

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held June 25, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall, Council Chambers (Room 400), 419 Fulton Street, with Chairman Pro Tem Sid Ruckriegel presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen (Electronic Attendance), Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel – 10. Absent: Mayor Ardis - 1.

**ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**

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

Hearing no objection to the request for an electronic attendance, Council Member Jensen was declared present by Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel requested a moment of silent prayer or reflection and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.**

**Polly Wagner  
Renaissance Park Project  
Peoria Park District 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Zion Baptist Church 140<sup>th</sup> Year**

**MINUTES**

Council Member Cyr moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on June 11, 2019, and the Special City Council Meeting held on June 18, 2019, as printed; seconded by Council Member Ali.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach,  
Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel - 10;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIACONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, with Recommendations as Outlined:

- (19-175) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works to APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 19-175 between the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION and the City to Locally Let the Federally Funded ROCK ISLAND GREENWAY PROJECT. (Council Districts 1 & 3)
- (19-176) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request for the Following:
- A. APPROVE an INCUMBENCY CERTIFICATE and RESOLUTION NO. 19-176-A Accepting a Grant from the ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (IHDA) for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund (APP), in the Amount of \$55,000.00, and
- B. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,695 Amending the CITY OF PEORIA 2019 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Capital Fund to Recognize the Receipt of a Grant from the ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (IHDA) for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund (APP) and Corresponding Expenditures, in the Amount of \$55,000.00.
- (19-177) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,696 Amending an Existing Official Development Plan, Ordinance No. 13,361, as Amended, in a Class N-1 (Institutional) District for LOCAL SIGN REGULATIONS, for the Property Located at 1501 W. BRADLEY AVENUE, Commonly Known as BRADLEY UNIVERSITY and Primarily Bounded by Main Street, the Alley East of Cooper Street, Bradley Avenue, Fredonia Avenue, Duryea Place, St. James Street, University Street, Bourland Avenue, Windom Street, and Garfield Avenue, Peoria, IL.
- (19-178) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the Following \*Added Dates for Scheduled Events Sponsored by PEORIA AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS, INC. (P.A.C.E.), Subject to Their Filing the Necessary Permits and Approval as Required by the City Code:
- \*Louisville Slugger Tournament Attendee Appreciation Party – 2200 W. War Memorial Dr. – July 17, 2019
  - Taste of Peoria – 2200 W. War Memorial Dr. (\*moved from Riverfront Festival Park) – August 14, 2019
  - Labor Day Picnic – Riverfront Festival Park – September 2, 2019
  - \*Ribfest – 2200 W. War Memorial Dr. – September 14, 2019
  - \*Brew and Que – 2200 W. War Memorial Dr. – October 26, 2019

- (19-179) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class B-1 (Restaurant, 25% Food) Liquor License with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol at CAFFE' BOGOTA, 5901 N. PROSPECT, SUITE 7, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 3)
- (19-180)  
\* Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION to Change from a Class A (Tavern) to a Class B (Restaurant, 50% Food) Liquor License with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol at CASA DE ARTE, 306 PECAN, Contingent Upon Compliance with all Building Code Requirements, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 1)
- (19-181) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the ADVISORY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RESOURCES with a Request to Concur:
- Mark Brown (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2022  
Judith Oakford (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2022  
Catherine Cross (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2022  
Meiosha Zobac (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2022
- (19-182) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS with a Request to Concur:
- Bobby Ford (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2022
- (19-183) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON POLICE – COMMUNITY RELATIONS with a Request to Concur:
- Sharon Draper (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2022  
Megan Nguyen (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2022  
Janice Zagardo (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2022
- (19-184) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the CONSTITUTION GARDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE with a Request to Concur:
- Larry Colbert (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022  
Dr. Kurt Field (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022  
Kevin McMillan (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022  
Emmanuelle Bailey-Day (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022
- (19-185) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:
- Jason Snyder (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2023

- (19-186) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**

  - Kert Huber (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2023**
  - Bill Goad (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2023**
  
- (19-187) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**

  - Thomas Burke (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022**
  - Leonard A. Unes (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022**
  - William Watkins Jr. (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022**
  
- (19-188) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**

  - Lesley Matuszak (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022**
  - Jan Krouse (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022**
  - Michael Maloof (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022**
  
