

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

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held January 22, 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: Akesson (Arrived at 6:06 P.M.), Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 10. Absent: Moore - 1.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or reflection and he asked to keep Ms. Phyllis Markley, former Peoria Public Schools President and long-time dedicated teacher, and her family in prayer due to her recent passing. He then led the pledge of allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

**NEA Big Read
Peoria Play House Hop Scotch**

MINUTES

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on January 8, 2019, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,
Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA**PUBLIC HEARING**

(19-018) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the Proposed ANNEXATION of a Property Having the Address of 9505 NORTH ILLINOIS ROUTE 91 (PIN Nos. 08-35-300-023 AND 08-35-300-030), Peoria, Illinois.

Council Member Oyler moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the proposed annexation of a property having the address of 9505 North Illinois Route 91; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

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

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,
Turner, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

Mayor Ardis opened the Public Hearing at 6:13 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 Oyler moved to close the Public Hearing regarding the proposed annexation of a property having the address of 9505 North Illinois Route 91; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

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

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Ardis closed the Public Hearing at 6:14 P.M.

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

(19-019) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE Grants to COMMON PLACE and TRI-COUNTY URBAN LEAGUE, in the Total Amount of \$33,963.00, from the HUD CDBG Funds. (Council District 1)

(19-020) * Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request to for the Following:

A. APPROVE a 3-Year CONTRACT with THE CLEANING SOURCE, in the not-to-exceed Amount of \$245,254.00, for Janitorial Services to City Building Groups 3 and 4;

B. APPROVE a 3-Year CONTRACT with LINDSAY'S DEPENDABLE CLEANING SERVICE, in the not-to-exceed Amount of \$49,958.98, for Janitorial Services to City Building Groups 1 and 5; and

C. APPROVE a 3-Year CONTRACT with LUDY'S CLEANING SERVICES, in the not-to-exceed Amount of \$50,250.00, for Janitorial Services to City Building Group 2.

(19-021) ** Communication from the City Manager and the Fire Chief with a Request to APPROVE and Authorize the Execution of a Three-Year CONTRACT with FIRE RECOVERY USA to Provide Billing and Collection of Fire Department Non-Emergency Medical Services, the Cost of which would be Determined by the Recovery Rate.

(19-022)*******

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 for the Following:

- A. APPROVE a RESOLUTION Approving the Consolidated Initial and Amended/Restated ANNEXATION AGREEMENT, Subject to Conditions as Recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission, All for the Property Generally Located West of IL Route 91, North of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-008, East of Orange Prairie Road, and South of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-027; the Property is Identified as Parcel Identification Nos. 08-35-300-030 and 08-35-300-023, Located within the City of Peoria and Peoria County, IL; and
- B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Annexing Property Located at 9505 N IL ROUTE 91 (Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-023), All for the Property Generally Located West of IL Route 91, North of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-008, East of Orange Prairie Road, and South of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-027; the Property is Identified as Parcel Identification Nos. 08-35-300-030 and 08-35-300-023, Located within the City of Peoria and Peoria County, IL; and
- C. ADOPT an ORDINANCE REZONING Property from a Class R-3 (Single Family Residential) District and R-6 (Multi-Family Residential) District to a Class R-6 (Multi-Family Residential) District and Class C-1 (General Commercial) District, All for the Property Generally Located West of IL Route 91, North of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-008, East of Orange Prairie Road, and South of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-027; the Property is Identified as Parcel Identification Nos. 08-35-300-030 and 08-35-300-023, Located within the City of Peoria and Peoria County, IL; and
- D. APPROVE a RESOLUTION Approving the Preliminary Plat for BHAVANI SUBDIVISION.

(19-023)********

Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE a RESOLUTION Supporting Local Public Radio Station WCBU.

