

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

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held August 8, 2017, at 6:01 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, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 9.  
Absent: Oyler, Riggerbach – 2.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.**

**Jim Wilhelm Day – August 10, 2017  
National Health Care Week – August 13 – 19, 2017**

**MINUTES**

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on July 25, 2017, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Ruckriegel, Turner,  
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

**PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA (Continued)**

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

**(17-244)**      **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a**  
**\***              **Request to APPROVE the Following:**

- A. One (1) Year CONTRACT Extension with THE CLEANING SOURCE to September 30, 2018, in the Amount of \$321,107.04, for Janitorial Cleaning of City Buildings; and,**
- B. One (1) Year CONTRACT with LINDSAY’S DEPENDABLE CLEANING to September 30, 2018, in the amount of \$60,867.20.**

**(17-245)**      **Communication from the City Manager and Community Development**  
**\*\***              **Director with a Request from the Advisory Commission on Human Resources (HRC) to APPROVE the 2018 CDBG PUBLIC SERVICE APPLICATION.**

- (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)**  
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- (17-247) **Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 17-247 of the City of Peoria Concerning Support of the FY2016 Economic Development Assistance Programs City of Peoria Grant Application for the RECONSTRUCTION OF NORTH UNIVERSITY STREET Between Pioneer Parkway and Townline Road. (Council District 5)**
- (17-248) **Communication from the City Manager with a Request for the Following:**  
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- A. **APPROVE the Creation of the SOUTH VILLAGE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY REHABILITATION PROGRAM; and,**
  - B. **ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2017 AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Use of the SOUTH VILLAGE TIF FUND BALANCE.**
- (17-249) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a CLASS H (Temporary Outdoor) Liquor License from ILLINOIS VALLEY PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION (WTVP) for an Event to be Held in the ALLEY BEHIND 736 SW WASHINGTON ST ON COMMERCIAL ST TO STATE ST TO SW WATER ST, on Sunday August 20, 2017. (Council District 1)**

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

Council Member Moore requested Item Nos. 17-244, 17-245 and 17-248 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Jensen requested Item No. 17-246 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. 17-244 through 17-249 (excluding Item No. 17-244, 17-245, 17-246 and 17-248) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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Mayor Ardis - 9;

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Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 9;  
Nays: None.

**(17-245)**      **Communication from the City Manager and Community Development**  
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Council Member Moore moved to approve the 2018 CDBG Public Service Application; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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Council Member Grayeb indicated he supported the deferral and he was confident that Bradley wouldn't have any problems with taking this matter to the neighborhoods.

Motion to defer to the September 12, 2017, Regular City Council was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Ruckriegel, Turner,  
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

**(17-248) Communication from the City Manager with a Request for the Following:**

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**B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2017 AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Use of the SOUTH VILLAGE TIF FUND BALANCE.**

Council Member Moore stated this program would only include commercial properties within the boundaries of the South Village TIF and would assist with improvements of commercial properties. She indicated the City would match funds up to 50% and owners must submit an application to the City for review to ensure guidelines are followed.

Council Member Moore moved to approve the creation of the South Village Commercial Property Rehabilitation Program; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Ruckriegel, Turner,  
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2017 Amended Annual Budget relating to the use of the South Village TIF Fund Balance; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,491 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Ruckriegel, Turner,  
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

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

**(17-250) Presentation from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2017, UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.**

Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins distributed the Unaudited Financial Report for the Quarter ended June 30, 2017, to all Council Members.

Finance Director/Comptroller Scroggins provided an overview of the financial report. He discussed the various City of Peoria Fund Balances as of June 30, 2017. He reviewed the Revenue and Expenditure Comparisons for fiscal year 2016 and fiscal year 2017 as of June 30, 2017. He stated sales tax Revenues were down 3% from 2016.

Two handouts were distributed to the City Council regarding the 2012-2016 Financial Trend Analysis and 2017-2021 Budget Outlook.

City Manager Patrick Urich explained the fiscal trends for the last five years. He spoke about the Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) and he indicated the City of Peoria saw growth from 2014 to 2016. He explained the distribution of property tax bills were as follows; Schools 58%, City of Peoria 12%, Park District 9%, County of Peoria 9%, Library 5% and Other 7%. City Manager Urich stated the Property Tax Distribution for the General Fund has declined from \$3.102 million in 2012 to \$670,000 in 2016. He commented that Utility Taxes were declining in part to energy efficient homes and the disappearance of land line telephones. He stated Home Rule Sales Tax had increased approximately \$1.3 million during 2015-2016. He further stated that Gaming Tax revenues had a significant drop from \$3.56 million in 2012 to \$3.37 million in 2016.

