

: 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 June 11, 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, Kelly (Arrived at 6:13 P.M.), Montelongo, Oyler, Ruckriegel, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 10. Absent: Moore – 1.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or reflection and he asked everyone to keep the family of Dr. Greg Adamson, Peoria County Board Member, in prayer in light of his sudden passing. He then led the pledge of allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

**Flag Day 2019
South West Kiwanis Club
Recognition of Drew Cassidy
Recognition of Dave Snell**

MINUTES

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on May 28, 2019, as printed; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

(19-164) REQUEST from the Town Officials to APPROVE the MAY 2019 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES and to APPROVE the JUNE 2019 ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES for the Town of the City of Peoria.

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the May 2019 actual expenditures and the June 2019 anticipated expenditures for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Ali.

Trustee Jensen inquired about the expenditures outlined in the report noting the amount for advertising fees and legal fees. She commented on the annual donations made to the Center for Prevention of Abuse and to the Heartland Community Health Clinic, noting those donations

were previously approved by the Board at the Annual Town Board Meeting. She requested future statements regarding General Assistance provide more specific information to provide an explanation for some of the expenses.

Trustee Oyler requested a Report Back regarding the various types of legal issues that Township sought such advice.

Township Supervisor Abdnour said he tried to work with other Township Supervisors prior to seeking legal advice. He said the Township manual was completely rewritten in 2018 and he said there some issues wherein he wanted to ensure he was following the Statutes set forth for Townships.

Trustee Oyler requested a Report Back that reflected an accounting of the different types of General Assistance offered in Peoria Township and how those were broken down in the budget. He said a listing of services and assistance would help the Trustees to provide the general public information and to answer questions.

Township Supervisor Abdnour said all the services were listed on the Township web page; however, he said he would supply the Trustees with a list of services.

Chairman Ardis said there were other organizations in the community who also helped individuals who received assistance from the Township, and he requested as part of the Report Back a list of those organizations who provided similar services. He commented on the register provided to the Trustees, noting there was more detail provided than what was given in the past. He said the detailed register encouraged additional conversation from the Trustees. He said Trustee Jensen's request would help other Trustees to understand the registers better.

Township Supervisor Abdnour said the registers were due to the new attesting law and he said he would provide additional details to the Board.

Motion to approve the May 2019 actual expenditures and the June 2019 anticipated expenditures for the Town of the City of Peoria was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, with Recommendations as Outlined

(19-165) Communication from the City Manager and the Chief of Police with a Request to APPROVE a SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE of 8 Digital In-Car Cameras and the Necessary Peripherals from SF MOBILE VISION, INC., in the Amount of \$43,168.00.

(19-166) * Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request to ACCEPT the LOW BID of STARK EXCAVATING, INC. and Award a Construction CONTRACT, for a Total Award Amount of \$318,149.70, from the Base Bid of \$289,227.00 plus an Additional 10% Contingency, for the EAST OAK CLIFF CULVERT REHABILITATION PROJECT. (Council District 3)

- (19-167)**
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Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following: A. APPROVE a 3-Year CONTRACT with THE CLEANING SOURCE, for the First Year Base Amount of \$235,598.00, for Janitorial Services to City Building Groups 3 and 4; B. APPROVE a 3-Year CONTRACT with LINDSAY'S DEPENDABLE CLEANING SERVICE, for the First Year Base Amount of \$57,271.21, for Janitorial Services to City Building Groups 1 and 5; and C. APPROVE a 3-Year CONTRACT with PHD, for the First Year Base Amount of \$44,824.00, for Janitorial Services to City Building Group 2.
- (19-168)**

Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Ordinance 17,628 Approving the 725 WASHINGTON LLC REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. (Council District 1)

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

Council Member Oyler requested Item No. 19-166 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Montelongo requested Item No. 19-167 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Jensen requested Item No. 19-168 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 19-165 through 19-168 (excluding Item Nos. 19-166 through 19-168, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

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Council Member Oyler expressed a concern about awarding a contract to Stark Excavating in light of a recent lawsuit the City settled with them. He said it was unacceptable to approve this item and would set a bad precedence for the City and the taxpayers, noting that Council Members previously defended votes as to why they did not want to do business with someone who had sued the City. He said he would not support the contract.