(19-024)

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:

- A. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,647 REZONING Property Located at the Foot of MORTON STREET, (Parcel Identification No. 18-03-382-003), Peoria, Illinois, from Class R-8 (Multi-Family Residential) District, Class C-G (General Commercial) District, and Class I-2 (Railroad/Warehouse Industrial) District, to a Class R-3 (Single Family Residential) District; and,
- B. RESCIND the Multi-Family Plan Adopted by Ordinance No. 17,264 for the Property Located at the Foot of MORTON STREET, (Parcel Identification No. 18-03-382-003), Peoria, IL. (Council District 1)

- (19-025) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,648 REZONING Property from a Class C-G (General Commercial) District to a Class B-1 (Downtown Commercial) District for the Property Located at 701 MAIN STREET, (Parcel Identification No. 18-09-201-001), Peoria, IL. (Council District 1)**
- (19-026) **Communication from the City Manager and the Chief of Police with a Request for the Following:**
- A. **ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,649 Amending the City of Peoria 2019 REVISED BUDGET Relating to the Capital Fund to Recognize the Receipt of an EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) and the Corresponding Expenditures, in the Amount of \$63,633.00 (Requires Super Majority Vote); and**
- B. **APPROVE a SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE of Twenty (20) Pico Ballistic Body Armor Vests for the Peoria Police Department Special Response Team (SRT) Duty Use from TYR TACTICAL BODY ARMOR, in the Amount of \$36,954.21.**
- (19-027) **Communication from the City Manager and 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 INTERNATIONAL CAFÉ, INC., D/B/A ADAMS STREET CAFÉ, 107 SW ADAMS, Contingent Upon Compliance with all Building Code Requirements, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 1)**
- (19-028) **APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**
- Brandon Lott (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2021**
- (19-029) **APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the ADVISORY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RESOURCES with a Request to Concur:**
- Lisa J. Fuller (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020**
- (19-030) **APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the ADVISORY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RESOURCES with a Request to Concur:**
- Catherine Cross (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2019**
- (19-031) **APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS with a Request to Concur:**
- Shalandra Burch (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020**

(19-032) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS from the GREATER PEORIA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT, Including Independent Auditors' Report, as of and for the Years Ended June 30, 2014, and 2013, (on file in the City Clerk's Office), with Request to Receive and File.

(19-033) REPORT from the CITY TREASURER PATRICK A. NICHTING for the MONTH of DECEMBER 2018, 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 Riggerbach requested Item No. 19-023 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Oyler requested Item No. 19-020 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Jensen requested Item No. 19-021 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Cyr requested Item Nos. 19-022 and 19-033 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 Oyler.

Item Nos. 19-019 through 19-033 (excluding Item Nos. 19-020 through 19-023, and 19-033, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

(19-020) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request to for the Following:
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B. APPROVE a 3-Year CONTRACT with LINDSAY'S DEPENDABLE CLEANING SERVICE, in the not-to-exceed Amount of \$49,958.98, for Janitorial Services to City Building Groups 1 and 5; and

C. APPROVE a 3-Year CONTRACT with LUDY'S CLEANING SERVICES, in the not-to-exceed Amount of \$50,250.00, for Janitorial Services to City Building Group 2.

Council Member Oyler moved to defer this item to the February 12, 2019, Regular City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Motion to defer to the February 12, 2019, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

- (19-021)** **Communication from the City Manager and the Fire Chief with a Request to APPROVE and Authorize the Execution of a Three-Year CONTRACT with FIRE RECOVERY USA to Provide Billing and Collection of Fire Department Non-Emergency Medical Services, the Cost of which would be Determined by the Recovery Rate.**
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Discussions were held regarding what qualified as non-emergency medical services. It was noted that helping someone who fell would not qualify as a non-emergency medical service, but would be addressed by AMT. Fire Chief Olehy explained the billing process noting that citizens within the City limits would not be billed directly, but an invoice would be forwarded to their insurance company. He said citizens outside the City limits would be billed directly.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Council Member Jensen moved to approve and authorize the execution of a three-year contract with Fire Recovery USA to provide billing and collection of Fire Department Non-Emergency Medical Services, the cost of which would be determined by the recovery rate; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

City Manager Urich stated that this item was brought before the City Council as it was part of the budget discussion for the Revised 2019 Budget.