- (19-189) APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**

  - Marsha Burdette (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2021**
  - Marisa Farrell (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2022**
  
- (19-190) REAPPOINTMENT and APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the LIQUOR COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**

  - Stephen Morris (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022**
  - Michael O'Brien (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022**
  - The Honorable Mayor Jim Ardis (Non-Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022**
  
- (19-191) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE DISABLED with a Request to Concur:**

  - Laurie Atkinson (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2022**
  - Ashonta Huddleston (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2022**
  
- (19-192) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to METROPOLITAN AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD with a Request to Concur:**

  - Karl Weiss (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2024**
  
- (19-193) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the MUNICIPAL BAND COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**

  - John Day (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022**

- (19-194) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY with a Request to Concur:
- Paul DiGiallonardo (Voting) – Term Expires July 1, 2024  
Yvonne Greer Batton (Voting) – Term Expires July 1, 2024
- (19-195) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA HOUSING AUTHORITY with a Request to Concur:
- Alma Brown (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022  
Tekia Childs (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022
- (19-196) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD with a Request to Concur:
- Michael Price (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022  
Randy Swenson (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022  
Amy McLaren (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022
- (19-197) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the POLICE PENSION FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES with a Request to Concur:
- Norm Burdick (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2021
- (19-198) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the SISTER CITY COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:
- John Day (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022  
Diana Joseph (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022  
Thomas Menold (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022  
Dr. Joan Sattler (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022  
Suzanne Love Smith (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022  
Thomas Stanesa (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022  
Winsley Durant, Jr. (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022
- (19-199) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE with a Request to Concur:
- Steve Van Winkle (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2021
- (19-200) REAPPOINTMENT and APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the SPRINGDALE CEMETERY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY with a Request to Concur:
- Linda Daley (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2023  
Pamela Johnson (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2023

- (19-201) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the TOURISM RESERVE FUND with a Request to Concur:
- Council Member Denise Moore (Voting) – Term Expires N/A  
Council Member Denis Cyr (Voting) – Term Expires N/A
- (19-202) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES with a Request to Concur:
- Barbara Van Auken (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022  
Margaret Cousin (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022  
Jeanne Williamson (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022
- (19-203) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES with a Request to Concur:
- Mandar Pattekar (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2020
- (19-204) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the MUNICIPAL BAND COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:
- Christopher Kennedy (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022
- (19-205) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:  
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- Vaibhav Shah (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022
- (19-206) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS with a Request to Concur:
- Chief Demario Boone (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2020
- (19-207) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS with a Request to Concur:  
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- Council Member Rita Ali (Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2020
- (19-208) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY with a Request to Concur:
- Laith Al-Khafaji (Voting) – Term Expires 7/1/2022
- (19-209) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA AREA CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU with a Request to Concur:
- Stephen Morris (Voting) – Term Expires 12/31/2019
- (19-210) Communication from the City Manager, City Treasurer and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the Month Ended May 31, 2019, UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.

**(19-216) APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the FAIR EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION  
\*\*\*\* with a Request to Concur:**

**Sherry Carter-Allen (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022  
Barry Robinson (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022  
David McGinty (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022  
Carl Holloway (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022  
Laraine Bryson (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022  
Angel Cruz (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022  
Pastor Chuck Brown (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022  
Council Member Denise Moore (Non-Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022**

**(19-217) APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION with a  
\*\*\*\*\* Request to Concur:**

**Donna Crowder (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022  
Cheryll Boswell (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022  
Jane Genzel (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022  
Nicole Livsey (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022  
Michelle Sanders (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022  
Christell Frausto Aboytes (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022  
Council Member Denise Moore (Non-Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022**

Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel questioned if the Council wished to have any of the Consent Agenda items removed for further discussion.

Council Member Moore requested Item Nos. 19-180, 19-205, 19-207, 19-216, and 19-217 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 Oylar.

Item Nos. 19-175 through 19-210, 19-216 and 19-217 (excluding Item Nos. 19-180, 19-205, 19-207, 19-216 and 19-217, 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, Oylar, Riggerbach,  
Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel - 10;

Nays: None.

