

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Special Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held October 29, 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 (Arrived at 6:17 P.M.), Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen (Arrived at 6:02 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.

RECOGNITION OF ADMIRAL DAVE WELCH

Admiral Dave Welch, Commander of the Air Strike Group 15 of the U.S. Navy and a native of Peoria, expressed his appreciation to the City Council and to the community for their support. He spoke of the importance of having a strong Navy and the opportunities that were available for young men and women. He introduced the Pimiteoui Sea Cadets from West Central Illinois, the only downstate Sea Cadet Chapter in the area. He thanked Mayor Ardis and the City Council for the opportunity to speak with them and he expressed his appreciation for their continued support.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

PRESENTATION

(19-328) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the 2018 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR) Audited by CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP.

A handout of the 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report was distributed to all Council Members.

Mr. Adam Pulley, Certified Public Accountant and Principal of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, provided the audit closing discussion for the 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). He reviewed financial statement highlights for 2018 stating the audit report provided an unmodified opinion. He reviewed the City's deferred outflows and liabilities plus deferred inflows that provided a net position of -\$134 million. He said there was a change in net position of \$8 million in FY 2018 and -\$28 million from 2017.

Council Member Ali arrived at 6:17 P.M.

Mr. Pulley reviewed the Governmental Fund Financial Statements identifying the major governmental funds as general, IMRF, capital improvement, Police and Fire Pension levies. He said the change in total fund balances of \$8 million in FY 2018 and -\$13 million in FY 2017. He reported that the Storm Water Utility Fund was established in 2018, which provided for a \$6.3 million change in net position.

Mr. Pulley reviewed the Single Audit Report stating an unmodified opinion was provided and there were no Federal findings. He noted two findings similar to last year's audit, which were the audit adjustments used to assist in converting modified accrual to full accrual and the lack of segregation of duties. He said the City addressed the segregation of duties when the new accounting software was implemented in January 2019. He reviewed the management letter reporting a deficiency of the census data test wherein 1 of 22 individuals tested in the Police Pension and 2 out of 22 individuals tested in the Fire Pension had incorrect hire dates reported in the DOI report. He reported on General Disbursement Testing noting that 2 of 22 non-payroll disbursements tested had purchase requisitions that were initiated and approved by the same employee; however, he said it was not material in nature. He reviewed the governance letter reporting the City adopted GASB Statement No. 75 in 2018, which resulted in an increase in total net position for the primary government of \$45 million. He commented that the delay in the audit issuance was primarily due to the establishment of the new Storm Water Utility Fund and the new general ledger software.

Discussions were held regarding GASB 75 and the City's liabilities for anticipated future healthcare costs. It was noted that under the new GASB standards, these future liabilities were required to be reported.

Council Member Montelongo inquired about the General Disbursement Testing, and he requested the dollar amounts of those purchases be provided in a Report Back.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file the 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) audited by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP; 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.

FIRST READINGS

(19-329) Communication from the City Manager with a Request for a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 13, Article II, Sec. 13-60 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to the REFUSE FEE.

City Manager Urich provided an overview of a proposed Ordinance to increase the refuse fee. He said the proposal was to increase the fee to \$21.00 for 2020 and then increase the fee by \$1.00 for each year thereafter. He also provided an overview of the proposed increases for stacked condominiums with an increase to \$9.00 per month beginning in 2020, \$10.00 for 2021 and 2022, and \$11.00 per month for 2023 and to increase by \$1.00 for each year thereafter.

Council Member Cyr inquired about the City's contract with PDC, and City Manager stated that it was increasing each year at a cost escalator of 2.75% and with increased landfill costs of 6% per year.

Council Member Jensen requested clarification that the fee increase would cover a deficit from that last several years of collection and disposal. City Manager Urich said the City needed to meet the cost of refuse collection and to repay the General Fund. He said additional information as to the cost for providing residential garbage collection was provided in Report Back Part 1, Page 20. He said it showed that the expense per household would be growing from \$19.00 per household to \$22.00 per household. He said with the proposed fee schedule, the City would be able to apply \$1.7 million towards the deficit over the next five years. Council Member Jensen requested the information be provided in the Council Communication at the next City Council meeting.