Motion to approve and authorize the execution of a three-year contract with Fire Recovery USA to provide billing and collection of Fire Department Non-Emergency Medical Services, the cost of which would be determined by the recovery rate was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

- (19-022)** **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 for the Following:**

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- B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Annexing Property Located at 9505 N IL ROUTE 91 (Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-023), All for the Property Generally Located West of IL Route 91, North of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-008, East of Orange Prairie Road, and South of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-027; the Property is Identified as Parcel Identification Nos. 08-35-300-030 and 08-35-300-023, Located within the City of Peoria and Peoria County, IL; and**
- C. ADOPT an ORDINANCE REZONING Property from a Class R-3 (Single Family Residential) District and R-6 (Multi-Family Residential) District to a Class R-6 (Multi-Family Residential) District and Class C-1 (General Commercial) District, All for the Property Generally Located West of IL Route 91, North of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-008, East of Orange Prairie Road, and South of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-027; the Property is Identified as Parcel Identification Nos. 08-35-300-030 and 08-35-300-023, Located within the City of Peoria and Peoria County, IL; and**
- D. APPROVE a RESOLUTION Approving the Preliminary Plat for BHAVANI SUBDIVISION.**

A replacement Ordinance for Item No. 19-022-C was distributed to all Council Members.

Council Member Cyr said he would abstain from voting on this matter due to a conflict of interest in that his firm had a business relationship with the parties involved.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to approve a Resolution approving the Consolidated Initial and Amended/Restated Annexation Agreement, subject to conditions as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission, all for the property generally located west of IL Route 91, north of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-008, east of Orange Prairie Road, and south of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-027; the property is identified as Parcel Identification Nos. 08-35-300-030 and 08-35-300-023, located within the City of Peoria and Peoria County, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-022-A was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None;

Abstention: Cyr - 1.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to adopt an Ordinance annexing property located at 9505 North Illinois Route 91 (Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-023), all for the property generally located west of Illinois Route 91, north of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-008, east of Orange Prairie Road, and south of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-027; the property is identified as Parcel Identification Nos. 08-35-300-030 and 08-35-300-023, located within the City of Peoria and Peoria County, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,650 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None;

Abstention: Cyr - 1.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to adopt an Ordinance rezoning property from a Class R-3 (single family residential) District and R-6 (multi-family residential) District to a Class R-6 (multi-family residential) District and Class C-1 (general commercial) District, all for the property generally located west of Illinois Route 91, north of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-008, east of Orange Prairie Road, and south of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-300-027; the property is identified as Parcel Identification Nos. 08-35-300-030 and 08-35-300-023, located within the City of Peoria and Peoria County, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,651 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None;

Abstention: Cyr - 1.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to approve a Resolution approving the preliminary plat for Bhavani Subdivision; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-022-D was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None;

Abstention: Cyr - 1.

**(19-023) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE a
**** RESOLUTION Supporting Local Public Radio Station WCBU.**

Council Member Riggerbach remarked on the significance of WCBU in the community. He commented on the different levels of programming, which were appreciated by the community. He said after the last City Council Meeting it was quickly reported the decision of WCBU to stay on the campus of Bradley University. He said this was a positive outcome for all involved and he expressed appreciation to his colleagues for their support noting this was a good thing for the community.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to approve a Resolution supporting Local Public Radio Station WCBU; seconded by Council member Turner.

Council Member Jensen said she was glad to see the entire City Council support this item. She remarked on the importance of keeping public radio in Peoria and to keep WCBU coverage of local events and issues as well as keep its staff in the community and the studio on the campus of Bradley University. She asked the City Manager for a report from Bradley University with an update on negotiations with WGLT and their intentions.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-023 supporting local public radio station WCBU was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

**(19-033) REPORT from the CITY TREASURER PATRICK A. NICHTING for the
***** MONTH of DECEMBER 2018, with Request to RECEIVE and FILE.**

A revised Page 8 of the report was distributed to all Council Members changing the amount of Fund Transfers

Council Member Riggerbach moved to receive and file the report, as amended, from the City Treasurer Patrick A. Nichting for the month of December 2018; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(19-017) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 18, Article IV, of the CODE of the City of Peoria Regarding the OPERATION OF VIDEO GAMING TERMINALS.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 18, Article IV, of the Code of the City of Peoria regarding the operation of video gaming terminals; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Corporation Counsel Leist provided an overview of the proposed Ordinance noting the change made from the previous version was to keep establishment fees of video gaming machines at \$500.00 and to implement an operator fee of \$1,000.00 per machine, which would apply to the gaming companies that provided the terminals. He said a provision was included where restaurants or bars established in the City and compliant with the Ordinance could open a second operation within the City without the 2-year waiting period. He said this would allow compliant businesses to expand, which would provide the City with more revenue and to benefit the economy.