Council Member Jensen said she concurred with Council Member Oyler. She said she had questions and concerns due to the lack of women and minority participation. She said for these reasons she would not support this item.

Discussions were held regarding the women and minority goals from both bidders, noting both bids were similar. Interim Public Works Director Bill Lewis said there were no minority-owned firms that would be used for subcontracting and there was approximately 5% female participation. He commented on the project noting, if the bid was rejected, the City would have to put the project out for another bid. He commented on the needs of the road noting that the culverts were deteriorating and it was the only roadway going into that neighborhood.

Council Member Ruckriegel said there was approximately a 10% difference between the two bidders outlined in the communication, and he asked Director Lewis to explain the differences.

Interim Director Lewis commented on the items outlined in the contracts noting that three items provided for approximately 75% of the contracts. He said there was a \$10,000.00 disparity when it came to the three larger items. He said the other smaller items were very similar. He commented that the longer the delay for the project the higher risk of the road failing. He also commented on the subcontracting issues of the contract, noting there were not many opportunities for subcontracting on the smaller items.

In response to Council Member Kelly, discussions were held regarding the ability to exclude a contractor from bidding, disqualify a bid or not to approve a bid. Corporation Counsel Leist said the Statute did not allow for the disqualification of an entity from a bidding process because that entity sued the municipality. He said the Statute indicated the City Council had to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. He said the Council had to make a determination whether the bid was lowest and responsible, and whether the Council had certain faith in the company and the bid. He said the Council could not exclude a company from bidding due to litigation.

City Manager Ulrich said if the City Council rejected the bid, the City would have to rebid the project. He said rebidding the project could cause a cost increase, but it could also cause a cost decrease. He said it was a question for the City Council to answer.

Corporation Counsel Leist said the City Council could accept a bidder other than the lowest responsible bidder. However, he said the City Council needed to decide whether to approve the item before them.

Mayor Ardis said the City Council could reject the bid before them, and then the project would have to be rebid. During that rebidding process, he said the cost could increase or decrease. He said the City could not prohibit a company from submitting a bid.

Discussions were held regarding the 10% contingencies, noting it was an extra allotment should additional funds be needed for the project. Director Lewis said should the project exceed the 10% contingencies, then the matter would come before the City Council for approval.

Discussions were held regarding the risks involved with this project and how it compared to the previous project with Stark that ended with a lawsuit settlement. It was noted that the project currently before the City Council did not contain the same risks. Corporation Counsel Leist said the previous project pertained to what Stark was considered as an "unforeseeable circumstance." He said if a change order was necessary, the contract would provide for some protection.

Council Member Riggerbach remarked on the importance of the City Council listening to the legal advice provided. He said there was language that the City followed for contracts. He said due to the current situation, he did not see the bid getting any cheaper should the matter have to be rebid. He said the City Council should discuss what defines "responsible bidder," which he said was more of an appropriate discussion.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to accept the low bid of Stark Excavating, Inc. and award a construction contract, for a total award amount of \$318,149.70, from the base bid of \$289,227.00 plus an additional 10% contingency for the East Oak Cliff Culvert Rehabilitation Project; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Mayor Ardis said he shared the Council Members' concerns on this matter, noting there had been significant discussion on the previous case that was litigated. However, he said the bid initially had six bidders and now there were only two. Due to the recent weather, he said there were a number of projects that needed to be completed within a short time period. He said Staff brought Council the lowest responsible bidder and he said it was appropriate for the Council to approve Staff's request.

Motion to accept the low bid of Stark Excavating, Inc. and award a construction contract, for a total award amount of \$318,149.70, from the base bid of \$289,227.00 plus an additional 10% contingency for the East Oak Cliff Culvert Rehabilitation Project was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Kelly, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 7;

Nays: Jensen, Oyler, Montelongo - 3.

(19-167)

Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following: A. APPROVE a 3-Year CONTRACT with THE CLEANING SOURCE, for the First Year Base Amount of \$235,598.00, for Janitorial Services to City Building Groups 3 and 4; B. APPROVE a 3-Year CONTRACT with LINDSAY'S DEPENDABLE CLEANING SERVICE, for the First Year Base Amount of \$57,271.21, for Janitorial Services to City Building Groups 1 and 5; and C. APPROVE a 3-Year CONTRACT with PHD, for the First Year Base Amount of \$44,824.00, for Janitorial Services to City Building Group 2.