Council Member Riggerbach said the refuse fee was a fee that could be fully justified. He said Council and Staff discussed the service the City provided with garbage collections and thoroughly vetted the public input process. He said the service that was currently being provided was what the community asked for with bi-monthly recycling and unlimited garbage pickup. He said a thorough explanation of the costs was provided in Report Back Part 1, Page 20. He said these fees would cover the cost of garbage and recycling and was going towards the service promised to the citizens. He said it was his hope that the landfill would close sooner than later, and he concluded that he would be supporting this item at the next Council meeting. He said this fee could be easily explained to their constituents.

Council Member Oyler inquired about the previous discussions held on the impact of recycling and the re-evaluation of those terms. City Manager Urich said Staff had made a request to PDC and they were still working on providing those numbers. He said it was his hope to provide the Council with that information before the end of the week.

Council Member Oyler asked if the Council were to make changes that resulted in a financial savings, would the garbage fee be reduced or would the extra money be used to pay off the deficit in the General Fund. City Manager Urich said the intent was to pay down the deficit owed to the General Fund.

Council Member Oyler expressed a concern that the last time the garbage rates were increased, there were other expenditures passed that took that money. He said it was his hope this would not happen again as the Council talked about the need to increase the garbage rates.

Council Member Grayeb moved to receive and file the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 13, Article II, Sec. 13-60 of the Code of the City of Peoria Pertaining to the refuse fee; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 19-329 will be placed on the November 5, 2019, Special City Council Meeting agenda.

(19-330) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director with a Request for a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Amending the CODE of the City of Peoria relating to REGISTRATION OF FORECLOSED PROPERTY

City Manager Urich provided an overview of a proposed Ordinance relating to the registration of foreclosed property, noting that this was a revenue item that was built into the budget. He said this Ordinance would establish a registration program for properties going into foreclosure and would establish a fee to be paid by the financial institutions. He said the financial institutions would be held responsible for the care of the properties while in their custody. He said West Peoria and East Peoria had similar legislation, and he said there was an estimated revenue of approximately \$300,000.00 per year based on the current number of foreclosures.

Discussions were held regarding the revenues and the anticipated expenses. City Manager Urich said it would cost the City approximately \$100,000.00 per year to have a firm manage and oversee these properties. He said the estimated revenue was determined after the estimated costs were calculated.

Council Member Moore moved to receive and file a First Reading of an Ordinance amending the Code of the City of Peoria relating to registration of foreclosed property; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

In response to Council Member Kelly as to what City Department would oversee this process, City Manager Urich said the Finance Department would oversee the process, noting that most of the interaction with the financial institutions occurred in the Finance Department.

Council Member Kelly expressed a concern regarding the proposed cost to implement and oversee the registration of foreclosed properties, noting it seemed too high.

Motion to receive and file a First Reading of an Ordinance amending the Code of the City of Peoria relating to registration of foreclosed property was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 19-330 will be placed on the November 5, 2019, Special City Council Meeting agenda.

(19-331) Communication from the City Manager with a Request for a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 18, Article XIV, Sec 18-613 and Sec 18-614 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to CIGARETTES.

City Manager Urich said this proposed Ordinance would change the way the City handled the licensure of cigarette and tobacco sales. He said it provided for a non-refundable application fee of \$100.00. He said once an applicant filed an application with the City, then within the next 30 days the Superintendent of Police would begin a background investigation. He said the Ordinance would change the cost of a cigarette license from \$60.00 to \$500.00. He reported that the City of Rockford charged \$900.00 for a cigarette license. He said this item would generate approximately \$45,000.00 in revenues.

