

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Joint Regular Meeting of the City Council and Town Board of Trustees of Peoria, Illinois, was held January 23, 2018, 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 physically present: Akeson (Arrived at 6:17 P.M.), Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Moore, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 10. Absent: Turner – 1.

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.

**The Founding of CORE Construction 80 Years Ago
Peoria Reads**

MINUTES

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on January 9, 2018, as printed; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

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

**(18-011) Communication from the Town Officials with a Request to APPROVE
MONTHLY ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES for FEBRUARY 2018 for the
Town of the City of Peoria.**

The monthly anticipated expenditures report for February 2018 was distributed to all Trustees.

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the monthly anticipated expenditures for February 2018 for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Chairman Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

(18-012) TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA FINANCIAL REPORT for PERIOD ENDING 12/31/2017, with Request to Receive and File.

Trustee Grayeb moved to receive and file the Town of the City of Peoria Financial Report for period ending 12/31/2017; seconded by Trustee Cyr.

Trustee Akeson arrived at 6:17 P.M.

Discussions were held regarding whether the Township could provide transportation assistance for citizens affected by the closure of two Kroger stores who would need to travel farther for groceries.

Township Supervisor Frank Abdnour said the Town budget currently provided for transportation for General Assistance clients; however, he said the Township was looking into providing transportation assistance for citizens affected by the closure of the two Kroger stores. He said the Township had been meeting with other agencies such as CityLink to discuss options. He said it could be a possibility for the Township to assist citizens who lived in the Township with transportation in order to shop for groceries.

Trustee Jensen requested updates on the progress of locating transportation for individuals who need to go to the grocery store who no longer have access since the closing of the Kroger stores.

Motion to receive and file the Town of the City of Peoria Financial Report for period ending 12/31/2017 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Chairman Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, with Recommendations as Outlined

(18-013) * Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the First Amendment to MASTER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT #16-119 (G) with MILLENNIA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, LTD., in a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$350,000.00, Extension for Construction Engineering and Other Various Services in 2018. (All Council Districts)

(18-014) ** Communication from 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 an Amount Not to Exceed \$36,041.00, for the City's Participation in Sidewalk, Traffic Signal, and Resurfacing Costs Associated with the Improvement of KNOXVILLE AVENUE (IL ROUTE 40) from Pennsylvania Avenue to Corrington Avenue.

(18-015) * Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the First Amendment to MASTER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT #16-119 (A) with TERRA ENGINEERING, LTD., for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$350,000.00, Extension for Design Engineering and Other Various Services in 2018. (All Council Districts)**

- (18-016) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,547 Supplementing the City of Peoria's SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY.**
- (18-009) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,548 Amending Appendix A, the UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, of the City of Peoria Relating to the WAREHOUSE FORM DISTRICT. (Council District 1)**
- (18-017) **REPORT from the CITY TREASURER PATRICK A. NICHING for the MONTH of DECEMBER 2017, with Request to Receive and File.**

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. 18-013, 18-014 and 18-015 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 18-009, 18-013 through 18-017 (excluding Item Nos. 18-013 through 18-015) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

- (18-013) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the First Amendment to MASTER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT #16-119 (G) with MILLENNIA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, LTD., for a Not to Exceed Amount of \$350,000.00 Extension for Construction Engineering and Other Various Services in 2018. (All Council Districts)**

Council Member Moore said her question related to Item Nos. 18-013, 18-014 and 18-015. She inquired as to how the minority participation on the projects would be overseen. She said, going forward, she would like a list of minority participants included in the contracts and agreements that came before the City Council for approval. She said the list should include employees, contractors and consultants.

Public Works Director Scott Reeise said he had information regarding minority participants and he would compile the information in a Report Back for the City Council. He commented that Millennia Professional was a registered minority-owned business with the State of Illinois.

Regarding Council Member Montelongo's question on the reputability of a company, Director Reeise said Staff utilized a matrix in order to select professional services. He said he would provide additional information in the next Issues Update.

Council Member Moore expressed a concern of using a matrix where the City repeatedly hired the same contractors or companies. She asked that the matrix be reviewed for applicability, noting that there were other viable minority-owned businesses available that met the City's criteria.

