

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :**: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held April 25, 2017, at 6:21 P.M. at City Hall, Council Chambers (Room 400), 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Jim Ardis presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Newlin, Riggenschach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11. Absent: None.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or reflection and he stated that certain family members of the City Council and Town Board had family members who were in need of prayer and he asked to keep those individuals in thought and prayer. He then led the pledge of allegiance.

SMALL BUSINESS RECOGNITION

Mayor Ardis recognized the George O. Pasquel Company that had served the Peoria area and surrounding communities since 1946. He congratulated the family for being Peoria's oldest small business. He provided a history of the company noting that George Pasquel was determined to open his own store despite the negativity of others. His motto was, "Don't let anyone ever tell you it can't be done – because it can be!" He said the company offered over 2,000 products to choose from including coffee, spices, foods, dry goods, paper goods, small wares, commercial equipment and more. He said the company employed fourth generation family members and he expressed his appreciation to the Pasquel family for their investment in the community. He said the building along with the business also had a legacy with it standing at the corner of MacArthur Highway and Adams as the oldest 3-story commercial structure, which was designated with a plaque from the Central Illinois Landmark Foundation.

Mr. Pete Pasquel accepted the recognition and expressed his appreciation to the City for the recognition and he thanked those individuals who helped with the success of the business.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.**REDEDICATION OF THE PEORIA POLICE, FIRE and ALF-CIO MEMORIAL – MAY 4, 2017****MINUTES**

Council Member Newlin moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on April 11, 2017, as printed; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Newlin, Riggenschach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, with Recommendations as Outlined:**

- (17-107) * Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ADOPT a BICYCLE WAYFINDING PLAN.
- (17-108) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ACCEPT the LOW BID of R.A. CULLINAN & SONS, a Division of United Contractors Midwest, Inc., and Award a Construction CONTRACT, in the Amount of \$2,067,480.87, which is the Base Bid of \$1,879,528.06 plus 10% for contingency, for the HARVARD AVE. PHASE 1 - SHADY OAK DRIVE to PURDUE STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. (Council District 3)
- (17-109) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ACCEPT the LOW BID of OTTO BAUM COMPANY and Award the Construction CONTRACT, in the Amount of \$1,102,776.12 plus 10% Contingency, for a Total Contract of \$1,213,053.73 for the FOLKERS AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (WEST LATROBE STREET TO WEST FREMONT STREET). (Council District 1)
- (17-110) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE the Grant Award, in the Amount of \$204,384.00, from the City's HUD HOME FUNDS to WALLICK-HENDY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC for the Rehabilitation of PIERSON HILLS located at 1720 NORTH GREAT OAK ROAD. (Parcel ID # 1806101004) (Council District 2)
- (17-111) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following: (Council District 5)
- A. APPROVE a Local Agency AGREEMENT for Federal Participation with the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION to Request 90% Federal Funding (not to exceed \$1,400,000.00) for the RADNOR ROAD/ALTA LANE Intersection Improvement Project; and
 - B. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 17-111-B Authorizing the City's Estimated Minimum Local Agency Funding Match (\$1,600,000.00), Subject to the Approval of the Illinois Department of Transportation, for the RADNOR ROAD/ALTA LANE Intersection Improvement Project.
- (17-112) Communication from the City Manager and the Human Resource Director with a Request to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE City of Peoria and the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL #50 with Said Agreement Covering the Period from January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2021.

- (17-113) **Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,458 Approving the 1001 CHIC LLC REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. (Council District 1)**
- (17-114) **Communication from the City Manager and the Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class K (Rental Hall) Liquor License with the Retail Sale of Alcohol at PACKARD PLAZA, 211 NE ADAMS, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 1)**
- (17-115) **REPORT from the CITY TREASURER PATRICK A. NICHTING for the MONTH of FEBRUARY 2017, with Request to Receive and File**
- (17-116) **REPORT from the CITY TREASURER PATRICK A. NICHTING for the MONTH of MARCH 2017, with Request to Receive and File.**

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

Council Member Jensen requested Item No. 17-107 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. 17-107 through 17-116 (excluding Item No. 17-107) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

- (17-107) * Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ADOPT a BICYCLE WAYFINDING PLAN.**

Council Member Jensen said she enthusiastically supported the Bicycle Wayfinding Plan, which tied in with the complete streets project. She said this was an appropriate time for the City Council to approve this plan in light of National Bike to School Day on May 10 and National Bike to Work Day on May 16. She said it was her hope there would be many participants biking to work and school.

