

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

A Joint City Council & Town Board Meeting of Peoria, Illinois, was held December 8, 2015, at 6:02 P.M., at City Hall, Council Chambers, 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: Akesson, Grayeb (Arrived 6:17 P.M.), Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Rigggenbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11. Absent: None.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jim Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or silent reflection, and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF BARRACK'S HOSPITALITY GROUP

Mayor Ardis explained that the purpose of the recognition was to identify a small business at each Council Meeting for their positive impact within the community, and he introduced James Barrack owner of Barrack's Hospitality Group. He provided a brief history of the company indicating it was a third generation business, which had operated in the Peoria community since 1933. Mayor Ardis remarked on the positive impact Barracks had on the community through various charitable contributions.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

**Santa Cause 5k Race
Commerce Bank 150th Anniversary
4H Youth Group – BK4K**

MINUTES

Council Member Spain moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on November 24, 2015 and Special City Council Meeting held on November 19, 2015, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Rigggenbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

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

- (15-393) Communication from the Town Officials Budget Committee with a Request to Adopt an ORDINANCE LEVYING and ASSESSING TAXES for the Fiscal Year Beginning April 1, 2015, and Ending March 31, 2016, of the Town of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, and State of Illinois for the TOWN GENERAL FUND and ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND, in the Amount of \$729,178.00**

Trustee Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance levying and assessing taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning April 1, 2015, and ending March 31, 2016, of the Town of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, and State of Illinois for the Town General Fund and Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, in the amount of \$729,178.00; seconded by Trustee Akeson.

ORDINANCE NO. TO-15-06 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Chairman Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

- (15-394) Communication from the Town Officials Budget Committee with a Request to Adopt an ORDINANCE LEVYING and ASSESSING TAXES for the Fiscal Year Beginning April 1, 2015, and Ending March 31, 2016, for the GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND of the Town of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, and State of Illinois, in the Amount of \$1,557,527.00**

Trustee Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance levying and assessing taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning April 1, 2015, and ending March 31, 2016, for the General Assistance Fund of the Town of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, and State of Illinois, in the amount of \$1,557,527.00; seconded by Trustee Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. TO-15-07 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Chairman Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS –CITY OF PEORIA

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, for the City of Peoria, with Recommendations as Outlined:

- (15-395) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to CONCUR with the Recommendation from the HEART OF ILLINOIS HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE (CONTINUUM),for the Funding Allocations of the 2016-2017 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) to Specified Agencies.**
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- (15-396)** **Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Public Works with a Request to Approve the FY2016 LANDFILL BUDGET as Adopted by the PEORIA CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL COMMITTEE**
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- (15-397)** **Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Human Resources with a Request to Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a 1-Year CONTRACT Renewal with HUMANA, INC and a 1-Year CONTRACT Renewal with AETNA/COVENTRY to be Effective 1/1/16 Through 12/31/16 to Serve as Third Party Administrators to Administer the City's Medical/Dental Benefits and Administer Hospital/Physician Networks.**
- (15-398)** **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Human Resources with a Request to Authorize Execution of a CONTRACT with RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES (RMA), in the Amount of \$42,158.00, to Administer the Fire Battalion Chief Promotion Examination**

- (15-399)** **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Authorization to Enter into a CONTRACT with C & G CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$56,000.00, for Completion of the 2015 SIDEWALK AND CURB PARTICIPATION PROGRAM Projects, Utilizing Unit Prices Bid [City-Wide]**
- (15-400)** **Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to Approve a Three-Year CONTRACT with NOBLE AMERICAS ENERGY SOLUTIONS for the Purchase of the City of Peoria's ELECTRICITY SUPPLY**
- (15-401)** **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to Award a CONTRACT to THE PIPCO COMPANIES, LTD. for HVAC AIR HANDLER REPLACEMENT for the Municipal Building, in the LOW BID Amount of \$210,400.00**
- (15-402)** **Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Public Works with a Request to Approve a CONTRACT with ILLINOIS OIL MARKETING, in the LOW BID Amount of \$84,300.00, for Replacement of the IN-GROUND HEAVY EQUIPMENT LIFT in the Fleet Maintenance Garage**
- (15-403)** **Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to AUTHORIZE the City Manager to Sign the Second Amendment to the PEORIA COUNTY and the CITY OF PEORIA INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT for the Improvement and JURISDICTIONAL TRANSFER of RADNOR ROAD and WILHELM ROAD, Commonly Known as the GROWTH CELL 1A AGREEMENT, to Allow Either Party to Pay Its Entire Debt Service Off During the Course of the Agreement to Either Restructure the Bonds of Place Funds in Escrow for the Purpose of Future Payment.**

