

: 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 27, 2017, at 6:00 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 (Arrived at 6:14 P.M.), Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 10. Absent: Turner - 1.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on June 13, 2017, as printed; seconded by Council Member Riggenbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

(17-165) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the Proposed ANNEXATION of a Property Having the Address of 6014 WEST EAGLECREEK DRIVE, Peoria, Illinois.

Council Member Cyr moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the proposed annexation of a property having the address of 6014 West Eaglecreek Drive, Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Motion to open the Public Hearing was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

Mayor Ardis opened the Public Hearing at 6:04 P.M.

Following a third call for comments from the public, Mayor Ardis determined no one wished to speak, and he requested the Public Hearing be closed.

Council Member Cyr moved to close the Public Hearing regarding the proposed annexation of a property having the address of 6014 West Eaglecreek Drive, Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Motion to close the Public Hearing was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

Mayor Ardis closed the Public Hearing at 6:05 P.M.

(17-166) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the Proposed ANNEXATION of a Property Having the Address of 6025 WEST EAGLECREEK DRIVE, Peoria, Illinois.

Council Member Cyr moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the proposed annexation of a property having the address of 6025 West Eaglecreek Drive, Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Motion to open the Public Hearing was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

Mayor Ardis opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 P.M.

Following a third call for comments from the public, Mayor Ardis determined no one wished to speak, and he requested the Public Hearing be closed.

Council Member Cyr moved to close the Public Hearing regarding the proposed annexation of a property having the address of 6025 West Eaglecreek Drive, Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Motion to close the Public Hearing was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

Mayor Ardis closed the Public Hearing at 6:06 P.M.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(17-167) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff for the Following:

A. APPROVE a RESOLUTION Approving an ANNEXATION AGREEMENT for the Property Located at 6025 WEST EAGLECREEK DRIVE, (Parcel Identification No. 13-10-452-002);

B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Annexing territory Located at 6025 WEST EAGLECREEK DRIVE, (Parcel Identification No. 13-10-452-002); and

C. ADOPT an ORDINANCE REZONING Property from a Class R-3 (Peoria County Single Family Residential) to R-2 (Single Family Residential) Located at 6025 WEST EAGLECREEK DRIVE, (Parcel Identification No. 13-10-452-002). (Council District 5)

Council Member Cyr requested additional information regarding the Annexation Agreement being a 20-year contract, the cost of connecting the property and projected revenues from annexation.

Community Development Director Ross Black provided background information on 6025 West Eaglecreek Drive and 6014 West Eaglecreek Drive. He said the two properties were developed according to City Code, streets were maintained by the City's Public Works Department, and the properties were covered by the City's emergency response services. He said this item along with Item No. 17-168 were considered "clean-up" items. He explained that the 20-year agreement was outlined by State law that annexation agreements would remain in effect for 20 years and then expire; however, he said once the agreement was approved and then a Resolution approving the agreement was approved, then the agreement would no longer be needed. He said if the property was not contiguous to the City, then the agreement would be in effect until the property eventually became contiguous. He said 6025 and 6014 West Eaglecreek Drive had no additional costs associated to their annexation, noting that they were already receiving City services. Regarding revenue, he said because these two properties would be annexed, they would then pay property taxes to the City and the taxes there were currently paid for the volunteer Fire Department and the Dunlap Library would be dropped.

Council Member Cyr moved to approve a Resolution approving an annexation agreement for the property located at 6025 West Eaglecreek Drive, (Parcel Identification No. 13-10-452-002); seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-167-A was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

Council Member Cyr moved to adopt an Ordinance annexing territory located at 6025 West Eaglecreek Drive, (Parcel Identification No. 13-10-452-002); seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,465 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

Council Member Cyr moved to adopt an Ordinance rezoning property from a Class R-3 (Peoria County Single Family Residential) to R-2 (Single Family Residential) located at 6025 West Eaglecreek Drive, (Parcel Identification No. 13-10-452-002); seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,466 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

(17-168) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff for the Following:

- A. APPROVE a RESOLUTION Approving an ANNEXATION AGREEMENT for the Property Located at 6014 WEST EAGLECREEK DRIVE, (Parcel Identification No. 13-10-451-015);**
- B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Annexing Territory Located at 6014 WEST EAGLECREEK DRIVE, (Parcel Identification No. 13-10-451-015); and**
- C. ADOPT an ORDINANCE REZONING Property from a Class R-3 (Peoria County Single Family Residential) to R-2 (Single Family Residential) Located at 6014 WEST EAGLECREEK DRIVE, (Parcel Identification No. 13-10-451-015). (Council District 5)**

CLERK'S NOTE: See the discussion held in Item No. 17-167.