At the close of her comments, Council Member Jensen moved to adopt a Bicycle Wayfinding Plan; seconded by Council Member Newlin.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

FIRST READING

- (17-117) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a FIRST READING of an Ordinance Amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, of the City of Peoria Relating to VARIOUS TEXT AMENDMENTS.**

Community Director Ross Black provided a summary of the item noting it was a cleanup item from the adoption of the Unified Development Code in 2016. He said Council had adopted the Unified Development Code that combined several Ordinances into one, which had condensed the Code by over 350 pages. He said the modifications were based upon real life applications of the Unified Development Code. He said the majority of the changes were items that should have been carried over from the previous Codes. He said there was nothing of substantial change within the document. He invited the Council to ask questions or to meet with him individually to address any concerns. He asked that this item come back to the City Council for adoption on May 23, 2017, in order to provide ample opportunity for Council review.

Discussions were held regarding the type of impact it would have on older parts of the City and whether it would affect the Form Districts throughout the City. It was noted that the recommended changes would have a neutral impact towards the development of older structures and that the Form Districts would not be changed without following an intensive process of public involvement.

Director Black said he would provide an illustration to the Council on how the proposed changes would impact the City.

Council Member Grayeb moved to receive and file the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, of the City of Peoria relating to various text amendments; seconded by Council Member Newlin.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 17-117 would be placed on the May 23, 2017, Regular City Council Meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

- (17-118) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request for the Following:**
- A. RECEIVE and FILE a PRESENTATION on ALMOST HOME KIDS; and**
 - B. Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Approving a Special Use in a Class R-3 (Single Family Residential) District for an ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY for the Property Identified as Parcel Identification No. 14-19-204-014, with an Address of 5200 NORTH HAMILTON ROAD, Peoria, Illinois. (Council District 4)**

A replacement Ordinance was distributed to all Council for review.

Mr. Ryan Span (Illinois State Representative), Vice President of Economic Development for OSF Healthcare, provided a presentation on the Almost Home Kids project. He said Almost Home would provide transitional care for sick children in a home-like environment. He said it was both a transitional care and a respite care facility. He shared the history of Almost Home Kids noting it first began in Naperville. He remarked on the importance of transitioning children from a hospital setting into a home setting where there was less of an institutional environment. He provided an overview of the project's features along with a project timeline as follows: Close of Wee Tee Golf Center in early June 2017; Commencement of construction during the summer of 2017; Grand Opening of the facility during the summer of 2018.

Additional information can be found on OSF'S website at <https://choi.osfhealthcarefoundation.org/ahk>

At the close of the presentation, Council Member Montelongo moved to receive and file the presentation on Almost Home Kids; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Montelongo reviewed the second part of the request that would approve a Special Use for a Class R-3 - assisted living facility. He said the current owners of the property were wanting to retire after 30 years of running Wee Tee. He said once the Special Use was approved, then OSF would make arrangements for the purchase of the property. He reviewed the process of receiving public input and he remarked that the residents in the Fourth District were supportive of the project. In conclusion, he said the proposed quality development would be an asset to the neighborhood.

Council Member Montelongo moved to adopt the replacement Ordinance approving a Special Use in a Class R-3 (Single Family Residential) District for an assisted living facility for the property identified as Parcel Identification No. 14-19-204-014, with an address of 5200 North Hamilton Road, Peoria Illinois; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Mayor Ardis commended Council Member Montelongo for his efforts on the project and he expressed his appreciation to OSF for bringing a much needed facility to the City.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,459 approving a Special Use in a Class R-3 (Single Family Residential) District for an assisted living facility for the property identified as Parcel Identification No. 14-19-204-014, with an address of 5200 North Hamilton Road was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Ardis wished Bruce and Kelly Mehl good luck in their retirement and he commended them on the positive impact Wee Tee had on the community.

(17-119) Communication from the City Manager and the Corporation Counsel with a Request to DENY the SITE APPLICATION for a Class A (Tavern) Liquor License with the Retail Sale of Alcohol at ROYAL HOOKAH LOUNGE, 2027 W. FARMINGTON ROAD, UNIT A, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Deny. (Council District 2)

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the recommendation by the Liquor Commission to deny of the Site Application for a Class A (Tavern) liquor license with the retail sale of alcohol at Royal Hookah Lounge, 2027 W. Farmington Road, Unit A; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Motion to DENY was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(17-120) Presentation from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.