- (15-404) Communication from City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to Approve a Professional Services AGREEMENT with MILLENIA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, in the Amount of \$90,000.00 for Engineering Assistance on Various City Projects.**
- (15-405) Communication from the City Manager and the Human Resources Director with a Request to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT Negotiated Between the City of Peoria and the INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL UNION 51, with said Agreement Covering the Period from December 1, 2014, Through November 30, 2018.**
- (15-406) Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Community Development with a Recommendation to Enter into an AGREEMENT, which Supersedes all Previous Agreements, with East Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services (EBNHS), Regarding the Use of Special Service Area (SSA) Funds for FY2016.**
- (15-407) Communication from City Manager and the Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following:**
- A. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,299 Amending the City of Peoria BUDGET for Fiscal Year 2015 to Transfer Funds from the General Fund to the Capital Fund, in the Amount of \$250,000.00, for the Purchase of Pavement Striping Truck and Pavement Grinding Vehicle.**
 - B. AUTHORIZE the PURCHASE of a Two-Component PAVEMENT STRIPING TRUCK from MARK RITE LINES EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC. of Billings, Montana, in the amount of \$550,000.00, and a PAVEMENT GRINDING VEHICLE from DICKSON INDUSTRIES, INC. of Tecumseh, Oklahoma, in the Amount of \$295,000.00.**
- (15-408) Communication from the City Manager and the Corporation Counsel with a Request for the Following:**

- A. APPROVE an INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT Between the City, Peoria County Treasurer and Peoria County to Authorize the Peoria County Treasurer as the City's Billing Agent to Include the City's Refuse and Garbage Collection Fees to the Annual Property Tax Bills; AND**
 - B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 13 of the City CODE for the Billing of the City's REFUSE AND GARBAGE COLLECTION FEES to the Property Tax Bills by the County Treasurer as the City's Billing Agent Commencing in 2016.**

- (15-409)**

Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE ABATING the TAX Heretofore LEVIED to PAY PRINCIPAL of and INTEREST on GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE PURPOSES BONDS, of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois 1998 Series C; 2009 Series A; 2010 Series C & D; 2011 Series B; 2012 Series A, B & C; 2013 Series A & C; 2014 Series A, B, C; and 2015 Series A, C & D.
- (15-410)**
Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Community Development with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,300 LEVYING A TAX for FY2016 for the EAST BLUFF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES (EBNHS) Special Service Area and Direct the City Clerk to File a Certified Copy of the Ordinance with the County Clerk to Allow this Tax to be Extended as Provided by law.
- (15-411)**

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Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE, Amending the City of Peoria BUDGET for Fiscal Year 2015 Relating to the Receipt of a Grant from the U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY to Conduct Community-wide Hazardous and Petroleum Assessments at Eligible Brownfield Sites, in the Amount of \$400,000.00; the Receipt of a Grant from the United States Small Business ADMINISTRATION for a START-UP IN A DAY GRANT, in the amount of \$50,000.00; the Receipt of a GRANT FROM ILLINOIS AMERICAN WATER FIREFIGHTER GRANT for the Purchase of Fire Helmets and Eye Protection, in the amount of \$800.00; the Receipt of a GRANT FROM FM GLOBAL for the Purchase of Two Types of Smoke Detectors and Stovetop Fire Suppression Systems, in the Amount of \$2,000.00; the Receipt of a GRANT FROM THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SUSTAINED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) GRANT, in the Amount of \$8,735.00; and the Receipt of a GRANT FROM THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE for the Tobacco Enforcement Grant, in the Amount of \$11,000.00.
- (15-387)**
Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Recommendation to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,301 Amending APPENDIX B, the Zoning Ordinance Relating to PRIVATE SIGNS in the PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.
- (15-388)**
Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,302 Amending Chapter 3 of the CODE of the City of Peoria to Allow Class K (Rental Hall) and Subclass 10 (Restaurant with Off-site Catering) to Have CASH BAR at OFF-SITE CATERED FUNCTIONS only for Events at Premises with a Class M (BYOB) License.