Council Member Cyr moved to approve a Resolution approving an annexation agreement for the property located at 6014 West Eaglecreek Drive, (Parcel Identification No. 13-10-451-015); seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-168-A was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

Council Member Cyr moved to adopt an Ordinance annexing territory located at 6014 West Eaglecreek Drive, (Parcel Identification No. 13-10-451-015); seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,467 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

Council Member Cyr moved to adopt an Ordinance rezoning property from a Class R-3 (Peoria County Single Family Residential) to a R-2 (Single Family Residential) located at 6014 West Eaglecreek Drive, (Parcel Identification No. 13-10-451-015); seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,468 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

Council Member Akesson arrived at 6:14 P.M.

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

- (17-169) Communication from the Town Board with a Request to APPROVE MONTHLY ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES for JULY 2017 for the Town of the City of Peoria.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the monthly anticipated expenditures for July 2017 for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Chairman Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

- (17-170) Communication from the Township Supervisor with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Ascertaining the PREVAILING RATE OF WAGE for Laborers, Workmen and Mechanics and Other Workers in the Locality of the County of Peoria Employed in Performing Construction of Public Works for the Town of the City of Peoria.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance ascertaining the prevailing rate of wage for laborers, workmen and mechanics and other workers in the locality of the County of Peoria employed in performing construction of Public Works for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Ruckriegel

ORDINANCE NO. TO-17-02 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Chairman Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, with Recommendations as Outlined:

- (17-171) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Heart of Illinois Homeless Continuum of Care (CONTINUUM), to APPROVE the FUNDING REALLOCATION of 2016 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funds to South Side Office of Concern.**
- (17-172) * Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE \$302,738.00 in HUD HOME FUNDS to HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GREATER PEORIA AREA for the Construction of Three (3) New, Affordable, Single-Family, Owner-Occupied Homes Located in the 900 and 1000 Blocks of NORTHEAST MONROE. (Council District 1).**

CLERK'S NOTE: Later in the meeting this item was reconsidered and deferred. See Page 20

- (17-173) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,469 VACATING 468 Feet by 16 Feet (0.17 Acres) of an Unimproved Alley Bounded Generally by GREEN STREET, IRVING STREET and COMMERCIAL STREET in Peoria, Illinois. (Council District 1)**
- (17-174) **Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,470 Rezoning Property from a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District to a Class R-4 (Single-Family Residential) District, for the Property Located at 1822 WEST FORREST HILL AVENUE (Parcel Identification No. 14-32-101-001), Peoria, Illinois (Council District 2). PZ 17-19.**
- (17-175) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,471 ascertaining the PREVAILING RATE OF WAGE for Laborers, Workmen and Mechanics Employed at Public Works in the City of Peoria, Illinois.**
- (17-176) **APPOINTMENT and REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the RIVERFRONT PROGRAM AND POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE with a Request to Concur:**
- Danny Cash (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2019**
Susie Stockman (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2019
- (17-177) **REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**
- Stephen Cicciarelli (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2021**
Brad Hall (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2021
- (17-178) **REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**
- LaRon Jones (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020**
Michelle Sanders (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
- (17-179) **REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**
- Thomas Higgins (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020**
Alexandria Scott Pearson (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
- (17-180) **REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the GREATER PEORIA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES with a Request to Concur:**
- Art Bell (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2021**
Jennifer Lee (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2021

(17-181) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the LIQUOR COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:

**Camille Coates (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
Mike Miller (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
Council Member Eric Turner - Term Expires 06/30/2018**

(17-182) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES with a Request to Concur:

**Doris Hayes (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2020
Melynda McKeever (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2020**

(17-183) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the MUNICIPAL BAND COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:

**Denise Cooksey (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2020
James Hopkins (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2020**

(17-184) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA AREA CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU with a Request to Concur:

Rex Linder (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2019

(17-185) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY with a Request to Concur:

Joseph Dalfonso (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2022

(17-186) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the POLICE PENSION FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES with a Request to Concur:

Richard Firebaugh (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2019

(17-187) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the SPRINGDALE CEMETERY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY with a Request to Concur:

Robert D. Manning (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2021

(17-188) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the SISTER CITY COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:

**John Day (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2019
Diana Joseph (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2019
Thomas Menold (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2019
Dr. Joan Sattler (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2019
Suzanne Love Smith (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2019
Thomas Stanesa (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2019
Lori Birkland (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2020
Brad Ingram (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2020
Rex Linder (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2020
Gary Schmidt (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2020
Henry Vicary (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2020**

- (17-189) **REAPPOINTMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the ADVISORY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RESOURCES with a Request to Concur:**
- Shandra Bond (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
 - Farrell Davies (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
 - Amr Elsamny (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
 - Patrick Kirchhofer (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
 - Brett Kolditz (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
 - Rachel Reliford (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
 - Janice Zagardo (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
 - Brittany Ferrero (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
- (17-190) **REAPPOINTMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON POLICE - COMMUNITY RELATIONS with a Request to Concur:**
- Lorene King (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
 - Rita Ali (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
 - Council Member Denise Moore (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
 - Eric Thomas (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
 - Karen Frank (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
 - Terry Burnside (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
- (17-191) **REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the CONSTITUTION GARDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE with a Request to Concur:**
- Jessica Bastian (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
 - Carol Van Winkle (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
- (17-192) **REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the DOWNTOWN ADVISORY COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**
- Adam Hamilton (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
 - Jonathon Jenkins (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
 - Raymond Les (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2020
- (17-193) **REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**
- Geoffrey Smith (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
- (17-194) **REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE with a Request to Concur:**
- Steve Van Winkle (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2019
- (17-195) **REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS with a Request to Concur:**
- Jerry Jackson (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
 - Dorian LaSaine (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020

- (17-196) **REAPPOINTMENTS and APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES with a Request to Concur:**
- Norman Burdick (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020**
Lucy Gulley (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
Pat Barton (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
- (17-197) **REAPPOINTMENTS and APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**
- Mark Misselhorn (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020**
Michael Wiesehan (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
Edward Barry (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
- (17-198) **REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the PUBLIC ARTS ADVISORY COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**
- Jennifer Gordon (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020**
Richard Zuckerman (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020
- (17-199) **APPOINTMENT and REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA HOUSING AUTHORITY with a Request to Concur:**
- Doug Draeger (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2020**
Anne Fox (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2020
- (17-200) **REPORT from the CITY TREASURER PATRICK A NICHTING for the MONTH of MAY 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.

Hearing no request to remove an item from the Consent Agenda, Council Member Cyr moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as outlined in the Council Communications; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Item Nos. 17-171 through 17-200 were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

FIRST READINGS

- (17-201) **Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request for a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 5 of the City of Peoria CODE Pertaining to REGISTRATION OF LOTS.**

Community Development Director Black provided an overview of the proposed amendment noting it changed the requirements for the registration of non-owner occupied property. He said the amendment would implement a late fee of \$100.00 for failure to register a property 30 days

after the established deadline. In addition, he said the amendment would allow for the dismissal of a citation if the registration and late fee were paid before the court date. He pointed out that the late fee reflected in the Ordinance was the wrong amount and would be changed prior to adoption by Council.

In response to Council Member Moore's question regarding the 1,400 citations that were issued for failure to register and whether these were corporate-owned properties or other, Director Black said he would provide that information in a Report Back at the next City Council meeting.

Regarding community outreach to notify owners of non-owner occupied properties, Director Black said there was not a process for conducting such outreach. Council Member Riggerbach said he would be willing to assist with the disbursement of that information within his District. He also asked for the Report Back to provide how much non-owner occupied properties had or had not increased in the last five years.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to receive and file the first reading review of an Ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to registration of lots; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 17-201 will be placed on the July 11, 2017, Regular City Council Meeting agenda.

(17-202) Communication from the City Manager and the Corporation Counsel and the Community Development Director with a Request for a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 32 Section 32-4(a)(4) of the City of Peoria CODE Pertaining to ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICERS.

Corporation Counsel Don Leist provided an overview of the proposed amendment noting that the primary change was to allow for electronic signatures to be used by the Administrative Hearing Officer.

Council Member Jensen inquired whether the Code Department would be able to begin issuing citations electronically with a handheld device. Community Development Director Black said the City currently did not have that type of technology noting the cost to implement. He said should the City be able to implement the technology in the future, then this matter would come back before Council for approval.

