and FILE a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code Relating to ADULT USE CANNABIS.

Community Development Director Black described this Ordinance as the zoning component of allowing adult-use cannabis in corporate boundaries within the City of Peoria to include what districts were recommended to be permitted and changes to the current Code. He explained dispensaries were retail operations and sold directly to citizens. He went on to say that, currently, medical dispensaries were permitted in Industrial Districts as well as Special Uses in

Commercial Districts. He recommended recreational dispensaries be treated similar to medical dispensaries, except he recommended a modification be approved to allow both medical and recreational dispensaries in the Warehouse District. Referring to the handout and the table there-in, he described the other types of cannabis businesses and the recommended zoning requirements for each, including cultivation centers, craft growers, infusers and processors.

Council Member Moore inquired about the definition of the infusers business type. Director Black explained the State's definition for infusers was a company that took the active ingredient, in this case cannabis, and incorporated it into products that would later be sold. He described the process for getting cannabis to the consumer starting at the grower, going through a processor, then an infuser, and finally to a dispensary.

Council Member Montelongo asked Director Black if business owners from the Warehouse District had been consulted about including that area in the Ordinance, stating the possibility of a large concentration of these businesses.

Director Black stated that no meetings with nor testimony had been provided by business owners from the Warehouse District; but he explained reasons why the Warehouse District was included for zoning. He expressed doubt that multiple businesses would be concentrated in one district due to the limitations on licenses and other factors.

Council Member Cyr asked if residential properties were authorized air rights regarding cannabis use and he asked for clarification on Industrial Park zoning within this Ordinance.

Director Black explained that each resident owned air rights for their property up to a certain level and he said Industrial Parks were included in the I-1 zoning category listed on the handout.

Council Member Cyr asked about safety for citizens in some of the listed zoning areas, such as Industrial zones, as described in the Ordinance and he asked what was considered when deciding these factors.

Director Black explained that the zoning districts were chosen based on the type of business. For example, he said dispensaries, which were retail fronts and would see customers, were zoned in districts with similar businesses and afforded the same safety features, while growers and processors in industrial zones would only see hired staff, not the general public.

Council Member Cyr inquired about enforcement regarding air rights for citizens with neighbors using cannabis products.

Director Black referred to the City Senior Attorney, Chrissie Peterson, who explained that according to the State, citizens were authorized to use cannabis products on their own property.

Council Member Ali asked Director Black how the zoning limitation amounts were determined, and Director Black described the process stating it was based on typical business structures not specific to cannabis-related businesses.

Council Member Ali asked for further clarification on the infuser and dispensary categories and Director Black said those options were in the Ordinance, that both stand-alone infuser operations and dispensaries with infuser rights as an accessory would be permitted.

Senior Attorney Chrissie Peterson clarified that square footage limitations on businesses like craft growers set by the State could be amended in the future at their discretion. Mayor Ardis asked if the State had imposed any square foot limitations on dispensaries, to which Senior Attorney Peterson replied they had not.

Council Member Kelly explained how the State awarded City governments authority over prohibition of cannabis sales, commenting on the need for discussion regarding public health and safety concerns should the City of Peoria decide to allow sales of cannabis despite his disapproval on the subject.

Council Member Riggerbach mentioned a potential dispensary's ability to begin selling cannabis products would be limited by licenses and approvals, and he asked if the number of dispensaries within the City limits was limited to three.

Senior Attorney Peterson explained that the existing medical dispensary in Peoria would be allowed to apply for up to two early approval adult-use licenses through the State. She said three other licenses could be granted to other applicants in early 2020, bringing the potential total to five recreational use dispensaries within Peoria City limits in the first wave of release.

Council Member Riggerbach asked how the Warehouse District was chosen over other Form Districts in the City. Director Black stated that other Form Districts did not make sense for this specific usage from a zoning standpoint because they allowed businesses to open without Council approval. He said acceptance into Form Districts would limit City authority over the type of business allowed to open, which was not recommended other than in the Warehouse District.

Council Member Riggerbach inquired if any opposition was presented at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting regarding this zoning Ordinance, to which Director Black said there was not. Director Black outlined the number of meetings, hearings and discussions regarding this issue and thanked all those involved.

Mayor Ardis further clarified the business type categories and the accessory uses and he commented that he had received many questions from citizens. Director Black confirmed Mayor Ardis' statement that the sale of a cannabis product to a consumer could only happen at a business with a dispensary license and that the City would not dispense those licenses. He said dispensary licenses were issued at the State level.

