: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Special Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held May 7, 2019, at 6:00 P.M., at City Hall, Council Chambers, 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Jim Ardis presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

CONVENING OF THE OLD CITY COUNCIL

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 9. Absent: Akeson, Ruckriegel - 2.

INVOCATION BY MINISTER LOREECE HIGHTOWER

Minister Loreece Hightower gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jim Ardis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS

(19-136) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE a CONTRACT with REHRIG PACIFIC COMPANY, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$36,439.90, to Purchase 702 New 95 Gallon Garbage Carts for Replacement and Inventory. [All Council Districts]

Council Member Turner moved to approve a contract with Rehrig Pacific Company, in an amount not to exceed \$36,439.90, to purchase 702 new 95 gallon garbage carts for replacement and inventory; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Turner,

Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

(19-137) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE a CONTRACT with WASTEQUIP, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$59,154.94, to Purchase Two Hundred 60 Gallon Dome Top Litter Containers to be Used for Neighborhood Trash Cans. [All Council Districts]

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve a contract with Wastequip, in an amount not to exceed \$59,154.94, to purchase two hundred 60 gallon dome top litter containers to be used for neighborhood trash cans; seconded by Council Member Moore.

In response to Council Member Jensen's request on how citizens could obtain old neighborhood garbage cans for community gardens, City Manager Urich said they would need to call the Public Works main number at 309-494-8800. He said any citizen interested in one of these garbage cans would need to make their own arrangements to pick it up.

In response to Council Member Moore's question on how to request a new neighborhood garbage can for neighborhood associations, City Manager Urich said, out of the 200 containers, only 140 had a specific location. He the City's Communication Specialist Stacy Petersen would provide more information on how a neighborhood association could request a location. He said these garbage cans would be part of PDC's regular garbage pick-up routes.

Council Member Riggenbach said this was a new service provided to the neighborhoods that was incorporated into the PDC contract that came into effect last year, noting that there would be 200 garbage cans added to the City's neighborhoods.

Motion to approve a contract with Wastequip, in an amount not to exceed \$59,154.94, to purchase two hundred 60 gallon dome top litter containers to be used for neighborhood trash cans was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Turner,

Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

(19-130) 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 APPENDIX A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to
OFF-STREET PARKING SCHEDULE AND OVER-PARKED IMPACT FEE.

Council Member Cyr moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, relating to off-street parking schedule and over-parked impact fee; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,681 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr. Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Turner,

Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

(19-131) 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 APPENDIX A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to
BUILDABLE AREA IN THE CLASS CN (NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL)
DISTRICT.

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, relating to buildable area in the Class CN (Neighborhood Commercial) District; seconded by Council Member Riggenbach.

In response to Council Member Jensen's question on what types of structures the new zoning would apply, City Planner Leah Allison said it would be available to new construction as a new building and new construction as a building addition. With regards to the rehabilitation of older buildings, she said this type of zoning would apply under the Special Use Process, review and approval, to utilize the proposed change.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,682 amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, relating to buildable area in the Class CN (Neighborhood Commercial) District was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Turner,

Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

PRESENTATIONS TO RETIRING COUNCIL MEMBERS

(19-138) Consideration of a Motion Regarding RESOLUTIONS COMMENDING OUTGOING ELECTED OFFICIALS.

Mayor Ardis presented the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION City of Peoria, Illinois BETH AKESON

WHEREAS, Beth Akeson has served as Council Member for the City of Peoria, Illinois from May, 2011 to May, 2019, and this year brings to an end eight years of dedicated service by Beth Akeson to the City of Peoria, during which she has given freely of her time in an unselfish effort and has demonstrated the highest ideals of public service by her dedication; and

WHEREAS, Beth Akeson, by her many years of efficient service as Council Member representing the residents of Peoria, has served as a member of the Heart of Peoria Commission, among others, and has well-earned the endless gratitude of the citizens of Peoria;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this City Council, on behalf of its members, the officials and employees of the City of Peoria, and the citizens of the community, do hereby express to Beth Akeson, sincere and profound appreciation and thanks for her years of dedicated service as a Peoria City Council Member.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Honorable Beth Akeson be presented this resolution, and this resolution be spread upon the permanent records of the City of Peoria, Illinois, attested to by the City Clerk.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, 7th day of May, 2019 A.D.

