

: 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 January 12, 2021, 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 electronically present: Ali (electronic attendance), Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Moore, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 11. Absent: None.

ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

After having established a quorum, Mayor Ardis said a notice was received from Council Member Ali in accordance with the rules established by Ordinance No. 16,142. He said Council Member Ali 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 Ali to attend electronically shall be deemed approved by the City Council and Council Member Ali would be declared as present.

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

COVID-19 PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Governor JB Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-69 and 2020-74, which limit meetings to the lesser of 25 persons or 25% of the overall room capacity; and Executive Orders 2020-07, 33, 44, 59 and 74, requiring the provision of video, audio or telephonic access to meetings; as well as the CDC recommending social distancing of at least 6 feet between persons, City Hall is implementing changes and restrictions for the City Council Meeting on January 12, 2021, while complying with the Open Meetings Act.

The Council Meeting will be held in person in City Council Chambers. There is a room capacity restriction in place of 25 persons at one time which would result in a wait to enter if met. Temperature screenings and face coverings are required for access inside City Hall.

Members of the public and media are invited to watch through the live stream on the City of Peoria's website, YouTube, Local Television Channel 22, or listen through WCBU Radio. While Public Comment is available in-person, the option to submit comments through the City Clerk's Office due to room capacity restrictions was available as well. Any submissions will be read into the record. The agenda, minutes and video podcast of the meeting will be available online through the City website.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PROCLAMATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

Recognition - Chief of Police Loren Marion, III

MINUTES

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on December 8, 2020, and the Special City Council Meeting held on December 15, 2020, as printed; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

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

(21-001) REQUEST from the Town Officials to APPROVE the DECEMBER 2020 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES and to APPROVE the JANUARY 2021 ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES for the Town of the City of Peoria.

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the December 2020 Actual Expenditures and to approve the January 2021 Anticipated Expenditures for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, with Recommendations as Outlined

(21-002) * Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to APPROVE the Funding Recommendations from the CDBG Public Services Advisory Commission for the 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICES FUNDING, in the Amount of \$265,000.00.

(21-003) Communication from the City Manager and Assistant City Manager/Interim Chief Information Officer for the SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE of 25 Energov Licenses, from TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC., in the Amount of \$69,825.00.

(21-004) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request for the Following:

A. APPROVE a CONTRACT with STANTEC CONSULTING, INC. for the Implementation of the US Environmental Protection Agency Brownfield Clean Up Grant for the former TABOR PROPERTY (Council District 1); and

- B. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,816 Amending the City of Peoria 2021 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Capital Fund to Recognize the Receipt of Grant Funding Provided by the US Environmental Protection Agency - Brownfield Assessment Grant and Corresponding Expenditures, in the Amount of \$500,000.00 and the Use of Eagle View TIF Fund Balance, in the Amount of \$100,000.00, to Provide Required Matching Funds for the Grant. (Requires a Supermajority Vote)**

- (21-005)**
** Communication from the City Manager and Assistant City Manager/Interim Chief Information Officer for a **SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT** with **OAKSTAR CONSULTING** for One Year of Support and Consulting for Strategic Planning, Project Management and Skills Development, in an Amount not to Exceed \$160,000.00.
- (21-006)** Communication from the City Manager and Assistant City Manager/Interim Chief Information Officer with a Request to **APPROVE** a **CONTRACT** with **ASCEND TECHNOLOGIES** for a Cyber Security Assessment and Plan, in an Amount not to Exceed \$25,000.00.
- (21-007)** Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for the City Manager to Execute an **AGREEMENT** with the **ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**, in the Amount of \$10,720.00, Plus Contingency, for the City's Participation in **MODERNIZING TRAFFIC SIGNALS** on **US ROUTE 150** at **Academic Dr. and Glen Hollow**. (Council Districts 4 & 5)
- (21-008)** Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to **APPROVE** the **AGREEMENTS** to Amend the Leases between the City of Peoria and **VERIZON**, through Verizon's Agent **AMERICAN TOWER CORPORATION**.
- (21-009)** Communication from the City Manager and Assistant City Manager/Interim Chief Information Officer with a Request to **APPROVE** a **SOLE SOURCE RENEWAL** of the **MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT** for the City's Telecommunication System with **ALTURA COMMUNICATIONS**, in an Amount not to exceed \$56,000.00 Per Year for Up to Three Years.
- (21-010)** Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to **ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,817** Rezoning Property from the Current Class **R-4 (Single Family Residential)** District to a Class **C-N (Neighborhood Commercial)** District for the Property Located at **2132 N GALE AVENUE** (Parcel Identification No. **14-32-451-010**), Peoria IL. (Council District 2)

(21-011) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,818 Amending a SPECIAL USE in a Class R-3 (Single-Family Residential) District, for Church Facilities, Ordinance No. 10,086, as Amended, to include a COMMISSARY KITCHEN AND SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS, for the Property Located at 3601 N NORTH STREET (Parcel Identification Numbers 14-28-301-003 and 14-28-301-008), Peoria, IL (Council District 2).