In response to Council Member Montelongo regarding the mentoring process, City Manager Urich said Lindsay's Dependable Cleaning Service was mentored by The Cleaning Source during a previous contract period. After being mentored, he said Lindsay's then formed as a minority business.

Council Member Montelongo said he saw a 15% growth in work offered for Lindsay's, which he said was a step in the right direction in order to help a micro business grow. However, he said Lindsay's was looking to grow its business. He said these contracts should reflect the demographics of the community with approximately 50% of the work offered to a minority business. He said PHD was a women-owned business, which was a step in the right direction as well. He recommended finding additional opportunities outside City buildings for these businesses to clean. He said part of the mentoring process should be finding additional business and helping micro companies submit proposals.

Council Member Montelongo moved to approve a 3-year contract with The Cleaning Source, for the first-year base amount of \$235,598.00, for janitorial services to City Building Groups 3 and 4; to approve a 3-year contract with Lindsay's Dependable Cleaning Service, for the first year base amount of \$57,271.21, for janitorial services to City Building Groups 1 and 5; to approve a 3-year contract with PHD, for the first year base amount of \$44,824.00, for janitorial services to City Building Group 2; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

In response to Council Member Jensen, City Manager Urich the City could help Lindsay's Cleaning Service find other opportunities within the City by utilizing the City's Economic Development Team.

Council Member Jensen said, if there were any more opportunities that presented themselves throughout the year, to keep Lindsay's Cleaning Service in mind.

Council Member Riggerbach reminded the City Council to be mindful of the bidding process the City had in place for these types of contracts. He said he was supportive with the concept of nurturing smaller businesses, but should be careful as to the amount of work offered compared to the amount of work that could be handled by the company, noting that he did not want to set up a business for failure.

Mayor Ardis said The Cleaning Source had a larger portion of the City's contracts a number of years ago and helped mentor a number of minority businesses. He said because of their mentoring they had lost business.

moved to approve a 3-year contract with The Cleaning Source, for the first-year base amount of \$235,598.00, for janitorial services to City Building Groups 3 and 4; to approve a 3-year contract with Lindsay's Dependable Cleaning Service, for the first year base amount of \$57,271.21, for janitorial services to City Building Groups 1 and 5; to approve a 3-year contract with PHD, for the first year base amount of \$44,824.00, for janitorial services to City Building Group 2 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(19-168) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Ordinance 17,628 Approving the 725 WASHINGTON LLC REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. (Council District 1)

Senior Development Specialist Cesar Suarez said the project required bank financing. He provided the specifics needed for the bank financing, noting those requirements were met with there being an anchor on the first floor of the building. He said the second requirement was to obtain historical tax credits, which would take approximately 30-60 days for approval. He said a historical tax credit would allow equity to come from the project.

Council Member Jensen said the last time this item came before the Council she had voted against it because the developer was not able to provide any assurance that he would give certain percentages to union workers. Suarez said the work to be completed was 60% non-union and 40% union workers.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 17,628 approving the 725 Washington LLC Redevelopment Agreement; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,693 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Kelly, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: Jensen - 1.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

- (19-169) Communication from the City Manager and the Human Resource Director with a Request to APPROVE the City Manager to Authorize the Renewal of PROPERTY AND CONTENTS AND AUTO CATASTROPHIC COVERAGE INSURANCE with ALLIANT/MESIROW INSURANCE SERVICES INC., in the Amount of \$170,844.65**

Council Member Cyr moved to approve the City Manager to authorize the renewal of property and contents and auto catastrophic coverage insurance with Alliant/Mesirow Insurance Services, Inc., in the amount of \$170,844.65; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (19-170) Communication from the City Manager and Chief of Police with a Request to APPROVE a Three (3) Year SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT with the Option to Extend for Two (2) Years with SAM HARRIS UNIFORMS for Commissioned and Civilian Personnel Uniforms.**

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve a three (3) year sole source contract with the option to extend for two (2) years with Sam Harris Uniforms for commissioned and civilian personnel uniforms; seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

Council Member Kelly commented on the current uniforms noting the camouflage uniforms were unnecessary and could be intimidating to the public.

