

**: 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 September 12, 2017, at 6:04 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 (Electronic Attendance), Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11. Absent: None.

**REQUEST BY COUNCIL MEMBER AKESON  
FOR ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**

After having established a quorum, Mayor Ardis said a notice was received from Council Member Akeson in accordance with the rules established by Ordinance No. 16,142. He said Council Member Akeson would be authorized to attend the meeting electronically unless a motion objecting to her electronic attendance was made, seconded, and approved by two-thirds of the members of the City Council physically present at the meeting. He said if no such motion was made and seconded, then the request by Council Member Akeson to attend electronically shall be deemed approved by the City Council and Council Member Akeson would be declared as present.

Hearing no objection on the request for an electronic attendance, Council Member Akeson was declared present by Mayor Ardis.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or reflection and he asked to keep the residents of Florida and Texas in prayer due to the recent hurricanes, which affected those states. He then led the pledge of allegiance.

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.**

**Kim Armstrong – Bradley Alumni of the Year  
Keep Peoria Beautiful Iris Awards**

**SMALL BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Mayor Jim Ardis recognized Demanes Animal Hospital for the Small Business Excellence Award for their contributions to the City of Peoria and to the Third District. He remarked that Dr. Scott Demanes opened his veterinarian hospital 25 years ago specializing in small and exotic animals. He recognized Dr. Demanes for the beautiful landscaping at the animal hospital's location 3035 N. Wisconsin, which helps beautify the Third District.

Council Member Riggerbach thanked Dr. Demanes and his staff for their investment in the community.

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Dr. Scott Demanes thanked the City for the Small Business Award and stated his family appreciated the many years of support shown by the Peoria community.

### **MINUTES**

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on August 22, 2017, and the Special City Council Meetings held on August 9 -10, 2017 and August 21 -22, 2017 as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

#### **(17-267) Presentation by Township Officials Regarding the Township's Response to PUBLIC ACT 100-0107 Regarding CONSOLIDATION of TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT.**

A letter from Attorney John Redlingshafer of Heyl Royster to the Township Supervisor was distributed to all Town Trustees.

Following a brief statement, Trustee Grayeb, the Township Liaison, introduced Township Attorney John Redlingshafer, who would provide a brief overview of the Township functions.

Mr. John Redlingshafer, attorney for Peoria Township thanked the Township Officials and the Peoria Town Board for engaging in a dialogue about possible consolidation of the Township. He indicated the new law called Public Act 100-0107, which would be effective January 1, 2018, addresses consolidation of townships within Illinois. He remarked that the functions and duties of the Township were unique and not duplicated by other agencies including the City of Peoria. He indicated the Township had specific obligations under the law, which were being met by the current officials. He stated if the Township would be abolished then all powers, duties, assets, property, liabilities, obligations and responsibilities of the Township shall be consumed by the City, which includes the authority to levy property taxes for Township purposes in the same manner as the dissolved Township without an additional ordinance, resolution, or referendum. He remarked the City would be responsible for all of the obligations under the Township Code, the Illinois Public Aid Code and the Property Tax Code. He stated the functions of the Supervisor has direct obligations to those residents in need of Public Aid, otherwise known as General Assistance and/or Emergency Assistance. He explained in addition to those obligations, the City would have further responsibilities to cover and address the various other Township offices, including their existing employees. He said the other offices within the Township were the Township Clerk, Township Collector and Township Assessor. He pointed out the Township Assessor was required to have special training and certifications in order to provide specific services to property owners. He stated the Assessor had levied over \$174,000,000.00 last year. He encouraged everyone to attend the Township Tax Levy Meeting on September 29, 2017, to hear how the officials had implemented cost-saving plans and he said he was proud to report that the Township Budget had not increased over the last several years.

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Chairman Ardis thanked Attorney Redlingshafer for his presentation and stated this was the beginning of the conversation on consolidation, which was brought forth because of dialogue in Springfield. He stated no vote or action would be taken at the meeting tonight, but rather this would start the conversation about potential consolidation.

