

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :**: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held March 26, 2019, 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 6:16 P.M.), Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11. Absent: None.

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.

**Eureka College Men's Basketball Team
Parkinson's Awareness Month
Gerald M. Brookhart Spring Celebration**

MINUTES

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on March 12, 2019, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

- (19-088) **Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE the Award of HUD CDBG FUNDS to DREAM CENTER PEORIA, in the Total Amount of \$400,000.00. (Council District 1)**
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- (19-089) **Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request to ACCEPT the Low Bid and AWARD a CONTRACT to KREILING ROOFING for the Roof Replacement at Fire Station 15 and Fire Station 16, in the Total Amount of \$145,997.00.**

- (19-090) Communication from the City Manager and the Fire Chief with a Request to APPROVE and Authorize the Execution of a One-Year CONTRACT with MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES (MES) for Firefighter Helmets, Gloves and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Face Pieces with DINGES FIRE EQUIPMENT for Fire Gear and Hoods, to be Purchased on an as Needed Basis.
- (19-091) Communication from the City Manager and Chief of Police with a Request to APPROVE the Annual Subscription CONTRACT with SHOTSPOTTER INC. (SST, INC.), for ShotSpotter Flex, a Gunfire Location, Alert, and Analysis Service.
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- (19-092) Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Human Resources with a Request to Authorize the Execution of a CONTRACT with RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES (RMA), in the Amount of \$33,887.00, to Administer the Fire Battalion Chief Promotional Examination.
- (19-065) 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 ORDINANCE NO. 17,667 Amending APPENDIX A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to DONATION BINS.
- (19-086) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,668 Amending CHAPTER 26 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Regarding COMMERCIAL USES OF RIGHTS OF WAY.
- (19-087) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,669 Amending CHAPTER 27 TAXATION Article VII Sec 27-151; Article VIII Sec 27-180; Article IX Sec 27-204; Article XI Sec 27-257; Article XII Sec 27-263; Article XV Sec 27-306; Article XVI Sec 27-316 And Article XVIII Sec 27-334 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to the Calculation of the Penalties for LATE PAYMENT of Hotel Taxes, Restaurant Taxes, Amusement Taxes, Utility Taxes, Motor Fuel Taxes, Water Utility Taxes, Gas Utility Taxes and Alcoholic Liquor Sold at Retail Establishment Taxes
- (19-093) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,670 Rezoning Property from a Class R-4 (Single Family Residential) District and Class P-1 (Parking) District to a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District for the Properties Located at 3728, 3802, AND 3804 NORTH PROSPECT ROAD, (Parcel Identification Nos. 14-27-255-004, 14-27-255-003, and 14-27-255-002), Peoria, Illinois.

- (19-094) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,671 Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class WH (Warehouse Form) District for Waivers from the Form District Requirements Relating to Signage for the Property Located at 927 SW WASHINGTON STREET (Parcel Identification No. 18-09-330-048), Peoria, Illinois.**
- (19-095) **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 ORDINANCE NO. 17,672 Amending an Existing SPECIAL USE Ordinance No. 13,221 as Amended, in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District for a Shopping Center to Add FREESTANDING SIGNS for the Properties Commonly Known as NORTHWOODS MALL and Located at 2200 WEST WAR MEMORIAL DRIVE, 2316 WEST WAR MEMORIAL DRIVE, 4512 NORTH STERLING AVENUE, and 4518 NORTH STERLING AVENUE, (Parcel Identification Nos. 14-19-451-003, 14-19-451-007, 14-19-451-011, 14-19-451-012, 14-19-451-013, 14-19-451-014, and 14-30-201-022), Peoria, Illinois.**
- (19-096) **APPROVE the COMMITTEE REPORT (POLICY SESSION) Regarding TAX INCREMENT FINANCING.**

Mayor Ardis questioned if the Council wished to have any of the Consent Agenda items removed for further discussion.