Discussions were held regarding the license holders and how holders changed hands quickly and easily. City Manager Urich said the Police Department had a concern regarding the level

of turnover of license holders and the appropriateness of the turnover. He said the current cost to obtain a license was too low for the time and work involved. He said this Ordinance would provide for a more stringent process.

Council Member Kelly inquired whether it was illegal for a cigarette license holder to have a criminal record, and Corporation Counsel Leist said he would research that issue and provide a memo to the Council.

Council Member Kelly expressed a concern for increasing the fees, stating it was difficult to justify such a large increase. He said without additional information he would not support this item. He said it was not good policy to punish everyone for the lack of discrepancy for the few.

Council Member Grayeb commented on the appropriateness of the proposed Ordinance, stating that the \$60.00 was not enough. He remarked on the importance of regulating business owners who tried to target minors for the sale of cigarettes. He said he would support the increase in the fee, stating that it was his hope that most proprietors would continue to do a good job running their business. He said this Ordinance was designed to filter the business owners who did not run an appropriate business.

Council Member Jensen said she supported the increase in the fee for receiving a license; however, she said she had some concerns with requiring a criminal background check. She remarked on the need for more information as to why it was necessary to do these checks. City Manager Urich said Staff would prepare a Report Back as to the reasons why the Police Department thought it was necessary to conduct background checks; however, he said it was incumbent upon the applicant to provide any convictions on their application. Council Member Jensen requested that the Report Back explain whether there were certain crimes that prohibited someone from selling cigarettes.

Council Member Oyler said he shared the same concerns previously voiced, and he requested a liquor license application be provided in order to compare and evaluate with the proposed cigarette license application.

Council Member Kelly asked that the Report Back explain whether the background check would be required of the employees of the establishment selling cigarettes or if it only applied to the business owner.

Council Member Montelongo requested a list of the businesses who currently held cigarette licenses in Council District 4.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 18, Article XIV, Sec. 18-613 and Sec. 18-614 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to cigarettes; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Kelly - 1.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 19-331 will be placed on the November 5, 2019, Special City Council Meeting agenda.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

- (19-332) Communication from the City Manager and the Fire Chief with a Request to APPROVE a THREE-YEAR CONTRACT with SITEMED NORTH AMERICA LLC for Medical/Fitness Examination, Testing and Evaluation Services, in the Amount of \$79,380.00 for Each Year, with NFPA Standards Additional Services not-to-exceed \$25,620.00, for a Total of \$105,000.00 Per Year Beginning in the Year 2020.**

Fire Chief Edward Olehy provided an overview of the contract that was presented for approval stating that annual examinations were required pursuant to the IAFF and Local #50 Collective Bargaining Agreement. He said SiteMed would allow for a quicker process, noting they would come to the Firehouse and set up a temporary site to conduct the examinations. He said the examinations were conducted to look for warning signs of heart disease, as was common in firefighters, and for various cancers.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve a three-year contract with SiteMed North America LLC for medical/fitness examination, testing and evaluation services, in the amount of \$79,380.00 for each year, with NFPA standards additional services not-to-exceed \$25,620.00, for a total of \$105,000.00 per year beginning in the year 2020; seconded by Council Member Ali.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None;

Abstentions: Cyr - 1.

Council Member Cyr said he abstained from voting due to a business relationship he had with SiteMed.

- (19-333) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE a RESOLUTION RAISING PARKING RATES AT CITY-OWNED FACILITIES.**

City Manager Urich said this item would set the rates inside the City's parking decks. He explained the reason for the increase stating that the State of Illinois, as part of their capital bill, imposed a monthly, weekly and daily tax. He said the tax was 9% for monthly parking rates and 6% for daily and weekly parking rates. He said the City planned to adjust only its monthly parking rates. He said the increase in the rate was anticipated to generate approximately \$27,000.00 net. He said with the increased tax, it was anticipated to generate revenues at approximately \$180,000.00 in order to pay the State its tax, in the amount of \$153,000.00, which would create a net increase in the City's 2020 and 2021 General Fund balance of approximately \$27,000.00. He said should the General Assembly decide to exempt municipal parking decks, then he would come back to the Council and ask for the Resolution to be rescinded. He said the Illinois Municipal League was still working to determine if the General Assembly meant to exempt the municipal parking decks. He said if that was the case, then there would be no need for the Resolution.