Trustee Moore thanked the Township attorney and the Township Officials in attendance. She indicated it was important for citizens to know the difference between City and Township governments.

City Manager Patrick Urich reported a cursory financial analysis that was completed showing some cost reductions if the City were to take over township responsibilities, but there would also be some increases. He stated if the City would absorb all the Township employees, there would be an \$80,000 increase in the City budget, citing the fact that joining the City would mean an increase in payments to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

Trustee Jensen requested the City do a further in-depth analysis to see if every Township employee would be needed by the City in the event of a consolidation. She suggested a study of the functions and duties of the Township employees along with other City employees within the Clerk's Office or Finance Department to find out if those functions and duties could be done by current employees or if the City workers could perform dual duties.

Trustee Grayeb requested the City Manager provide in writing the City's analysis on possible Township consolidation.

Trustee Grayeb moved to receive and file the Presentation by Township Officials Regarding the Township's Response to Public Act 100-0107 regarding consolidation of Township Government; seconded by Trustee Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

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

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

- (17-268) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to AUTHORIZE an AUCTION at the City of Peoria Operations and Maintenance Facility on Dries Lane, Saturday, September 16, 2017.**
- (17-269) Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE and Authorize an INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT with the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT) for 60 Monthly Parking Spaces in a City-Owned Parking Facility.**
- (17-270) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to Award a CONTRACT to ILLINOIS PIPING CORPORATION for Boiler and Domestic Hot Water Heater Replacement for the Police Headquarters, in the LOW BID Amount of \$168,760.00.**

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**(17-271) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**

**George Ghareeb (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2019**

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

Item Nos. 17-268 through 17-271 were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

**REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:**

**(17-272) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a REQUEST to RECEIVE and FILE the 2016 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR) by CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP.**

Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins distributed a handout regarding the recent audit completed by CliftonLarsonAllen and he referenced materials prepared by CliftonLarsonAllen previously distributed to all Council Members for review. He introduced Adam Pulley, Principal, CPA at CliftonLarsonAllen who was present to provide a brief overview of the City's 2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

Mr. Adam Pulley reviewed the presentation by discussing the City's total revenues, which remained consistent from 2015 to 2016. He said the increase was mainly due to an increase of about \$5 Million in property taxes. A decrease in intergovernmental revenue was mainly due to a decrease of about \$7 million in Capital Improvements Fund grants and reimbursements related to various projects, he indicated revenues from 2015 were \$165,842,326 compared to 2016 of \$165,521,321. He stated expenditures were down because the decrease in general government expenditures was mainly due to \$9.2 million of bond proceeds received in 2015 used to pay the cost of construction infrastructure improvements for the Louisville Slugger Sports Complex and the Holiday Inn Special Service Area. He indicated this decrease was offset by an increase in Community Development expenditures, of which \$1.2 million related to the additional HRA taxes Remitted to the Peoria Civic Center from the Tourism Reserve Fund as stipulated in the 2016 Intergovernmental agreement. He explained expenditures were down from \$184,697,141 from 2015 compared to \$180,733,519 in 2016. Mr. Pulley explained the current fund balances, which showed a decrease in fund balance in the General Fund was due to a \$1.5 million decrease in State revenue and an increase in transfers to other funds (Refuse Collection Fund \$608,000 and Local Motor Fuel Tax Fund \$778,000 relating to the 2% additional hotel tax) and the Capital Improvements Fund was primarily due to decrease in governmental grants and reimbursements.

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Mayor Ardis thanked Adam Pulley and Lindsey Samp from CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, and Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins for the work put into the audit.

In response to Council Member Akeson's question pertaining to the time it took to release this report, Finance Director/Comptroller Scroggins stated the audit didn't begin until April 1, 2017 and the process took two and a half months. He stated the City had a goal next year to release this report by June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file the 2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) by CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oylar, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

**(17-273) Communication from Councilman Charles Grayeb and the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE a RESOLUTION Affirming that the City of Peoria Desires to Advance Racial Equity in Policy, Practices and Culture, and Supports the Efforts of its Citizens and Organizations that Advocate for Inclusion, Compassion and Understanding.**

City Manager Patrick Urich indicated the City held two community conversations on race and economic opportunity with the goal to advance racial equity in policy, practices and culture across neighborhoods and institutions. He stated these meetings were held to define and seek racial equity, which means closing the gaps so that a person's race does not predict his or her success, while improving outcomes for all. He recognized citizens and organizations roles in advancing racial equity within the City of Peoria.