(15-412) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Recommendation to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,303 Renaming TODD DRIVE to ACADEMIC DRIVE, Peoria, IL (Council District 5).

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

Council Member Akeson requested Item No. 15-411 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Spain requested Item Nos. 15-396 and 15-409 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Grayeb requested Item No. 15-408 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Ruckriegel requested Item No. 15-395 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Jensen requested Item No. 15-398 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 15-395 through 15-412 (excluding Item Nos. 15-395, 15-396, 15-398, 15-408, 15-409, and 15-411, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Rigggenbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

(15-395) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to CONCUR with the Recommendation from the HEART OF ILLINOIS HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE (CONTINUUM),for the Funding Allocations of the 2016-2017 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) to Specified Agencies.

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Council Member Ruckriegel indicated he would abstain from voting on this item due to a conflict due to his affiliation with one of these organizations.

Council Member Rigggenbach moved to concur with the recommendation from the Heart of Illinois Homeless Continuum of Care for the funding allocations of the 2016-2017 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) to specified agencies; seconded by Council Member Moore.

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Motion to concur with the recommendation from the Heart of Illinois Homeless Continuum of Care for funding allocations of the 2016-2017 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) to specified agencies was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None;

Abstain: Ruckriegel – 1.

**(15-396) Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Public Works
** with a Request to Approve the FY2016 LANDFILL BUDGET as Adopted by the
 PEORIA CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL COMMITTEE**

Council Member Spain moved to remand this item back to the Peoria City/County Landfill Committee for additional review; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Motion to remand this item back to the Peoria City/County Landfill Committee was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

**(15-398) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Human Resources
*** with a Request to Authorize Execution of a CONTRACT with RESOURCE
 MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES (RMA), in the Amount of \$42,158.00, to
 Administer the Fire Battalion Chief Promotion Examination**

Following a brief clarification, Council Member Jensen moved to authorize the execution of a contract with Resource Management Associates (RMA), in the amount of \$42,158.00, to administer the Fire Battalion Chief Promotion Examination; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Motion to authorize the execution of a contract with Resource Management Associates (RMA), in the amount of \$42,158.00, to administer the Fire Battalion Chief Promotion Examination was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

(15-408)

Communication from the City Manager and the Corporation Counsel with a Request for the Following:

- A. APPROVE an INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT Between the City, Peoria County Treasurer and Peoria County to Authorize the Peoria County Treasurer as the City's Billing Agent to Include the City's Refuse and Garbage Collection Fees to the Annual Property Tax Bills; AND**

- B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 13 of the CODE of the City of Peoria for the Billing of the City's REFUSE AND GARBAGE COLLECTION FEES to the Property Tax Bills by the County Treasurer as the City's Billing Agent Commencing in 2016.**

Council Member Grayeb requested City Manager Urich to provide an overview on this item.

City Manager Patrick Urich remarked that the City was working with the Peoria County Treasurer's Office to place refuse and garbage collection fees on the annual property tax bills. He stated this would alleviate some administrative responsibilities, generate more revenue and eliminate a monthly garbage bill.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Peoria, Peoria County Treasurer and Peoria County to authorize the Peoria County Treasurer as the City's billing agent to include the City's refuse and garbage collection fees to the annual property tax bills; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Council Member Riggenbach thanked the City Manager and his Staff for their work in implementing this program.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 13 of the Code of the City of Peoria for the billing of the City's refuse and garbage collection fees to the property tax bills by the County Treasurer as the City's billing agent commencing in 2016; seconded by Council Member Riggenbach.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,304 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

(15-409) **Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE ABATING the TAX Heretofore LEVIED to PAY PRINCIPAL of and INTEREST on GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE PURPOSES BONDS, of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois 1998 Series C; 2009 Series A; 2010 Series C & D; 2011 Series B; 2012 Series A, B & C; 2013 Series A & C; 2014 Series A, B, C; and 2015 Series A, C & D.**

Council Member Spain at the request of the City Manager, moved to move Item 15-409 to Unfinished Business to be discussed on the Agenda after Item No.15-390; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Motion to move Item No. 15-409 to Unfinished Business was approved by roll call vote.
Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;
Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Please see page 31513 for further discussion.