Council Member Cyr asked how this would impact the Redevelopment Agreement with OSF, and City Manager Urich said this would simply be another tax OSF would absorb.

Council Member Moore inquired about the net balance of \$27,000.00, and City Manager Urich said the City tried to round the numbers in order to set regular rates. He said no increase was proposed for the daily or weekly parkers. He said there would not be an increase in parking rates for special events. He remarked on the importance of not affecting transient parkers. He said the City had not raised its rates since 2014, noting it would be five years without any type of revenue increase in the decks.

Discussions were held regarding the downtown parking as it related to the parking garages and on-street parking. It was noted that once the OSF Main Headquarters opened downtown it would greatly impact the availability of parking in the garages. It was recommended to review the overall parking in the Central Business District and the Warehouse District and to present the matter for discussion at a later date.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to approve a Resolution raising parking rates at City-owned facilities; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-333 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(19-334) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Providing for the ISSUANCE of GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, in an Aggregate Amount not to Exceed \$18,500,000.00, of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, for the Purpose of Financing Various Capital Improvements in and for the City and Refunding Certain of the City's Outstanding Bonds, Providing for the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Said Bonds, and Authorizing the Sale of Said Bonds to the Purchaser Thereof.

Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins explained the Ordinance stating that it was for the issuance of GO bonds, in the amount of approximately \$5.5 million. He said GO bonds would cover capital spending pursuant to the 2019 Revised Annual Budget in order to address sidewalks, land acquisition, Fire Station replacement, building improvements and fleet replacement. He said it would also provide for the refunding of GO bonds from 2010, in the amount of \$12.5 million, which would provide for approximately \$1.2 million in savings.

Discussions were held regarding the commission and fees associated with issuing a bond, and Finance Director Scroggins said it was approximately 5.0%.

At the conclusion of the discussions on how these bonds would be utilized, Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance providing for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$18,500,000.00, of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, for the purpose of financing various capital improvements in and for the City and refunding certain of the City's outstanding bonds, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,721 providing for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, in an aggregate amount not to Exceed \$18,500,000.00, of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, for the purpose of financing various capital improvements in and for the City and refunding certain of the City's outstanding bonds, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

(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.

City Manager Urich said new budget book pages were distributed as follows: Pages 17, 18, and 21-23. He said based upon the Report Back information, pages 24.7 through 24.16 were distributed. He said the budget available online for review was updated with these pages as well. He said Staff received six Report Back requests from the October 22, 2019, Council Meeting.

Report Back 2-1: Road Funding by Project Last Three Years

City Manager Urich reviewed the Council Report Backs Part 2, stating that Report Back 2-1 provided an overview of the actual cost of road funding by project for the last three years compared to what was budgeted for 2019.

Report Back 2-2: Road PCI Index Breakdown

City Manager Urich reviewed Report Back 2-2, the Road PCI index breakdown. Council Member Moore expressed a concern for Lincoln and Howett Streets that were State roads and were in disrepair. She said the residents of the Southside deserved to have the City demand that IDOT review those streets. She said these streets had been an issue for the last six years. She asked that a written communication go out to IDOT requesting something be done with those streets. She asked that she be provided with a copy of such a letter in order to document that the City was requesting this in earnest.

Council Member Montelongo commented on the PCI ratings noting that Sterling Avenue, located within in Fourth District, was in grave disrepair. He said the information presented was inaccurate and that Sterling Avenue needed to be addressed. City Manager Urich said the data provided to the City Council was from 2017. He said a new PCI Index was requested in the capital program for 2020. City Engineer Bill Lewis provided an explanation of the map and the color coding that was used. He said Sterling Avenue had a PCI rating of 70 in 2017; however, because Sterling Avenue was a concrete road, the traditional preservation methods could not be utilized. He said he anticipated Sterling's rating to decrease upon the completion of a new PCI Index in 2020. Council Member Montelongo commented on the significant cost it would be for the City to address Sterling Avenue because it was constructed of concrete.

