

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held October 10, 2017, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall, Council Chambers (Room 400), 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Jim Ardis presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Akesson (Arrived at 6:11 P.M.), Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 9. Absent: Moore, Turner - 2.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or reflection and he requested to keep the family of Mary Ulrich, former City Treasurer, in prayer in light of her recent passing. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

City-County Leadership Academy Graduation - Commendation

MINUTES

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on September 26, 2017, and the Special City Council Meeting held on October 3, 2017, as printed; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

- (17-290) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 28 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES to Provide Language Consistent with the City of Peoria Bicycle Master Plan. (Refer to Item #16-049)**

Council Member Grayeb expressed his appreciation and enthusiasm for this item coming before the City Council for approval. He commented on the number of bike paths in Council Districts 1 and 2, along Knoxville Road and the Rock Island Trail; however, he inquired as to the plans for addressing the areas in the north-western parts of the City.

Public Works Director Scott Reeise said the City Council previously adopted a Bicycle Master Plan, which included on-street and off-street facilities. He commented that as the streets were updated, bicycle paths would be incorporated.

At the conclusion of his comments, Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 28 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to traffic and motor vehicles to provide language consistent with the City of Peoria Bicycle Master Plan; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,506 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggenschach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

(17-291) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development Director with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 13 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to LITTER and VEGETATION.

Council Member Cyr moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 13 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to litter and vegetation; seconded by Council Member Riggenschach.

Mayor Ardis commented on the significant change this Ordinance made to the Code and the importance of informing the public of the same. He said there would be additional discussion about dumping on empty lots. He commented that the landfill fee would be discussed by the Landfill Committee, which would be addressed by the City Council, noting it coincided with litter and cleanliness.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,507 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggenschach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

(17-298) Communication from the City Manager and the Chief of Police with a Request to APPROVE the following:

- A. Authorize the City Manager to Accept the TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION IN PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) of the Department of Justice (DOJ), in the Amount of \$165,000.00.**
- B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2017 AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Capital Fund to Recognize the Receipt of a Federal Grant From the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) of the Department of Justice (DOJ) under the Technology Innovation Public Safety Grant and the Corresponding Expenditures, in the Amount of \$165,000.00.**

Council Member Grayeb moved to authorize the City Manager to accept the Technology Innovation in Public Safety Grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) of the Department of Justice (DOJ), in the amount of \$165,000.00; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2017 Amended Annual Budget relating to the Capital Fund to recognize the receipt of a Federal Grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) of the Department of Justice (DOJ) under the Technology Innovation Public Safety Grant and the corresponding expenditures, in the amount of \$165,000.00; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,508 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(17-299) Communication from the City Manager and Chief of Police with a Request to APPROVE and to Authorization the City Manager to Accept the FY 17 BODY-WORN CAMERA POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) of the Department of Justice (DOJ), in the Amount of \$253,005.00.

Police Chief Jerry Mitchel provided an overview of the body-worn camera policy and implementation program. He provided a timeline of the process noting the planning and training phase would occur during the first nine months within acceptance of the grant. He commented that this program was a regional effort wherein the Peoria Police Department would partner with multiple law enforcement agencies in the area. He said the program would allow for 140 Peoria Police Officers to be outfitted with body-worn cameras beginning March 2018.

In response to Council Member Cyr, Chief Mitchel explained that the 140 Police Officers wearing the cameras would be Uniformed Patrol Officers only, not plain-clothes Detectives.

Council Member Montelongo inquired as to whether there would be an overall policy for each employee that wore the cameras, and Chief Mitchel stated there would be a camera policy in place. He said there was currently a pilot program wherein the current guidelines would be strengthened. He said once a company was chosen for purchase of the cameras, the Council would be informed of the vendor.

In response to Council Member Grayeb, Chief Mitchel explained there would be a process for Police Officers for picking up cameras before a shift and dropping off cameras after a shift.

Council Member Akeson stated that policies and guidelines would be established in time and she commented that part of the grant was to help facilitate the establishment of those guidelines. She noted that this was a cooperative effort with other agencies, and she requested that there be a plan to have citizen engagement in the actual formulation of the policy and she asked how those citizens would be chosen. She requested a follow-up to the Council to advise

whether citizens wanted to be a part of the development of the policy.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Council Member Grayeb moved to approve and to authorize the City Manager to accept the FY 17 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) of the Department of Justice (DOJ), in the amount of \$253,005.00; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

(17-295) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following:

- A. APPROVE the Selection Process and Direct Staff to Enter into an AGREEMENT with HEARTLAND PARKING INC., in the Amount of \$496,512.26, to Install and Implement New Parking Access and Control Equipment for the Four City Parking Decks. (Council District 1)**

- B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE AMENDING the City of Peoria 2017 AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the CAPITAL FUND to Recognize the Receipt of \$158,988.00 From the Technology Deck Escrow Account and the Corresponding Expenditure to Replace Control Equipment.**

City Manager Ulrich said additional information had been provided to the City Council in a Report Back as it pertained to the budget discussions. He said this item proposed to replace access controls in four of the downtown parking decks. He commented that a portion of the parking decks were paid for over time by Tax Increment Financing that was generated by the buildings and businesses in the downtown area.