Following a brief statement, Council Member Grayeb moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Lafelda Jones, who wished to speak on this matter.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to Lafelda Jones.

Ms. Lafelda Jones, a Peoria citizen and author of the first draft of the proposed Resolution thanked Council Member Grayeb for his assistance with the Resolution. She stated she drafted this Resolution because she was concerned for the deaths of African-Americans by various police around this country. She indicated she met with Police Chief Jerry Mitchell and Assistant Chief Lisa Snow and spoke about her concerns. She remarked that she was very proud of the City Police Department and encouraged by the Police Cadet program that had spread to other cities. She said the Police Department's goals of body-cameras for every officer, a user friendly complaint and complimentary process, culturally aware officers and community policing guidelines were the same goals instituted by the Black Lives Matter movement. She indicated the reason for this Resolution was for the City and the Police Department to be in support of the elimination of systematic and racist killings of people of color.

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Police Chief Mitchell thanked Ms. Jones for meeting with him and Assistant Chief Snow to discuss her concerns. He remarked on the community efforts of engagement to bring a positive reflection on the Peoria Police Department. He spoke on the influence the resident officer program had brought to neighborhoods and the school resource officers that helped promote positive outcomes concerning our youth in schools.

Mayor Ardis thanked Council Member Grayeb and Ms. Jones for bringing this Resolution forward.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve a Resolution affirming that the City of Peoria desires to advance racial equity in policy, practices and culture, and supports the efforts of its citizens and organizations that advocate for inclusion, compassion and understanding; seconded by Council Member Turner.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-273 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

**(17-274) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Proposing the Creation of a STERLING AVENUE/ROCKWOOD ROAD SPECIAL SERVICE AREA in the City of Peoria, Illinois and Providing for a Public Hearing and Other Procedures in Connection Therewith. (Council District 4)**

Council Member Montelongo moved to adopt an Ordinance proposing the creation of a Sterling Avenue/Rockwood Road Special Service Area in the City of Peoria, Illinois and providing for a Public Hearing and other procedures in connection therewith; seconded by Council Member Moore.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,496 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

**(17-275) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Proposing the Increase in the Sales Tax Levy of the WESTLAKE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA in the City of Peoria and Providing for a Public Hearing and Other Procedures in Connection Therewith. (Council District 4)**

Council Member Montelongo moved to adopt an Ordinance proposing the increase in the Sales Tax Levy of the Westlake Special Service Area in the City of Peoria and providing for a Public Hearing and other procedures in connection therewith; seconded by Council Member Moore.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,497 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

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**(17-276) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2017 AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET Utilizing \$75,000.00 in Warehouse District TIF Funds to Renovate Office Space at 813 SW WASHINGTON STREET for the PeoriaCorps.**

In response to Council Member Oyler's question regarding the current use of 813 SW Washington, City Manager Patrick Urich stated the building was currently being used for storage and the only impact on the budget would be for utility costs.

Public Works Director Scott Reeise stated the City needed a location to accommodate approximately 30 employees of the PeoriaCorps program, which would utilize the first floor of 813 SW Washington. He stated utilities were currently being used at a minimum at this location since it has been used for storage.

Council Member Oyler voiced concern for the budget deficit and he expressed concerns for the cost of maintaining this building during the City's financial crisis.

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2017 Amended Annual Budget utilizing \$75,000.00 in Warehouse District TIF Funds to renovate office space at 813 SW Washington Street for the PeoriaCorps; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,498 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Oyler – 1.

