

**: 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 9, 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, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore (electronic attendance), Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 11. Absent: None.

**ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Ardis announced a notice was received by Council Member Moore in accordance with rules established in Ordinance No. 16,142. He said Council Member Moore would be deemed authorized to attend the meeting electronically unless a motion objecting to the member's electronic attendance was made, seconded, and approved by two-thirds of the members of the City Council physically present at the meeting. If no such motion was made and seconded, then the request by Council Member Moore to attend electronically would be deemed approved by the City Council and Council Member Moore would be declared present.

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

**COVID-19 PUBLIC NOTICE**

In accordance with Governor JB Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07, as amended and extended, limiting meetings to the lesser of 25 persons or 25% of the overall room capacity and 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 implemented changes and restrictions for the City Council Meeting on March 0, 2021, while complying with the spirit of the Open Meetings Act. The Council Meeting was held in person in City Council Chambers. There was a room capacity restriction of 25 persons at one time, which would result in a wait to enter if met. Temperature screenings and face coverings were required for access inside City Hall. Members of the public and media were 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 was 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 would be read into the record. The agenda, minutes and video podcast of the meeting were available online through the City's website.

**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.**

Elizabeth Klise--"Once Upon Peoria"

**MINUTES**

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve the minutes of the Rescheduled Regular City Council Meeting held on February 22, 2021, as printed; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

- (21-056) REQUEST from the Town Officials to APPROVE the FEBRUARY 2021 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES and to APPROVE the MARCH 2021 ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES for the Town of the City of Peoria.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the February 2021 Actual Expenditures and to approve the March 2021 Anticipated Expenditures for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Kelly.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA****CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, with Recommendations as Outlined**

- (21-057) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE the Recommendation from the HOME FOR ALL CONTINUUM OF CARE for the Funding Allocation of the EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) COVID FUNDING to Specified Agencies, in the Amount of \$795,903.00.**
- (21-058) Communication from the City Manager and the Fire Chief with a Request to APPROVE the PURCHASE of One (1) Genesis Extrication Tool System from the LOW BID of MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES (MES), in the Amount of \$27,400.00.**
- (21-059) Communication from the City Manager and the Fire Chief with a Request to APPROVE the PURCHASE of Nine (9) Complete Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and Twenty-Nine (29) Air Cylinders from the LOW BID of MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES (MES), in the Amount of \$74,545.00.**

- (21-060) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE a CONTRACT with REHRIG PACIFIC COMPANY, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$36,310.10, to Purchase 702 New 95 Gallon Garbage Carts for Replacement and Inventory. (All Council Districts)
- (21-061)  
\* Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request for the Following:
- A. APPROVE an Incumbency Certificate and RESOLUTION Accepting a Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) for the STRONG COMMUNITIES PROGRAM (SCP), in the Amount of \$200,000.00; and
  - B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the CITY OF PEORIA 2021 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Capital Fund to Recognize the Receipt of a Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) for the Strong Communities Program (SCP) and Corresponding Expenditures, in the Amount of \$200,000.00.
- (21-062)  
\*\* Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request for the Following:
- A. APPROVE a Substantial AMENDMENT to the 2020-2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN for Submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD);
  - B. APPROVE the REALLOCATION of Prior Year CDBG Funds; and
  - C. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2021 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund to Recognize the Receipt of Additional Grant Funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to Prevent, Prepare for, or Respond to COVID-19, in the Amount of \$795,903.00 and the Corresponding Expenditures; Reduce the 2020 CDBG Grant Funding, in the Amount of \$314.00, and Corresponding Expenditures and to Reduce the Home Fund to Recognize the Decrease in the Home Investment Partnership Grant, in the Amount of \$105.00 and the Corresponding Reduction in Expenditures.
- (21-063)  
\*\*\* Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2021 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Recognition of a Grant Received from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity for Local Cure's Economic Support Payments Grant Program known as the Business Recovery Grant Program and the Corresponding Expenditures, in the Amount of \$1,385,000.00 (Council District All)