**(19-180) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a  
\* Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION to Change from a Class A (Tavern) to a Class B (Restaurant, 50% Food) Liquor License with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol at CASA DE ARTE, 306 PECAN, Contingent Upon Compliance with all Building Code Requirements, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 1)**

Council Member Moore expressed her excitement for Casa De Arte and the development in that area. She congratulated them and said they were a wonderful addition to the First District and she hoped to see them continue to grow.

Council Member Moore moved to approve the site application to change from a Class A (tavern) to a Class B (restaurant, 50% food) Liquor License with on-site consumption and retail sale of alcohol at Casa De Arte, 306 Pecan, contingent upon compliance with all building code requirements; seconded Council Member Kelly.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach,  
Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel - 10;

Nays: None.

**(19-205) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION with a  
\*\* Request to Concur:**

**Vaibhav Shah (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022**

Council Member Moore referred to Item No. 205 and Item No. 217. She spoke of her experience with the National League of Cities and their National Housing Task Force. She said the intent of the National Housing Task Force was to bring new ideas and lessons learned to communities that are struggling with decent and affordable housing, and the impacts on low-income and minority individuals. She said the Fair Housing Commission would start with the current Ordinance as a base. She said they not only would be charged with handling the reactive part of the Ordinance, but also expanding on the Ordinance and making it more proactive. She said the Housing Commission would look at housing in the entire City, not just a district. She recognized the individuals on the Fair Housing Commission.

Council Member Moore moved to concur with the appointment by Mayor Ardis to the Fair Housing Commission of Vaibhav Shah (voting) – term expires 06/30/2022; seconded Council Member Riggenbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach,  
Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel - 10;

Nays: None.

**(19-207) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON POLICE  
\*\*\* AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS with a Request to Concur:**

**\*Council Member Rita Ali (Non-Voting) – Term Expires 06/30/2020**

\*A revised communication was distributed to all Council Members changing Council Member Ali's status from voting to non-voting.

Council Member Moore recognized Council Member Ali and thanked her for agreeing to be Council Liaison for the Advisory Committee on Police and Community Relations. Council Member Moore recognized Council Member Ali for her work as Chair of the Committee.



Council Member Moore moved to concur with the appointment by Mayor Ardis to the Advisory Committee on Police and Community Relations of Council Member Rita Ali (non-voting) – term expires 06/30/2020, as amended; seconded Council Member Riggenbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach,  
Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel - 10;

Nays: None.

**(19-216) APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the FAIR EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION  
\*\*\*\* with a Request to Concur:**

**Sherry Carter-Allen (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022**

**Barry Robinson (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022**

**David McGinty (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022**

**Carl Holloway (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022**

**Laraine Bryson (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022**

**Angel Cruz (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022**

**Pastor Chuck Brown (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022**

**\*Council Member Denise Moore (Non-Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022**

\*A revised communication was distributed to all Council Members adding Council Member Denise Moore (non-voting) – term expires 6/30/2022.

Council Member Moore recognized the importance of employment issues and spoke of the need to focus on being reactive and proactive to elicit more employment opportunities for minorities in the community. She recognized the members being appointed to the Fair Employment Commission and spoke of her appreciation for those that attended the committee meetings, their input, and their excitement around this Commission. She recognized Sherry Carter-Allen, who was in attendance, for her work done on the recent NAACP Juneteenth event.

Council Member Moore moved to concur with the appointments by Mayor Ardis to the Fair Employment Commission of Sherry Carter-Allen (voting) – term expires 6/30/2022; Barry Robinson (voting) – term expires 6/30/2022; David McGinty (voting) – term expires 6/30/2022; Carl Holloway (voting) – term expires 6/30/2022; Laraine Bryson (voting) – term expires 6/30/2022; Angel Cruz (voting) – term expires 6/30/2022; Pastor Chuck Brown (voting) – term expires 6/30/2022; Council Member Denise Moore (non-voting) – term expires 6/30/2022, as amended; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach,  
Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel - 10;

Nays: None.

**(19-217) APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**  
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**Donna Crowder (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022**

**Cheryll Boswell (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022**

**Jane Genzel (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022**

**Nicole Livsey (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022**

**Michelle Sanders (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022**

**\*Christell Frausto Aboytes (Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022**

**\*Council Member Denise Moore (Non-Voting) – Term Expires 6/30/2022**

\*A revised communication was distributed to all Council Members removing Scott Howard and Tony Cummings and adding Christell Frausto Aboytes (voting) – term expires 6/30/2022 and Council Member Denise Moore (non-voting) – term expires 6/30/2022.