/s/ M	ayor Jim Ardis	
Mayor Jim Ardis		
/s/ Denis Cyr	/s/ Chuck Grayeb	
Council Member Denis Cyr	Council Member Chuck Grayeb	

/s/ Beth Jensen	/s/ Denise Moore
Council Member Beth Jensen	Council Member Denise Moore
/s/ Jim Montelongo Council Member Jim Montelongo	/s/ Zach Oyler Council Member Zach Oyler
/s/ Tim Riggenbach Council Member Tim Riggenbach	/s/ Sid P. Ruckriegel Council Member Sid P. Ruckriegel
	/s/ W. Eric Turner
C	Council Member Turner
ATTESTED BY:	
/s/ Beth Ball City Clerk	
EXAMINED AND APPROVED:	
/s/ Donald Leist	
Corporation Counsel	

Mayor Ardis commented on the importance of remembering those who were very instrumental, as well as his family, in the humble roots of Council Member Turner. He specifically remarked on Dr. James Stafford, who was the first African-American member of the Council, and how important that mentorship was to Council Member Turner. He said Dr. Stafford had a huge impact on Council Member Turner's desire to sit around the horseshoe and to serve as a Council Member.

RESOLUTION City of Peoria, Illinois W. ERIC TURNER

WHEREAS, W. Eric Turner, served as Council Member for the City of Peoria, Illinois, from May 1995 to May 2019. This year brings to an end twenty-four years of dedicated service by W. Eric Turner to the City of Peoria, during which he gave freely of his time in an unselfish effort and demonstrated the highest ideals of public service by his dedication; and

WHEREAS, W. Eric Turner, by his many years of efficient service as Council Member representing the residents of Peoria served as Deputy Liquor Commissioner from 1999 to 2019.

WHEREAS, W. Eric Turner, also served on the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District Board of Trustees; Special Ad Hoc Committee of the City Council; Public Safety and Social Responsibility Committee; Community Growth and Development Committee; Fiscal Policy/Ways and Means Committee; Solid Waste Disposal Committee; Ad Hoc Committee to Oversee the Creation of a Master Plan for Marketing the Tri-County Area Budget; Riverfront Business District Commission; Ad Hoc Committee to Discuss Council Rules, Order of Business and Use of

Commissions; Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau; GIS Policy Committee; Senior Citizens Commission; Joint Labor/Management Health Care Committee; Advisory Committee on Police-Community Relations; and Metropolitan Policy Committee. He has earned endless gratitude from the citizens of Peoria for his dedicated efforts to support neighborhoods across the City;

WHEREAS, W. Eric Turner, is the longest serving African-American Council Member and served with four Mayors including Mayor Jim Maloof, Mayor Lowell (Bud) Grieves, Mayor David Ransburg, and Mayor Jim Ardis, as well as nine City Managers;

WHEREAS, W. Eric Turner, served two years in the United States Army, which included one year in Vietnam. We thank him for his service to the United States of America.

WHEREAS, W. Eric Turner, has always believed in the quote, "Be a good friend to all, say what you mean and mean what you say".

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this City Council, on behalf of its members, the officials and employees of the City of Peoria, and the citizens of the community, do hereby express to W. Eric Turner, sincere and profound appreciation and thanks for his years of dedicated service as a Peoria City Council Member and for being a man of wisdom, integrity, honesty and a wonderful role model to all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Honorable W. Eric Turner be presented this Resolution, and this Resolution be spread upon the permanent records of the City of Peoria, Illinois, attested to by the City Clerk.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, 7th day of May, 2019 A.D.

/s/ M	layor Jim Ardis
Ma	ayor Jim Ardis
/s/ Denis Cyr	/s/ Chuck Grayeb
Council Member Denis Cyr	Council Member Chuck Grayeb
/s/ Beth Jensen Council Member Beth Jensen	/s/ Denise Moore Council Member Denise Moore
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/s/ Jim Montelongo	/s/ Zach Oyler
Council Member Jim Montelongo	Council Member Zach Oyler
/s/ Tim Riggenbach	/s/ Sid P. Ruckriegel
Council Member Tim Riggenbach	Council Member Sid P. Ruckriegel
•	Beth Akeson
ATTESTED BY:	
/s/ Beth Ball	
City Clerk	