At the conclusion of the comments, Council Member Moore moved to approve the first amendment to Master Professional Services Agreement #16-119 (G) with Millennia Professional Services of Illinois, Ltd., for a not-to-exceed amount of \$350,000.00, extension for construction engineering and other various services in 2018; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(18-014)

Communication from 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 an Amount Not to Exceed \$36,041.00, for the City's Participation in Sidewalk, Traffic Signal, and Resurfacing Costs Associated with the Improvement of KNOXVILLE AVENUE (IL ROUTE 40) from Pennsylvania Avenue to Corrington Avenue.

CLERK'S NOTE: See discussions held in Item No. 18-013.

Council Member Moore moved to approve an Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation, in an amount not to exceed \$36,041.00, for the City's participation in sidewalk, traffic signal, and resurfacing costs associated with the improvement of Knoxville Avenue (IL Route 40) from Pennsylvania Avenue to Corrington Avenue; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(18-015)

Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the First Amendment to MASTER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT #16-119 (A) with TERRA ENGINEERING, LTD., for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$350,000.00, Extension for Design Engineering and Other Various Services in 2018. (All Council Districts)

CLERK'S NOTE: See discussions held in Item No. 18-013.

Council Member Moore moved to approve the First Amendment to Master Professional Services Agreement #16-119 (a) with Terra Engineering, Ltd., for a not-to-exceed amount of \$350,000.00, extension for design engineering and other various services in 2018; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

FIRST READINGS**(18-018) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request for a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 18 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT.**

Senior City Attorney Chrissie Peterson provided an overview of the proposed Ordinance. She said over the last three years several communities implemented massage establishment licenses, noting that this was an effort to combat human trafficking and prostitution. She said the proposed Ordinance incorporated best practices. She discussed the issue of sole proprietorships stating that the City would be seeking public input on that issue.

City Manager Urich said this item would come back to the City Council with provisions for sole proprietorships.

At the request of Council Member Jensen, Senior Attorney Chrissie Peterson provided an explanation on the process for regulating massage establishments and how the City Manager's Office, Community Development Department, Fire Department and Police Department would be involved in the regulation. She said there were provisions requiring the establishment to comply with all health and safety codes. She said the Ordinance would prohibit anyone under the age of 18 to work in a massage establishment. Upon approval, she said there would be a 90-day timeframe for the City to notify the establishments.

Discussions were held regarding a sole proprietorship and what it would take for such a business to be exempt from being licensed by the City. Senior Attorney Peterson said the current Ordinance required such businesses to become licensed in the City; however, she said the intent of the Ordinance was to regulate storefronts and brick and mortar stores.

Discussions were held regarding the number of massage establishments in the City of Peoria, and City Manager Urich said he would provide the number of establishments at the next City Council meeting.

Council Member Akeson expressed a concern that the City did not have a current listing of businesses and she remarked on the importance of developing some form of business registration so the City knew the number and types of businesses that were in the City. She said original discussions expressed a concern for implementing a registration that would impose a financial burden on small businesses; however, she recommended developing a form of registration that would be free to the business owners unless they did not register. She said the businesses that did not register should be assessed a fine. She remarked on the importance of knowing the number and types of businesses in the City.

Mayor Ardis said there had been discussion regarding a business registration system during the budget process; however, the Chamber of Commerce expressed a concern that it could be a burden on a small business. He requested this topic be brought before the Council in a month to discuss a process.

Council Member Grayeb remarked that he would support a business registration in order for the City to know the number and the types of businesses in the City. Regarding the First Reading that was presented regarding massage parlors, he said it was a step in the right direction and he expressed his appreciation for the efforts of Staff on this matter.

At the request of Council Member Cyr, Chief of Police Jerry Mitchell said the regulation of massage parlors had become a concern, noting the Department received occasional complaints. He commented that any form of regulation the City established would help the community.

Regarding the general discussion concerning the overall registration of businesses, Council Member Moore suggested offering an online registration process and a timeframe in which businesses could register. She requested online registrations be included in the discussions to be held next month.

Council Member Grayeb moved to receive and file the First Reading review of an Ordinance amending Chapter 18 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to massage parlors; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggensbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 18-018 will be placed on the February 13, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting agenda.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(18-008) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 5 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Related to the REGISTRATION OF LOTS.