Public Works Director Scott Reeise reviewed the four parking decks in the downtown area: Jefferson, Twin Towers, Niagara, and Technology. He said only the Technology Deck had a remaining debt service of approximately \$800,000.00, with \$550,000.00 being paid for by TIF funds. He reported an annual cost of approximately \$1 million to run all four decks. He reviewed parking revenues and the cause for the increases and decreases in those revenues, noting that decreases were directly linked to business vacancies in the downtown area. He said approximately \$247,000.00 of those revenues were used to offset the debt service for the Technology Deck. Currently, he said the decks created a revenue of approximately \$146,000.00 in 2017 to the General Fund. He reported that TIF funds were used to pay for the debt service and for capital costs such as deck repairs.

Council Member Cyr moved to approve the selection process and direct Staff to enter into an Agreement with Heartland Parking, Inc., in the amount of \$496,512.26, to install and implement new parking access and control equipment for the four City parking decks; seconded by Council Member Riggenbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2017 amended annual budget relating to the capital fund to recognize the receipt of \$158,988.00 from the Technology Deck escrow account and the corresponding expenditure to replace control equipment; seconded by Council Member Riggenbach.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,509 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

POLICY SESSION

(17-300) Communication from the City Manager with a request for a POLICY SESSION on the Creation of a City Policy on the Use of SALES TAX INCENTIVES in SPECIAL SERVICE AREAS.

Council Member Riggenbach moved to open the Policy Session on the creation of a City Policy on the use of sales tax incentives in Special Service Areas; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

Policy Session was opened at 6:30 P.M.

A Policy Session on the use of sales tax incentives in Special Service Areas was held.

Council Member Jensen moved to close the Policy Session on the creation of a City Policy on the use of sales tax incentives in Special Service Areas; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

Policy Session was closed at 7:32 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS**City of Peoria Employee Survey**

Council Member Grayeb expressed his appreciation for the employee survey sent to the City's employees, noting that the people who knew the process would have better input on how to make City processes better and help make the City operate more efficiently.

Peoria Stadium Signage Public Meeting

Council Member Riggerbach announced that Thursday, October 12, 2017, at 6:00 P.M., Peoria Public Schools represented by AppsCo Students would hold a public meeting at the Peoria Stadium concession area to discuss the Digital Sign Project.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to those citizens wishing to address the City Council/Town Board.

Mr. Charles Williams, a concerned citizen, expressed a concern about a call he placed to the City Manager's Office. He mentioned the need to improve on City services and responsiveness. He remarked on the need for leadership to grow in their roll in order to lead and to train others as well as the City's need to address diversity issues.

Mr. Jeremy Coleman, a member of the Board of Directors for Bike Peoria, expressed his appreciation for the recent adoption of an Ordinance that would protect cyclists and would bring local Ordinances in line with State law. He commented on the importance for clarity in legislation and policy as well as the need to be mindful in the way people chose to navigate the City.

Ms. Chama St. Louis, a concerned citizen, expressed a concern that she felt the City was not following up on the 24/7 Wall Street report. She requested a follow-up on the meetings that were held in the latter part of 2016, early part of 2017, and she inquired as to what measures were implemented from those meetings. She remarked on the importance of saving lives, particularly in the First District.

Mr. Petie Randle, a concerned citizen, stated that his child had been missing since August and he expressed a concern regarding the Police Department's efforts in this matter.

Ms. April Scott, a concerned citizen, said her daughter had been missing since that latter part of September. She expressed a concern with the Police Department's efforts in trying to locate her and the Police Department's lack of timely response.

Ms. Carrie Hayes, a concerned citizen, restated a statement made by Police Chief Jerry Mitchel saying that "Openness was key and complete transparency in the community were paramount for the Peoria Police Department." She remarked on the needs of the leadership to uphold integrity. She said community leaders with diversity were required community involvement. She expressed concern regarding the City's efforts after the 24/7 Wall Street report. She also expressed a concern regarding the recent shooting of a mentally disabled person. She requested that Council step into the role they were elected to fill.

Mr. Amr Elsamny, a concerned citizen, said the Mayor's Advisory Committee for Citizens with Disability had been discussing the recent shooting. He said the Committee decided to wait on the results of the investigation in order to have a clear report from the Police. He also commented that Amazon was searching for a second headquarters, and he recommended the City of Peoria try to attract this business. He remarked on the State of Georgia's standing as being the #1 State nationwide for attracting businesses, noting their leniency in the laws for new businesses. He expressed a need to stop businesses from leaving the City and the State of Illinois. He also expressed empathy for the families of the missing children. In conclusion, he invited the City Council to attend an annual open house at the Islamic Center of Peoria this Saturday, October 14, 2017, from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. He said for those who were interested to see him for a card.

Mr. Savino Sierra, a concerned citizen, commented on the current events and summarized the comments of citizens who previously spoke.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent, 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 Oyler moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent, 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, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M.



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

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