EXAMINED AND APPROVED:

/s/ Donald Leist

Corporation Counsel

Council Member Turner thanked and expressed his appreciation to the citizens of Peoria for their support, noting it was their support that had elected him as Council Member At-Large for the City of Peoria for the last 24 years. He said for those who did not support his election, he said it was his hope that sometime during his tenure he had handled an issue appropriately that was important to them. He said serving on the Peoria City Council had been a wonderful time in his life. He said he had enjoyed his service and would continue to support the Council, remarking that the Council Members who sat around the horseshoe truly cared about the citizens of Peoria. He said even though some debates were intense, it was never personal, which he appreciated from each Council Member. He said he enjoyed serving and it was a wonderful time and he thanked everyone who had supported him.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the Resolutions presented to the retiring Council Members commending them for their service to the City of Peoria and do hereby request that the Resolutions be spread upon the permanent records of the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Council Member Moore expressed her appreciation to Council Member Turner for his advice when she was first elected to the Council in 2013. She said Council Member Turner was the first person to provide her with background information, noting he was a historian of the things that occurred in the City and on the Council before her tenure. She said there were times they did not always see eye-to-eye on an issue, but she said he supported her cause the majority of the time. On the issues he did not support, she said he would always provide her with an explanation as to why. She said they were always able to discuss matters professionally, whether or not they agreed. She remarked that being an African American on the City Council was very different and she said he was in a position to help her understand some concepts and to help navigate unknown areas. She said she greatly appreciated his assistance and she would always carry that with her.

Council Member Oyler said the most important words to live by provided by Council Member Turner after he was elected was "Say what you have to say and then shut up." He said he had tried to live by those words during his time on the Council. He said Council Member Turner impressed upon him that when comments were kept short and to the point, people listened to what you had to say. He said he remembered in February 22, 2005, that he voted for Council Member Turner in a primary for Mayor, his first Mayoral election after having moved to the City of Peoria. He said he deeply valued his friendship with Council Member Turner and the mutual respect for one another and their ability to work on issues on and off the horseshoe. He said he was grateful for the influence Council Member Turner had on him during his time on the Council and his attempt to make a difference in this community. He said he continued to look forward to their friendship and their ability to work together on many things to come. He thanked Council Member Turner for his service and for his friendship.

Council Member Jensen said it had been an honor and a privilege to serve with Council Member Turner for the last five years. She commented that her first vote for Peoria City Council 24 years ago was for Eric Turner. She said they had been friends for the last 24 years and she said she always admired his commitment and his voice for neighborhoods, for people, for the

Police Department, and for veterans. She said she would always think of Council Member Turner when those issues were discussed and considered. She said she would remember the things that he said and he did during his distinguished career on the Council. She said he would be greatly missed and she thanked him for all he had done for the City of Peoria, noting that it was a better place because of him.

Council Member Riggenbach said for eight years he had the privilege of sitting next to Council Member Turner. He said Council Member Turner set the bar high for the rest of the Council when it came to discussing politics, especially during a time when people cringed at the thought of discussing politics. He said the City was very blessed with influences such as Bob Michel, Ray LaHood and now Eric Turner. He commented on the ability to work together around the horseshoe, even when they could not agree, which spoke volumes in how Council Member Turner operated. He said he was offered similar advice that Council Member Oyler was offered - the less said, the more people listen. He said everyone was going to miss Council Member Turner, but would continue to call him for institutional wisdom.

Council Member Cyr said Council Member Turner was a great mentor to him for his first two years on the Council and a great supporter. He expressed his appreciation for all he had done for him and everything he had taught him since coming onto the Council.

Council Member Grayeb said he and Council Member Turner were elected to the Council at the same time in 1995, and he remarked how well everyone was placed around the horseshoe. He said Council Member Turner had done an outstanding job and everyone very much appreciated his service to the community. He said Council Member Turner would be greatly missed.

Council Member Montelongo thanked Council Member Turner for being a great friend on the Council, noting he was one of the first Council Members to talk to him when first elected many years ago, noting he had shared wise words on how things should work. He said Council Member Turner always taught him to vote his conscientious and to always vote for what was best and never be pressured to vote one way or the other. He commented on the Breakfast Chats that they initiated many years ago that had been met with great success and grew into the Fourth District and the Fifth District. He said Council Member Turner had a way to connect with the community. He said the discussions that took place at the Breakfast Chats had spread and made the community a better place. He said he was going to miss their collaboration.