Council Member Riggerbach commented that the percentages provided in the Report Back was an indication that the City was doing a good job keeping the roadways balanced among Council Districts and was making sure that the resources were allocated throughout the City in an equitable manner. He said the information provided to the Council was good information to share, noting it was not perfect, but was fair.

Mayor Ardis reminded the Council that the City just recently doubled its allocation to roads a couple of years ago. He said the City was putting a significant more amount of money into the roads and it would take a few years for the City to get caught up.

Report Back 2-4: CIP by District: 2019 and 2020 Comparison

City Manager Urich said the Report provided a comparison of the 2019 CIP coupled by Council District and funding source.

Report Back 2-5: Demolitions from 2012 to 2019

City Manager Urich reviewed Report Back 2-5 reporting that the City spent nearly \$6.168 million on demolitions between 2012 and 2019. He said the table provided in the Report Back broke down the demolition location by zip code and Council District.

Council Member Ruckriegel inquired about the Old Harrison School and he requested additional information on the number of calls the City received to address various issues such as trespassers, fires, and other ancillary calls.

Council Member Moore requested a Report Back breaking down the information provided as to what percentage of the demolitions were grant funded. Community Development Director Ross Black said he would provide the information, noting that the City had been successful in obtaining grants to assist with demolitions. He said most demolitions were focused in the 61605 and 61603 zip codes.

Discussions were held regarding the Old Harrison School and the history of how it became City property and why the building was no longer viable to refurbish. Discussions were held regarding the Armory Building and its current condition. Mayor Ardis said he recently toured the building noting that there was the potential for a private investor to do something with the property.

Discussions were held regarding who oversaw vacant properties, and Director Black said the Community Development Department used to have a position that oversaw these properties; however, he said that position was eliminated several years ago. He provided an explanation as to how the properties arrived in such condition stating that it typically took 3 to 5 years of abandonment before the City ever acquired these properties.

Council Member Jensen requested a Report Back that included the cost of demolition per year for the last 3 to 5 years.

Report Back 3-1: Stormwater Utility Customers Paying More than \$5,000 and \$10,000

City Manager Urich said there were 154 locations in the City paying \$5,000.00 or more annually on stormwater fees and 93 locations in the City paying more than \$10,000.00.

Report Back 3-2: Demolitions Awaiting Funding

City Manager Urich said a list of properties was provided by address and Council District that awaited demolition. It was noted that it cost approximately \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00 to demolish a single-family house.

Report Back 3-3: Fire Drive Time Maps for Stations 4, 16 and 19

City Manager Urich reviewed the drive time by one-minute intervals from the new Fire Station 4 and proposed locations for Fire Station 16 and 19. He said there was a proposal to move Fire Station 19 closer to War Memorial Drive in order to better the response time to the northwest side of the City.

In response to Council Member Montelongo regarding the proposed location of Fire Station 19, City Manager Urich said it was proposed to relocate to Frostwood Drive and War Memorial Drive. He said the rationale behind the move was to cover the gap in the northwest corner of the City, stating that it would maximize the coverage of the City.

Council Member Montelongo expressed a concern regarding the cost of moving Fire Station 19. He said there had not been enough discussion about its relocation and he said other options needed to be reviewed and discussed.

Report Back 2-6: Motions for Council Consideration

City Manager Urich said there were some proposed motions from the October 22, 2019, City Council Meeting as it related to the funding of the Downtown Development Corporation and the safety of Harrison School.

