

: 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 April 9, 2019, at 6:25 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: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Moore, Montelongo, Oyler, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel – 9. Absent: Akeson, Mayor Ardis – 2.

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.

**Manual Basketball Team
Crime Victims' Rights Week
Summer Science Treasure Hunt
Bubbles of Love Day/Parental Alienation Awareness Day
Grandparent Alienation Awareness Day
Memorial Day Association**

MINUTES

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on March 26, 2019, as printed; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

(19-102) REQUEST from the Town Officials to APPROVE the MARCH 2019 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES and to APPROVE the APRIL 2019 ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES for the Town of the City of Peoria.

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the March 2019 actual expenditures and the April 2019 anticipated expenditures for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

- (19-103) Communication from the City Manager and the Human Resource Director with a Request to APPROVE and AUTHORIZE a Settlement of JACOB and ANDREA FAW'S Claim, in the Amount of \$32,100.34.
- (19-104) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE CONTRACTS for the 2019 City of Peoria and Peoria County Trustee VACANT LOT MOWING PROGRAM (Bid #07-19a) (All Council Districts) and Award the Contracts, in the Total Amount not to Exceed \$334,729.00, as follows:
- A. WALTON SERVICE, INC., in the Amount of \$119,275.00;
 - B. P-TOWN CAR CLUB, in the Amount of \$93,258.00;
 - C. HULSE LAWNCARE, in the Amount of \$21,830.00;
 - D. LAW N' ORDER ACADEMY, in the Amount of \$88,605.00; and
 - E. HEARN'S LANDSCAPING, in the Amount of \$11,761.00
- (19-105) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE CONTRACTS for the 2019 FACILITIES, BOULEVARDS & RIGHTS-OF-WAY MOWING PROGRAM (Bid #07-19b) (All Council Districts) and Award the Contracts, in the Total Amount not to Exceed \$73,993.00, as follows:
- A. ALL IN ONE RESTORATION, in the Amount of \$9,365.00;
 - B. JIMAX, in the Amount of \$23,344.00;
 - C. WALTON SERVICE, INC., in the Amount of \$38,610.00; and
 - D. HEARN'S LANDSCAPING, in the Amount of \$2,673.00.
- (19-106) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE and Accept the Low Bid and Award a CONTRACT to KREILING ROOFING for Roof Coating at the Lester D. Bergsten Public Works Facility, in the Amount of \$246,347.00.
- (19-107) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following:
- A. APPROVE a CONTRACT with JIMAX for Tree/Stump Removal by Size and Tree and Brush Trimming by Hourly Rates, in an Amount not to Exceed \$170,000.00 (Bid #08-19) (All Council Districts), and
 - B. APPROVE a CONTRACT with JIMAX for Emergency Tree and Brush Trimming by Hourly Rates, in an Amount not to Exceed \$30,000.00. (Bid #08-19) (All Council Districts)

- (19-108) **Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the LOW BID of HOROWIZ CONCRETE CO., in the Amount of \$338,793.00, and Award a CONTRACT for the 2019 SIDEWALK PARTICIPATION PROGRAM, with an Additional Authorization of \$11,207.00 for a Total Contract Award of \$350,000.00. (All Council Districts)**
- (19-109) * **Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE CONTRACTS with BURNSIDE BROTHERS and JIMAX LANDSCAPING for the 2019 WEED AND LITTER CONTRACT. (City-Wide)**
- (19-110) **Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE a STATE MOTOR FUEL TAX (MFT) RESOLUTION, in the Amount of \$1,500,000.00, for the NORTHMOOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (from ALLEN ROAD to UNIVERSITY STREET). (Council District 4)**
- (19-111) **APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA/PEKIN URBANIZED AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (PPUATS) TECHNICAL COMMITTEE, with Request to Concur:**

Civil Engineer II Emily Ambroso (Voting) (Alternate)

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

Council Member Jensen requested Item No. 19-109 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 19-103 through 19-111 (excluding Item No. 19-109, which was removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

- (19-109) * **Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE CONTRACTS with BURNSIDE BROTHERS and JIMAX LANDSCAPING for the 2019 WEED AND LITTER CONTRACT. (City-Wide)**

Discussions were held regarding the omission of a dollar amount in the item. City Manager said this item was in the City's budget and he said, should the item exceed the budgeted amount, it would have to come back before the City Council for approval and it would need a super-majority vote for approval.

Council Member Jensen recommended adding words to the item to include "not to exceed \$400,000.00."

Council Member Jensen moved to approve the contracts with Burnside Brothers and Jimax Landscaping for the 2019 Weed and Litter Control with the amendment "not to exceed \$400,000.00;" seconded by Council Member Moore.

Council Member Riggerbach said he concurred with the proposed language noting that the City could not spend more than what was budgeted without a 2/3 vote to amend the budget.