Council Member Moore moved to concur with the appointments by Mayor Ardis to the Fair Housing Commission of Donna Crowder (voting) – term expires 6/30/2022; Cheryll Boswell (voting) – term expires 6/30/2022; Jane Genzel (voting) – term expires 6/30/2022; Nicole Livsey (voting) – term expires 6/30/2022; Michelle Sanders (voting) – term expires 6/30/2022; Christell Frausto Aboytes (voting) – term expires 6/30/2022; Council Member Denise Moore (non-voting) – term expires 6/30/2022, as amended; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Council Member Oyler spoke of his concern for the lack of real estate knowledge on the Fair Housing Commission appointments. He said a real estate expert should be on the commission. He expressed the importance of the commission and felt that it should be as strong of a commission as possible. He applauded those who did step up, but he said he would not be supporting this item.

Council Member Moore said the commission had been discussed at Council Meetings since March. She said the opportunity was always open for citizens to step up and be part of any commission. She suggested using the Public Access Channel in the future to promote open positions on commissions.

Council Member Jensen spoke of her support on what Council Member Moore wanted to accomplish with the two commissions. She expressed concern about the Ordinance and the lack of authority it gave the commissions. She suggested the Ordinance be amended and hoped to see an amended Ordinance brought back to Council soon.

Council Member Riggerbach reiterated Council Member Moore's comments and suggested citizens interested in serving on commissions reach out to Mayor Ardis. He said the various commissions functioned because of the willingness of volunteers.

Motion to concur with the appointments by Mayor Ardis to the Fair Housing Commission of Donna Crowder (voting) – term expires 6/30/2022; Cheryll Boswell (voting) – term expires 6/30/2022; Jane Genzel (voting) – term expires 6/30/2022; Nicole Livsey (voting) – term expires 6/30/2022; Michelle Sanders (voting) – term expires 6/30/2022; Christell Frausto Aboytes (voting) – term expires 6/30/2022; Council Member Denise Moore (non-voting) – term expires 6/30/2022, as amended, was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach,  
Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel - 9;

Nays: Oyler - 1.

**FIRST READINGS**

- (19-211) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to RECEIVE and FILE a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to MANUFACTURED BUILDING SALES.**

Community Development Director Black provided an overview of the proposed Ordinance stating this change was due to businesses approaching the City in reference to selling sheds and accessory structures. He said this Ordinance currently allowed manufactured homes to be sold in the industrial district. He said the proposed amendment would change manufactured homes to manufactured building sales and continue to follow location requirements of industrial districts only.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file the First Reading review of an Ordinance amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, relating to Manufactured Building Sales; seconded by Council Member Ali.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach,  
Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel - 10;

Nays: None.

*CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 19-211 will be placed on the July 9, 2019, Regular City Council Meeting agenda.*

- (19-212) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to OUTDOOR STORAGE AND DISPLAY, with a Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to DENY the ORDINANCE or from Staff to APPROVE the ORDINANCE.**

Community Development Director Black spoke of the proposed Ordinance and stated there was more work to be done with this proposed amendment. He suggested that any additional edits of the proposed Ordinance would go back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for additional input. He said the current Ordinance had a blanket screening requirement in the industrial district that required screening for any outdoor materials. He said he wanted to hear questions and concerns from the Council before taking the item back to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

In response to Council Member Moore, Community Development Director Black said the primary locations for the industrial district were along the river, Pioneer Park and Mount Hawley Park, and a few other small areas in the City. He said this change would allow some businesses to remove their screening.

Council Member Moore expressed her concern about removing screening along Washington Street, as there was heavy traffic and improvements being done. She suggested screening had a better appearance and she asked to be notified when the Planning and Zoning Commission would hear the amendment again.

Council Member Grayeb expressed his concerns on past issues with junk/scrap yards. He agreed that the amendment needed more work.

Discussion was held on special use permits.

Council Member Riggenbach spoke of businesses that had storage outside and the issue of the wind blowing materials around the area, even with screening. He said he was glad to see this proposal go back to the drawing board and requested Community Development Director Black keep that situation in mind when drafting the amendment.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file the First Reading review of an Ordinance amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, relating to Outdoor Storage and Display; seconded by Council Kelly.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach,  
Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel - 10;

Nays: None.

*CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 19-212 will be placed on the July 23, 2019, Regular City Council Meeting agenda.*

**(19-213) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to RECEIVE and FILE a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to MURALS.**

Community Development Director Black said this amendment was due to requests from the arts community. He said the Ordinance currently allowed murals, but with limitations. He said this change, upon special use approval, would allow for murals of more than 30 feet and would allow murals to be attached to historic buildings with additional special use approval from the Historic Preservation Commission.

Discussion was held regarding the Abraham Lincoln mural and Community Development Director Black said he would bring back more information regarding that mural.

Council Member Moore moved to receive and file the First Reading review of an Ordinance amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, relating to Murals; seconded by Council Cyr.

Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel requested follow up on any legal constraints on the content of the murals.

Community Development Director Black said he would bring that information back in two weeks.

Motion to receive and file the First Reading review of an Ordinance amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, relating to Murals was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach,  
Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel - 10;

Nays: None.

*CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 19-213 will be placed on the July 9, 2019, Regular City Council Meeting agenda.*

**(19-214) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to RECEIVE and FILE a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to PARKING OF VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.**

Community Development Director Black said this amendment would clean up a conflict between two Ordinances. He said Chapter 13 currently required all vehicles, including trailers, to be parked on hard services, while Section 8 of the Unified Development Code was silent as to whether trailers had to be on a hard service.

In response to Council Member Riggerbach, Community Development Director Black said trailers had to be parked on pavers or two concrete strips to prevent tire tracks or ruts in yards.

In response to Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel, Community Development Director Black said there would have to be a continued hard service from the storage of a trailer to the driveway or the public way.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file the First Reading review of an Ordinance amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, relating to Parking of Vehicles in Residential Districts; seconded by Council Oyler.

Council Member Grayeb inquired about gravel and how that would figure into this amendment.

Community Development Director Black said he would work with engineers in Public Works to figure out what would be considered a paved surface and any subgrade material requirements. He said gravel that existed before 1989 and was maintained was currently allowed.

Motion to receive and file the First Reading review of an Ordinance amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, relating to Parking of Vehicles in Residential Districts was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel - 10;

Nays: None.

*CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 19-214 will be placed on the July 9, 2019, Regular City Council Meeting agenda.*

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

**(19-215) Communication from the City Manager and Assistant City Manager with a Request to APPROVE a CONTRACT with 4M CONSULTING for STRATEGIC FACILITATION. [All Districts]**

City Manager Urich said this contract was a result of the RFP for strategic consulting. He said they received three submissions and 4M Consulting was selected. 4M Consulting was located in Decatur, Illinois, and was a woman and minority owned business. He said the strategic consulting was already in the budget and the City did have funding for this item.

Council Member Ali moved to approve a contract with 4M Consulting for strategic consulting; seconded by Council Member Moore.

In response to Council Member Grayeb, City Manager Urich said this was not the same firm as used in the past. He said the consultant would help draw brighter lines between the strategic planning, policy direction given to the organization and the budget being put together. He said the consultant would gather priorities from the Council, create a strategic plan that tied to the budget and tie those to the Council goals.

Council Member Kelly expressed his concerns on strategic consulting.

Motion to approve a contract with 4M Consulting for strategic consulting approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel - 10;

Nays: None.

**(19-218) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE an Amendment to the SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT with PEORIA DISPOSAL SERVICES, INC. to Extend Existing Service Until \*July 31, 2019.**

City Manager Urich said the extension would extend the current arrangement with Peoria Disposal Company in Districts 1, 2 and 3 for alley pick up until negotiation on the final house count was finalized. He said the PDC house count and the City's house count differed by a couple thousand and he requested more time to rectify that count.

Council Member Grayeb expressed his concern with District 1, 2 and 3 being provided with different service than the rest of the City. He moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Conrad Stinnett.

No objection was heard, Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel granted Privilege of the Floor to Conrad Stinnett.

Conrad Stinnett, President of West Bluff Council, spoke regarding the division of the City and how the recycling service was being provided monthly in one part of the City and twice a month in another part of the City. He suggested the service was unfair and set a bad precedent. He expressed concerns and suggested that all of Peoria be given one service.

Council Member Moore requested that, during this upcoming budget process, City Manager Urich provide the cost of bi-monthly collection or monthly collection for the whole City.

