

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

A Special Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held December 19, 2017, at 8:00 A.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, Jensen (Arrived at 8:09 A.M.), Moore, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 8. Absent: Cyr, Grayeb, Turner - 3.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA**(17-396) APPOINTMENTS and REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the TOURISM RESERVE FUND with a Request to Concur:**

Council Member Zachary Oyler (Voting) - Term Expires N/A
Council Member Denis Cyr (Voting) - Term Expires N/A
Illinois State Representative Ryan Spain (Voting) - Term Expires N/A

Council Member Riggerbach moved to approve the appointment and reappointment by Mayor Ardis to the Tourism Reserve Fund of Council Member Zachary Oyler, Council Member Denis Cyr and Illinois State Representative Ryan Spain; seconded by Council Member Moore.

In response to Council Member Akeson's question regarding the duties of the TRF and its composition of members, City Manager Ulrich provided a description of the Committee stating it was part of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Peoria Civic Center and the Peoria Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau that was established in 1995. She commented that the sole purpose of the committee was to market primarily the Civic Center, but also the Peoria community. He explained how appointments to the committee were made and who currently filled the seats.

Council Member Akeson expressed a concern of the Board's composition, and she made a substitute motion to defer this matter to the February 27, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

Council Member Riggerbach expressed a concern that delaying the appointments would leave vacancies on the Committee and he asked how delaying this item would affect the Committee's business.

City Manager Ulrich explained that even though there would be some vacancies, the Committee should be able to conduct a business.

Discussions were held regarding the term of the Committee members, and it was noted that there was no expiration for the members.

Council Member Akeson remarked on the importance of reviewing the composition of the Committee noting there needed to be more diversity in order to reflect the diversity of the City.

Substitute motion to defer this matter to the February 27, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Jensen, Moore, Montelongo, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 7;

Nays: Oyler - 1.

(17-397) Request to Hold an EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Jensen, Moore, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 8;

Nays: None.

CITIZEN'S 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. Karrie Alms, a citizen of Peoria, commented on the River Trail project and asked for the purchase options for the Simantel and the Detweiller properties be posted to the City's website. She also stated that the Peoria Boat Club's lease expired at the end of the year, which would leave the club with uncertainty. She commented on the lack of information on the purchase of the Simantel property such as the cost, whether it would be inside or outside the purchase option agreement. She also inquired whether the purchase price for the Detweiller Park Playground increase due to the expiration of the purchase option.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Oyler moved to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Jensen, Moore, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 8;

Nays: None.

The Special City Council Meeting adjourned at 8:15 A.M.



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