Council Member Ali said she spoke with a concerned vendor who wanted to bid on the item; however, was unable to because it was a sole source contract. She said the vendor informed her that the uniforms the Police Department wore was only made available to Sam Harris. She said she spoke with Police Chief Marion who justified the purchase of these specific uniforms. She said the Police Department had tried other brands of uniforms but found the current brand was better quality and had better longevity. She said she had received enough information to justify the sole source purchase.

At the request of Council Member Jensen, Corporation Counsel Leist provided an explanation of "sole source" stating that it meant that the item the City needed could only be obtained from a single provider. He said, if the item could be obtained from only one provider, the Statute did not require the City to put the contract out for bid.

Motion to approve a three (3) year sole source contract with the option to extend for two (2) years with Sam Harris Uniforms for commissioned and civilian personnel uniforms was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(19-171) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE a RESOLUTION to Celebrate the 100TH ANNIVERSARY of Illinois being the First State to Ratify the 19TH AMENDMENT Allowing Women to Vote for Elective Office.

Council Member Jensen said she was excited to bring this item to the City Council noting it marked the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment allowing women the right to vote. She said the amendment was originally passed on June 4, 1891, and the State of Illinois was the first State to ratify the amendment on June 10, 1919.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve a Resolution to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Illinois being the first State to ratify the 19th Amendment allowing women to vote for elective office; seconded by Council Member Ali.

Council Member Ali expressed her pride in living in the first State to ratify the women's right to vote for an elected office. She said she was proud women were exercising the right to vote and to run and serve in an elected office. She expressed her appreciation for the amendment and she expressed her appreciation to the League of Women Voters, noting her support of the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-171 approving a Resolution to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Illinois being the first State to ratify the 19th Amendment allowing women to vote for elective office was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(19-172) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request for the Following: A. APPROVE the 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN for Submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), with a Total 2019 Grant Allocation of \$2,568,241.00; B. APPROVE the REALLOCATION of Prior Year Funds to Projects Outlined in the 2019 Annual Action Plan; C. APPROVE the REALLOCATION of CDBG PROGRAM INCOME; and, D. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2019 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the CDBG Fund and Capital Fund to Reallocate CDBG Program Income to the Capital Fund, in the Amount of \$4,670.00; and to Adjust the CDBG Fund and Home Fund Revenues and Expenditures to Reflect the 2019 Federal Grant Award.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to approve the 2019 Annual Action Plan for submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), with a total 2019 grant allocation of \$2,568,241.00; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Community Development Director Ross Black provided an explanation for the approval of the Action Plan in the middle of 2019 stating it had to do with the interaction with the Federal Fiscal Year. He said the Federal 2019 fiscal budget started in October 2018, but was not done until earlier in 2019.

He said the actual funding would not be available until late 2019.

Council Member Riggerbach said the money would not be available to the City until the fourth quarter of 2019. He said the timeframe was not as important as noting the dollar amount that would be funded to various programs. He said this was a significant award that the City would support.

Discussions were held regarding public participation and Director Black said no one attended the two public hearings and he had received only two letters of input from the public. He said the City received a letter of support from the Health Department and Continuum of Care along with other entities the City partnered with in the community. He said they used all tools available in terms of conducting public outreach. He said it was a constant issue getting public interest on the Annual Action Plan. He said 2019 was the final year of the current five-year consolidated plan. He said beginning in July 2019 the City would conduct the public outreach process to develop the next five-year plan that would start in 2020 and run through 2025. He said Staff would do as much outreach as possible and obtain comment on how the award monies would be allocated over the next five years.

Council Member Jensen recommended utilizing the League of Women Voters to obtain additional public input, especially as it related to the five-year consolidated plan. She said she had recently volunteered to be on a committee to conduct more public outreach and she said she was ready to start that committee as soon as possible.

Motion to approve the 2019 Annual Action Plan for submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), with a total 2019 grant allocation of \$2,568,241.00 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to approve the reallocation of prior year funds to projects outlined in the 2019 Annual Action Plan; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to approve the reallocation of CDBG Reallocation of CDBG Program Income; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2019 Revised Annual Budget relating to the CDBG Fund and capital fund to reallocated CDBG Program Income to the capital fund, in the amount of \$4,670.00; and to Adjust the CDBG Fund and Home Fund Revenues and Expenditures to Reflect the 2019 Federal Grant Award, seconded by Council Member Cyr.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,694 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

(18-231) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to DEFER the PURCHASE of the SIMANTEL PROPERTY Located at the Foot of SPRING STREET until MAY 28, 2019. (Council District 1)

Council Member Riggerbach moved to defer the purchase of the Simantel Property located at the foot of Spring Street until June 25, 2019; seconded by Council Member Ali.