Council Member Ruckriegel discussed the difference between a cultivation center and a craft grower. He said it was regulated by the State using different licenses for each type, including dispensaries with a completely different license type and would be awarded separately.

Director Black also stipulated that businesses would have to follow both State and local regulations to open a business in the city limits of Peoria.

Council Member Oyler referred to the Policy Session that was held on Saturday, August 24, 2019, and asked if he was correct that the laws for tobacco were stricter than cannabis.

Senior Attorney Peterson said the State was very clear about where cannabis could be consumed, noting public places such as restaurants were not permitted for use unless the City licensed and regulated businesses for onsite consumption. She also said it would have to come back before the Council for approval.

Council Member Moore asked for clarity on the number of adult-use licenses that would be allowed in Peoria, to which Senior Attorney Peterson explained there was the potential for five businesses allowed within the first wave.

Council Member Montelongo inquired when the number of licenses granted in the Peoria area was set to increase. Senior Attorney Peterson explained it would expand, but she said the State would also take into account the sales during the first wave.

Council Member Montelongo asked Director Black to reach out to business owners in the Warehouse District to obtain their feedback on the impact cannabis businesses could have in their area.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to receive and file the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code relating to Adult Use Cannabis; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Grayeb, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: Cyr – 1.

CLERKS NOTE: Item No. 19-313 will be placed on the October 15, 2019, Special City Council Meeting agenda

(19-314) Communication from the City Manager and the Corporation Counsel with a Request for a FIRST READING review of an ORDINANCE Creating ARTICLE 19 (Operation of a Cannabis Business) of CHAPTER 18 (Licenses and Miscellaneous Business Regulations) of the CODE of the City of Peoria.

Senior Attorney Chrissie Peterson summarized the Ordinance stating it would create licensing for cannabis-based businesses. She then explained how the City already licensed gaming, liquor and tobacco, and how this was created to be similar to those processes while also allowing the City to set minimum required distances from those businesses to sensitive areas such as schools and other places children regularly gathered. She said this Ordinance did not allow onsite consumption, but could be revised at a later date to include it. She went on to describe the fees for the different types of businesses and how they were determined. She explained the definitions for the types of businesses in the Ordinance stating they were taken directly from State legislation. She described how the minimum distances were reached, comparing them to other cities in Illinois.

Discussions were held regarding the definition of 'sensitive areas' and the minimum distance from these areas. Senior Attorney Peterson said the Council had the authority to determine the minimum distance from these areas. She commented on the State's definition of 'sensitive areas' stating that it related to areas of education and recreation of minors. Additional discussions were held regarding ATMs, banks and medical centers, and Senior Attorney Peterson said it was not a Staff recommendation after additional research. She confirmed that licensed daycare homes would be classified as a sensitive area. Discussions were held as to whether places of worship were considered within the definition, and she said it was not suggested in the State legislation. It was suggested that the minimum distance for an adult-use cannabis dispensary be changed from 500 feet to 1,000 feet from a sensitive area and that those businesses be recommended to go through a site-approval process. She said the definition of 'sensitive area' could not be broadened to include residential areas.

Council Member Grayeb expressed a concern regarding the fee amount, noting the City needed to be competitive with other municipalities. He also expressed a concern regarding the amount established for fine violations, stating it would not be effective.

Mayor Ardis asked Council to try and mirror the Liquor Code in regard to restrictions. Mayor Ardis said fines and fees should be greater based on estimated income for cannabis-based businesses, citing additional costs to the City.

Council Member Moore mentioned the high cost for a business owner to enter this industry and cautioned against raising licensing fees too high, and she asked the Council to refrain from overburdening businesses with fees.

Council Member Jensen arrived at 7:34 P.M.

Mayor Ardis said the fees should be reviewed before coming back to Council. He commented that the fine should be changed to allow penalties according to severe infractions.

Mayor Ardis suggested Site Approvals for adult-use cannabis businesses to mirror Liquor Licensing as Council Member Moore suggested previously and he asked Senior Attorney Peterson for more information regarding these items.

Council Member Jensen said she supported the higher fines and a greater distance from schools and other sensitive areas than what was in the Ordinance. She expressed concerns about cannabis-related businesses existing near residential districts. She suggested capping the number of businesses allowed in the City on top of how many licenses the State awarded.