Council Member Grayeb requested Item No. 19-088 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Cyr requested Item No. 19-091 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 19-065, 19-086 through 19-096 (excluding Item Nos. 19-088 and 19-091, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

- (19-088) **Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE the Award of HUD CDBG FUNDS to DREAM CENTER PEORIA, in the Total Amount of \$400,000.00. (Council District 1)**

In response to Council Member Grayeb's question regarding the grant required guidelines defined by HUD 24 CFR 5.109(d), Community Development Director Ross Black said funds could be provided to a religious organization for non-religious purposes provided that the organization did not require religious qualifications in order to participate, such as a religious

ceremony or doctrinarian. He said the Dream Center, being a religious organization, had to be open to the general public and to people who did not have to become a member of the religious affiliation.

Council Member Grayeb commended the efforts of the Dream Center noting that the required guidelines were in place in order to separate Church and State.

At the conclusion of his comments, Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the award of HUD CDBG Fund to Dream Center Peoria, in the total amount of \$400,000.00; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Council Member Riggerbach expressed his appreciation to the Dream Center for their efforts in the community, noting the organization filled the gap when the day drop-in center did not receive funding from HUD in 2016 and had to shut down. He said it showed the commitment the City had to addressing the homelessness needs.

Council Member Moore recognized the Dream Center and the activities and programs they offered, noting they were an example of an organization that cared about people.

Mayor Ardis recognized the Dream Center for what they contributed to the community to address the homeless issue in Peoria, noting that a presentation by the Heart of Illinois Homelessness Continuum would follow. He remarked on the importance of addressing the homeless issue and he said he was proud to support this item and the Dream Center in the City Peoria and all their efforts.

Motion to approve the award of HUD CDBG Fund to Dream Center Peoria, in the total amount of \$400,000.00 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(19-091) Communication from the City Manager and Chief of Police with a Request
** to APPROVE the Annual Subscription CONTRACT with SHOTSPOTTER
 INC. (SST, INC.), for ShotSpotter Flex, a Gunfire Location, Alert, and
 Analysis Service.**

In response to Council Member Cyr on whether there were other companies who provided a similar service and if there were any located in Illinois, Police Chief Loren Marion said there were other companies but he said he did not know where their offices were based. He said the City had been working with ShotSpotter, Inc. since 2013, noting that ShotSpotter was based out of California. He said he was not aware of a similar company located in Illinois.

Chief Marion explained the efficiency of ShotSpotter, noting it would not be beneficial to use that money to hire additional Police Officers. He said additional Police Officers would not make up the difference of the coverage provided by the service. He said the Police Department was also able to integrate the ShotSpotter technology with other technology in order to assist in investigations.

Council Member Cyr moved to approve the annual subscription contract with ShotSpotter, Inc. (SST, Inc.), for ShotSpotter Flex, a gunfire location, alert, and analysis service; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PRESENTATION

(19-097) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a PRESENTATION by Kevin Nowlan Director of the Heart of Illinois Homelessness Continuum of Care Regarding HOMELESS SERVICES.

Kevin Nowlan, Director of the Heart of Illinois Homelessness Continuum of Care, provided a presentation regarding homeless services. He reviewed the service providers within the City of Peoria and the types of services they offered. He provided a history of the Day Drop-In Center reporting that HUD ended its grant with the Drop-In Center in 2016, which resulted in an increase in homelessness in the community. At that time, he said the Continuum of Care was asked to develop a strategic plan to address the homeless issue to be implemented by December of 2017. He reviewed the strategic plan that was developed and how the various service providers throughout the community worked together to assist. He reviewed the Interim Shelter Program and what that program had to offer. He reviewed the strategy noting housing first, then harm reduction, and then access point for Continuum of Care services. He said the Continuum issued a Request for Interest to see what entities would be willing to work with the Continuum to address the issue and he reviewed the response. He reviewed how homelessness impacted OSF and why OSF partnered with other agencies to address the issue. He provided a sample data on how addressing homelessness decreased the number of hospitalization episodes at OSF. He reviewed the interim shelter outcomes noting an increase in those served and the number of those who were placed in permanent housing. He reviewed the 2019 Homeless Point In Time (PIT) Count with the preliminary data from 2018 and 2019, noting a dramatic decrease in homelessness from 400 needs in 2018 to 285 needs in 2019, where homelessness was at its lowest. He said he was pleased to see the City in the process of holding an Affordable Housing Policy Session, noting he would be willing to work with the Council in order to develop a strategic plan. He said it was the Continuum's request that Dream Center Peoria and the City approve a strategic plan for affordable housing.