- (21-064) **Communication from the City Manager and Interim Police Chief with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,827 Amending the City of Peoria 2021 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Purchase of a Seized 2017 Dodge RAM 1500 Limited for the Police Special Investigation Division Using the State Asset Forfeiture (STAFOR) Funds, in the Amount of \$16,186.22.**
- (21-065) **APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**
- Jeremy Coers (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2021**
- (21-066) **Communication from the City Manager, Director of Public Works, and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a REPORT from the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT) Titled DOCUMENTATION REVIEW #73.**

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. 21-061, 21-062 and 21-063 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 21-057 through 21-066 (excluding Item No. 21-061, 21-062 and 21-063, 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, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

- (21-061) **Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request for the Following:**
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- A. **APPROVE an Incumbency Certificate and RESOLUTION Accepting a Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) for the STRONG COMMUNITIES PROGRAM (SCP), in the Amount of \$200,000.00; and**
- B. **ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the CITY OF PEORIA 2021 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Capital Fund to Recognize the Receipt of a Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) for the Strong Communities Program (SCP) and Corresponding Expenditures, in the Amount of \$200,000.00.**

Council Member Moore moved to approve an incumbency certificate and Resolution accepting a grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) for the Strong Communities Program (SCP), in the amount of \$200,000.00; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Council Member Moore expressed her appreciation to the City's Grant Department and the Economic Development Department who worked to apply for these funds that were being offered. She said these grant monies were slated to be used for demolitions in the 61605 area code.

Council Member Ali said she would abstain from voting on this matter due to her being a member of the IHDA Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-161 approving an incumbency certificate and accepting a grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) for the Strong Communities Program (SCP), in the amount of \$200,000.00, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstain: Ali – 1.

A replacement Ordinance was distributed to all Council Members.

Council Member Moore moved to adopt the replacement Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2021 Revised Annual Budget relating to the capital fund to recognize the receipt of a grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) for the Strong Communities Program (SCP) and corresponding expenditures, in the amount of \$200,000.00; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,828 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstain: Ali – 1.

**(21-062)**      **Communication from the City Manager and Community Development**  
**\*\***              **Director with a Request for the Following:**

- A.    APPROVE a Substantial AMENDMENT to the 2020-2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN for Submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD);**
- B.    APPROVE the REALLOCATION of Prior Year CDBG Funds; and**
- C.    ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2021 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund to Recognize the Receipt of Additional Grant Funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to Prevent, Prepare for, or Respond to COVID-19, in the Amount of \$795,903.00 and the Corresponding Expenditures; Reduce the 2020 CDBG Grant Funding, in the Amount of \$314.00, and Corresponding Expenditures and to Reduce the Home Fund to Recognize the Decrease in the Home Investment Partnership Grant, in the Amount of \$105.00 and the Corresponding Reduction in Expenditures.**

Discussions were held regarding the amendments to the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan. Community Development Director Black explained the City Council, on an annual basis, presented recommendations to the CDBG Commission and reviewed targeted areas. He said the Council could apply a weighted approach on specific types of activity the Council wanted to target.

Council Member Moore expressed her appreciation for this item and the information, stating it covered the South Side, North Valley and East Bluff. She said there were areas where the City provided funding and should continue to be provided without a lapse. He said the amended Consolidated Plan provided for a more weighted approach.

At the conclusion of her comments, Council Member Moore moved to approve a substantial amendment to the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan for submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); 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.