Corporation Council Don Leist expressed caution regarding the State restrictions because they could find local governments in fault of infringing on their authority. He also said the State was issuing licenses, grants and offering special applications in certain areas and districts.

Council Member Ali moved to receive and file the First Reading of an Ordinance creating Article 19 (Operation of a Cannabis Business) of Chapter 18 (Licenses and Miscellaneous Business Regulations) of the Code of the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: Cyr – 1.

CLERKS NOTE: Item No. 19-314 will be placed on the October 15, 2019, Special City Council Meeting agenda

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

- (19-315) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to Accept the LOW BID of ILLINOIS CIVIL CONTRACTORS, INC. and Award a Construction CONTRACT, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$150,000.00, from the Base Bid of \$72,802.00 for the CONCRETE REPAIRS CONTRACT 2019. (All Council Districts)**

Director of Public Works Rick Powers provided an overview of this contract explaining how the amount grew due to more work requiring attention before the end of the year.

Council Member Moore asked about the percentage of Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women Business Enterprises (WBE) included in the contract. Director Powers said he would provide those reports when available.

Council Member Grayeb commented on how late in the year these projects were coming before Council for approval and questioned whether they could be completed before winter weather prohibited work. He and Director Powers discussed the importance for bringing them to Council for approval earlier next year and how much these repairs were needed all across Peoria. City Manager Urich and Director Powers said they would work to expedite the process next year while continuing to give it the due diligence the projects deserved.

Council Member Cyr moved to Accept the low bid of Illinois Civil Contractors, Inc. and award a construction contract, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, from the base bid of \$72,802.00 for the Concrete Repairs Contract 2019; seconded by Council Member Ali.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(19-316) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Approving the CURIOSNOMAD LLC REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (807 SW ADAMS). (Council District 1)

Council Member Moore moved to a adopt an Ordinance approving the Curiousnomad LLC Redevelopment Agreement (807 SW Adams); seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Council Member Moore described the difficulties of previous property owners at 807 SW Adams, then talked about the unique business proposed by the new property owners. She stated they would be applying for Site Approval for liquor sales as well. She moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to the new business owners, Cliff and Jody Vieira.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. and Mrs. Vieira.

Mr. Cliff Vieira thanked the Mayor and the Council briefly explained their business plan and redevelopment plan for commercial use on the lower level and residential use on the upper level to coincide with the Warehouse District aesthetics.

Council Member Moore described how the owners have invested in this business and detailed some of the work ahead, congratulating the new owners on their plans.

Senior Development Specialist Cesar Suarez spoke on the redevelopment plan, referencing the packets distributed and how this business was a great example of the exciting prospects coming to the Warehouse District. Council Member Moore echoed the sentiment, saying businesses such as this brought vitality to the area and asked for Council's approval on this item.

Ordinance No. 17,716 approving the Curiousnomad LLC Redevelopment Agreement (807 SW Adams) was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(19-317) Communication from the City Manager and the Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 20 of the CODE of the City of Peoria by Deleting Section 20-112 Pertaining to POSSESSION OF CANNABIS OR DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

Senior Attorney Peterson explained the changes to the Ordinance regarding the City of Peoria's authority to prosecute small possession cannabis arrests. She described how the new State law, which would go into effect January 1, 2020, would nullify the current Ordinance except for those between the ages 18-21 and how anything in violation of the new Act would be prosecuted at a State level. She then asked to dispense with the First Reading to pass the Ordinance immediately.

Council Member Jensen moved to suspend the rules of the First Reading; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Motion to suspend the rules of the First Reading was approved by roll call vote.
Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 11;
Nays: None.

Council Member Jensen moved to adopt the Ordinance amending Chapter 20 of the Code of the City of Peoria by deleting Section 20-112 pertaining to Possession of Cannabis or Drug Paraphernalia; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,717 was adopted by roll call vote.
Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 11;
Nays: None.

(19-318) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a PRESENTATION and Discussion of the 2020-2021 BIENNIAL BUDGET.

A draft 2020-2021 City of Peoria Biennial Budget was distributed to all Council Members.

City Manager Urich gave an overview of the contents of the distributed budget packet. He emphasized the balanced budget, lack of property tax increase and layoffs, and money going back in the General Fund. He went over the different sections, briefly explaining each. He explained the calendar showing meetings every Tuesday night through mid-November to discuss the budget until it was finalized.