Council Member Jensen expressed her opposition to the continuance.

\*Council Member Oyler expressed his frustration with the continuance, and he moved to approve an amendment to the Solid Waste Collection Contract with Peoria Disposal Services, Inc. to extend existing service until July 31, 2019; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Council Member Cyr spoke of Item No. 19-210, the monthly financial report, and wanted to point out that the report showed the City was short a half million dollars on this contract and he suggested keeping that in mind as budget discussions began.

Council Member Grayeb moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Brian McGinnis, attorney for PDC.

Hearing no objection, Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel granted Privilege of the Floor to attorney Brian McGinnis.

Brian McGinnis, counsel for Peoria Disposal Company, spoke on the original contract offering the same service for all of Peoria. He said that everyone in the City received bi-monthly pick up, but the issue remained that a part of the City needed alley pickup instead of curb pickup. He spoke of the house count given to the City and suggested Peoria Disposal Company offered rock solid numbers.

Motion to approve an amendment to the Solid Waste Collection Contract with Peoria Disposal Services, Inc. to extend existing service until July 31, 2019, was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggensbach,  
Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel - 9;

Nays: Jensen - 1.

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

**(18-231) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to:**

- A. APPROVE a PURCHASE OPTION through September 30, 2019 of the SIMANTEL PROPERTY, in the Amount of \$5,600.00; and**
- B. TABLE the PURCHASE of the SIMANTEL PROPERTY Located at the Foot of SPRING STREET until the National Park Service provides its Approval to Purchase. (Council District 1)**

City Manager Urich explained the National Park Service had not provided any response as of this date. He said this would be a 90 day extension of the purchase option to provide enough time to resolve this situation. He said rather than this item returning to the agenda every month, it was his recommendation to table the purchase of the property until such time as it could be resolved.

In discussion with Council Member Cyr regarding costs expended to date, City Manager Urich explained the City had paid, including the proposed cost of \$5,660, about \$55,000. He said he talked with Mr. Simantel about extending for less time and he stated they would consider a one month extension for \$1,000 to keep the option open.

Council Member Kelly expressed concern regarding the expense of the proposed purchase and remediation of the small piece of property. He said he felt this was extreme in cost and he would not be voting in favor.

In discussion with Council Member Ali who questioned if the City Manager Urich felt he would receive a timely response and what the cost would be to remediate, City Manager Urich said he was hopeful he would hear back in 90 days. He explained the procedure followed since 1999 to replace the land pertaining to the Lawcon Grant. He pointed out the Simantel property was the only piece of property along the riverfront that would fit the scope. He said this property was one of the last privately owned properties on the river. He said \$500,000 had been designated

in the 2019 budget to address the issues that pertained to this property. He said it was estimated to cost about \$200,000 to remediate the property.

Council Member Moore pointed out the Council had also placed restrictions that the replacement property had to be property that was located on the river. She said she felt the City should be in control of their own riverfront. She indicated she was in favor of moving forward with extending the option.

Council Member Moore moved to approve a purchase option through September 30, 2019, of the Simantel Property, in the amount of \$5,600.00; seconded by Council Member Riggbach.

Council Member Grayeb expressed concern that Mr. Simantel was asking for additional funds to extend the option. He urged the City Manager Urich to find another piece of property and he recommended this item be tabled.

Council Member Oyler said he had heard from the public that they did not want the City to purchase this piece of property or be responsible for the cost of maintenance of the property. He indicated he would welcome other alternatives.

Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel expressed concern that there had been so many extensions and each had cost the City money. He said he would be interested in considering an extension, but without costing the City any money.

In discussion with Council Member Moore regarding contacting the Legislators to assist with this issue, City Manager Urich stated he would make the contacts, but he felt due to the revisions in the appraisals and the work involved that the National Park Service was reviewing all the details and it took time to do so.

Motion to approve a purchase option through September 30, 2019, of the Simantel Property, in the amount of \$5,600.00 was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Moore, Riggbach – 3;

Nays: Ali, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Oyler,  
Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel – 7.

City Manager Urich recommended that the item be tabled.

Council Member Cyr moved to Table the purchase of the Simantel Property located at the foot of Spring Street until the National Park Service provides the approval of the purchase; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Discussion was held regarding whether or not this item should be tabled.

