

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

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held March 14, 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 immediately after roll call), Jensen (Arrived at 6:05 P.M.), Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Newlin, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 9. Absent: Grayeb, Turner – 2.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or reflection and then he led the pledge of allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

**The Central Illinois Chapter of the National Association of
Women Business Owners (NAWBO) – Women in History Month**

Parkinson's Awareness Month - April

Council Member Jensen arrived at 6:05 P.M.

MINUTES

Council Member Newlin moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on February 28, 2017, as printed; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Newlin, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

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

- (17-073) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to Receive for Information and to Refer to the Legal Department the NOTICE OF LAWSUIT Filed on Behalf of ADAMS OUTDOOR ADVERTISING LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.**
- (17-074) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to Approve Payment, in the Amount of \$17,200.00, Plus an Agreed Value for Current Crop Loss to ROBERT C. WIESEHAN for Right-of-Way Acquisition of a Portion of Parcel 08-36-100-003 for the Proposed ALTA ROAD/RADNOR ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.
(Council District 5)**

- (17-075) **Communication from City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the RFP PROCESS for the 2017 City of Peoria and Peoria County Trustee VACANT LOT MOWING PROGRAM and Enter into CONTRACTS, in the Total Amount of \$358,370.00, as follows:**
- A. **WINEINGER AND SONS, in the Amount of \$60,075.00, plus an Additional 10% for Contingencies;**
 - B. **STEVE WALTON CONSTRUCTION, in the Amount of \$58,806.00, plus an Additional 10% for Contingencies;**
 - C. **P-TOWN CAR CLUB, in the Amount of \$102,060.00, plus an Additional 10% for Contingencies;**
 - D. **EAST BLUFF NHS, in the Amount of \$74,700.00, plus an Additional 10% for Contingencies;**
 - E. **HULSE LANDSCAPING, in the Amount of \$21,600.00, plus an Additional 10% for Contingencies; and**
 - F. **HEARN'S LANDSCAPING, in the Amount of \$8,550.00, plus an Additional 10% for Contingencies.**
- (17-076) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute an AGREEMENT Between the City of Peoria and FRESH COAST CAPITAL, LLC Under the United States Department of Agriculture Conservation Innovation Grant for the Installation of Absorptive Landscapes.**
- (17-077) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following:**
- A. **APPROVE a SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE of Pavement Marking Material (Modified Urethane Paint), in the Amount of \$313,472.00, from ENNIS PAINT COMPANY, Utilizing the State of Minnesota's Department of Transportation Joint Purchasing Contract; and**
 - B. **APPROVE the PURCHASE of Type B Highway Pavement Marking Glass Beads from POTTERS INDUSTRIES LLC, in the Amount of \$42,000.00, Utilizing the State of Illinois' Joint Purchasing Contract; and**
 - C. **APPROVE the SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE of Type 4 Pavement Marking Glass Beads from POTTERS INDUSTRIES LLC, in the Total Amount of \$53,000.00; and**
 - D. **ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,449 AMENDING the CITY OF PEORIA 2017 ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the GENERAL FUND to Recognize the INCREASE in ADDITIONAL PAVEMENT MARKING SUPPLIES that will be REIMBURSED by the COUNTY OF PEORIA, in the Amount of \$95,000.00.**

- (17-067) * Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 20 of the CODE of the City of Peoria to Add Sec. 20-112 Regarding the POSSESSION OF CANNABIS UNDER 10 GRAMS AND DRUG PARAPHERNALIA and Amending CHAPTER 32 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Amending Sec. 32-3 to ALLOW ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION OF ALL THE VIOLATIONS OF THE CITY CODE.
- (17-068) ** Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 29 of the CODE of the CITY OF PEORIA Pertaining to TREES AND SHRUBS.
- (17-078) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,450 to Amend the DESIGNATING ORDINANCE and INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT for the PEORIA URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE.
- (17-079) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION with a Request to Concur:

Council Member Denise Moore (Voting) - Term Expiration 4/30/2020

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

Council Member Riggerbach requested Item No. 17-068 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Jensen requested Item No. 17-067 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 17-067, 17-068, and 17-073 through 17-079 (excluding Item Nos. 17-067 and 17-068) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Akesson, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Newlin, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

- (17-067) * Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 20 of the CODE of the City of Peoria to Add Sec. 20-112 Regarding the POSSESSION OF CANNABIS UNDER 10 GRAMS AND DRUG PARAPHERNALIA and Amending CHAPTER 32 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Amending Sec. 32-3 to ALLOW ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION OF ALL THE VIOLATIONS OF THE CITY CODE.