City Manager Urich presented the 4th quarter unaudited financial report for year-end 2016. He said the City's expenditures were \$229.9 million; revenues were \$225.3 million; with a total fund balance of \$51.7 million. He said the total expenses for the General Fund was \$99.6 million with a revenue of \$93.5 million leaving a fund balance for the General Fund of \$17.2 million. He said the City anticipated spending \$2 million from the fund balance during 2016. He provided an explanation for the \$6.1 million difference noting a decline in the Capital Improvement Fund from gaming revenues, telecommunications taxes and refuse collection fund, which had five years' worth of uncollected revenue that was written off.

City Manager Urich reviewed the changes to the General Fund revenues. He said Council increased the Home Rule Sales Tax in July of 2016, which came in \$1.2 million under budget. He said that coupled with local use taxes that continued to trend downward due to online purchase of goods was driving the sales tax down. He said the Personal Property Replacement Tax was down \$0.6 million along with the fine collection of \$1.9 million from budget. He said the total revenues budgeted were down \$4.5 million.

City Manager Urich reviewed the General Fund expenses, noting an increase in unanticipated legal fees of \$1.0 million, electricity at \$0.8 million, and retirement payouts at \$0.4 million with a total unanticipated expenses at \$1.6 million.

City Manager Urich said it would be challenging to prepare the 2018-2019 budget, particularly with the need to rebuild the General Fund Balance back to the policy amount of 20% along with rebuilding the CIP Fund balance. He said the garbage collection fund's sustainability needed to be reviewed noting an increase in growth of approximately 6%. He remarked on the importance of watching both the State and Federal budgets. He said the Federal Government was making cuts to the CDBG fund, which would have a direct impact on the Community Development Department.

Going into the month of May, City Manager Urich remarked on the importance of seeking the City Council's and the public's input on the budget for 2018-2019. Beginning in May, he said the budget challenge would be available online followed by public input in June, July and

August. He reviewed the timeline for the 2018-2019 budget calendar noting a budget would be presented to the City Council in October of 2017 followed by budget deliberations throughout October and November with a finalization and adoption of the budget by the end of November 2016.

In response to Mayor Ardis, City Manager Urich said hiring would be curtailed in most of the departments other than Fire and Police. He said Fire, Police and Public Works made up approximately 70% of the personnel budget.

Mayor Ardis asked the City Manager to provide an update to the Council regarding the attendance and participation of the public throughout the budget process.

Discussions were held regarding the nature of the legal fees and what caused those fees to increase, why fines were down, and the cause in the decrease in the Motor Fuel Tax.

Council Member Rigganbach asked the City Manager to make the pie chart available on the City's website showing where the City's revenue was being spent. He also requested a historical picture of how the non-owner occupied fees impacted the neighborhoods and he remarked on the importance of transparency in order for citizens to see how taxes were providing a direct service to the community.

Discussions were held regarding the collection of fines and how it benefited the citizens of the community. Council Member Grayeb remarked on the importance of enforcing these fines in all Districts.

Council Member Jensen requested a breakdown of the legal fees and she requested that a copy of the PowerPoint be sent to all City Council.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to receive and file the year ended December 31, 2016, unaudited financial report; seconded by Council Member Newlin.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Newlin, Rigganbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

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

- (17-067) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 20 of the CODE of the City of Peoria to Add Sec. 20-112 Regarding the POSSESSION OF CANNABIS UNDER 10 GRAMS AND DRUG PARAPHERNALIA and Amending CHAPTER 32 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Amending Sec. 32-3 to ALLOW ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION OF ALL THE VIOLATIONS OF THE CITY CODE.**

Council Member Jensen moved to defer this item to the May 9, 2017, Regular City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Newlin.

Motion to defer this item to the May 9, 2017, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(17-081) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to APPROVE the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to:

A. ADOPT ORDINANCE A Amending an Existing SPECIAL USE Ordinance No. 17,070, in a Class R-2 (Single Family Residential) District to Remove Property from the Boundary of the Special Use for the Property Commonly Known as EXPOSITION GARDENS and Identified as Parcel Identification No. 14-17-100-001 with an Address of 1601 WEST NORTHMOOR ROAD, Peoria, Illinois (Council District 4)

AND

B. ADOPT ORDINANCE B REZONING Property from a Class R-2 (Single Family Residential) District to a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District, for the Property Commonly Known as EXPOSITION GARDENS and Identified as Parcel Identification No. 14-17-100-001 with an Address of 1601 WEST NORTHMOOR ROAD, Peoria, Illinois. (Council District 4)

OR

C. ADOPT ORDINANCE C REZONING Property from a Class R-2 (Single Family Residential) District to a Class CN (Neighborhood Commercial) District, for the Property Commonly Known as EXPOSITION GARDENS and Identified as Parcel Identification No. 14-17-100-001 with an Address of 1601 WEST NORTHMOOR ROAD, Peoria, Illinois. (Council District 4)

Council Member Montelongo provided an overview of the project stating it was an expansion of Northmoor Road. He said two public meetings were held with a tremendous turnout that produced discussion and feedback from the citizens.