Council Member Moore moved to fund the Downtown Development Corporation for 2020-2021 using funds from the Downtown Conservation District TIF, in the amount of \$25,000.00 per year for 2020 and 2021, and funds from the Warehouse District TIF, in the amount of \$75,000.00 per year for 2020 and 2021, for a total of \$200,000.00 for 2020 through 2021; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Moore provided an overview of the discussions of the Old Harrison School. She said the City was going to set aside and specify \$400,000.00 out of the South Village TIF fund towards its demolition. She said according to one of the Report Backs received, the cost to demolish the school was going to be between \$1 million and \$1.5 million. She said rather than hold \$400,000.00 for something in the future, she recommended putting that money into an unspecified allocation. She said should the City find matching funds totaling the cost of the demolition, then the school could be demolished. She said until there was a specific solution, it was her recommendation to use some of those funds towards bricking the lower level of the school in order to deter vandalism and trespassing.

At the conclusion of her comments, Council Member Moore moved to remove \$400,000.00 of Eagle View TIF from the specified allocation towards the "Old Harrison School demolition" and to reallocate under "Unspecified;" seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

City Manager Urich said there had been some discussion from the Council regarding the pending cost of demolitions and other ways the City could address those needs. He said demolition expenses generally came from the General Fund. He said Staff would review that situation and provide a recommendation on how to address the backlog of demolitions later in the week.

Council Member Riggerbach directed Staff to bring back the Tax Levy Ordinance for 2020 and a Resolution adopting the 2020-2021 Biennial Budget with the changes previously presented; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Montelongo - 1.

Council Member Montelongo expressed a concern with bringing back a budget for approval without having additional discussions regarding the relocation of Fire Station 19. City Manager Urich said it was not in the 2020 budget, but was proposed for the 2021 budget.

ADDITIONAL UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lift Assist Report

Council Member Oyler expressed a concern regarding the lift assist the Fire Department provided for citizens who fell and needed help getting up. He asked how many lift assist calls the Department received on an annual basis and he asked for that information to be separated by private residents and various facilities. He asked that the report include data from three to four years back. He also requested for facilities to identify whether they were non-profit.

RING Program

Council Member Moore said the RING Program would be available this Saturday to all residents of the City, regardless of whether money was owed the City. She remarked on the importance of ensuring there was equitable representation for the program assistance.

Appreciation for the Budget Preparation

Mayor Ardis acknowledged the City Council's appreciation for all the hard work and Report Backs Staff provided for the 2020-2021 Biennial Budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Real Mean Wear Pink

Council Member Cyr said the Real Men Wear Pink campaign was coming to a close on October 31, 2019, noting that breast cancer did not discriminate between men and women. He said donations could still be made by searching the web for "Real Mean Wear Pink of Peoria IL."

Pasta for Patriots

Council Member Jensen announced that a Pasta for Patriots event would take place Saturday, November 2, 2019, from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Elks Lodge in Peoria. She said the money raised would help with veteran home repair.

2019 City Hall-O-Ween

Council Member Riggerbach announced that City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, would be hosting City Hall-O-Ween where kids would be able to trick-or-treat at each office from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

RING Subsidy

Council Member Montelongo announced that Saturday, November 2, 2019, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at Northwoods Mall near center court RING would be offering multiple models for purchase. He stated that the cost would be subsidized with \$50.00 from the City and \$50.00 from RING towards the purchase. He said buyers needed to bring proof of residency such as a utility bill and payment would be accepted by credit, debit, or visa gift card; however, he said cash would not be accepted. He explained the process noting that no one would have to wait in line. For installation, he said buyers would be able to go online to the RING website for set-up and a 1-800- number would be provided for assistance.

Mayor Ardis said the RING information would be made available on the City's website.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD

It was determined that there were no citizens who wished to address the City Council/Town Board at this time.

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 Cyr moved to go 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 Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

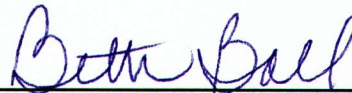
Council Member Grayeb moved to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Special City Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.



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

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