Mayor Ardis said Council Member Turner and himself had many opportunities, as they knew that his days as Council Member were coming to a close, to reminisce about some of the bigger discussions over the years and some of the things that seemed like a big deal at one point in time, but did not seem quite as big now. He said the thing that remained constant were the people they met, the acquaintances they made and the relationships that were established. He said he sat next to Council Member Turner for his first six years on the Council and mentored him, and was and still remained an unbelievably huge resource. He said he could never repay the hours and time Council Member Turner had given to help him understand things and to be a better public servant. He said he was going to be missed around the horseshoe; however, he said he would not be missed because there were discussions about Council Member Turner serving on a few commissions. He thanked him for setting an example for their peers on the Council and for a number of young people. Just like Dr. Stafford was to him, he said he knew Council Member Turner had the same impact on a lot of young men and women as well that would one day populate the horseshoe in the coming years.

Mayor Ardis said Council Member Akeson was not able to attend the meeting due to an out-of-town obligation, but he said he wanted to thank her for her eight years of service on the City Council. He said she was a very well versed Council Member who always did her homework. He said she took on a number of important initiatives such as complete streets and making Peoria more walkable and vibrant, which were at the top of her list. He said the City Council expressed its appreciation to her for her eight years of service on the City Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-138 presented to the retiring Council Members commending them for their service to the City of Peoria and that the Resolutions be spread upon the permanent records of the City of Peoria was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Turner,

Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Turner moved to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Turner,

Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

The Special Council Meeting adjourned sine die at 6:47 P.M.

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

* * * * ADMINISTERING THE OATHS OF OFFICE* * * *

City Clerk Beth Ball administered the Oath of Office to the following Incoming Elected Officials:

At-Large Council Member Rita Ali At-Large Council Member John L. Kelly At-Large Council Member Zachary M. Oyler At-Large Council Member Elizabeth L. Jensen

* At-Large Council Member Sid Paul Ruckriegel was previously sworn in due to a planned absence.

Mayor Ardis recognized the following local officials: Illinois State Representative Jehan Gordon-Booth, Peoria County Board Member Junior Watkins, President of the Peoria Park District Board of Trustee Robert Johnson, Peoria Park District Board of Trustee Jackie Petty, Peoria Public School Board of Education Martha Ross, ICC Board of Trustee Gale Thetford, Illinois Community College President Dr. Sheila Quirk-Bailey, Peoria Park District Board of Trustee Joyce Harrant, and ICC Board of Trustee Kelly Daniels.

* * * *CONVENING OF THE NEW CITY COUNCIL* * * *

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Mayor Ardis – 10. Absent: Ruckriegel – 1.

REMARKS BY THE NEWLY ELECTED AT-LARGE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Rita Ali said she finally made it to the horseshoe and she thanked God for leading, guiding and protecting her, and she thanked Minister Loreece Hightower for the invocation. She said her daily prayer was "God make me an instrument of your peace and love." She thanked all her supporters who believed in her ability to lead and who stood behind her to make the election a reality. She expressed her appreciation to her family and friends, and she remarked on her mother's support. She said she was ready to serve and take on challenges that came with the job. She said Peoria was a city rich in diversity and there were people from many cultures and ways of life. She said there were people from different races, ethnicities and religions; different genders, incomes and political affiliations, ages and beliefs. Despite all these differences, she said they were all Peorians. She said as Council Member she would work to develop greater respect and appreciation for differences in the City. She said it was through respect and appreciation that the issues of equity would be addressed and would enable everyone within the City the opportunity to reach their full potential and joint success. She said she looked forward to working alongside fellow Council Members to make a stronger Peoria by making stronger people. She said strong people built strong economies; strong people built strong schools; and strong people created safe neighborhoods. She said strong people found common ground to accomplish great things together. She closed by saying the words of Marvin Gaye, "Let's get it on."