City Manager Urich began discussion regarding the 2017 Budget Expenditures. He stated Police, Fire and ECC along with Public Works made up 58% of the City Budget, and Capital Infrastructure totaled 70%. He explained the rise in pension cost for Police Pensions that had risen from 29.40% of payroll in 2012 to 44.94 % of payroll in 2016. He explained that 84% of the tax levy goes to pensions for police, fire and public employees. He stated the City of Peoria Bond Debt had lowered from \$253.411 million in 2012 to \$185.967 million in 2016.

City Manager Urich spoke on the Top Line Revenue and Expenses for All Funds for 2017 – 2021 along with Top Line Revenue and Expenses General Fund, for 2017 and 2021. He stated 2017 expenses would be \$181.6 million while in 2021 expenses would be \$203.8 million. He indicated revenues would be \$100.5 million in 2017 and \$95.4 million in 2021, which creates a \$7.9 million deficit for the City of Peoria. He said the majority of the general fund was funded by sales tax so, he emphasized the importance of shopping local because the City was so reliant on the sales tax. He indicated he had asked department heads to cut 5 to 10% of their budget for 2018 and report what the impact to service levels will be. He stated the Budget Challenge would return next week to allow citizens an opportunity to decide how they would best allocate dollars across City services and the goal of each participant would be to balance the budget.

Council Member Ruckriegel voiced concern regarding the budget crisis. He discussed the fund balances growth and then questioned what percent of the fund balances included the unencumbered fund balance.

Director Scroggins stated that the unencumbered fund balances was approximately \$9.7 million currently. He said that five years ago the City had a fund balance over \$19 million.

In response to Council Member Ruckriegel's question regarding the EAV and its three year average, City Manager Urich indicated he and the Supervisor of Assessments had reviewed the average and there would be a slight increase in 2018 then there would be a decrease after that.

Director Scroggins answered Council Member Ruckriegel's question regarding to the average amount each citizen of Peoria owes for the City's debt. He indicated each citizen was responsible for \$1,617.00 per person regarding the debt.

In response to Council Member Jensen's request for public input into the budget crisis, he stated the City would have public budget meetings along with data collected from the budget challenge. He indicated the City would have 30 days of public input and would collect the data at the end of September then take budget to Council by October. He said the City must have a budget filed by January 1<sup>st</sup> so past practice has had the budget adopted by Thanksgiving.

Council Member Grayeb voiced concern for the budget deficit and stated the City needed more homes to sell within the community, which could help the budget crisis.

Council Member Moore moved to receive and file the quarter ended June 30, 2017, unaudited financial report; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Ruckriegel, Turner,  
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

**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**

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

**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, spoke on the importance of supporting the re-entry program. He reflected on his personal experience with the re-entry program and he thanked the City of Peoria for their support and he explained his desire for giving back to the community.

Mr. Steven Tyler, a citizen of Peoria and Chairman of Mayor's Litter Committee, spoke on the weekly litter pickup that occurs every Monday in downtown Peoria. He explained a dozen citizens meet at City Hall at noon each Monday and walk the downtown area to collect litter. He stated his committee was still looking for volunteers and he thanked the many individuals that had assisted with the litter pick-up.

Mayor Ardis thanked Steven for his hard work and dedication in helping to keep downtown Peoria clean. He stated this program really made a difference and encouraged others to volunteer with the cleanup efforts over the next three months.

Mr. Doug Johnson, a concerned citizen expressed concerns with the City of Peoria Budget. He stated the City should support a higher minimum wage, which could help generate more sales and property taxes within the region. He indicated that many young adults were leaving the Peoria area because of the lack of opportunities regarding high paying jobs.

Mr. Savino Sierra, a citizen of Peoria, stated the City needed to emphasis a neighborhood cleanup program. He said the amount of litter within neighborhoods needs to be addressed and he encouraged the area schools to teach young school children the value of cleaning up litter in their area.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

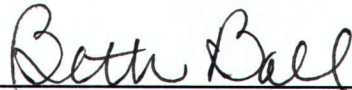
Council Member Grayeb moved to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Ruckriegel, Turner,  
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

The City Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.



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

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