(15-411) **Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE, Amending the City of Peoria BUDGET for Fiscal Year 2015 Relating to the Receipt of a Grant from the U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY to Conduct Community-wide Hazardous and Petroleum Assessments at Eligible Brownfield Sites, in the Amount of \$400,000.00; the Receipt of a Grant from the United States Small Business ADMINISTRATION for a START-UP IN A DAY GRANT, in the amount of \$50,000.00; the Receipt of a GRANT FROM ILLINOIS AMERICAN WATER FIREFIGHTER GRANT for the Purchase of Fire Helmets and Eye Protection, in the amount of \$800.00; the Receipt of a GRANT FROM FM GLOBAL for the Purchase of Two Types of Smoke Detectors and Stovetop Fire Suppression Systems, in the Amount of \$2,000.00; the Receipt of a GRANT FROM THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SUSTAINED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) GRANT, in the Amount of \$8,735.00; and the Receipt of a GRANT FROM THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE for the Tobacco Enforcement Grant, in the Amount of \$11,000.00.**

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A replacement Council Communication was distributed to all Council Members, which removed the receipt of a grant from the State of Illinois through the office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal to purchase safety equipment, in the amount of \$9,700.00.

Council Member Akesson requested clarification regarding the \$400,000.00 Environmental Protection Agency Grant.

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Assistant City Manager Chris Setti stated this grant was awarded to the City in March or April, 2015, but the money was not released to the City until October 1, 2015. He indicated the grant could be used over the next three years and was divided into two programs. He explained \$200,000.00 was dedicated for hazardous sites and \$200,000 for petroleum sites. He stated the City was in the process of identifying potential sites in which to utilize the grant money.

Council Member Akeson moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria Budget for Fiscal Year 2015, relating to the receipt of a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to conduct community-wide hazardous and petroleum assessments at eligible brownfield sites, in the amount of \$400,000.00; the receipt of a grant from the United States Small Business Administration for a start-up in a day grant, in the amount of \$50,000.00; the receipt of a grant from Illinois American Water Firefighter grant for the purchase of fire helmets and eye protection, in the amount of \$800.00; the receipt of a grant from FM Global for the purchase of two types of smoke detectors and stovetop fire suppression systems, in the amount of \$2,000.00; the receipt of a grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation sustained traffic enforcement program (STEP) grant, in the amount of \$8,735.00; and the receipt of a grant from the Illinois Department of Revenue for the Tobacco Enforcement grant, in the amount of \$11,000.00; seconded by Council Member Spain.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,305 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(15-414) Communication from the City Manager with a Request for the following:

- A. APPROVE an Amendment to the Services AGREEMENT with GOOD ENERGY, L.P.**
- B. APPROVE a RESOLUTION Authorizing the Execution of a Service Agreement for the SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY for Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers Who Do Not Opt Out of Such a Program (ELECTRIC AGGREGATION).**

Council Member Spain moved to approve an amendment to the services agreement with Good Energy, L.P.; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

Council Member Spain moved to approve the Resolution authorizing the execution of a service agreement for the supply of electricity for residential and small commercial retail customers who do not opt out of such program (electric aggregation); seconded by Council Member Jensen.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-414-B was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

(15-415) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to Adopt an ORDINANCE to Approve an Extension of the FRANCHISE AGREEMENT and to settle litigation with AMEREN ILLINOIS COMPANY d/b/a AMEREN ILLINOIS

Council Member Turner moved to adopt an Ordinance approving an extension of the franchise agreement and to settle litigation with Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

ORDINANCE NO. 17, 314 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

** Clerk's Note: The Legal Department advised this was an Ordinance that was adopted, so this Ordinance number is out of sequence for that reason.*

(15-389) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 5 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to BUILDING PERMITS and REGISTRATION OF NON-OWNER OCCUPIED PROPERTY FEES.

Council Member Spain thanked Staff for their work on this item in regards to dealing with problematic landlords. He voiced concerns with the fee increase that would penalize compliant landlords. He indicated he would not be supporting this item.

Following a brief statement, Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to building permits and registration of non-owner occupied property fees; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,306 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: Spain – 1.