Motion to approve the contracts with Burnside Brothers and Jimax Landscaping for the 2019 Weed and Litter Control, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00, was approved, as amended, by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Turner, Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel – 9;

Nays: None.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(19-112) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request from the Advisory Commission on Human Resources to APPROVE the 2020 CDBG PUBLIC SERVICE APPLICATION.

Council Member Cyr moved to approve the 2020 CDBG Public Service Application; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Council Member Jensen said she was happy to see services for victims of domestic violence was added and she said she would vote in favor of this item.

Council Member Moore remarked on the efforts of the Human Relations Commission and the deliberation that occurred on each of the applications. She recognized Kathryn Murphy from the Community Development Department on her efforts in the process. She said organizations interested in applying should contact Kathryn Murphy for assistance.

Motion to approve the 2020 CDBG Public Service Application was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Turner, Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel – 9;

Nays: None.

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 APPROVE the PURCHASE of the SIMANTEL PROPERTY Located at the Foot of SPRING STREET. (Council District 1)

City Manager Ulrich said this item was coming before the City Council with a request for another deferral. He said the appraisals were submitted to the Department of Natural Resources and was in the process of being reviewed. He said the appraisals had not yet been sent to the National Parks Service. He provided a brief overview of the item noting it began in 1999, and he requested another two-week deferral.

Council Member Moore moved to defer this item until the April 23, 2019, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Motion to defer to the April 23, 2019, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Turner, Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel – 9;

Nays: None.

(18-275) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 13 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to REFUSE CONTAINERS.

Community Development Director Ross Black said this item had been before the City Council on previous occasions. He said modifications had been made, noting the screening materials required for dumpsters could not be chain link or wire. He said the other changes in the item related to maintenance, stating that any type of screening enclosure had to be maintained.

Council Member Montelongo moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 13 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to refuse containers; seconded by Council Member Moore.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,674 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Turner, Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel – 9;

Nays: None.

(19-066) 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 ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Special Use Ordinance No. 14,254 as Amended in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District for a Shopping Center to Add an ACCESSORY SOLAR FACILITY for the Properties Located at 9000 N. LINDBERGH DR., 9025 N. LINDBERGH DR., 9106 N. LINDBERGH DR., 9118 N. LINDBERGH DR., 9126 N. LINDBERGH DR., 9128 N. LINDBERGH DR. 1021 W. BIRD BLVD., 1101 W. BIRD BLVD., 1116 W. BIRD BLVD., 1200 W. BIRD BLVD., 8903 N. HALE AVE., 8919 N. HALE AVE., and 9109 N. KNOXVILLE AVE., (Parcel Identification Nos. 14-05-201-016, 09-32-455-006, 09-32-455-003, 09-32-455-002, 14-05-202-017, 14-05-202-021, 14-05-201-004, 14-05-201-009, 14-05-201-005, 14-05-202-013, 09-32-451-019, 09-32-455-001, 09-32-455-005, 14-05-201-006, 14-05-201-007, 14-05-202-012, 14-05-202-019, 14-05-202-020, and 14-05-251-008), Peoria, IL.

Council Member Cyr moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Special Use Ordinance No. 14,254 as amended in a Class C-2 (large scale commercial) District for a shopping center to add an accessory solar facility for the properties located at 9000 N. Lindbergh Dr., 9025 N. Lindbergh Dr., 9106 N. Lindbergh Dr., 9118 N. Lindbergh Dr., 9126 N. Lindbergh Dr., 9128 N. Lindbergh Dr., 1021 W. Bird Blvd., 1101 W. Bird Blvd., 1116 W. Bird Blvd., 1200 W. Bird Blvd., 8903 N. Hale Ave., 8919 N. Hale Ave., and 9109 N. Knoxville Ave., (Parcel Identification Nos. 14-05-201-016, 09-32-455-006, 09-32-455-003, 09-32-455-002, 14-05-202-017, 14-05-202-021, 14-05-201-004, 14-05-201-009, 14-05-201-005, 14-05-202-013, 09-32-451-019, 09-32-455-001, 09-32-455-005, 14-05-201-006, 14-05-201-007, 14-05-202-012, 14-05-202-019, 14-05-202-020, and 14-05-251-008), Peoria, IL; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,675 amending Special Use Ordinance No. 14,254 as amended in a Class C-2 (large scale commercial) District for a shopping center to add an accessory solar facility for the properties located at 9000 N. Lindbergh Dr., 9025 N. Lindbergh Dr., 9106 N. Lindbergh Dr., 9118 N. Lindbergh Dr., 9126 N. Lindbergh Dr., 9128 N. Lindbergh Dr., 1021 W. Bird Blvd., 1101 W. Bird Blvd., 1116 W. Bird Blvd., 1200 W. Bird Blvd., 8903 N. Hale Ave., 8919 N. Hale Ave., and 9109 N. Knoxville Ave., (Parcel Identification Nos. 14-05-201-016, 09-32-455-006, 09-32-455-003, 09-32-455-002, 14-05-202-017, 14-05-202-021, 14-05-201-004, 14-05-201-009, 14-05-201-005, 14-05-202-013, 09-32-451-019, 09-32-455-001, 09-32-455-005, 14-05-201-006, 14-05-201-007, 14-05-202-012, 14-05-202-019, 14-05-202-020, and 14-05-251-008), Peoria, IL was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Turner, Chairman Pro Tem Ruckriegel – 9;