Mayor Ardis said the current Ordinance had no fee toward the machine owners and he said this fee was for the owners of the gaming machines and not for the bar or restaurant owners.

Council Member Akesson said she was not in favor of video gaming, noting there had been a miscalculation of the financial benefits along with the negative impact on society, and she said she would be voting against this item.

Council Member Riggerbach commented on an article previously published in the Peoria Journal Star that addressed video gaming in the State of Illinois. He said the proposed Ordinance was a good compromise and he said he hoped it would pass, noting it affected the terminal owners and not local restaurant and bar owners.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,652 amending Chapter 18, Article IV, of the Code of the City of Peoria regarding the operation of video gaming terminals was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 7;

Nays: Akesson, Jensen, Ruckriegel - 3.

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

Residential Housing Programs – East Bluff and South Side

Council Member Riggerbach announced that the residential housing programs that were part of the TIFs would be continuing in 2019. He said a contract had been signed with the Farnsworth Group to implement those programs. He said Council Member Moore would be scheduling a meeting for the South Side. He said the East Bluff Build Up Group would be meeting with the representatives from the Farnsworth Group at Glen Oak Christian Church at 4:00 P.M., Thursday, January 24, 2019, wherein it would be officially given to the Farnsworth Group to implement the program.

Change in Recycling Pickup

Council Member Jensen expressed her appreciation for the Report Back provided by City Manager Urich to all Council Members regarding the recycling pick-up. She said, according to the Report Back, only 287 exceptions were granted out of 2,400 properties it affected. She said she was concerned that the City would not push to exempt further properties. She expressed a concern regarding the agreement the City Council approved with all the proposed changes outlined by PDC, noting that the change to curb-side pickup was not outlined. She said the current change discouraged recycling.

City Manager Urich said if there were difficulties for residents to get access to the curb, then PDC would review the matter on a case-by-case basis. He encouraged residents to call PDC at (309) 674-5176, Option 1, to have their situation reviewed. He said he would attend the West Bluff Council on Thursday night to discuss the matter as well.

Discussions were held regarding whether the City could dispute the contract with PDC, and Corporation Counsel Leist said this contract was not an issue for the Council and changes to the contract did not need Council approval.

Council Member Grayeb commented that Council District 2 was disproportionately impacted by the change in recycling pick-up at the curb. He said the contract presented to the City Council had a number of issues that were not addressed. He said it was approved by a majority of the City Council. He said it was his hope that PDC would work with the City on the issues. He expressed his appreciation to the City Manager for attending the meeting of the West Bluff Council and for his continued efforts to work with PDC to resolve the matter. Going forward, he remarked on the importance of working out the details of large and long-term contracts prior to the approval by the City Council.

Recycling for Apartments and Condominiums

Council Member Cyr said constituents from the Fifth District had reached out to him regarding recycling programs for apartment complexes and condominiums and he noted that a recycling center in the Fifth District had been closed. He inquired how an individual living in an apartment complex could continue their recycling efforts.

City Manager Urich said the recycling centers within the City were closed due to illegal dumping. He said apartments had commercial contracts and were not part of the City's residential program. He said there were two options for those who lived in apartments: 1) Look-up on Peoria County's website to find recycling locations outside the City, and 2) Contact their landlord and request recycling as part of the commercial contract for waste pickup. Regarding condominiums, he said those were covered as part of the City's residential program. He said he would discuss the inclusion of apartments with PDC; however, he said it would be a commercial contract that would have an added cost.

NEW BUSINESS

First Annual Golden Shovel Award

Council Member Akeson expressed a concern for the lack of snow removal from commercial properties after the last snow event. She said the City had passed an Ordinance requiring snow removal and established a fine of \$50.00 to \$100.00 for those businesses who did not comply. She said some small businesses, Bradley University and the hospitals complied; however, she said there was little compliance from the rest of the business community. In order to achieve better compliance, she announced the First Annual Golden Shovel Award, which would be awarded at the second Council Meeting in April with 15 awards to be distributed. She encouraged the community to nominate their neighbors and businesses who participated by clearing their sidewalks after snow events. She said the implementation of this award would be announced at the neighborhood recognition meeting in February. She expressed her appreciation to Mayor Ardis for his endorsement of the program.