**(17-277) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE the Use of \$50,000.00 of SOUTH VILLAGE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) Funds to Create a Request for Proposal (RFP) for JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS (Council District 1).**

Council Member Moore reminded the Council that the \$50,000 had already been allocated from last year's budget cycle for a job training program within the 1<sup>st</sup> District. She indicated citizens living with the South Village TIF boundaries would be eligible for participation in the job training program. Council Member Moore moved to approve the use of \$50,000.00 of South Village Tax Increment Financing (TIF) fund to create a request for proposal (RFP) for job training programs; seconded by Council Member Turner.

In response to Council Member Ruckriegel's question regarding a timeline for an RFP, Council Member Moore indicated she expected the request for proposal (RFP) would be completed by next week.

Motion to approve the use of \$50,000.00 of South Village Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds to create a request for proposal (RFP) for job training programs was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

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Council Member Akeson ended her electronic attendance at 7:28 P.M

**(17-278) Presentation from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the MONTH ENDED JULY 31, 2017 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.**

Council Member Grayeb moved to receive and file the month ended July 31, 2017, unaudited financial report; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Motion to receive and file the month ended July 31, 2017, unaudited financial report was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, 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 Ruckriegel moved to defer Item No. 17-117 to the September 26, 2017, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(17-246) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE an AGREEMENT Between the CITY OF PEORIA and BRADLEY UNIVERSITY, which Sets Forth the Terms and Conditions for Customized STREET NAME SIGNS Around the Bradley Campus. (Council District 2)**

Following a brief discussion, Council Member Grayeb moved to approve an agreement between the City of Peoria and Bradley University, which sets forth the terms and conditions for customized street name signs around the Bradley Campus; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Report Back on Employee Take Home Vehicles**

Council Member Ruckriegel requested a report back on employee take home vehicles. He inquired on the number of vehicles allowed to be taken home, the cost for this service and if the City had a policy regulating take home vehicles.

#### **Special Service Area Policy Session**

Council Member Ruckriegel requested a Policy Session to discuss Special Service Areas to create a policy regulating future Special Service Areas.

#### **MacArthur Highway Bridge Replacement Meeting**

Council Member Moore thanked the citizens who attended the public meeting recently regarding the replacement of the MacArthur Highway Bridge. She also thanked Public Works Director Scott Reeise and the Public Works Department for their hard work.

#### **Advisory Committee on Police Community Relations**

Council Member Moore encouraged everyone to attend the Advisory Committee on Police Community Relations meeting on September 14, 2017, at 5:30 P.M. in Room 404 at Peoria City Hall.

#### **Central Illinois Black Expo**

Council Member Moore invited everyone to attend the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Central Illinois Black Expo on Saturday, September 16, 2017, at Glen Oak Park Amphitheater & Lagoon from 11 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

#### **Report Back Community Conversation Results**

Council Member Moore requested a report back for the October 24, 2017, Regular City Council Meeting requesting results from the recent Community Conversation meetings.

#### **East Bluff Neighborhood Cleanup**

Council Member Riggerbach commended Director Ross Black and the Community Development Department for assisting in cleanup efforts of litter in East Bluff Neighborhoods recently.

### **CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD**

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to those citizens wishing to address the City Council/Town Board.

Mr. Ron Valle, Director of Programs at Helping Hands Resource Center, expressed his appreciation to the City Council especially Council Member Moore for her hard work in establishing a job training program for citizens within the South Village. He spoke on recent temporary jobs, which were made available for some of his clients and how this could help the local economy. He encouraged employers to work on creating jobs for the people within the 61605, 61602 and 61603 zip code.

Ms. Elaine Hopkins, a citizen of Peoria invited the Council to attend Friends of Riverfront Park Fundraiser on September 16, 2017, from 2 – 4 P.M. in Riverfront Park, at the foot of Morton Street. She indicated the event would include music, storytelling, kid's events and food would be available for purchase.

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Mr. Savino Sierra, a citizen of Peoria, remarked on the various cultural festivities occurring within the Peoria Community. He spoke on his rich Mexican heritage and stated he would be celebrating the Mexican Independence Day on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 P.M.



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

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