Council Member Oyler moved to receive and file the first reading review of an Ordinance amending Chapter 32 Section 32-4(a)(4) of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to Administrative Hearing Officers; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 17-202 will be placed on the July 11, 2017, Regular City Council Meeting agenda.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(17-203) Communication from the City Manager, Director of Public Works and Chief Innovation Officer with a Request to APPROVE the POSTING of the PROGRAM DIRECTOR, CREW SUPERVISOR and CASE MANAGER Positions for the Proposed PEORACORPS Program, with Conditional Hiring Based upon Approval of Grant Funding.

Council Member Moore moved to approve the posting of the Program Director, Crew Supervisor and Case Manager positions for the proposed Peoriacorps Program, with conditional hiring based upon approval of grant funding; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Council Member Moore said this was an opportunity for the City to put people to work in the First District to help with the Combined Sewer Overflow infrastructure.

Chief Innovation Officer Anthony Corso provided an overview of the Peoriacorps program noting it was a career pathway for opportunistic youth. He said the program would allow to address the synthetic surface level in order to keep up with the appearance of the green infrastructure. He said it would leverage what needed to be done in order to get more out of the program.

Motion to approve the posting of the Program Director, Crew Supervisor and Case Manager positions for the proposed Peoriacorps program, with conditional hiring based upon approval of grant funding, was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

(17-210) Communication from the City Manager, Director of Public Works and Chief Innovation Officer with a Request to AUTHORIZE the City Manager to EXECUTE a GRANT AGREEMENT with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for the APPRENTICESHIP PLUS YOUTH PROGRAM, in the Amount of \$205,000.00.

Council Member Moore said this item put the City's youth to work and she expressed her appreciation to the iTeam in locating grant funds for the City to utilize.

Council Member Moored moved to approve the authorization for the City Manager to execute a grant agreement with the Department of Commerce and economic opportunity for the Apprenticeship Plus Youth Program, in the amount of \$205,000.00; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Chief Innovation Officer Corso provided an overview of what the City learned from Philadelphia regarding their best practices around green infrastructure installation and maintenance. He said the City of Peoria would be modeled after PowerCorpsPHL and AmeriCorps program that provided opportunistic youth with the training and skill development necessary to pursue careers in related industries. He said this would provide opportunistic youth within the CSO area to have a front and center role in improving and maintaining the structure, which would play a role in community pride. He said it was a great program to model and hoped to show a lot of success.

Public Works Director Scott Reeise said Philadelphia was one of 770 communities with combined sewer overflow issues. He said their decree was 75% grey and 25% green solutions.

Council Member Grayeb said the City of Peoria was striving for a 100% green solution. He said this was a great program and that the CSO fix would have great benefits for the community.

Council Member Moore said a public meeting was held on Monday, June 26 that was greatly attended wherein individuals could see how the program would positively impact the City of Peoria.

Motion to approve the authorization for the City Manager to execute a grant agreement with the Department of Commerce and economic opportunity for the Apprenticeship Plus Youth Program in the amount of \$205,000.00 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

(17-204) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Existing SPECIAL USE Ordinance Nos. 14,028 and 16,174, as Amended, in a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District for a Hotel, to Construct a Building Addition and Utilize Portions of an Existing Building for an ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY, for the Property Identified as Parcel Identification No. 14-30-101-007 with an Address of 2726 WEST LAKE AVENUE, Peoria IL (Council District 4)

Council Member Montelongo commended the Petitioner for turning dilapidated property into a Motel 6. He said the request to transform the property for assisted living was an unusual request, which had never been done before in the City. He said the proposed construction is too big for the location that needed adequate space for emergency vehicles.

At the conclusion of his comments, Council Member Montelongo moved to deny the request to adopt an Ordinance amending existing Special Use Ordinance Nos. 14,028 and 16,174, as amended, in a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District for a Hotel to construct a building addition and utilize portions of an existing building for an assisted living facility, for the property identified as Parcel Identification No. 14-30-101-007 with an address of 2726 West Lake Avenue, Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Motion to DENY was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

(17-205) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE the FIFTH AMENDMENT to the REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT with RIVER TRAIL DRIVE L.P. (Council District 1)

Council Member Moore moved to approve the Fifth Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement with River Trail Drive L.P.; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Council Member Moore said this amendment was the direct result of not hearing from the National Park Service regarding the conversion of property. She said a number of Council Members received emails in favor and opposed to the amendment. She said the City preferred not to extend the matter but would need to extend it in order to receive the National Park Service's decision. She said, for the amount of money that had been spent on this property, it was money well spent if the City received a final answer. She said it was important to receive as much information as possible. She asked the Council not to vote no to end this matter without first receiving a definitive answer from the National Park Service.