A revised Council Communication and Ordinance was distributed to all Council Members.

Community Development Ross Black said the proposed amendment would allow for properties that were temporarily vacant to be exempt from registration such as vacant residential properties that were for sale and properties in probate. He said the proposed Ordinance should meet the requirements requested by the Council.

Council Member Jensen said there had been an issue with the Peoria Area Realtor Association regarding vacant properties that were for sale, and she expressed her appreciation for bringing the amendment before the Council in a timely manner and for making revisions that corrected some of the issues. She said she would be supporting the item.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to those citizens who wished to speak on this item.

Mr. Ryan Cannon, a member of the Peoria Area Realtor Association, expressed his appreciation for the amendment to the Code. He said the realtors had reached out to the City based upon the calls received by clients who had properties for sale, but were not occupying those properties due to job relocations.

Council Member Jensen moved to adopt the replacement Ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the Code of the City of Peoria related to the registration of lots; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,549 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(18-019) Communication from the City Manager with a Request for the Following:

A. ADOPT an ORDINANCE that Amends the PEORIA URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE DESIGNATING ORDINANCE to Delete Parcels from the Peoria Urban Enterprise Zone, Amendment #5 (Council District 1), and

B. APPROVE an Amendment to the INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT for the PEORIA URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE.

City Manager Urich said this item along with Item No. 18-020 related to the Chase Bank Building downtown that was purchased by OSF Hospital. He said these items would avail OSF and other properties of money allotted for buildings on the National Register of Historic Places and to take advantage of tax credits.

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance that amends the Peoria Urban Enterprise Zone Designating Ordinance to delete parcels from the Peoria Urban Enterprise Zone, Amendment #5; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,550 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Moore moved to approve an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Peoria Urban Enterprise Zone; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(18-020) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Ordinance No. 17,016, to Add Parcels to the RIVER EDGE REDEVELOPMENT ZONE.

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 17,016, to add parcels to the River Edge Redevelopment Zone; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Council Member Grayeb moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Illinois State Representative Ryan Spain.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to Illinois State Representative Ryan Spain.

Illinois State Representative Ryan Spain said he was available to answer any questions the City Council had regarding the project. He complimented the Council on the creation of an important economic development tool noting that these tools emphasized the restoration of some of the City's historic buildings. He commented that the River Edge Redevelopment was a very important tool to be utilized for OSF's project on the Chase Building.

Council Member Grayeb said this project was important to many Peorians. He remarked on the State Historic Tax Credits that would help to restore the old Chase building back to its iconic state. He expressed his appreciation to OSF commenting that the City was happy to partner with the organization.

Council Member Moore expressed her appreciation for Representative Spain's assistance on the Chase Building project. She said he was a valuable partner with the First District while he sat on the City Council that still continued to today. She asked that while the project was underway, minority participation be requested and expected.

Representative Spain said there would be an effort to ensure the community was well represented. He recognized the efforts of OSF's CEO Bob Sehring and the Sisters of OSF for their collaboration on the project, noting they were committed to doing what was right for the community.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,551 amending Ordinance No. 17,016, to add parcels to the River Edge Redevelopment Zone was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggensbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

(18-021) Communication from the City Manager and Chief Innovation Officer with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a PRESENTATION of the Work to Date and 2018 Workplan for the CITY OF PEORIA INNOVATION TEAM.

Chief Innovation Officer Anthony Corso provided an I-Team Update to the City Council. He provided a general overview of the Department, an update on priority areas relating to the CSO and neighborhood economic develop, and reviewed the 2017 workflow and 2018 work plan. He said the team's goal was to help build and support capacity for innovation.

Council Member Grayeb commented on the I-Team's initiative, noting its impact on crime control and prosperity in the community. He expressed his appreciation for the Bloomberg initiative that enabled the City to establish an I-Team and to carry out its programs. He said Peoria needed to continue to be on the cutting edge in order to attract people to the community. He remarked on the importance of the community needing to understand what this program meant for the neighborhoods.

In response to Council Member Grayeb, Chief Innovation Officer Corso remarked on the importance of building partnerships with residents in order to build a capacity for everyone to become involved and to create solutions for the City.