Council Member Moore moved to approve the reallocation of prior year CDBG Funds; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Council Member Moore said the reallocation of the prior year's funds would apply toward the new Fire Station 4 on Western and Howett, stating those monies would stay in the South Side.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2021 Revised Annual Budget relating to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund to recognize the receipt of additional grant funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to prevent, prepare for, or respond to COVID-19, in the amount of \$795,903.00 and the corresponding expenditures; reduce the 2020 CDBG grant funding, in the amount of \$314.00, and corresponding expenditures and to reduce the Home Fund to recognize the decrease in the home investment partnership grant, in the amount of \$105.00 and the corresponding reduction in expenditures; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,829 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(21-063)**

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**Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2021 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Recognition of a Grant Received from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity for Local Cure's Economic Support Payments Grant Program known as the Business Recovery Grant Program and the Corresponding Expenditures, in the Amount of \$1,385,000.00 (Council District All)**

Council Member Moore recognized and expressed her appreciation to Senior Economic Engagement Specialist Kevin Evans and Senior Development Specialist Cesar Suarez for their efforts on this matter.

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2021 Revised Annual Budget relating to the recognition of a grant received from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity for Local Cure's Economic Support Payments Grant Program known as the Business Recovery Grant Program and the corresponding expenditures, in the amount of \$1,385,000.00; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

City Manager Ulrich reviewed Council approval for supporting agencies to provide services to the homelessness in the community. He expressed his appreciation to the Economic Development Team, including Management Analyst ShamRa Robinson and Assistant City Manager Deborah Roethler, for their efforts on this item.

At the request of Council Member Montelongo, Senior Economic Engagement Specialist Evans explained the process for applying for grants. Council Member Montelongo inquired whether the cutoff date could be changed, and he asked if businesses who did not qualify last time would be included in this round of grants. He also asked for the application process be made easier to complete.

Senior Economic Engagement Specialist Evans said he would consider the feedback regarding eligibility; however, he said eligibility was established by the grant application submitted by the City. He said he would review the application process to make the easier for those applying.

Council Member Montelongo said the City missed opportunities to help businesses who had missed the application process for assistance. He said all businesses had struggled during COVID, and he remarked on the need to include all businesses in some way.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,830 amending the City of Peoria 2021 Revised Annual Budget relating to the recognition of a grant received from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity for Local Cure's Economic Support Payments Grant Program known as the Business Recovery Grant Program and the corresponding expenditures, in the amount of \$1,385,000.0011 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

## **FIRST READINGS**

**(21-067) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with Recommendation from the Construction Commission to RECEIVE and FILE a FIRST READING of the Following:**

- A. An ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 5 of the City of Peoria CODE Pertaining to BUILDING CODES Based on the Recommendation of the Construction Commission to Adopt the 2018 ICC International Building Code, the 2018 International Fuel Gas Code, the 2018 ICC International Mechanical Code, the 2018 ICC International Property Maintenance Code, the 2018 International ICC Fire Code, the 2018 ICC International Residential Code, and the 2017 National Electrical Code (City-Wide); and**

**B. An ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 13 of the City of Peoria CODE Pertaining to BUILDING CODES Based on the Recommendation of the Construction Commission to Adopt the 2018 ICC International Property Maintenance Code (City-Wide).**

Community Development Director Ross Black said this item would update the City's building codes from 2012 to the 2018 standards, noting there were no substantial changes to the codes.

Mayor Ardis said the Construction Commission and the Peoria Area Association of Realtors supported the 2018 building codes.

Council Member Jensen inquired whether neighborhood associations were notified of the new codes, and Director Black said there was no direct outreach to the associations because there were no changes that would impact the neighborhoods.

Council Member Kelly inquired whether other municipalities condensed their building codes or developed their own set of building codes. Director Black said he did not know of any municipality who created their own building codes. He said most of the building projects in the City only dealt with a fraction of the Code, and he said the Community Development Department provided the community some guidance on common small projects.