Council Member Akeson moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to those citizens who wanted to address the City Council regarding this matter.

Mayor Ardis said comments regarding this issue should strictly address whether the Council should extend the timeframe for the agreement. Hearing no objections, he granted Privilege of the Floor to those who wished to speak.

Mr. Conrad Stinnet, a concerned citizen and representative of the West Bluff Council, expressed his disapproval of the extension noting the matter had been extended too many times. He said the City's resources could be utilized for other issues and he said it was time to move forward in a better direction. He asked the City Council to vote no on this item.

Ms. Joyce Blumenshine, a member of the Heart of Illinois Sierra Club, voiced her disapproval of the extension and asked the City Council to vote no. She said pursuing this development would impact the value and enjoyment of the trail and take away from the trail's aesthetic values.

Mr. Michael Rucker, President of Friends of Rock Island Trail, said a lot of money had already been spent on this project and it has taken too long to obtain approval, and he expressed a concern with moving forward on this project. He asked the City Council to vote no on this item.

Mr. Mike Buoscio, a concerned citizen, voiced his concern for this item. He said the delay was a chance for the City to revisit its decision and to review what had changed. He said public opposition to this project had not changed.

Mr. Ken Hall, a concerned citizen, said there were environmental issues with the greenspace that would be costly to remediate and he asked the City Council to vote no on the extension.

Mr. Robert Johnson, a concerned citizen, and Park Board Trustee said pursuing this matter would cause a lot of issues with the green space. He said it was his job to ensure safe and proper recreation. He said pursuing the project would take away from the riverfront.

Mr. Ray Bentino, a concerned citizen, asked the Council to vote no on the extension of the agreement commenting that there was a lack of park space in the community other than the riverfront.

Mr. Jeff Johnson, a concerned citizen, said he did not want to lose the value of the aesthetic trail and he asked the City Council to vote no on the extension.

Ms. Joyce Harant, a Peoria Park District Trustee, distributed a handout and asked the City Council to vote no on the extension and asked the City to work with the Park District on activities for the park. She said parks were valuable to the community.

Ms. Karrie Alms, a concerned citizen, expressed a concern for extending the agreement. She said there were still unresolved and non-resolvable issues. She said there were issues with the appraisals that were noted by the National Park District along with issues regarding proper notifications and a lack of a \$66,000.00 credit. She asked that the extension not be approved.

Mr. David Berry, asked the City Council to vote no on the proposed amendment stating that moving forward with the development would create additional CSO issues.

Assistant City Manager Setti said this was purely an extension of the due diligence window to allow the National Park Service time to notify the City on whether they would authorize the use of the replacement land that was identified.

Council Member Akeson expressed a concern that there were new Council Members sitting on the Council who were not familiar with this project and were unaware of the issues that surrounded it. She said the City may be subject to a lawsuit regardless of whether it moved forward with this matter or not. She expressed a concern regarding the Developer not providing an itemized list of expenses on this project to date along with the obligation this project would place on the taxpayers.

Assistant City Manager Setti said the Redevelopment Agreement included provisions in the event of a shortfall in the bond payment the Developer would be required to pay, which would be secured by a second mortgage on the property. He said there were additional protections to make sure the burden was born by the private developer. He said the Redevelopment Agreement runs with the land stating that should the Developer decide to sell, then the obligations would be transferred to the next owner.

Council Member Akeson expressed a concern regarding the volleyball courts, and Corporation Counsel Leist said the Developer was legally obligated to move the courts in good or better condition of what currently existed.

Assistant City Manager Setti said the City would not be liable for the costs, and if the Developer tried to make the City liable, then the City could turn the project down. He said there was no intent for the City to pay extra dollars to relocate the volleyball courts. He said the Peoria Boat Club was not subject to the Redevelopment Agreement. He said the City received a ruling from the Illinois Attorney General that once the property was purchased, the City could not lease any of that land or structure to the Club; however, he said the Peoria Boat Club would be able to keep their docks and access to their docks. In a conversation he had with the National Park Service and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, he said they indicated no outstanding issues. He said if there was restricted access, then it would become a problem.