In discussion with Council Member Moore, City Manager Urich clarified that he would need direction from the Council regarding what type of property should be purchased. He said open space would need to be purchased to meet the requirements of the grant.

Council Member Moore said the Council would need to give City Manager Urich a different direction rather than to purchase property along the riverfront.

Discussion was held regarding the procedure to bring an item off the Table for the Council to take action. It was stated that if the item was not tabled, then an item could be brought back before the Council at any future meeting.



City Manager Urich said he did not know if Mr. Simantel would agree to extend the purchase option at no cost. He said he had a meeting scheduled with Mr. Simantel and would ask the question.

City Manager Urich explained the National Park Service had approved the purchase of the Simantel property, but what was being reviewed was the final approval of an appraisal to determine the value of the land. He said, if he had direction from the Council to proceed only if the option could be extended at no cost, then he would present that offer.

City Manager Urich further explained the extensive process of finding another piece of property. He said environmental studies would need to be conducted, public discussions held, etc. and the entire process would need to begin again. He said starting this again may take Staff time away from their other duties the Council would rather have Staff focused on.

Council Member Kelly said the remediation price could be equal to the purchase price. He said if Item B was not tabled, then the Council could act at any further Council Meeting.

Council Member Riggerbach referred to Item A and he moved to approve a purchase option through September 30, 2019, of the Simantel Property, at no additional cost to the City; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Motion to approve a purchase option through September 30, 2019, of the Simantel Property, at no additional cost to the City, was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Moore, Riggerbach, Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel – 6.

Nays: Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Oyler – 4.

Corporation Counsel Leist urged the Council to dispose of the motion to Table.

Council Member Cyr moved to withdraw his motion to Table as outlined in Item B; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Motion to WITHDRAW the motion to Table was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach,  
Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel – 9.

Nays: Montelongo – 1.

### **ADDITIONAL UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Update Regarding Public Budget Meetings**

Council Member Jensen requested a status of the public budget meeting schedule. City Manager Urich said he planned on having the public budget meeting in late July or early August and would put that date in the next Issues Updates and would give ample notice to the public. Council Member Jensen suggested having more than one date for public input.

#### **Budget Discussions**

Council Member Montelongo inquired on what would be discussed at the public budget meeting until the strategic planning was complete. He suggested a conversation take place regarding Glen Avenue and the need for repair during budget discussions. City Manager Urich said the plan was to discuss revenues at the July 8, 2019, Council Meeting and to plan a strategic planning session to talk about priorities. He said the public budget meeting would allow citizens to give their input on their priorities for the City.

**NEW BUSINESS****Saddle Up**

Council Member Moore spoke regarding Saddle Up and their recent ban of people with dreadlocks. She said she had called for an investigation into the Saddle Up club and the club's owner. She suggested the public come forward if they have had similar situations of discrimination with this particular club. She said she would take the investigation to the Liquor Commission to find out if this type of ban would be acceptable in the State. She suggested bar owners have discussions with law enforcement if they have situations of illegal activity in clubs and let the police deal with the issues.

Council Member Ali appreciated Council Member Moore's action. She spoke of a club being sued for similar discrimination and losing close to a million dollars in the late 1970's/early 1980's. She said discrimination was illegal and costly to businesses who practice those types of discrimination.

**Peoria Chief's Hispanic Heritage Night**

Council Member Montelongo wanted to inform the community of the Peoria Chief's Hispanic Heritage Night, being held on June 29, 2019 at 6:35 P.M. at Dozer Park.

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

Hearing no objection, Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel granted Privilege of the Floor to those citizens who wished to address the City Council.

Sara Martin, a Peoria resident, spoke on the Alexis Scott investigation and requested an update from the Peoria Police Department for the community on the investigation. She spoke of the crime issues in the City and East Bluff. She requested help to get kids off the streets and suggested more activities to get kids involved.

Kristen Meierkord and Harlow Meierkord, Peoria residents, spoke on the crime and gun violence in the East Bluff. Kristen Meierkord expressed her concern with the neighborhood and crime. She suggested a gun buy back program could help get more guns off the street. She encouraged more police and community interaction. She acknowledged Council Member Riggerbach for attending recent community events. She spoke on the Alexis Scott investigation.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyer, Riggerbach,  
Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel - 10;

Nays: None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 P.M.



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

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