Council Member Ruckriegel acknowledged the efforts of the Continuum and the agencies collaborating to address the issue. He said the data showed the progress of the efforts of the Continuum.

Council Member Moore expressed her appreciation for the presentation noting that she recently attended a conference at the National League of Cities to discuss affordable housing. She said she was pleased the City was taking steps to be proactive and said she would appreciate Mr. Nowlan's assistance in drafting a strategic plan.

Council Member Grayeb moved to receive and file a presentation by Kevin Nowlan, Director of Heart of Illinois Homelessness Continuum of Care, regarding homeless services; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Rigggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

(19-098) Communication from the City Manager, Treasurer and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the Month Ended JANUARY 31, 2019, UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.

Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins said this item was brought forward at the request of Council Member Cyr and he provided an overview of the reports being generated by the new financial software. He stated that preparing a cash basis report would be labor intensive and he commented that the current report was on a modified accrued basis. He said the Department was working on generating a report that would serve the purpose for both the Finance Department and the Treasurer's Office. He requested suggestions from the Council Members on what they would like to see on future reports. He said the current reports were more detailed than what was previously provided.

Council Member Oyler moved to receive and file the month ended January 31, 2019, Unaudited Financial Report; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Council Member Rigggenbach expressed his appreciation for the report noting it would take a couple of months to determine the best way to present the information. He said the reports helped to provide information on the current condition of the City's finances and he remarked on the need to ensure the format made sense.

Council Member Ruckriegel said the report provided great information. He requested a one-page report on a monthly basis that provided a snapshot of the City's finances. He said such a report would be helpful for the Council to understand the needs and where the City stood, especially when it came time for budget discussions.

Motion to receive and file the month ended January 31, 2019, Unaudited Financial Report was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Rigggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

(19-099) Communication from the City Manager with a PRESENTATION from FITCH AND ASSOCIATES concerning the Fire and Dispatch Service Study.

City Manager Urich introduced Dr. Bruce Moeller, Senior Consultant, and Dr. Steven Knight, Partner, from Fitch and Associates provided a slide presentation on the Fitch Report that reviewed and assessed the Fire Department and AMT services in the City of Peoria.

Dr. Bruce Moeller said Phase I of the Fitch Report was coming to a close with one more component to complete. He provided a process overview, the methodology and what stakeholders were involved. He provided an introduction and reviewed the methodology used for the report. He commented and reviewed how the current system was assessed and the

science behind the system design. He reviewed and explained the GIS and marginal utility modeling and reported on the medical response system. He reviewed the significant findings stating that the current system in place was performing well noting response times were generally strong, there was significant capacity in the system, and AMT averaged 1:46 behind the Fire Department arrival time. He said response times should be within five minutes from when the event occurred in order to provide the best possible outcome in critical fire and EMS events. He reported that for the majority of incidents a total response time of 12 minutes did not impact a patient's clinical outcome. He said the medical response system did not reflect the current complexity of EMS, noting that a more granular assessment and response system was needed. He remarked on the importance of sending the right resource to the right call. He said the last component of the report was to analyze the 911 Dispatch Center.

Discussions were held regarding the opportunity to improve the emergency response system. Dr. Steven Knight said the opportunity was to move the travel time requirements, noting there would not be an additional cost. He said the Fire Department would not need to respond to calls where it was not needed. He commented that best practice was with priority dispatch, and he commented on the importance of evaluating the 911 Center. He said it was not their recommendation to close any units or stations, but rather their recommendations would introduce capacity back into the system. He said any recommended changes should be introduced one at a time to the system and to let that change stabilize before any further changes were made, noting they did not recommend making multiple changes at once.