Council Member Akeson said there were too many assumptions being made. She expressed a concern regarding taxpayer liability. She said the new Council Members were not up to speed on this project. She expressed a concern that this was just now coming before the Council with the deadline just three days away. She said the National Park Service was taking so much time because they were taking the exceptions seriously. She said more time was needed to rewrite a Redevelopment Agreement that addressed all the issues in writing. She expressed her dissatisfaction for the explanation regarding the Peoria Boat Club and the volleyball courts along with a concern for the materials used in the development along with the description of the dwellings. She encouraged the City Council to vote no.

Council Member Oyler expressed his appreciation for the opinions on both sides of the issue. He said he committed to doing his due diligence and spent more time on this issue than any other issue since taking the seat as a Council Member and he said some issues needed to be clarified. Regarding the maps of the development, he said the entire park land was not being consumed by the development. As far as the destruction of the memorials, he said those statements were untrue and that the memorials would not be touched by the development. He said Constitution Gardens would not be destroyed but would be relocated. He said the trail would not be destroyed but would be widened and repaved. He said the replacement land, from a real estate standpoint, was in much better condition than the area that was being developed. He addressed the concern regarding the Warehouse District noting that all of the apartments in the Warehouse District were full and the newest development was now half-full. He said studies showed that there was a need for not only rehabilitated apartments, but newly constructed apartments as well, which should be taken into consideration. He said the Redevelopment Agreement signed April 29, 2015, on Page 4 Item 1.3E stated that the City had a legal obligation to the Developer, that was signed by the City, that the City had to move forward and get an answer from the National Park Service and IDNR. If the City did not proceed to get an answer, he said the City would be legally liable. He said this was a much greater issue than voting no on this item.

Council Member Jensen said she would vote against extension for a number of reasons, noting that she had voted against this item from the beginning. She said the points made by the citizens were significant. She said the City could not spend \$4 million to build a driveway to make this development move forward. She said the City spent significant money in the Warehouse District and that was where the City needed to continue its focus. She said she opposed taking away the park land and she said the City was setting itself up for a lawsuit no matter which way the Council voted.

Motion to approve the Fifth Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement with River Trail Drive L.P. was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 6;

Nays: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo – 4.

- (17-206) Communication from the City Manager and the Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class B (Restaurant, 50% Food) Liquor License with the Restriction of Sale of Alcohol for On-Site Consumption Only at LA FAVORITA, 1621 NORTH KNOXVILLE AVENUE, Contingent Upon the Successful Compliance with all Community Development Department's Regulations, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 2)**

Council Member Grayeb requested that no Second District business brought to the City Council Agenda until all requirements of the Community Development Department had been met. He said new businesses were welcome, but he said he was going to carefully scrutinize any more requests for approval of additional liquor licenses.

Council Member Grayeb moved to TABLE the request to approve the Site Application for a Class B (Restaurant, 50% Food) Liquor License with the restriction of sale of alcohol for on-site consumption only at La Favorita, 1621 North Knoxville Avenue, contingent upon the successful compliance with all Community Development Department's regulations; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Motion to TABLE was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

(17-207) Communication from the City Manager and the Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class B (Restaurant, 50% Food) Liquor License, with the Retail Sale of Alcohol at ANCHORS AWAY, 4100 WILLOW KNOLLS ROAD, SUITE C-12, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 5)

Council Member Cyr said he visited the establishment and met the owner. He said Anchors Away was in a great location and would be a great addition to the Fifth District.

Council Member Cyr moved to approve the Site Application for a Class B (Restaurant, 50% Food) Liquor License, with the retail sale of alcohol at Anchors Away, 4100 Willow Knolls Road, Suite C-12; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

(17-208) Presentation from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2017, UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.

Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins reviewed the Quarter Ended March 31, 2017, Unaudited Financial Report. He reviewed the balances for the revenues and expenses wherein a surplus of \$2.6 million across all funds was reflected. He said there were currently 54 separate funds within the City's balance sheets. As part of the \$2.6 million, he reported a \$1.6 million increase in the General Fund, which increased the General Fund balance to \$18.8 million at the end of the first quarter - approximately 18% of the City's budgeted expenditures. He reported that the Council's policy was to have a balance of 25% of budgeted expenditures. He reviewed the revenues noting that at the end of the first quarter the General Fund revenues, there was about 80% of what was budgeted and was flat in comparison to last year. He said the larger revenues such as sales tax and State revenues were not growing at the anticipated 1.5% to 2% for the first quarter; however, he said the City's expenditures were approximately 77% at the end of budget. He said the second quarter financials would be made available by the end of July or the beginning of August that would provide a better picture of where the City stood financially. He said the City's sales tax numbers were trending downward in the first quarter as they were in the fourth quarter of 2016. He advised that the City needed to be cautious with its revenues.