Community Development Director Ross Black discussed the CN zoning stating it was specific to the land use component of the project. He said approving Item A would change the legal description or boundary of the property in order for Exposition Gardens to dispose of two pieces of their property to Peoria Public Schools. He said Items B and C related to the rezoning request for three new parcels that would be created through the subdivision process. He said item B was a recommendation to rezone the property to a C-1 status and Item C was a request to adopt the same rezoning ordinance to a CN status instead of a C-1. He said both were typical for smaller commercial uses, however, the difference was in the placement of the buildings on the property.

Council Member Montelongo said there had been a lot of public discussion specifically regarding traffic concerns and how it would be managed along with water runoff issues. He said the biggest concern was the rezoning of the three parcels at Exposition Gardens and what would be built at that location. He thanked Council Member Akeson for all the work and leadership she put in into this project.

Council Member Montelongo moved to adopt Ordinance A amending an existing Special Use Ordinance No. 17,070, in a Class R-2 (Single-Family Residential) District to remove property from the boundary of the special use for the property commonly known as Exposition Gardens and identified as parcel identification No. 14-17-100-001 with an address of 1601 West Northmoor Road, Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Council Member Jensen said she wholeheartedly supported this project and she commended Council Member Montelongo on encouraging public input.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,460 amending an existing Special Use Ordinance No. 17,070, in a Class R-2 (Single-Family Residential) District to remove property from the boundary of the special use for the property commonly known as Exposition Gardens and identified as parcel identification No. 14-17-100-001 with an address of 1601 West Northmoor Road, Peoria, Illinois was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Montelongo moved to adopt Ordinance C rezoning property from a Class R-2 (Single-Family Residential) District to a Class CN (Neighborhood Commercial) District, for the property commonly known as Exposition Gardens and identified as parcel identification No. 14-17-100-001 with an address of 1601 West Northmoor Road, Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Mayor Ardis expressed his appreciation to Council Member Montelongo and Council Member Akeson for their efforts on this project. He said there was a lot of time and discussions involved, which brought back a stronger project. He stated that Council Member Akeson had come into a position of strength in these matters over the last 10 years.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,461 rezoning property from a Class R-2 (Single-Family Residential) District to a Class CN (Neighborhood Commercial) District, for the property commonly known as Exposition Gardens and identified as parcel identification No. 14-17-100-001 with an address of 1601 West Northmoor Road, Peoria, Illinois was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(17-088) REVISED Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE a Development Agreement with EXPOSITION GARDENS, INC., and AUTHORIZE a Negotiation in an Amount Not to Exceed \$150,000.00, for Right-of-Way Acquisition and Easements of a Portion of Parcel 14-17-100-001 for the Proposed NORTHMOOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (ALLEN ROAD to UNIVERSITY STREET), and for the compensation for a reduction of the size of Exposition Gardens freestanding sign. (Also Refer to Item 17-081) (Council District 4)

City Manager Urich distributed a revised communication to all Council Members.

Council Member Montelongo stated that this item coordinated with Item No. 17-081. He said there was a lot of work done in this matter and he expressed his appreciation to Public Works Director Scott Reese, Community Development Director Ross Black and City Manager Patrick Urich for their efforts in this project.

Director Reese said this item allowed the City to purchase the property in order to build a frontage road that connected Richwoods High School to Northmoor Grade School. He said the frontage road allowed for a reduction of road lanes from five to three. He said this would help the bus barn in its releasing of busses. He said the project also provided for pedestrian accommodations and a signal would be added at Rosemead Drive. He provided a schedule of the project noting it would be a three-year construction project. He said Phase 1 was the construction of the frontage road and new intersection at Rosemead, which would begin June 2017 and be completed by Thanksgiving. He said in 2018 they would work from University to Rosemead with a two-week break during the Heart of Illinois Fair. He said the project was scheduled for completion in 2019. He said it was an \$11 million construction value with 70% of those funds coming from federal dollars.