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Budget Discussions

Council Member Jensen inquired as to the timeline for the budget discussions that would take place in 2019, noting the need for more public input and the need to reach more citizens in the community. She said it was her hope to have the discussions begin at the end of April or beginning of May. She said there needed to be enough lead time and additional communication plans in order to reach the citizens.

City Manager Urich said he had discussed the budget calendar with Staff at the last Staff meeting. He said they were working on a timeline and would provide a Report Back to the Council in the next couple of weeks. In response to the use of Snap Chat, He said the City currently utilized Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to reach the public but had not yet utilized Snap Chat, but had discussed it with Staff.

Neighborhood Garbage Cans

Council Member Jensen said, with the new PDC contract, the cement neighborhood garbage cans would be replaced. She said some citizens were interested in these garbage cans to use in gardens. She asked what would happen with the garbage cans and the number that would be replaced.

City Manager Urich said he would discuss the matter with Staff and provide a Report Back.

Public Access Channel

Council Member Moore said at one time the City looked into the cost of utilizing the public access channel as a means to provide information to the community, noting that at the time it was determined it would be of very little cost. She said she would like to revisit the matter and discuss the option at future community meetings and during the budget discussions. She said utilizing the channel would aid the City in dispersing information to the community. She said there were a number of communities throughout Illinois who utilized similar channels. She recommended hiring a student from Manual High School to type the information onto the channel. She asked Staff to see what it would take to utilize the channel, how information would be inputted, and what types of skills would be needed and whether a High School student could provide these types of services.

City's Sales Tax Revenue

Council Member Grayeb requested an update on the City's sales tax revenues and whether those revenues were lagging, meeting or exceeding the budget.

City Manager Urich said Staff only had the revenues through the end of 2018 and he noted that the numbers had been strong during the third quarter of 2018 and moderate through the fourth quarter. Overall, he stated that the sales tax revenues were higher than what was projected. He said Staff still did not know the revenues for the first quarter of 2019, but would provide that information once Staff received that information.

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.

Ron Valle, Director of Programs at Helping Hands and owner of Central Illinois Awning, said he would be moving Central Illinois Awning to a downtown location in order to make it more convenient to those who lived on the South Side. He said he anticipated adding 24 more employees to the production line. He acknowledged the efforts of Helping Hands helping to reenter individuals released from prison back into society by assisting in finding full-time, livable wage jobs. He said Helping Hands provided a sustainable reentry program, noting that nearly 200 individuals had reentered into society which provided additional revenues to the City. With the relocation of Central Illinois Awning and the need to hire additional personnel, he asked the City Council to help provide training to individuals for those positions. He commented that the South Side needed a training program and he asked for the City's assistance in that matter.

Paige Streitmatter, a concerned citizen, commented on concerns of the City, noting its pension obligations and the additional fee to cover those pension costs. She commented on the increase in rental fees and how those impacted the landlords of the City. She commented on the water company buyout, the Pere Marquette, the Peoria Police Department, and City Staff.

Sara Martin, a citizen of Peoria, said she supported every family member present and not present who had missing family members. She said the City needed to stand up for its community and the Peoria Police Department needed to be held accountable to certain standards. She commented on the Alexis Scott matter noting she had been missing for nearly two years. She invited the Council to attend the Alexis Scott Breakfast Watch Party on Friday, April 12, 2019, from 8:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. at the N9NE to watch the Steve Wilkos show regarding Alexis Scott. She also invited the Council to attend a search on April 17, 2019, at 10:00 A.M. at the old Kroger's in Peoria. She remarked on the importance of the Council being present.

William Jones, a concerned citizen, spoke on the Alexis Scott campaign noting she has been missing for nearly two years. He said someone needed to be held accountable for the search. He expressed a concern that so many others were missing as well.

Rachael O'Reilly, a concerned citizen, commented on the Alexis Scott campaign and she asked the Council to attend the search scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 2019, or to donate to the campaign. She commented on others that were missing from the community stating that the City needed to do all it could to protect its community.

Darcie Cady, a citizen of Peoria, spoke of the Alexis Scott campaign, noting she was missing going on two years. She remarked on other individuals that were missing in the community as well. She remarked on the need to create an independent liaison commission to work with the Center for Prevention of Abuse to help families understand their rights and to hold the Police Department accountable. She remarked on the need to have a third party oversee what was being done.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 P.M.



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

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