Council Member John Kelly thanked everyone present and those watching and listening from home for the wonderful privilege to serve on the City Council, and he said he hoped he would become worthy of it. He recognized his family and friends and his father who was present to support him. He said his father, Joe Kelly, was the President of Peorians for Council-Manager Government in the 1950's. He said that group created the City Manager position of which City Manager Urich now served. He said his father was his second biggest fan, with his wife being his first. He said it was his wife, Amy, whose idea it was for him to run for City Council. He said he was glad he listened to her advice. He said it was his hope that his service on the City Council would move the City more toward a growth stance. He said his goal was general prosperity, not a concentrated prosperity. He said if people were economically secure and free, they would tend to become more virtuous and more in tune with what the Lord had to say. He said many of the City's problems was because they were far away from the Lord. He said with the little part he could play, economics had something to do with it. He said it was his hope to pull the Council in the right direction. He asked everyone to say a prayer for him that his tenure was one that would be constructive and good.

Council Member Zachary Oyler thanked the citizens of Peoria who entrusted in him another opportunity to be a leader in the community. He said it was a different experience running for reelection due to a track record that would come up during the campaign. He said he had to talk about the things he had done, which was very different from trying to get elected for the first time. He said he was encouraged by the overwhelming amount of support from the community, noting that people were happy and supportive of the things he had done during his term on the Council. He said he looked forward to continuing to push to better the community by focusing

on economic development, a business plan, and challenging everyone to be a better, more efficient and effective City and community. He said he looked forward to the opportunity to continue to be of service to his constituents. He thanked his wife for her support and efforts. noting that it could not be done alone. He also thanked his friends for their support as well, both on a personal and professional level. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to sit around the horseshoe to work with his colleagues on the challenges that they faced. He welcomed Council Member Ali and Council Member Kelly to the horseshoe, stating that he looked forward to serving and working with them over the next four years. He said it was an interesting experience that things became different than what they seemed once sitting around the horseshoe. He said the choices were tougher on the inside than from the outside. He remarked on the need to be open-minded enough to consider all the aspects and to evaluate the challenges and to understand that sometimes issues had to be looked at from a different angle. He remarked on the need to take in new ideals and to listen to the community and to balance all that with the information provided. He said their constituents were looking to them to provide guidance and to make decisions that were in their best interest. He remarked on the importance of six votes, noting it was not always easy to get those six votes. He said it was important to rely on relationships and to build alliances, but the need to not get caught in cliques that could cloud judgment was equally as important. He said it took a lot of give and take and negotiation to come to reasonable conclusions for everyone. He said diversity was what a board was about, noting the need to value differences and opinions everyone brought to the table as everyone tried to vet issues. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve Peoria and he said he thanked God for the opportunity.

Council Member Jensen expressed her appreciation to her husband Dave Wentworth and two sons, William and Charlie, who helped on the campaign trail and provided tremendous support. She said she would not be there today without their support and love. She said the main reason she put her name in for City Council and why she continued to run was because of her love for the City. She said she wanted to keep it growing and for it to keep getting stronger. She said she wanted it to be a City her two sons chose to live just as she and her husband chose 24 years ago. She expressed her appreciation to her campaign team and volunteers who helped her, noting it was a victory for them as well. She said she pledged to continue to ensure all City business was done in an open and transparent manner, noting it had been her mantra. She said she would continue to push for transparency and to advocate and to ask questions on the Council floor and to make sure discussions and decisions occurred in a transparent manner. She said she promised to continue to listen to every citizen, and to ensure that all voices were heard, all stakeholders' concerns were considered before the Council made decisions around the horseshoe. She said she looked forward to working with everyone on the Council, as well as City Staff, the City Manager and City Clerk. She said Peoria was a great city with a great Council. She said she looked forward to working with all the citizens of Peoria.

Mayor Ardis said, on behalf of those who were reelected, they looked forward to working with the newly elected Council Members Dr. Ali and Mr. Kelly. He said they would bring fresh air and new perspectives and he said they both brought very diverse and well-rounded backgrounds. On behalf of the City Council, he said they were very fortunate to have two new members who wanted to serve in this capacity. He said the citizens put them here and trusted in their ability. He said the City Council had a lot of challenges on their plate, but together they would work their way through them. He also thanked the reelected Council Members for their service to the community.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD

It was determined that there were no citizens who wished to speak before the City Council.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Monsignor Jason Gray gave the Benediction.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Ali moved to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach,

Mayor Ardis – 10.

Nay: None.

The Special City Council Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

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