Council Member Akeson expressed her appreciation to Director Reese and to City Manager Urich for establishing commercial property close to residential. She said people like to walk someplace close, and she said this would provide an opportunity to demonstrate that commercial could be close to residential.

At the conclusion of Council Member Akeson's remarks, Council Member Montelongo moved to approve a development agreement with Exposition Gardens, Inc., and to authorize a negotiation in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, for right-of-way acquisition and easements of a portion of parcel 14-17-100-001 for the proposed Northmoor Road Improvement Project (Allen Road to University Street), and for the compensation for a reduction of the size of Exposition Gardens freestanding sign; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Motion to approve a development agreement with Exposition Gardens, Inc., and to authorize a negotiation in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, for right-of-way acquisition and easements of a portion of parcel 14-17-100-001 for the proposed Northmoor Road Improvement Project (Allen Road to University Street), and for the compensation for a reduction of the size of Exposition Gardens freestanding sign was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (17-094) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class A (Tavern) Liquor License with the Retail Sale of Alcohol at WISCONSIN TAP, 1918 N. WISCONSIN, Contingent Upon the Issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 3)**

Council Member Riggerbach moved to defer this item to the May 9, 2017, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to defer this item to the May 9, 2017, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (17-099) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Human Resource with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Section 2-350 of the CODE of the City of Peoria to Amend DIVISION 7 (PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS) to Facilitate the Administration of PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT ACT (PSEBA).**

Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Section 2-350 of the Code of the City of Peoria to amend Division 7 (Public Safety Employee Benefits) to facilitate the administration of the Public Safety Employee Benefit Act (PSEBA); seconded by Council Member Newlin.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,462 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on Community Conversations

Council Member Moore requested an update to be brought to the May 9, 2017, Regular City Council Meeting on the top three actionable items that came out of the community conversations. She said the City Council had asked the groups from those meetings on which items they wanted the City to move forward.

Water Company Buyout Discussion

Council Member Riggerbach said the City Council would be holding a Policy Session on May 9, 2017, to discuss the option to purchase the water company, and he asked City Manager Ulrich for additional information.

City Manager Ulrich said May 9, 2017, was the initial step to discuss the City's option to purchase the water company and questions would be posed to the City Council that would pertain to the process of whether to move forward with the buyout itself and whether the City

Council wanted to do any pre-due diligence. He said Staff would provide a cost estimate and outline for the Council in order for them to provide feedback on the direction they wanted to go as it related to the water buyout. He said there had not been any specific discussions regarding the cost of the due diligence and how it would be paid.

Affordable Housing Plan

Council Member Jensen requested a Policy Session on developing an Affordable Housing Plan, what was available and what the City could do to address the issue.

Welcoming City Ordinance

Council Member Jensen requested a Report Back on a request she had made a few meetings ago regarding the exploration of the City of Peoria being a welcoming city, drafting an Ordinance regarding the same, what federal funding would be jeopardized, and what was happening with immigration.

City Manager Urich said President Trump's Administration desired to pull funding from sanctuary cities and he said Staff was still gathering information to draft an Ordinance. He said additional information would be provided to the Council in the next week.

Water Company Buyout Broadcast – Pros and Cons of the Buyout

Council Member Moore asked citizens to watch the City's website for a date and time for a radio conversation to be held regarding the pros and cons of purchasing the water company. She said the broadcast will be held May 6, 2017, with a rebroadcast on May 7, 2017.

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.

Mr. Marcus Fogliano, an interested citizen, expressed a concern regarding Item No. 17-067 and he recommended that the City Council send these types of items to the Advisory Committee on Police-Community Relations for review. He remarked on the need to develop an Ordinance outlining Peoria as a welcoming city. He said the Committee on Police-Community Relations would be reviewing these types of ordinances passed by other cities and would provide a draft for Council review.

Mr. Anthony Walraven, an interested citizen, commented on the City's generation of revenues through fines. He said it had been demonstrated in other cities that these fines generally fell disproportionately to the poor and minorities and he asked for the Council to balance the budget in other ways.

Mr. Jamar Green, a concerned citizen, stated he was concerned with the City making money from the poor through fines, specifically citing the loud music ordinance. He recommended instituting hours for which individuals could play loud music in their neighborhood.

Mr. Savino Sierra, a concerned citizen, voiced a dissent against the water company buyout and against a possible development of multiple dwelling units on the Peoria Riverfront. He encouraged the community to take part in beautifying the City by picking up garbage whenever they saw it.

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 Newlin moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; 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 Johnson.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.



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

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