City Manager Urich said the City would begin the budget process with public budget meetings. He said the budget challenge would be made available to the public by early July wherein the City would then schedule public meetings and then schedule budget meetings with the City Council beginning in early fall.

City Manager Urich provided an outlook and what impact the State's lack of having a budget could have on the municipality. Out of a \$200 million budget, he said the State contributed approximately \$75 million. He said if the State implemented a four-year property tax freeze, that would have a huge impact on how public safety pensions were funded, which were growing at a rate of 8% each year. He said ten years ago the City had nearly \$6 million going into general government operations that was coming from property taxes. This year, he reported that the General Fund budget had only \$600,000 going into general operations from property taxes due to the growing pension costs.

Mayor Ardis said, as the situation continued in Springfield, it would be helpful to keep Council apprised of the numbers. He said in the past, the State withheld and swept money from the City. He said the City was fortunate to have had three out of four of its local legislators serve on the Council and they knew how important the funds were to the municipality.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to receive and file the Quarter ended March 31, 2017, Unaudited Financial Report; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

(17-209) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a Presentation by the PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY Regarding their 2016 Annual Report.

Council Member Ruckriegel said the Library was going into its 137th year. He said the Library Board, Staff and volunteers had been busy with various activities. He said there had been 712,414 visitors for 2017, which was a sizable number to go through the Library. He said the City's Library was second to none noting that very few libraries had assets like the Peoria Public Library. He said the Library had amazing programming for all ages, access to the internet, free meeting spaces and were cooling and warming centers when needed. He said the Library provided downloadable e-books and audio visuals. He said PPL partnered with the Peoria Public Schools to provide all students access to the library. He said the Library offered various classes such as how to build a business and a customer base, noting that the Library was an essential service of the City.

Mr. Ed Barry, Trustee of the Peoria Public Library Board, thanked the Library personnel and the City Council for their ongoing support. He expressed his appreciation to the community and the citizens of Peoria who utilized the five libraries.

Mayor Ardis echoed the comments of Council Member Ruckriegel and expressed his appreciation for the Board's efforts. He said the Peoria Public Libraries were exploding with new activities and he said it was encouraging to see increasing numbers. He said a new Board Member was recently appointed to the Library Board, and he commented on the level of interest of individuals who wanted to participate on this Board.

Council Member Moore praised the Lincoln Branch Library noting it was more than about books and DVDs, but it was about relationships they established with those who visited the Library. She said she continued to work on the need for additional parking at that branch.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to receive and file the presentation by the Peoria Public Library regarding their 2016 Annual Report; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, 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)

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

Council Member Akesson moved to defer this item until after completion of the Strategic Planning Session.

City Manager Urich said the Council Communication outlined concerns with the need to moving this matter forward, but he said Staff would be willing to defer this matter at Council's request.

Council Member Montelongo seconded the motion.

City Manager Urich outlined some of the proposed changes and noted that Council Member Akesson had concerns about the Development Review Board, which she wanted to review during the Strategic Planning discussions.

Council Member Akesson said the majority of the changes were just clean up items; however, she said she would like to see them adopted, but it was not critical to be done right now. She said additional changes needed to be made such as signage, design and materials, along with some of the development requirements within the Form District.

Community Development Director Black said there was little modification made to the Form District other than Scribner's errors. He said any changes to the Form District would be addressed on its own.

Council Member Grayeb said the Strategic Planning Session would not be done until the end of August, noting that this item would not come back before the Council until September.

Motion to defer this item until after completion of the Strategic Planning Session was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

(17-156) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 5 of the CODE of the City of Peoria, Requiring a 30-DAY DEMOLITION REVIEW PERIOD FOR ALL DEMOLITION PERMITS.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the Code of the City of Peoria, requiring a 30-Day Demolition Review Period for all Demolition Permits; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Council Member Ruckriegel expressed his appreciation for the efforts of Staff in this matter. Procedurally, he said the demolition list would be easy to find on the City's website. He said contact information would also be made available on the website. He remarked on the importance of communicating with the community and with the property owners.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,472 amending Chapter 5 of the Code of the City of Peoria, requiring a 30-day demolition review period for all demolition permits was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

(17-157) Communication from the City Manager and the Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT Between the City of Peoria and the COUNTY OF PEORIA to Delegate the Siting Process of a POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY within the Corporate Limits of the City of Peoria to Peoria County.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to withdraw this item from consideration; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Motion to WITHDRAW was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