Council Member Jensen requested additional time in order for further revisions to be made to the item and she moved to defer this matter to the March 28, 2017, Regular City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Motion to defer to the March 28, 2017, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Newlin, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

**(17-068) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a
** Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 29 of the CODE
 of the CITY OF PEORIA Pertaining to TREES AND SHRUBS.**

Due to Council Member Grayeb's absence, Council Member Riggerbach moved to defer this matter to the March 28, 2017, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Motion to defer to the March 28, 2017 Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Newlin, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined

**(17-080) Recommendation from the City Manager and Community Development
 Director to AMEND the SOUTH VILLAGE HOUSING REHABILITATION
 PROGRAM to Allow Interior Repairs. (Council District 1)**

Council Member Moore stated this item came back to the City Council with clarification, noting that it mirrored the East Bluff Program; however, this program included interior repairs. She stated this program was only allowed for homeowners in order to improve their property value.

Council Member Moore moved to amend the South Village Housing Rehabilitation Program to allow interior repairs; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

In conclusion, Council Member Moore said the item would come back to the City Council for action at the March 28, 2017, City Council Meeting for text amendments that would clarify the language.

Motion to amend the South Village Housing Rehabilitation Program to allow interior repairs was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Newlin, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

- (17-081) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to APPROVE the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to:**
- A. **ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending an Existing SPECIAL USE Ordinance No. 17,070, in a Class R-2 (Single Family Residential) District to Remove Property from the Boundary of the Special Use for the Property Commonly Known as EXPOSITION GARDENS and Identified as Parcel Identification No. 14-17-100-001 with an Address of 1601 W NORTHMOOR ROAD, Peoria, Illinois, (Council District 4) and**
 - B. **ADOPT an ORDINANCE REZONING Property from a Class R-2 (Single Family Residential) District to a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District, for the Property Commonly Known as EXPOSITION GARDENS and Identified as Parcel Identification No. 14-17-100-001 with an Address of 1601 W NORTHMOOR ROAD, Peoria, Illinois. (Council District 4)**

Requesting additional time to discuss the matter with the surrounding neighborhoods, Council Member Montelongo moved to defer this item to the March 28, 2017, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Motion to defer to the March 28, 2017, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Newlin, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

- (17-082) **Communication from the City Manager and Fire Chief to RECEIVE and FILE a PRESENTATION from the Peoria Area Emergency Medical Services Medical Director Regarding ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES.**

A copy of the presentation and a list of studies supporting a limited role for ALS were distributed to all Council Members.

City Manager Urich introduced Dr. Matthew Jackson, EMS Medical Director for the Peoria Area EMS.

Dr. Jackson provided a presentation regarding Advanced Life Support Services (ALS). He outlined his role and responsibilities as EMS Medical Director and reviewed the Illinois EMS Act that defined EMS functions in Illinois. He explained how EMS providers worked and under whose direction. He reviewed the Peoria Area EMS noting there was a two-tiered response system: Basic Life Support (BLS) Fire Department and Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambulance. He reviewed the two different life support systems and how these systems were utilized, whether there was a need in the Peoria area for additional ALS, the pros and cons of implementing additional ALS, and the studies for increased ALS versus BLS.

Council Member Moore inquired and discussions were held regarding the assessment to determine the need for additional ALS and whether a new assessment was needed within the Peoria area. Dr. Jackson indicated he did not see a true need to do an assessment. He said he felt a restructure would be needed as call volumes changed, but there had been no increase or decrease in call volumes.

In response to Council Montelongo's question regarding implementing a pilot program on Engine 19, Dr. Jackson stated that the Peoria Fire Department encouraged the program due to the expansion of the City in that location. He said he currently did not see a need for that area; however, he said if there was a need it could be expanded.

