

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

A Regular Meeting of the Joint City Council and Town Board of Trustees of Peoria, Illinois, was held March 10, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall, Council Chambers (Room 400), 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Ardis presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen (Arrived at 6:47 P.M.), Kelly, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 10.
Absent: Moore - 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 Ruckriegel moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on February 25, 2020, as printed; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Kelly, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA**(20-057) Communication from the Town Officials with a Request to APPROVE the AGENDAS for the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.**

Council Member Grayeb said thoughts or questions relating to the Annual Town Meeting should be submitted to the Town Officials prior to the Annual Town Meeting in order to ensure questions were answered appropriately.

At the conclusion of his comments, Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the agendas for the Annual Town Meeting; seconded by Trustee Kelly.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Kelly, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Chairman Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

(20-058) REQUEST from the Town Officials to APPROVE the FEBRUARY 2020 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES and to APPROVE the MARCH 2020 ANTICIPATED

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the February 2020 actual expenditures and to approve the March 2020 anticipated expenditures for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Kelly, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,
Chairman Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

(29-065) BRIEFING Regarding COVID-19

Mayor Ardis introduced Public Health Administrator Monika Hendrickson and Medical Director of Prehospital and EMS OSF Healthcare Dr. Matthew Jackson to provide an update on the COVID-19, also known as the Coronavirus. Seeing no objection by Council, a briefing was provided regarding COVID-19.

A copy of the PowerPoint entitled "Briefing Regarding COVID-19" was provided to all Council Members.

Dr. Jackson provided background information on COVID-19 and explained that coronaviruses were a common family of viruses that typically caused acute respiratory illnesses. He noted that illnesses from the virus ranged from mild to severe. He reviewed the current situation noting that as of March 10, 2020, there had been 116,335 cases worldwide. He said the healthcare community was actively preparing and were in continual communication with Public Health Officials. He said the overall risk to the general population in the United States remained low. He compared statistics from the Center for Disease Control how COVID-19 compared with recent flu illnesses in the United States. He explained how the virus was spread, noting it was predominately person-to-person within close proximity of one another through respiratory droplets such as sneezing or coughing. He said the recommended distance to maintain between individuals was approximately six (6) feet. He reviewed the symptoms stating they usually occurred within two to 14 days after exposure with a fever, cough, and sore throat; however, he said there had been asymptomatic infections. He reviewed the risk factors for severe illnesses stating it affected older patients and individuals with chronic medical problems. He said the course of treatment was mainly supportive. He said there was no specific treatment or vaccine available at this time. He reviewed how the EMS would respond to calls of COVID-19 and the different levels of responses noting that Level 1 began on March 10, 2020, which was surveillance with no cases identified. He reviewed how 911 Dispatch would handle the calls and what questions would be asked in order to assess the situation. He reviewed patient assessment once EMTs arrived at the location. He said most patients were expected to have mild or manageable symptoms and could safely manage the illness at home. He reviewed the criteria for at-home isolation for patients and he provided general instructions to the public. He said prevention was the most important area that the public could impact. In summary, he said there was no need to panic, noting the risk to the population was still considered low. He said there were currently no cases downstate Illinois and most cases were manageable. He said local health care community and public service sectors were actively preparing and implementing protocols, and monitoring the situation.

In response to Council Member Ali, Dr. Jackson said a person could carry the COVID-19 virus for approximately 14 days, noting the average was between three and ten days. Health Administrator Hendrickson said test kits would be distributed through prioritization, noting there was a process through the Health Department prior to disbursements of the kits.