After expressing her appreciation for the I-Team and their efforts in "humanizing" the City, Council Member Moore moved to receive and file the presentation of the work to date and the 2018 Workplan for the City of Peoria Innovation Team; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Council Member Ruckriegel said he had seen the work product of the I-Team. He said as the City began to work on key issues, it needed to work on new and innovative ways to solve problems. He said the I-Team was teaching how to address issues more efficiently. He said the team was building on communications and relationships, which were key components to solving problems.

Council Member Jensen commended Chief Innovation Officer Corso on his efforts, noting that the I-Team's efforts were working well for the community and that she supported and appreciated the efforts of the team.

Mayor Ardis commented on the beginnings of the Innovation Team noting that the initial start-up was ambiguous not knowing what to anticipate. He expressed his appreciation and applauded the efforts of the team. He said the team began with a \$1.5 million grant, which had nearly doubled since its inception. He said the Bloomberg Grant was awarded based on need and what a community wanted to accomplish. He said the City had made great strides in a short period of time with the efforts of the I-Team, noting the City was ahead of the curve in many ways. He remarked on the importance of educating the community on what the I-Team stood for and its efforts.

Council Member Montelongo said he would like to see the businesses in the Fourth District become involved with the efforts of the I-Team in order to formulate ideas and thoughts to reshape the small business start-ups.

Discussions were held regarding the end of the Bloomberg Grant and the plans going forward. It was noted that the current plan was to phase in an absorption of the team in the City's budget. It was mentioned that the Chief Innovation Officer's salary was budgeted out of the City's General Fund, but the employees were compensated through the Grant. City Manager Ulrich said the Team would continue to be a part of the City Manager's Office in order to cross over all Departments.

Motion to receive and file a presentation of the work to date and 2018 Workplan for the City of Peoria Innovation Team was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggensbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

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

(17-353) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request from Staff to DEFER until February 13 an ORDINANCE Amending the UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE Related to SIGNS.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve the deferral until February 13, 2018, at the Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggensbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

(17-389) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2018-2019 BIENNIAL BUDGET Relating to the Use of the NORTHSIDE BUSINESS TIF Fund Balance. (Council District 1)

Council Member Moore moved to defer this item to the February 13, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Motion to defer to the February 13, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oylar, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

ADDITIONAL UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Township Consolidation

In response to Council Member Jensen, City Manager Urich said it was the City's intent to hold a Policy Session in March 2018 to discuss the consolidation of the Township with the City.

Public Meetings Regarding the Closure of Two Kroger Stores

Council Member Moore expressed her appreciation to Dr. Leslie McKnight for her efforts on the three public meetings held on January 13, 2018, to discuss the closure of two Kroger stores in the community. She said the meeting provided residents with information on where the City was with addressing the issue. She said the City had been working on drawing additional grocery stores to the community since 2013, and she added that work would continue.

Public Access TV

Council Member Moore remarked on the importance of the City utilizing public access television to keep the community informed of current events. She requested future updates on the status of the City utilizing public access.

River Trail Project

Council Member Akeson asked for an update as to who would be working on the River Trail Project since the departure of Assistant City Manager Chris Setti. She asked for an update on the National Park Service's request and a short update on what could be expected going forward.

City Manager Urich said the National Park Service had given the City temporary approval to move forward with the project as long as certain conditions were met. He said the value of the land needed to be discussed and he said he would be the main person on the project going forward until further notice. He said the City was still trying to pursue the River Trail Project. He said the City had approximately six months to have a solution for the conditions.

Council Member Jensen requested an update on the National Park Service's Board, noting recent vacancies.

Shuttle Service to Grocery Stores

Council Member Jensen said she had attended all of the meetings on January 13, 2018, regarding the closure of the Kroger grocery stores. She said Mayor Ardis and Staff had spoken with Krogers to see if they would provide a shuttle service for people in the East Bluff and Southside to other grocery stores. She inquired about the Kroger stores remaining providing a delivery service, and whether Schnucks and HyVee stores would provide a free delivery service and whether a customer could place a phone order for groceries.