(15-416) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class B (restaurant, 50% food) Liquor License with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sales of Alcohol at the HACIENDA EL MIRADOR, 5805 N. HUMBOLDT AVE., SUITE 1, Contingent Upon the Issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (District 3)

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Council Member Riggenbach moved to defer this item to the January 12, 2016, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to defer to the January 12, 2016, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

(15-417) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class B (restaurant, 50% food) Liquor License with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol at the BURGER BARGE III SHERIDAN VILLAGE, 714 W. LAKE AVE., Contingent Upon the Compliance with all Building Permit Requirements, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (District 3)

The Liquor Commission Minutes from their December 7, 2015, meeting was distributed to the City Council.

Council Member Riggenbach moved to approve the Site Application for Class B (restaurant 50% food) Liquor License with on-site consumption and retail sale of alcohol at the Burger Barge III Sheridan Village, 714 W. Lake Ave, contingent upon the compliance with all building permit requirements; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

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

(15-368) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 27 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to the RETAILER'S OCCUPATION TAX and the SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX

City Manager Ulrich summarized the recent budget request for additional road repair and he discussed the expenditure and revenue portion of the proposed budget.

Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 27 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to the Retailer's Occupation Tax and the Service Occupation Tax; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

ORDINANCE 17,307 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Moore, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis -8;

Nays: Akeson, Montelongo, Spain – 3.

(15-369) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 27 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to MOTOR FUEL TAX.

Council Member Jensen remarked during the Budget Challenge earlier this year that 58% supported raising the Motor Fuel Tax to fund roads.

In response to Council Member Jensen's question regarding the increased amount allowed for the Motor Fuel Tax, City Manager Urich stated the City had reached its maximum increase at five cents.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 27 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to Motor Fuel Tax; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,308 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: Montelongo – 1.

(15-370) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 3 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to Alcoholic Beverages; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,309 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: Montelongo – 1.

(15-371) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 18 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to LICENSES and MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS.

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 18 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to License and Miscellaneous Business Regulations; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,310 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

(15-390) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 27 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to HOTEL OR MOTEL ROOM RENTAL USE OR PRIVILEGE TAX.

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City Manager explained the increase in the Hotel Tax would provide additional funding for road repair. He stated the City and the Civic Center Authority had an informal meeting to discuss the potential hotel tax increase, in which they were supportive.

Council Member Johnson moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 27 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to Hotel or Motel Room Rental Use or Privilege Tax; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Council Member Moore voiced concerns on how the increase in hotel tax would affect the attraction of large groups to the Peoria area. She stated she would support this item, but requested a survey of the hotel/motel industry in regards to the effects of this increase.

Council Member Jensen requested a report back on any impact the increased hotel tax possible had on the Peoria community. She stated during the Budget Challenge 59% of surveyors supported raising the hotel tax.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,311 amending Chapter 27 of the Code of the City of Peoria Pertaining to Hotel or Motel Room Rental Use or Privilege Tax was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: Montelongo, Spain – 2.

**(15-409) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller

with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE ABATING the TAX Heretofore
LEVIED to PAY PRINCIPAL of and INTEREST on GENERAL OBLIGATION
CORPORATE PURPOSES BONDS, of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois
1998 Series C; 2009 Series A; 2010 Series C & D; 2011 Series B; 2012 Series
A, B & C; 2013 Series A & C; 2014 Series A, B, C; and 2015 Series A, C & D.**

City Manager Urich explained this item was an annual abatement Ordinance for the City's debt services.

Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied to pay principal of and interest on General Obligation Corporate Purposes Bonds of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois 1998 Series C, 2009 Series A, 2010 Series C & D, 2011 Series B, 2012 Series A, B, & C, 2013 Series A & C, 2014 Series A, B, C, and 2015 Series A, C & D; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,312 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 8;

Nays: Akeson, Montelongo, Spain – 3.

**(15-375) REPLACEMENT Communication from the City Manager and the Finance
Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE LEVYING the
TAXES for FISCAL YEAR 2016 for MUNICIPAL PURPOSES for the City of
Peoria, Illinois.**

Following a brief statement, Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance Levying the Taxes for Fiscal Year 2016 for municipal purposes of the City of Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Ruckriegel discussed the budget process and the difficult decisions facing the Peoria community.

Council Member Akeson spoke regarding future budgets and voiced concerns with possible future property tax increases to cover budget shortfalls. She stated she would not support this item.