(21-012) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the EAST VILLAGE GROWTH CELL COMMITTEE with a Request to Concur:

Ilethea Suggs (Voting)

(21-013) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:

Todd Claerhout (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2023

(21-014) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE, with a Request to Concur:

Mr. Stephen Morris, Chairman (Voting) - Term Expires 12/31/2022

(21-015) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES with a Request to Concur:

Catherine A. Neumiller (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023

(21-016) Communication from the City Manager, Treasurer and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the Month Ended NOVEMBER 30, 2020, UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.

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

Council Member Ruckriegel requested Item No. 21-005 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Moore requested Item No. 21-002 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Cyr requested Item No. 21-016 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 Kelly.

Item Nos. 21-002 through 21-016 (excluding Item Nos. 21-002, 21-005 and 21-016, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

(21-002) * Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to APPROVE the Funding Recommendations from the CDBG Public Services Advisory Commission for the 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICES FUNDING, in the Amount of \$265,000.00.

Council Member Moore recognized the Commission's efforts in allocating the funds, noting there were over \$700,000.00 worth of requests submitted for consideration. She said the Commission was comprised of volunteers who were fully engaged in the process, and she expressed her appreciation for their efforts to allocate the CDBG Public Service Funds where appropriate.

At the conclusion of her comments, Council Member Moore moved to approve the funding recommendations from the CDBG Public Services Advisory Commission for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Services Funding, in the amount of \$265,000.00; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(21-005) ** Communication from the City Manager and Assistant City Manager/Interim Chief Information Officer for a SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT with OAKSTAR CONSULTING for One Year of Support and Consulting for Strategic Planning, Project Management and Skills Development, in an Amount not to Exceed \$160,000.00.

After a brief clarification of the terms of the contract and noting both parties could cancel the contract at any time, Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve a sole source contract with Oakstar Consulting for one year of support and consulting for strategic planning, project management and skills development, in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.00; seconded by Council Member Riggenbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(21-016) * Communication from the City Manager, Treasurer and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the Month Ended NOVEMBER 30, 2020, UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.**

Council Member Cyr inquired about the ending fund balance for the stormwater utility, and Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins explained the balance was an enterprise fund balance, which included but was not limited to project assets and cash available. He reported the cash balance for the stormwater utility fund at \$8 million with \$12 million in projected revenues for 2021.

Council Member Cyr requested a Report Back from Public Works Director Rick Powers on stormwater utility expenditures for the last 2.5 years and the projects scheduled for 2021.

At the conclusion of his comments, Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file the month ended November 30, 2020, Unaudited Financial Report; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Discussions were held regarding the ending fund balance for the stormwater utility, and City Manager Urich clarified that completed projects were provided a dollar value and were included in the ending fund balance amount.

Motion to receive and file the month ended November 30, 2020, Unaudited Financial Report was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

FIRST READING

(21-024) Communication from Council Member Kelly with a Request for a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE DESIGNATING AN AREA OF URBAN DECAY and ADOPTING A TAX ABATEMENT for Said Area.

A revised Ordinance with attachments was distributed to all Council Members.

Interim Corporation Counsel Chrissie Peterson explained the change in the revised Ordinance stating a title change was made to reflect "Urban Decay Redevelopment Area." She said it also clarified the timeframe would run on a 10-year cycle as provided for in the State Statutes. She said the landowner would get 10 years of benefits, regardless if the development took place in the 10th year of the Ordinance. She said the legal description provided in the proposed Ordinance was preliminary, stating the City was waiting to receive the legal description from the survey company.

Council Member Kelly said the creation of this item had been a long process wherein he met with neighborhood organizations and citizens to educate them on the Ordinance.

At the end of his comments, Council Member Kelly moved to receive and file the first reading review of an Ordinance designating an area of urban decay and adopting a tax abatement for said area; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Council Member Moore inquired who would review the property tax exemptions, and Interim Corporation Counsel Peterson said that had not yet been identified. She said the changes presented in the revised Ordinance were not presented to the Joint Review Board, stating they were considered minor clerical changes. She said the map presented to the Joint Review Board was clear and there were no changes made to the map.

Council Member Riggerbach requested a Report Back from Community Development Director Ross Black on the number of single-family properties located in the East Village Growth Cell (EVGC) and in the Urban Decay Area; who would be eligible to receive TIF funds in the EVGC; and who would be taken out of TIF eligibility and made eligible for the tax abatement.

Council Member Moore requested a Report Back providing specific addresses affected by the tax abatement.