Discussions were held on how the City had reduced and eliminated many of its fees. Council Member Cyr commended the Community Development Department on their efforts to reduce fees over the last 3-4 years. He encouraged to continue to reduce fees when working with developers.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file an Ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the City of Peoria Code pertaining to building codes based on the recommendation of the Construction Commission to adopt the 2018 ICC International Building Code, the 2018 International Fuel Gas Code, the 2018 ICC International Mechanical Code, the 2018 ICC International Property Maintenance Code, the 2018 International ICC Fire Code, the 2018 ICC International Residential Code, and the 2017 National Electrical Code (City-Wide); seconded by Council Member Ali.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

After a brief overview provided by Community Director Ross Black, Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file an Ordinance amending Chapter 13 of the City of Peoria Code pertaining to building codes based on the recommendation of the Construction Commission to adopt the 2018 ICC International Property Maintenance Code; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

*CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 21-067 will be placed on the March 23, 2021, Regular City Council Agenda.*



**(21-068) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a FIRST READING of a Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to Adopt an ORDINANCE Amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code Relating to ZONING REVIEW AND NONCONFORMITIES.**

Community Development Director provided an overview of the proposed Ordinance stating it affected the more complex component of the zoning Ordinances which dealt with non-conformities.

Council Member Oyler moved to receive and file a First Reading of a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to adopt an Ordinance amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code relating to zoning review and nonconformities; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

*CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 21-068 will be placed on the March 23, 2021, Regular City Council Agenda.*

**(21-069) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE DIVIDING VIDEO GAMING TERMINAL FEES BETWEEN OPERATORS AND ESTABLISHMENTS.**

Corporation Counsel Chrissie Peterson provided an overview of the proposed Ordinance as it related to the annual fee for a video gaming terminal between the local establishment and the operator.

Council Member Jensen moved to receive and file a First Reading of an Ordinance dividing video gaming terminal fees between operators and establishments; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

*CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 21-069 will be placed on the March 23, 2021, Regular City Council Agenda.*

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

- (21-070)      **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request for One of the Following:**
- A.      **Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to ADOPT ORDINANCE A Replacing Special Use Ordinance 15,077 with a Special Use in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District and Class C-1 (General Commercial) District, for a SHOPPING CENTER for the Property Located at 3624, 3622, 3602 N UNIVERSITY STREET and 1205 W FLORENCE AVENUE (Parcel Identification Nos. 14-29-401-020, 14-29-401-021, 14-29-401-024, 14-29-401-026, 14-29-401-007 and 14-29-401-008), Peoria Illinois; or**
  - B.      **Concur with the Recommendation from Staff to ADOPT ORDINANCE B Replacing Special Use Ordinance 15,077 with a Special Use in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District and Class C-1 (General Commercial) District, for a SHOPPING CENTER for the Property Located at 3624, 3622, 3602 N UNIVERSITY STREET and 1205 W FLORENCE AVENUE (Parcel Identification Nos. 14-29-401-020, 14-29-401-021, 14-29-401-024, 14-29-401-026, 14-29-401-007 and 14-29-401-008), Peoria IL. (Council District 2)**

Community Development Director Black said this was a Special Use request encompassing 4.5 acres; however, the current development was only on 1.5 acres. He said since Special Uses were site specific, any development on that parcel would have to go through a Public Hearing process.

Council Member Grayeb said Staff had spent a lot of time on this item and reaching out to the surrounding neighborhoods. He said Staff's recommendation would be best and would comport better with the leaders in the neighborhood.

Council Member Grayeb moved to concur with the recommendation from Staff to adopt Ordinance B replacing Special Use Ordinance 15,077 with a Special Use in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District and Class C-1 (General Commercial) District, for a Shopping Center for the property located at 3624, 3622, 3602 N. University Street and 1205 W. Florence Avenue (Parcel Nos. 14-29-401-020, 14-29-401-021, 14-29-401-024, 14-29-401-026, 14-29-401-007 and 14-29-401-008), Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Mayor Ardis said Council Member Grayeb had spent a lot of time with the local neighborhood group to ensure everyone was satisfied with the project, stating this was the first step to make it a bigger and better use for the property.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,831 replacing Special Use Ordinance 15,077 with a Special Use in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District and Class C-1 (General Commercial) District, for a Shopping Center for the property located at 3624, 3622, 3602 N. University Street and 1205 W. Florence Avenue (Parcel Nos. 14-29-401-020, 14-29-401-021, 14-29-401-024, 14-29-401-026, 14-29-401-007 and 14-29-401-008), Peoria, Illinois, was adopted 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 (City Wide).**

Council Member Jensen moved 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; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Council Member Grayeb expressed his appreciation to all the Council Members who had worked on this item. He remarked on the role the Airbnb played in getting this item adopted.