Mayor Ardis clarified the budget handout was received just before the meeting that evening and substantive talks would begin at the Special City Council Meeting scheduled Tuesday, October 15, 2019, at 6:00 P.M.

Council Member Cyr asked City Manager Urich about the budget feedback from the public on the website. City Manager Urich explained that 630 people took the budget challenge, remarked on the attendance at the public meetings held, and referred him to the report in the budget binder for more details.

Council Member Grayeb asked City Manager Urich about the EPA settlement impact, and City Manager Urich replied that the assumption of the settlement was built into the budget.

Mayor Ardis thanked those who put so much hard work into this initial plan and all they were able to accomplish at that early date.

Council Member Cyr moved to Receive and File the Presentation and discussion of the 2020-2021 Biennial Budget; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

Public Access Channel

At the request of Council Member Moore, Strategic Communications Manager Stacey Peterson described the new software program, purchased through PEG fees acquired through Comcast, that would add content and communication capabilities to the Public Access Channel for the City. She mentioned the possibilities it would allow and the hope to have everything up and running by January 1, 2020. Council Member Moore explained the importance of communication with citizens and how the new software would help make that possible. She thanked Ms. Peterson for her help achieving this goal and looked forward to its implementation.

Report on the Public Hearings Regarding Cannabis Businesses

In response to Council Member Cyr regarding reports from the adult-use cannabis meetings, City Manager Urich explained that reports were sent out previously for those meetings that were held, and he would make sure he received a copy.

Air BNB Ordinance Update

In response to Council Member Jensen, City Manager Urich said City Staff had been working on this Ordinance and planned to take it before the Zoning Commission before bringing it to Council at the end of November.

NEW BUSINESS

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Council Member Cyr explained that October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month and he was wearing pink to remind people to donate for the worthy cause, "Real Men Wear Pink".

Council Member Cyr left at 8:27 P.M.

Peoria Community Against Violence (PCAV)

Council Member Riggerbach announced that PCAV's quarterly event on October 24, 2019, would be held at 6:00 P.M. at the East Bluff Community Center

RING Subsidy

Council Member Montelongo discussed the RING subsidy event to be held at the Northwoods Mall on Saturday, November 2, 2019, from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. and said more communications would be going out to the public soon. He gave an overview of the program and the pricing estimates.

Springdale Cemetary Tours

Council Member Jensen described the Springdale Cemetery Tours that were held the previous weekend and ones that would be held on Friday, October 11, 2019, at 6:00 P.M., Saturday, October 12, 2019, at 12:00 P.M & 2:00 P.M., and Sunday, October 13, 2019, at 12:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. She invited the public to attend and learn about Peoria's history.

Council Member Riggerbach left at 8:30 P.M.

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.

Steven Morris, a citizen of Peoria, called for a Day of Prayer and requested that Peoria become a Sanctuary City for Life.

Joshua Sanford, a citizen of Peoria, requested that Peoria become a Sanctuary City for Life.

Darcie Cady, a concerned citizen of Peoria and representative of the Alexis Camry Scott campaign, spoke regarding specific citizens of Peoria and their criminal records, then asked why those citizens were still on the streets.

Abigail Davison, a concerned citizen of Peoria, spoke of being new to the Alexis Camry Scott campaign and asked why City leadership was not doing more to aid efforts.

Sara Martin, a concerned citizen of Peoria, commented on her repeated attendance at City Council Meetings and requests for help on the Alexis Camry Scott campaign, commenting on her belief there was a lack of help from City leadership.

Micheilei Traver, a concerned citizen of Peoria, commented on her previous attendance at City Council Meetings requesting help from City leadership regarding the Alexis Camry Scott campaign. She expressed her desire for leadership to reply to citizen concerns and for their attendance at community events.

William Jones, a concerned citizen of Peoria, asked City leaders to support community events and commented on the state of the city and the need for improvement.

Rachel O'Reilly, a concerned citizen of Peoria, requested City leadership do more to aid the Alexis Camry Scott campaign.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent; and, 2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent; and, 2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis-9;

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

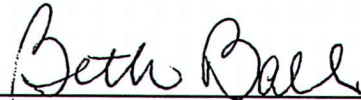
Council Member Ruckriegel moved to adjourn the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

The Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 P.M.



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

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