Council Member Grayeb said he would abstain from this item stating he owned property in the area outlined.

Council Member Jensen commended Council Member Kelly for bringing this item to the Council to consider. She requested more input from citizens who resided within the boundaries of the proposed Urban Decay Area. She said she had received communication from citizens who lived within the area who wanted to participate in the plan. She recommended adding other incentives for those who owned homes in the area who could not do construction. She said the citizens who lived there should have more of a say on the item and provide additional incentives to spur investment and development to benefit everyone.

Council Member Kelly said he agreed with providing a benefit to existing homeowners within the boundaries, and he remarked on the importance of amending State Statutes to provide rehabs. He said because current State Statutes did not provide for rehabs, the Council needed to strongly emphasize such an amendment to its legislative team.

Council Member Moore emphasized this program was initially introduced at no cost to the City. She expressed a concern there was a request for incentives to be added.

Motion to receive and file the first reading review of an Ordinance designating an area of urban decay and adopting a tax abatement for said area was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Moore - 1;

Abstentions: Grayeb - 1.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 21-024 will be placed on the January 26, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting agenda.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(21-017) Communication from the Mayor and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to approve the Declaration of Local State of Emergency; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Montelongo - 1.

- (21-018) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation of Staff to SET a PUBLIC HEARING before the City Council on TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021, at 6:00 P.M., Regarding the Establishment of a CITY-WIDE CSO SEWER RATE AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RATES FOR 2023 -2026. (All Council Districts) (Ref Council item #20-303)**

City Manager Urich said this item set the Public Hearing date for the January 26, 2021, City Council meeting regarding the proposed rate increases for the sewer charges between 2023-2026.

Council Member Jensen moved to set the Public Hearing before the City Council for Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at 6:00 P.M., regarding the establishment of a City-wide CSO Sewer Rate and Approval of proposed rates for 2023-2026; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

- (21-019) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to AUTHORIZE the City Manager to Enter Into a CONTRACT with CLA (CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP) to Provide Annual Auditing Services for 2020, in the Amount of \$99,750.00, Reduced from the Original Contract of \$111,900.00, and Extend the Current Agreement for Three (3) Years, Specifically for Fiscal Year 2021 (\$102,900.00), 2022 (\$106,050.00), and 2023 (\$109,200.00) with an Optional 2-Year Extension for Fiscal Years 2024 (\$112,350.00) and 2025 (\$115,500.00)**

City Manager Urich said the City's Purchasing Department sent letters to all City vendors requesting a reduction in rates. He said CLA provided a rate reduction coupled with a request for a three-year extension of the contract with a two-year renewal option. He said the request for reduction in fees was in response to Council Member Jensen's request. He said he anticipated more vendors coming back with reductions in fees as well.

Council Member Jensen moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen LLP) to provide annual auditing services for 2020, in the amount of \$99,750.00, reduced from the original contract of \$111,900.00, and extend the current agreement for three (3) years, specifically for fiscal year 2021 (\$102,900.00), 2022 (\$106,050.00), and 2023 (\$109,200.00) with an optional 2-year extension for fiscal years 2024 (\$112,350.00) and 2025 (\$115,550.00); seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Council Member Jensen expressed her appreciation to City Manager Urich for seeking a reduction in contract fees and she thanked CLA for their offer. She requested the City Council approve this item.

Discussions were held regarding the rotation of auditing firms, and it was noted the City rotated firms every five to ten years. Council Member Ali expressed her appreciation for the reduction of fees; however, she expressed a concern for contracting with the same firm for ten years. She said it would be prudent to review changes after five years. She expressed her appreciation to City Manager Urich for negotiating the reduction in fees and to Council Member Jensen for her recommendation for such reductions.

Council Member Ali lost connection with the meeting at 6:50 P.M.

Motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen LLP) to provide annual auditing services for 2020, in the amount of \$99,750.00, reduced from the original contract of \$111,900.00, and extend the current agreement for three (3) years, specifically for fiscal year 2021 (\$102,900.00), 2022 (\$106,050.00), and 2023 (\$109,200.00) with an optional 2-year extension for fiscal years 2024 (\$112,350.00) and 2025 (\$115,550.00) was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(21-020) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Human Resources with a Request to APPROVE and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT Negotiated between the City of Peoria and the PEORIA POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION Covering the Period from January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2021.

Interim Corporation Counsel Peterson provided an overview of this item stating it had been voted and ratified by the Union in 2020. She said this was a two-year agreement, which ran from January 2020 through December 2021, noting negotiations would begin soon for the upcoming contract. She reviewed the key terms of the contract.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between the City of Peoria and the Peoria Police Benevolent Association covering the period from January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2021; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(21-021) Communication from the Mayor and Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Concerning 2021 LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS.