Discussions were held regarding the dispatch center, and City Manager Urich said there was funding to make improvements to the 911 Center for 2019 and he provided an overview of those changes.

Council Member Akeson compared the Matrix Study completed in 2004 to the Fitch Study currently being done noting the issues for 2004 were the same for 2019. She said there was room for improvement that was within the City's control. She asked what was keeping the City from achieving the response times and Dr. Knight said there could be a number of issues that affected the response times, noting it could be staffing or technology issues.

Council Member Akeson requested the City Manager to include the hyperlink regarding the "Analysis of Changing Residential Fire Dynamics and Its Implications of Firefighter Operational Timeframes" (Kerber, S. 2014) on the City's website. She remarked on the way fires were fought in the past compared to today and how much the time decreased to make an impact on controlling and extinguishing fires. She said the response times to certain parts of the City may not have much of an impact on the outcome of addressing a fire. She remarked on the need to educate the City stating that there needed to be a plan for education.

Council Member Oyler expressed a concern that there were no recommendations from the Fitch Study, stating he wanted to know if the City had too many resources or not enough resources.

In response to Council Member Oyler, Dr. Moeller said Fitch framed its recommendations as a type of policy analysis and what the City believed would be acceptable in terms of a policy standard. He said it was their goal to provide the City with a framework in order to build a policy. He said an analysis still needed to be conducted on the 911 Center, and he said he anticipated a completed report in the next two to three months.

Council Member Cyr expressed a concern regarding the Matrix Report completed in 2004 with none of the recommendations from that report being implemented. He expressed a concern regarding the response times, specifically as it related to the Fifth District. He said the current

Fitch Report did not remark on signal preemption; however, he said the Matrix Report recommended installing these signals. He said the response times to the Fifth District were the slowest response times and he said the City's primary goal should be to save lives.

Council Member Riggerbach expressed his appreciation for the information and the discussion, noting that the discussion regarding emergency services emerged every budget cycle. He remarked on the importance of analyzing the 911 Center, noting that was where the more realistic opportunities were for the City. He said the most important issue was to get the right resources to the right emergency call, which in turn would make the services more sustainable and was the long-term goal for the City in order to provide safety for the citizens.

Council Member Grayeb expressed his appreciation for the report. He said the City had a history of hiring consultants without accepting or implementing the recommendations. He said the City Council had to determine the City's "risk tolerance." He said the Council had to justify the decommissioning of rescue squads or closing fire houses. He said police, fire and rescue were core basic services and the budget passed by the Council impacted those services.

Discussions were held on how cell phone service impacted the 911 Center and Dr. Knight commented that it took more time to determine the location of an emergency with a cell phone call.

In response to Council Member Ruckriegel, Mr. Moeller said the Fire Department, AMT Service and medical director all coordinated to work with the Fitch Group in order to provide an understanding of the City's emergency response system.

For future cost comparisons with other cities, Council Member Ruckriegel requested those costs similarly reflect the City's costs in order to provide a more accurate comparison.

Discussions were held regarding the data that was captured for the report and it was noted that the data was captured using a computer dispatch system. Discussions were held regarding responses times and whether it was the recommendation of Fitch to increase those time. Dr. Moeller said it was not the recommendation of Fitch to change response time, but rather it was the policy decision of the Council on what they wanted their response times to be, noting it related to the Council's risk tolerance.

Council Member Montelongo commented on a need for a cost analysis when implementing the system as well as the need for revenues. He remarked on the importance of comparing these costs from a business comparison, noting it was an important piece as the City Council made a business decision.

City Manager Urich said the City Council would receive a copy of the recent report from Fitch. He said the Fitch Group would then proceed to analyze the 911 Center and then return to the City Council to provide a full presentation on their findings as it related to the 911 Center.

Dr. Moeller said the Fitch report would be available to the Council in the next couple of weeks and he said he anticipated the full report with the 911 Center analysis would be done in two to three months, stating he anticipated full completion of the report by July.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file the Presentation from Fitch and Associates concerning the Fire and Dispatch Service Study; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

FIRST READINGS

(19-100) 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 for a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE PARKING.