In response to Council Member Oyler on the process, if the matter did not get resolved after the deferral, City Manager Urich said the City would have to request another extension with Mr. Simantel on the purchase of the property. He said the City tendered all the required information to the National Park Service by June 4, 2019. He said there were no time constraints for the NPS to make its decision. He provided background information on why the City needed to purchase the land, noting it was the result of the land that was used to build the Riverplex. He said, according to the Land and Water Conservation Fund, the City needed to replace the property with similar property. He said the City purchased the Rocky Glen in 2012 and was wanting to purchase the Simantel Property to make up for the land difference. He said if he did not receive an answer from the NPS in two weeks, then Staff would determine the cost of an extension through the end of the year and bring it before the City Council. He said the matter could be tabled until the City heard back from the NPS, but the matter had to be acted upon at some point.

Motion to defer to the June 25, 2019, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Regulation of Massage Parlors

Council Member Grayeb expressed a concern regarding the number of illegal massage parlors within the City and he asked City Manager Urich how the City was addressing this issue.

City Manager Urich said the City was currently in the renewal process for business licenses. He explained the process stating that letters were going out during the month of June to all establishments. He said there was a review of whether these establishments were properly zoned. He said there needed to be some sort of business license structure in place. He said the Community Development Department would be ticketing violators.

Lot Access off Peoria Street is Withdrawn

Council Member Riggerbach announced that Jeff Kolbus of ReMax Realty had withdrawn his request for lot access off Peoria Street. He said Mr. Kolbus held a public meeting and heard the concerns of the neighborhood and since had withdrawn his request. He expressed his appreciation to Mr. Kolbus for listening to the neighborhood.

East Bluff Special Service Area

Council Member Riggerbach said it was time to begin the process for a new Special Service Area in the East Bluff. He said the East Bluff Neighborhood Housing Service SSA would be expiring at the end of 2019 and had already had the two additional extensions that were provided for in the Ordinance. He said there was still a strong desire to have an SSA in that area. He remarked on the need to start the process in order to implement another SSA.

Fireworks Regulation

At the request of Council Member Riggerbach, Chief Marion provided an overview on the process initiated to regulate illegal fireworks during the Fourth of July. He remarked on the importance of educating the public, which began May 31, 2019, through social media and press releases. He said examples of illegal fireworks were posted on the Police Department's Facebook Page. He said door hangers would be placed on houses and that the maximum number of Police Officers would be working on the Fourth of July. He said two school Resource Officers had been assigned to the Neighborhood Services Unit to address calls received. He said there would be a strong enforcement action.

RING Security Doorbells

Council Member Montelongo said Police Chief Marion had previously brought forward a Memorandum of Understanding with RING, a security system for homes. He said he recently followed up with RING to bring forward a new proposal wherein the system would be sold to Peoria residents at a significant discount.

CityLink Study and Analysis

Council Member Jensen said CityLink was in the process of doing a study and analysis of their service. She said there would be public meetings seeking public input at the following times:

- Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. at the Fondulac Library in East Peoria
- Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the Downtown Peoria Public Library
- Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Lakeview Branch Public Library

Cannabis Bill

Council Member Ali said, in light of the recent passing of the Cannabis Bill that made marijuana legal in the State of Illinois, it was important for the City to be proactive and not reactive with regards to that new law. She said there needed to be a plan in terms of compliance, law enforcement and economic opportunity.

City Manager Urich said Staff was researching the law to see what options were available for the City and potential implications for law enforcement and economic development. He said Staff would provide the Council with an update in the next month.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD

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

Dusty Moultrie, a citizen of Peoria, remarked on missing person Alexis Camry Scott, noting she had been missing for over 600 days. She remarked on the need for more assistance from the Police Department stating that she had additional information that would help in the search.

Rachel O'Reilly, a citizen of Peoria, also remarked on Alexis Scott. She commented on the issue of human sex trafficking in the City of Peoria, stating there needed to be a task force dedicated to address the issue. She said fines should be issued to those who were customers of the illegal massage parlors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 P.M.



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

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