Council Member Ruckriegel said this item provided business owners a partnership with the City to let them know the Council understood the fragility of their business during the pandemic. He said this would extend the due date of fees out to May 2021. He said this would give business owners more time to consider their cashflow and to adjust back to the typical license year for 2022.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to adopt an Ordinance concerning 2021 liquor license renewals; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Discussions were held regarding businesses that would be exempt from this Ordinance, and Interim Corporation Counsel Peterson said businesses who had a package license without on-premise consumption would be exempt, noting it would impact 49 liquor licenses.

Council Member Montelongo expressed his appreciation to the City Manager for bringing this item to the City Council for consideration. He said he met with the local hospitality association and other chambers in December wherein they were requesting the City to help them during this time, noting this reduction would be a significant savings for some establishments.

Council Member Jensen commended Staff for bringing this item to Council for consideration, remarking it was needed for the businesses of Peoria. She said she supported not providing a reduction in fees to those businesses who were found non-compliant to the Governor's mitigation orders.

Interim Corporation Counsel Chrissie Peterson said all liquor license holders, other than those exempt, qualified for the discount, stating she was unaware of any business found non-compliant of the Governor's mitigation orders.

Council Member Ali returned to the meeting electronically at 7:06 P.M.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,819 concerning the 2021 liquor license renewals was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

(21-022) Communication from the Mayor and Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Concerning the 2021 VIDEO GAMING LICENSE RENEWALS.

Interim Corporation Counsel Chrissie Peterson said this item was similar to the 2021 liquor license renewals, stating videogaming license renewals ran concurrently. She said this Ordinance would reduce those fees by 50%. She said this applied to terminal licenses and not to operator licenses.

Council Member Jensen moved to adopt an Ordinance concerning the 2021 video gaming license renewals; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,820 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

(21-023) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel regarding the SITE APPLICATION for a Class C (Packaged Goods) Liquor License for the Retail Sale of Alcohol at M and J USA PROPERTY, LLC, D/B/A KING ZONE, 2411 N. KNOXVILLE, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to DENY. (Council District 2)

Council Member Grayeb said, in light of the overwhelming negative response to a liquor license at this location, he moved to approve the request to deny the Site Application for a Class C (Packaged Goods) Liquor License for the retail sale of alcohol at M and J USA Property, LLC, d/b/a King Zone, 2411 N. Knoxville; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Motion to deny was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

(20-182) 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 CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to SHORT TERM RENTAL USES.

Council Member Oyler said additional discussions were held and more time would be needed to work on this item.

At the conclusion of his comments, Council Member Oyler moved to defer this item to the February 23, 2021, Regular City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Motion to defer to the February 23, 2021, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(20-244) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class CN (Neighborhood Commercial) District for an ASSISTED LIVING (Sober Living) FACILITY, for the Property Located at 2419 N PROSPECT ROAD (Parcel Identification No. 14-34-327-009), Peoria IL (Council District 3).

Council Member Riggenbach said the Petitioner was not ready to proceed on this item, and he moved to defer this item to the February 9, 2021, Regular City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Motion to defer to the February 9, 2021, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (20-301) Communication from the City Manager and Assistant City Manager with a Request to DEFER Until JANUARY 26, 2021, the Following:**
- A. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2020 - 2021 BIENNIAL BUDGET Relating to the USE of SOUTH VILLAGE TIF FUND BALANCE to PURCHASE Property at 210 S WESTERN AVE in the Amount of \$550,000.00; and**
 - B. APPROVE the PURCHASE of Real Property Located at 210 S WESTERN AVE for Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00) from the SOUTH VILLAGE TIF.**

Council Member Moore said she wanted to withdraw this item. She said since the December meeting she had at least six organizations, businesses or individuals contact her about utilizing the space at 210 S. Western Ave. She provided an overview of the vision for this location stating it would model after the Lebron James Community Hub. She explained she would withdraw the item due to the purchase agreement expiring at the end of January. She said she would bring an item back to Council for approval once plans were finalized.

Interim Corporation Counsel Peterson said a motion was not necessary for an item to be withdrawn.

NEW BUSINESS

COVID-19 Vaccination

Council Member Grayeb inquired as to the status of vaccinations for COVID-19, and City Manager Urich said he would provide the City Council with an update after a conference call with the Health Department on January 13, 2021.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis asked City Clerk Beth Ball to read the citizen comments into the record as follows:

Roy Beckham, a citizen of Peoria, expressed a concern regarding the code violation process and notice of violations. He commented on the City's collection process for such violations and the collection agencies used by the City. At the conclusion of his comments he asked the Council to forgive all debt placed on him by the City of Peoria that had been turned over to collections.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; 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 Oyler moved to go into Executive Session pursuant 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; 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 Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenschach,
Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenschach,
Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

The Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.



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