Community Development Director Black said the proposed item would make a minor amendment to the City's Ordinance, which was based on a change the State of Illinois made to the Illinois Accessibility Code in 2018. He said the proposed Ordinance would bring the City's Code requirements for handicap accessible parking current with State requirements.

In response to Council Member Ruckriegel's question regarding businesses in compliance with the current code, Director Black said changes would only need to occur when the business made a change to the parking surface.

Mayor Ardis requested this item be brought before the Advisory Committee for the Disabled in order to inform the Committee that the City was bringing its Code up to State standards.

Council Member Akeson moved to receive and file the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Appendix A of the Unified Development Code relating to handicap accessible parking; seconded by Council Member Riggenbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 19-100 will be placed on the April 9, 2019, Regular City Council Meeting agenda.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(19-101) 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 DENY an ORDINANCE Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class C-N (Neighborhood Commercial) District for Auto Sales, Repair, & Service for the properties located at 314-318 S OLIVE STREET (Parcel Identification Nos. 18-17-209-004 and 18-17-209-015), Peoria, Illinois.

Council Member Moore moved to deny the Ordinance approving a Special Use in a Class C-N (Neighborhood Commercial) District for auto sales, repair, and service for the properties located at 314-318 South Olive Street (Parcel Identification Nos. 18-17-209-004 and 18-17-209-015), Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Riggenbach.

Motion to DENY was approved by roll call vote.

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

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 Urich said the City was in receipt of the appraisals on the Riverplex and Rocky Glen properties. He said those appraisals were submitted to the Illinois Department of Natural Resource and the National Park Service for review. He said Staff would like the matter deferred until April 9, 2019, to provide time for the NPS and IDNR to review and approve the appraisals.

Council Member Moore moved to defer this item to the April 9, 2019, Regular City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

In response to Council Member Oyler's question regarding the deadline in which to act upon the purchase, City Manager Urich said the NPS extended the City's deadline to April 30, 2019.

Discussions were held on whether there would be any additional costs to the City, and City Manager Urich said there would be no additional costs.

Motion to defer this item to the April 9, 2019, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Moore left the meeting

(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.

Council Member Montelongo moved to defer this item to the April 9, 2019, Regular City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Motion to defer to the April 9, 2019, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

Council Member Moore returned to the meeting.

(19-051) Communication from the City Manager and Fire Chief with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Establishing and Implementing a Program to CHARGE MITIGATION RATES to NON-RESIDENTS for the Deployment of Emergency and Non-Emergency Services by the Fire Department for Services Rendered by the Peoria Fire Department.

City Manager Urich said the Ordinance was amended after a previous discussion with the City Council to charge non-residents only.

Discussions were held on how to determine an "out-of-town resident" as it related to college students or businesses, and City Manager Urich said the "out-of-town" status would be determined by the address printed on the driver's license. He said those individuals living in surrounding communities would also be billed.

Council Member Ruckriegel said the Fire Department was faced with a task to raise revenues by approximately \$200,000.00; however, he expressed a concern of billing a mitigation charge for those who work in the City of Peoria. He said such a charge would discourage instead of encourage businesses from coming to the City. He said the Fire Department performed the task the City Council requested, but it sent a wrong message to those who wanted to do business in the community. Because of this, he said he would not vote in favor of this item.

Council Member Riggenbach said he initially voted in favor of implementing such a fee; however, said he was unable to support this item at this time.

Council Member Oyler expressed a concern, noting that the initial discussion was that this fee would be billed to the insurance company and not the individual. He said at the level of these fees and should insurance decide not to pay the fee, then it would cause an undue burden on the individual.

City Manager Urich said he was not recommending cutting the Fire Department's budget at this time, but it was something to watch to see where the fees were generated.

Council Member Moore moved to TABLE this matter until completion of the Fitch Study; seconded by Council Member Riggenbach.

Motion to TABLE was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Jensen, Moore, Riggenbach, Mayor Ardis - 6;

Nays: Grayeb, Montelongo, Oyler, Ruckriegel, Turner - 5.