Mayor Ardis said it was a good idea to implement such a program and he commented on the efforts of the Uplands Neighborhood Association on how that neighborhood handled snow removal.

First Annual Neighborhood Award Reception

Council Member Riggerbach said the City used to host a neighborhood awards banquet wherein neighborhood leaders received a special recognition. He said since the banquet was no longer taking place, the City would now host the First Annual Neighborhood Award Reception on Thursday, February 21, 2019, from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. at the Carver Center. He said the Community Development Department was accepting applications for the awards. He said the reception would rotate throughout the various Council Districts each year.

P-Town Soup

Council Member Riggerbach announced P-Town Soup would be held this Thursday, January 24, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. at Ward Chapel AME. He encouraged everyone to attend and to see what neighborhoods were doing to positively impact their community.

Snow Removal from Commercial Areas in Council District 4

Council Member Montelongo encouraged the commercial areas within Council District 4 to clear their sidewalks. He remarked on the importance of giving businesses notice and to enforce the Ordinance. He expressed his appreciation to Council Member Akeson for her efforts in addressing the situation in a positive manner by implementing a Golden Shovel Award.

Peoria Project 2019

Council Member Montelongo said he had sent a challenge to the neighborhood associations in Council District 4 asking to identify three projects for 2019 that would engage the residents of the neighborhoods. He said some of the recommendations included, but were not limited to, a neighborhood cleanup, "fix-it" day to address various broken items on or around the homes, "light-it-up" wherein neighborhoods could identify where lights needed to be fixed, "landscape-it" wherein property owners could identify different landscaping needs. He said he gave the associations until March 1 to identify what their neighborhood would do to participate. He said this was an effort to make neighborhoods safer and he recommended implementing the program throughout the City of Peoria.

Report Regarding Recommendation from ACLU to Peoria Police Department

Council Member Ruckriegel requested a report from the Chief of Police at the next City Council meeting regarding recommendations made to the Peoria Police Department from the ACLU. He said some of those recommendations may have already been enacted. He requested a timeline in which some of the recommendations would be implemented.

Request for Update on Human Trafficking in Central Illinois

Council Member Jensen requested to have Carol Merna, Executive Director of the Center for Prevention of Abuse, attend a Council Meeting in the next month to provide a report on the human trafficking issue in Central Illinois and to outline some of the programs the center offered.

Request for Update Regarding WCBU Radio

Council Member Jensen requested an update at the next City Council Meeting regarding the status of Bradley's radio station WCBU.

Recognition to Peoria's Snow Fighters

Council Member Jensen commended Assistant Public Works Director Sie Maroon and his staff for their efforts in the recent snow event for clearing the City streets.

"Can You See Me" Symposium at the Dream Center

Council Member Riggerbach announced a symposium on Saturday, January 26, 2019, entitled "Can You See Me" that would address the issue of human trafficking in central Illinois.

Deputy Clerk I Tiffany Kanselaar

City Clerk Beth Ball introduced Deputy Clerk Tiffany Kanselaar, a new member to the team in the City Clerk's Office. She said Tiffany would be assisting with the processing of various Council documents as well as attending Council meetings where needed.

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.

C J Summers, President of the Uplands Residential Association, at the request of Mayor Ardis and Council Member Akeson, first spoke on the efforts of his neighborhood to remove snow from sidewalks. He said all the neighbors collaborated and hired a contractor to clean the sidewalks during snow events, which was at a nominal cost to the residents for the winter season. He said former Public Works Director Scott Reese and the current Assistant Public Works Director Sie Maroon assisted in this effort. He said it worked well and had neighborhood support. He spoke on the solid waste contract and recycling pickup that occurred in the alleys. He said the Uplands Association requested that recycling and garbage pickup remain in the

alley. He commented that the neighborhood was designed for pickup to occur in the alley. He expressed his concern that the pickup location had changed and he requested, on behalf of the neighborhood, that it be changed back to alley pickup.

Andre Diaz, a citizen of Peoria, expressed a concern with the FOIA process noting there was missing information from his last request. He commented on the Community Development Department and the need for a standard process as it related to land use. He recommended the City Council hold a Policy Session to discuss land use and to review the process. He commented on issues that needed to be addressed in the Community Development Department and the need for open dialogue and a transparent government.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT


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

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 P.M.



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

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