Discussions were held regarding the transfer of patients to the three different hospitals and the time needed to transfer the patients. It was noted that the transfer times were read through the computer dispatch reports from the City that were provided to the City Council on a monthly basis. It was noted that the City did not track AMT response times since AMT was a separate entity from the City.

City Manager Urich commented that under the Franchise Agreement with AMT, there was a requirement that AMT needed to meet a 90% response time. He said a report on their response time was submitted to the City on an annual basis. Dr. Jackson stated this response time was a State requirement.

Additional discussions were held regarding the criteria of an assessment. It was noted that this type of an assessment was a fluid situation, which was constantly monitored.

In response to Council Member Jensen, discussions were held regarding the surrounding communities and their response models. Dr. Jackson pointed out that basic life support services were just as important as ALS. He added ALS was more critical in rural areas.

At the request of Mayor Ardis, Dr. Jackson provided an overview of the relationship with the Peoria Fire Department and communications. He stated that the relationship was functional and collaborative. He remarked on the importance of being fluid in the EMS design with the ability to adapt to needs as they arose.

Mayor Ardis requested City Manager Urich to make the slide presentation and the studies document available on the City's website for the public to view.

Fire Chief Chuck Lauss expressed his appreciation for Dr. Jackson's presentation. He said he worked closely with Dr. Jackson and he said the Fire Department, Dr. Jackson and other emergency response agencies collaborated to strengthen the relationship among them.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to receive and file the presentation from the Peoria Area Emergency Medical Services Medical Director regarding Advanced Life Support Services; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Newlin, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

(17-083) Communication from the City Manager and the Chief of Police with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a PRESENTATION from the Peoria Police Department regarding BODY WORN CAMERAS.

Police Chief Mitchell introduced Management Analyst Denise Backus, Records Administer Martha Hammer and Detective Jim Feehan who provided a presentation regarding Body Worn Cameras (BWC).

Ms. Backus provided an overview of BWC noting it had improved Police Officer professionalism in other communities. She reviewed perceived obstacles to BWC use.

Detective Feehan reviewed the public expectations of BWC noting that these cameras were not always perfect, but was another tool to be utilized in the field. He explained the cameras would not capture what may be happening off to the side or the Police Officer may see something that the camera did not capture because something may be blocking the view. He stated that the Worn Body Camera Act became effective as of January 1, 2016, and he reviewed State procedure requirements and the proposed pilot program.

Ms. Backus reviewed the grant process noting the City applied for the Department of Justice Grant, which would be used for the purchase and implementation of 140 BWCs.

Chief Mitchell stated that 140 cameras would be enough to outfit the uniform division and front line supervisors. He noted upcoming informative sessions on BWC as follows:

- Press Conference, Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at 10:00 A.M. at the Peoria Police Department.
- Community Program, Thursday, March 16, 2017, at 6:00 P.M. at the Peoria Police Department's Community Training Room

Chief Mitchell said the pilot program was anticipated to go live on March 20, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. In response to Mayor Ardis, Chief Mitchell said if the Department received the DOJ Grant and 140 cameras this fall, the Department would be able to implement at full capacity by April of 2018.

Discussions were held regarding the impact of receiving the DOJ Grant for this program and what it would cost the City should the DOJ Grant not be approved. It was stated that should the Department not receive the grant, then the matter would come back before the City Council.

Discussions were held regarding the impact it would have on FOIA requests and the response time required. Martha Hammer, the FOIA Officer and Records Administrator for the Peoria Police Department, stated that the Body Camera Act would not allow for any extensions unless it invaded certain privacy laws wherein the Department could request additional time.

Chief Mitchel said information regarding BWC could be found on the Peoria Police Department's Facebook page.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to receive and file a presentation from the Peoria Police Department regarding body worn cameras; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Newlin, 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)

Community Conversation on Race

Council Member Moore announced that Monday, March 13, 2017 began a series of meetings with the community on various concepts. She asked City Manager Urich to review the topics discussed.

City Manager Urich reviewed the various sessions held noting the topics that were discussed were health, infrastructure, justice, asset development, workforce development and education. He said they were in the process of developing three long-term initiatives and three short-term initiatives. He said the next step was to coordinate a steering committee, noting that there was a need of 15-25 volunteers for this committee and he asked Council Member Moore for her efforts in finding these volunteers.