Mayor Ardis recognized the community's concern with the COVID-19. He said the City had basic information available on its website and he said the PowerPoint presentation provided by Dr. Jackson would be provided as well. He expressed his appreciation for the diligence of Dr. Jackson and Public Health Administrator Hendrickson in calming the public and helping the community to work through the situation.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, with Recommendations as Outlined

- (20-028) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development to APPROVE the AMENDMENT to the GUIDELINES of the EAST VILLAGE TIF HOUSING PROGRAM to Allow the Participation of Non-Owner Occupied Properties. (Council District 1, 2, & 3)**
- (20-059) **Communication from the City Manager and Fire Chief with a Request to APPROVE the PURCHASE of three (3) Thermal Imaging Cameras from DINGES FIRE COMPANY, in the Amount of \$23,985.00.**
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- (20-060) **Communication from the City Manager and Chief of Police with a Request to APPROVE a Two (2) Year CONTRACT for the Annual PURCHASE of AMMUNITION for Police Training Use from the LOW BID of ACME SPORTS, in the Amount of \$25,125.00, for a Two-Year Total of \$50,250.00.**
- (20-054) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development and the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,758 Amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to SETBACKS ALONG THOROUGHFARES. (All Council Districts)**
- (20-061) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to Approve the SITE APPLICATION for a CLASS H (TEMPORARY OUTDOOR) Liquor License for an Event to be held by THE YELLOW BEAR FOUNDATION in the 600 BLOCK OF SW WATER ST (in front of KELLEHER'S) on March 14, 2020. (DISTRICT 1)**

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

Council Member Kelly requested Item No. 20-059 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 20-028, 20-054, 20-059 through 20-061, (excluding Item No. 20-059, which was removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Kelly, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

- (20-059)** **Communication from the City Manager and Fire Chief with a Request to APPROVE the PURCHASE of three (3) Thermal Imaging Cameras from DINGES FIRE COMPANY, in the Amount of \$23,985.00.**
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After a brief discussion regarding the cost of the thermal imaging cameras, Council Member Kelly moved to approve the purchase of three (3) thermal imaging cameras from Dinges Fire Company, in the amount of \$23,985.00; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

At the request of Council Member Grayeb, Fire Chief Tony Ardis explained how the thermal imaging cameras worked, why the Fire Department utilized them, and the process the Department used to determine where the cameras would be purchased.

Motion to approve the purchase of three (3) thermal imaging cameras from Dinges Fire Company, in the amount of \$23,985.00 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Kelly, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

FIRST READING

- (20-062)** **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Advisory Commission on Human Resources and Staff to RECEIVE and FILE a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Peoria Relating to the Advisory Commission on Human Resources.**

Community Development Director Ross Black provided an overview of the proposed amendment stating it would more accurately reflect the duties of the Commission and prevent confusion with the public to change the name from the "Advisory Commission on Human Resources" to "CBDG Public Services Advisory Commission."

Council Member Ali moved to receive and file the first reading review of an Ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Peoria relating to the Advisory Commission on Human Resources; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Kelly, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 20-062 will be placed on the March 24, 2020, Regular City Council Meeting agenda.

- (20-063)** **Communication from the City Manager and Fire Chief with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Creating ARTICLE VI (LIFT ASSISTANCE) of CHAPTER 11 (Fire Prevention and Protection of the Code of the City of Peoria) Allowing for a Lift Assist Cost Recovery Fee to be Charged to Assisted Living Facilities, Life Care Facilities, and Nursing Care Facilities.**

Fire Chief Tony Ardis expressed his appreciation to Interim Corporation Counsel Chrissie Peterson for her efforts in drafting the proposed policy. He said it addressed requests for lift assists from

assisted living facilities, life care facilities and nursing care facilities where, if the patient was not injured, the facilities would be charged \$400.00 per incident. He said it would not affect homeowners or independent living facilities.

Council Member Jensen arrived at 6:47 P.M.

Chief Ardis said Ordinances from other municipalities were reviewed when drafting the proposed Ordinance. He said the goal was to make lift assist calls a deterrent for assisted living facilities, life care facilities and nursing care facilities. He said the proposed fee could be adjusted at a later date if needed, and he reported other communities who had adopted such a policy had been successful.

Mayor Ardis requested information on the actual cost for a lift assist. He remarked on the importance of providing a deterrent for private businesses to accept the responsibility for this cost.

Council Member Grayeb said he would like to know the actual cost for a lift assist, stating that what the Council adopted should be for the actual amount in order to recoup the cost from the taxpayers. He remarked on the need of care facilities to be appropriately staffed.