Community Development Director Black said the City had productive conversations with Airbnb. He said the Airbnb representative indicated they would collect and remit hotel taxes on behalf of the property owners if the City adopted an Ordinance requiring this responsibility. He said such an Ordinance would be presented to Council at a later date. He said Airbnb also had a law enforcement portal that could be accessed by the Peoria Police Department in order to have immediate contact with the Airbnb if there were issues with a property.

At the request of Council Member Montelongo, Director Black provided an overview of the short term rental process.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,832 amending Appendix A (the Unified Development Code) of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to short term rental uses was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

**ADDITIONAL UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Western Avenue Reconstruction Project**

Council Member Moore announced work had begun on Western Avenue and she asked the community to be patient with travel on that corridor while the work was being done, noting it would be ongoing for the next two years.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Yard Waste Collection Begins Monday, March 15, 2021**

Council Member Moore announced yard waste collection would begin on Monday, March 15, 2021.

**Community Input regarding the Next Chief of Police**

Council Member Moore said the City was seeking input on attributes in the next Police Chief. She said a survey could be done online or a hardcopy could be picked up from the Peoria Public Library. She remarked on the importance of the community to make suggestions for the next Police Chief.

**Pop-Up Clean Up**

Council Member Riggensch expressed his appreciation to the Community Development Department and the Neighborhood Enhancement Coordinator Kaylee Drea for the pop-up cleanup she organized in the East Bluff. He said this was a new program for the neighborhoods for when there was a nice day the City would reach out to a neighborhood and organize a spontaneous clean-up day. He expressed his appreciation for the creative thinking and thanked Assistant Community Development Director Joe Dulin and Neighborhood Enhancement Coordinator Kaylee Drea for their efforts.

**East Village Growth Cell Housing Program**

Council Member Riggensch said the East Village Growth Cell Housing Program was now open and applications were being accepted. He said those interested should contact the Community Development Department to obtain an application at 1-309-494-8600.

**Panhandling**

Council Member Riggensch expressed a concern for the increased number of panhandlers at dangerous locations within the City, and he provided an example of Knoxville Avenue and War Memorial Drive intersection. He said some of these intersections had a high propensity for accidents. He asked Interim Corporation Counsel Chrissie Peterson to provide an overview of the City's Panhandling Ordinance.

Interim Corporation Counsel Peterson said panhandling laws were difficult to enforce, noting the City had withdrawn its Ordinance a few years ago. She said there was not much legal standing to eliminate this type of solicitation; however, she remarked on the need for it to be done in a safe manner. She said she would provide a Report Back at the next meeting.

**City of Peoria Highlighted as a City Rolling Out the COVID Vaccine the Right Way**

Council Member Ruckriegel said the Peoria City/County Health Department and City and County of Peoria were good examples of how to work through the COVID vaccination progress. He said there was an Article on March 8, 2021, in *Crain's Chicago Business* that highlighted the City of Peoria and Peoria County as examples to watch on how to vaccinate the community the right way. He said Peoria led the State on any County to ensure the most vulnerable were vaccinated. He commended the Health Department, City of Peoria, Peoria County and AMT for their efforts in leading the process.

**Rental Registration Due Date**

Council Member Grayeb asked for clarification for the deadline for rental registration, and Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins said the deadline for said registration was March 31, 2021.

**Public Works Working on Potholes**

Mayor Ardis expressed his appreciation to the Public Works who had been working to fill the potholes from this past winter. He said IDOT was also out picking up trash and litter that accumulated over the winter. He encouraged everyone to pick up trash when able.

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

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Regular City Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 P.M.



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

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