(17-162) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the Selection Process and Approve an AGREEMENT with the HERMANN & ASSOCIATES, LLC and HUTCHINSON ENGINEERING, INC. TEAM, in the Amount Not to Exceed \$500,000.00, for Engineering Services for the NORTH UNIVERSITY STREET from PIONEER PARKWAY to TOWNLINE ROAD PROJECT. (Council District 5)

Council Member Cyr moved to approve the selection process and approve an agreement with Hermann & Associates, LLC and Hutchinson Engineering, Inc. Team, in the amount not-to-exceed \$500,000.00, for engineering services for the North University Street from Pioneer Parkway to Townline Road Project; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Discussions were held regarding the hiring of minority workers. Public Works Director Reiese said 30% of staffing were women but there was no information regarding minority participation on this contract. He said this item was different in that it was grant funded.

Council Member Moore said she would vote in favor of this item, but expressed a concern that the firms utilized did not have an ethnic minority base, which she said was a significant problem.

Motion to approve the selection process and approve an agreement with Hermann & Associates, LLC and Hutchinson Engineering, Inc. Team, in the amount Not-to-Exceed \$500,000.00 for engineering services for the North University Street from Pioneer Parkway to Townline Road Project was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

(17-172) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE \$302,738.00 in HUD HOME FUNDS to HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GREATER PEORIA AREA for the Construction of Three (3) New, Affordable, Single-Family, Owner-Occupied Homes Located in the 900 and 1000 Blocks of NORTHEAST MONROE. (Council District 1).

Council Member Moore moved to reconsider Item No 17-172, which had been voted on under the Consent Agenda, noting there was additional information just provided; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Motion to reconsider was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: Jensen - 1.

Council Member Moore moved to defer Item No. 17-172 to the July 25, 2017, Regular City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Acknowledgment of City Staff

Council Member Cyr recognized Public Works Director Scott Reese, City Planner Shannon Techie and Traffic Design Engineer Nick Stoffer for assisting him with meetings with constituents. He said they were very knowledgeable and helpful in answering questions and providing requested information. He said he was very impressed with their degree of knowledge and professionalism.

Moja Southern Kitchen

Council Member Moore announced a new business that opened at 301 McArthur Highway called Moja Southern Kitchen. She said they were a full-service restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. She said there was no other restaurant like it in that part of town.

First District Success

Council Member Moore announced that the First District was thriving with new businesses. She remarked on positive economic development outcomes noting that City Planner Kim Smith, Civil Engineer Jane Gerdes, the Peoria Police Department and others had been very supportive in helping individuals navigate opportunities within the First District.

Take Heart America

Communications Specialist Stacy Petersen announced that an event would take place at Bradley University on June 28, 2017, called "Take Heart America." It will be held at Westlake Hall, Room 115, from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. She encouraged everyone to attend in whole or at least in part of the activities.

Mayor Ardis said a number of individuals from the medical community would be in attendance along with representatives from the Peoria Fire Department.

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.

Ms. Marie Forsberg, a citizen of Peoria, expressed her concern regarding the sidewalks in her neighborhood, the City's budget to address the sidewalk issue, and the communication efforts of Staff regarding the sidewalks. She expressed her appreciation to Council Member Grayeb for listening to her concerns and having City personnel contact her about various issues.

Ms. Karrie Alms, a citizen of Peoria, expressed a concern regarding the issue of public trust in the City regarding strategic planning efforts and the consultant used in those efforts, and regarding FOIA'd information and how that information is provided to individuals who do not use the FOIA process. She remarked on the importance of building public trust and utilizing the processes that were in place that would build public trust.

Mr. Savino Sierra, a citizen of Peoria, commented on the Riverfront Park issue and how long it has remained to be in issue. He recommended the City Council break the agreement with the Developer. He remarked on the issue of diversity in the City and the difficulties of having a diverse workforce. He asked the Public Works Department to address the issue of striping on the South Side noting there needed to be more striping done in order to address some safety issues.

Mr. Michael Levan, a citizen of Peoria, said there was property located behind his home that someone wanted to buy and renovate. He said the bank was ready to sell the property to the individual, but the City was not helpful in this matter. He said he did not want that building torn down, and he remarked that the prospective buyer is well known in the community for his renovation work. He asked the City to provide the buyer with the overall dollar amount to pay off the fines and taxes on the property in order for him to purchase the property and begin his renovations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 P.M.



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

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