Council Member Grayeb said should this matter come back before the City Council, then he would recommend that students who lived in the City for nine months out of the year be considered residents of the City of Peoria, regardless of what was indicated on the driver's license.

(19-064) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to OFF-PREMISE SIGNS.

Community Development Director Black said this item came before the City Council on February 26, 2019, for a First Reading. He provided an overview of the proposed changes noting the changes would simplify the regulations and provide flexibility for locations without increasing the number of signs.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Appendix A of the Unified Development Code, relating to off-premise signs; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Mayor Ardis expressed his appreciation to City Staff and the City Manager's Office for their efforts on this item noting it was a good resolution brought to the City Council.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,673 amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, relating to off-premise signs was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

ADDITIONAL UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Stormwater Utility Fees Collected in 2018

Council Member Montelongo requested a Report Back on the stormwater utility fees collected in 2018 by address, the types of stormwater projects and the cost of each project, the amount of money allocated for administrative costs and to compare those costs to the projected costs for 2019.

Budget Allocation for At-Risk Youth

Council Member Montelongo said \$30,000.00 was allotted for an at-risk youth program for 2019, and he requested an update and spreadsheet on how those monies were spent.

NEW BUSINESS

Career Fair

Council Member Moore announced there would be a Career Fair at Peoria High on Saturday, March 30, 2019, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. She said those attending the career fair would learn about various responsibilities across the trades and would help provide future employment opportunities. She said trades offered an alternative for a high paying job.

Riverfront Master Plan Meeting

Council Member Moore announced there would be a Riverfront Master Plan Meeting held on April 4, 2019, from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Gateway Building and she encouraged the public to attend and provide input.

Trash Tag Challenge

Mayor Ardis announced there would be a Riverfront Trash Tag Challenge on April 7, 2019, at 11:00 A.M. beginning at the CEFCU Stage on the Riverfront. He said PDC would provide bags and totes for the event. He said additional information can be found on the City's website at <http://www.peoriagov.org/trashtag-pick-up-challenge-event-on-april-7/>.

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.

Lavetta Ricca, President of the Old Town South Neighborhood Association, expressed her gratitude to Council Member Eric Turner for all his efforts in the neighborhoods and the City overall while he served on the City Council. She said he had done a tremendous amount of work in the City to address the needs of the neighborhoods, specifically noting the South Side. She said he would be greatly missed when he leaves the City Council.

Karrie Alms, President of Friends of Riverfront Park, commented on the Simantel Purchase noting there was nothing in the appraisals that gave the land profitability. She commented on the dates of the appraisal and how those impacted the purchase price. She commented on remediation efforts that would need to take place and the cost of such remediation. She said the City needed to look for other options in order to prevent spending another \$500,000.00.

Kalissa Armstrong, owner and operator of The N9NE, commented on the issues she encountered when trying to obtain a liquor license for her business. She commented on the process and the fees she had paid as well as the issue that prevented her from opening her business. She remarked on the financial struggles she was now encountering due to the issues and she asked for additional information as to what the issues were that were preventing her from opening The N9NE.

Mayor Ardis asked Corporation Counsel Leist to prepare a summary to be published in the Issues Updates that provided a timeline of the issues for the location of The N9NE.

Alecia Collins, owner and operator of Secrets Lounge, commented on the issues she had with trying to open her establishment. She commented on the need for change in order to provide equal opportunity to all business owners. She reviewed the issues she encountered while trying to open Secrets Lounge. She said she wanted to see more opportunities for minorities in the community for the City of Peoria.

Spanky Edwards, a citizen of Peoria, remarked on the difficulties for the black community to open a business in the City of Peoria. He commented on the issues his family encountered when trying to open a food truck business as well as the other issues previous citizens discussed earlier. He said food trucks gave an opportunity for Peorians to live the American dream. He remarked on the need for the Black community to be able to bring cultural space to the City.

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; 2(c)(5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body; 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 Cyr 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; 2(c)(5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public

body; 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 Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach,
Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.



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