Council Member Moore expressed her appreciation to the community for participating in these meetings. She said a number of individuals and organizations had come to the City offering ideas for programs or volunteers to help in the process and she encouraged everyone to continue their involvement.

Mayor Ardis remarked on the importance of a communication strategy.

Advanced Life Support Services

Council Member Montelongo asked the City Manager to coordinate additional meetings with the public to discuss ALS and to receive their input on the plans for ALS for Engine 19.

Council Member Moore left the meeting at 8:05 P.M.

City Manager Urich remarked on the importance of establishing a baseline of the medical profession approved by Dr. Jackson first. He said he could schedule a public meeting to discuss the matter; however, he stated that public input on this issue was limited. He stated that Dr. Jackson was the authority on this matter.

Council Member Montelongo expressed a concern that there was more of a need for ALS in the Peoria area and the City should be able to weigh in on such matters.

Discussions continued regarding additional ALS in the Peoria area, specifically on Engine 19. Council Member Jensen asked for a comparison with other communities similar to Peoria and how they assessed their EMS needs.

NEW BUSINESS

City Hall and Peoria Public Schools Art Displays

City Clerk Beth Ball announced there were new art displays in the display cases on the third and fourth floors of City Hall. She said the third floor display case contained art work from Von Steuben Middle School Students from the fifth to the eighth grades and Special Education Students. She said the fourth floor display case contained art work from Lincoln Grade School Students who drew portraits of famous people with person's words, sayings, or speeches incorporated into the portrait. She said these would be displayed for another five weeks.

Immigration Directives

Council Member Jensen said she wanted to ensure the City was not going out of its way to pick up immigrants who had over stayed their visa. She said she would like Corporation Counsel Don Leist to explore a Resolution or Ordinance that stated the City of Peoria was a welcoming city. She asked for the Resolution or Ordinance to come back to Council in the next couple of weeks. She said the cities of Bloomington and Normal were researching something similar. She asked that if there were any changes in Federal directives regarding immigrants that the City Council be notified. She asked the City Manager to research what Federal funding would be affected should the City decide not to abide by Federal directives.

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. Ron Valle, Director of Programs at Helping Hands Resource Center, expressed his concern for the lack of interest on re-entry of individuals who were released from prison. He stated that two Council Members have visited the center to learn about re-entry, and he highly encouraged other Council Members to visit. He expressed a concern for the process used on a Tax Increment Financing request for \$150,000.00 to train low income reentry individuals in the South Village that was filed in December of 2016. He said the TIF was still in the process of being reviewed.

Mr. Doug Johnson, a concerned citizen, expressed his concern regarding the political environment and representation among elected officials on the local and national levels. He commented on the buyout of Southside Bank and the potential impact it could have on the First District. He said Peoria could change and he encouraged everyone to reach out to their representatives. He remarked on the importance of building relationships with one another.

Dr. John Carroll, a concerned citizen, expressed his concern for a lack of Advanced Life Support (ALS) at Fire Station 19 and how it impacted the City and its citizens. He rebutted some of Dr. Jackson's comments and he reviewed the City of Rockford's neurological survival rate due to ALS.

Ms. Karrie Alms, a citizen of Peoria and member of Friends of Riverfront Park, expressed her appreciation for the updates on the City's website regarding Riverfront Trail. She expressed a concern for unresolved compliance issues with River Trail Apartments and the road bisecting LWCF Riverfront Park.

Mr. Rick Waldron, a concerned citizen, provided a brief overview of the ALS program with some statistics from other communities that utilized ALS. He remarked on the importance of offering ALS in order to better service the citizens.

Mr. Dustin Ward, a concerned citizen, expressed a concern for a lack of Advanced Life Support at Fire Station 19 and he provided examples of how it affected the community and its citizens.

Mr. Savino Sierra, a citizen of Peoria, remarked on the upcoming St. Patrick's Day. He remarked on the various political races within the City of Peoria stating that he had worked with all types of ethnic groups throughout his career. He expressed the importance of working together for a greater good.

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)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and 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.

Council Member Riggenbach 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)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and 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; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Newlin, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 8;

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Newlin moved to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Newlin, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 8;

Nays: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 P.M.



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