Disability Accessibility to Krogers on Lake and Evergreen

Council Member Jensen said a resident of Peoria, Roger Sparks, inquired about the accessibility issues at the Kroger stores on Lake and Evergreen. She said this issue needed to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS**Snow Removal Requirements for Businesses**

Council Member Montelongo expressed a concern for the lack of snow removal in front of businesses. He recommended the City reconsider and review a complaint-basis violation for snow removal in front of businesses. He requested this issue come back to a future City Council meeting for additional discussion to review the requirements and penalties.

Stormwater Utility Policy

Council Member Montelongo requested an opportunity for public input on the Stormwater Utility Policy. He requested a copy of the final version of the policy for review. He indicated that businesses would like an opportunity to voice their opinion on the matter. He requested public meetings be scheduled for both business owners and residential property owners to discuss the matter.

Parking Enforcement

Council Member Moore inquired whether non-union Parking Enforcement employees were issuing tickets and whether it was appropriate. City Manager Urich said Parking Enforcement was comprised of three AFSCME employees and one non-union employee, which was the Supervisor of the Department. He indicated that the Supervisor was allowed to issue parking tickets.

Weekly Southside Updates

Council Member Moore announced that every Monday at 9:00 A.M. at Ward Chapel Church held meetings for Southside residents to network and to learn more about what was happening in the community that directly impacted the Southside.

Needle Exchange Program

Council Member Moore said there was a proposed needle exchange that would occur at the NAACP offices. She said the exchange would begin starting mid-February on Saturdays from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. She said discussions would be held this Saturday, January 27, 2018, at 10:00 A.M. at the NAACP offices.

Public Meetings Regarding Development Guidelines

Council Member Jensen said she had been an advocate for the City to craft development guidelines for incentive tools. She said Staff had been working on drafting guidelines along with developers' input. She said the City would host two public meetings to gather public input: January 30, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. and January 31, 2018, at 3:00 P.M. both at the Gateway Building. She said additional information would be posted to the City's website and sent to the Peoria Journal Star.

Water Company Buyout Due Diligence

Council Member Jensen inquired about the CEO Council's offer to pay for the due diligence surrounding the Water Company Buyout. Mayor Ardis said the offer had not yet been presented to the City Council and he requested confirmation for additional discussion.

City Manager Urich said the Water Company Buyout Due Diligence discussions were scheduled to occur in February 2018.

Additional Discussions Regarding Snow Removal for Businesses

Council Member Akeson said she participated in drafting an Ordinance addressing snow removal. She said it was determined that citations would be issued on a complaint basis. She said City Staff did not have the capacity to enforce every regulation violation in the City. She commented that if Council wanted better snow removal from the sidewalks, then the City had to do a better job of educating the citizens and business owners.

City Manager Urich said Staff would begin addressing the issue by meeting with the Communications Staff and Public Works Team in order to develop an approach. He said they would review ways to broadcast public service announcements whether through billboards or public television. He said Staff would provide an update to the City Council in two weeks.

Filling of Potholes in the City

In response to Council Member Grayeb's question regarding the filling of potholes throughout the City, Public Works Director Scott Reise said they currently had 20 employees filling the potholes throughout the City.

Douglas-MacArthur Highway Bridge Project

In response to Council Member Grayeb's request for an update, Public Works Director Reise said the City was waiting for final approvals from the State and that they were looking at late April and early May to begin the project. He said detour plans would be provided to the public.

Road Repair Update

In response to Council Member Cyr regarding the City's roads that needed repaired, Public Works Director Reise said Staff was working on a report prioritizing the road conditions. He said a report and plan would be brought before the City Council in February for the proposed work to be done for 2018.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to those citizens who wished to address the City Council.

Ms. Mary Hayes, a concerned citizen, remarked on the interests of the Southside and the North Valley in light of the two Kroger stores that were closing. She said the issue directly impacted her due to the lack of transportation to get to a grocery store. She said she was disappointed in the progress made to address these issues and she commented that she would have to become more involved to ensure the issues were addressed.

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 Jensen moved to go 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; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

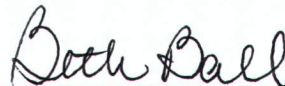
Council Member Grayeb moved to adjourn the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 P.M.



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