For clarification, Council Member Ruckriegel said this was not a revenue generating policy but was a policy to encourage these facilities to be properly staffed in order to address lift assist situations on their own and not unnecessarily tie up City resources.

In response to Council Member Montelongo regarding staffing levels at care facilities, City Manager Ulrich said such facilities were required by law to have the appropriate staffing and equipment to conduct lift assists themselves, and he cited the appropriate agencies that provided guidelines for the same. He said facilities were calling the Fire Department for lift assists which shifted the concern of a lift assist off the employer/facility and on to the public body. He said it was not the public's role to provide that kind of assistance.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file a first reading review of an Ordinance creating Article VI (Lift Assistance) of Chapter 11 (Fire Prevention and Protection of the Code of the City of Peoria) allowing for a Lift Assist Cost Recovery Fee to be charged to assisted living facilities, life care facilities, and nursing home facilities; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 20-063 will be placed on the March 24, 2020, Regular City Council Meeting agenda.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(20-064) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT a VOLUNTARY HOME SECURITY CAMERA REGISTRATION PROGRAM.

Council Member Montelongo said the City Council previously adopted a budget amendment that brought the remaining funds from the 2019 RING program into the 2020 budget year. He said RING was no longer offering an incentive to purchase the RING cameras; however, he said the City drafted a policy to help City residents obtain security cameras, RING or otherwise, for their home. He said there would be a \$50.00 incentive for purchasing and installing a security camera stating that City residents had to provide a receipt for the purchase and the camera had to be registered

with the Peoria Police Department. He said the offer was only good toward one camera per household. He stated that the Peoria Police Department could not be everywhere at the same time, noting that these cameras would help deter crime.

At the conclusion of his comments, Council Member Montelongo moved to adopt a voluntary home security camera registration program; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(19-278) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 3 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Authorizing the SALE OF ALCOHOL in MOVIE THEATERS.

Council Member Cyr moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the Code of the City of Peoria authorizing the sale of alcohol in movie theaters; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,759 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 8;

Nays: Ali, Grayeb - 2.

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

It was determined that there was no unfinished business to come before the City Council at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

25th Anniversary of March Madness

Council Member Ruckriegel said this year marked the 25th anniversary of the City of Peoria hosting IHSA March Madness. He encouraged everyone to visit downtown Peoria at the Civic Center to watch 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A basketball teams compete.

Mayor Ardis expressed his appreciation to Council Member Ruckriegel for his efforts coordinating with the IHSA Committee. He said this was the 25th year and the last year of the March Madness contract; however, he said efforts were underway to keep March Madness in Peoria. He expressed his appreciation to the hotels, restaurants and volunteers who make the event successful. He thanked all the Peorians who worked over the weekend to help create a lifetime of memories for the State tournament.

East Village Growth Cell Housing Program

Council Member Riggerbach announced that the East Village Growth Cell Housing Program would be open for new applications beginning April 6, 2020.

Railroad Turntable at Riverfront Park

At the request of Council Member Riggerbach, Assistant City Manager Deborah Roethler announced that the Monticello Railroad Museum would be assuming possession of the turntable that was currently located at the Riverfront Park. She said the process was moving faster than previously anticipated due to good weather. She said everyone was excited for the turntable to go to a location where it would be appreciated.

COVID-19

Council Member Jensen expressed her appreciation for the COVID-19 update, and she requested an update on the City's efforts.

City Manager Urich provided an overview of the City's efforts to address COVID-19. He said the protocols and procedures established since 2006 for the pandemic flu plan were being reviewed and updated to reflect guidance from the CDC. He said the City was also working within that plan and working to ensure business continuity plans were in place, what could be done to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and how the City could assist its employees as it related to COVID-19. He said the biggest focus was with the First Responders who were engaged in the process with someone who may have this illness. He said the Fire Department made sure all its employees were trained on the protocol and he said the Police Department was being trained as well. He said the City would be working with the protocol as it progresses, stating it was a fluid situation that could change very quickly.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent; and, 2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent; and, 2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

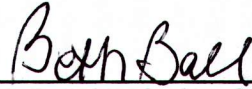
Council Member Cyr moved to adjourn the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.



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

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