Council Member Jensen voiced concerns with a property tax increase and stated she would not be supporting this item.

Council Member Montelongo stated he would not be supporting the Ordinance raising property taxes in the Peoria community.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,313 Levying the Taxes for Fiscal Year 2016 for municipal purposes for the City of Peoria was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Johnson, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 7;

Nays: Akeson, Jensen, Montelongo, Spain – 4.

(15-376) REPLACEMENT Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT a RESOLUTION Adopting the 2016-2017 BIENNIAL BUDGET for the City of Peoria.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to adopt a Resolution adopting the 2016-2017 Biennial Budget; seconded by Council Member Turner.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-376 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Johnson, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 7;

Nays: Akeson, Jensen, Montelongo, Spain – 4.

(15-096) RIVERFRONT TRAIL PARK DEVELOPMENT STATUS

Council Member Jensen requested a status update on the Riverfront Trail Park.

Assistant City Manager Chris Setti indicated the City had two very productive public meetings along with a positive response to a survey recently conducted regarding the Riverfront Park Development. He stated an advisory committee was formed at the completion of these public meetings and completed surveys to discuss the findings. He remarked appraisals had been delivered yesterday and it would be delivered to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources in the near future. He said a Public Hearing would be held sometime after the first of the year. He stated the public could access information on the Riverfront Trail Park Development on the website Peoriagov.org/Riverfrontpark.

Council Member Jensen requested a report back of all expenditures to date for the Riverfront Trail Park Development.

Assistant City Manager Setti stated he would provide that report back.

Council Member Akeson requested the link to the Riverfront Park Development be placed on the City's homepage for easier access.

NEW BUSINESS

Passing of Local Business Owner Antonio Haddad

Council Member Grayeb remarked on the passing of Peoria business owner Antonio Haddad, who passed away earlier this week, and he extended his condolences to the family.

Mayor Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or silent reflection in respect for Mr. Haddad.

East Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services

Council Member Riggerbach thanked the Council for the vote in support of the East Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services earlier in the Council meeting. He commended the EBHS for its continued efforts to improve the East Bluff community.

Doing Business with the City of Peoria Seminar

Council Member Moore announced the Doing Business with the City of Peoria Seminar being held at the Gateway building on Wednesday, December 9, 2015, from 8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. She encouraged any minority businesses to attend this seminar.

Budget Discussions

Mayor Ardis thanked City Manager Patrick Urich and his Staff for the hard work and dedication on the budget. He thanked them for the public meetings attended and surveys provided for public input into the budget discussion.

Welcome to Newly Appointed Fire Chief Chuck Lauss

Mayor Ardis recognized newly appointed Fire Chief Chuck Lauss. He stated Chief Lauss spent many years working for the City of Pekin Fire Department and he had many years of service and knowledge that led to his appointment as Chief of the Peoria Fire Department.

Lavetta Ricca

Mayor Ardis thanked Peoria citizen and community activist Lavetta Ricca, for the holiday snacks she provided the City Council and for her continued dedication to the City.

Cancelation of December 22, 2015 City Council Meeting

Mayor Ardis announced that the December 22, 2015, Regular City Council Meeting had been cancelled for the holiday season. He stated the next Regular City Council Meeting would be Tuesday, January 12, 2016.

Community Police Officer 2nd District

Council Member Grayeb announced a new Resident Officer for the 2nd District had been selected. Officer Adrian Aguliar will reside in the established Resident Officer home at 520 W. Armstrong. He stated a meet and greet for Officer Aguliar would occur on December 9, 2015, at 5:00 P.M. at 520 W. Armstrong.

Assistant Fire Chief Ed Olehy Jr.

Mayor Ardis recognized newly appointed Assistant Fire Chief Ed Olehy Jr. He stated Assistant Chief Olehy had previously served as the Fire Division Chief for the Peoria Fire Department.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD

Mr. Savino Sierra, a Peoria citizen, spoke on the striping work recently completed on MacArthur Highway. He reflected on the passage of the City's Budget and he encouraged the community to work together.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent; and 2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

Council Member Riggenbach moved to enter into an Executive Session pursuant to 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent; and 2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Ruckriegel, Riggenbach, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

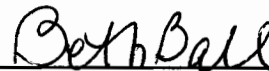
Council Member Johnson moved to adjourn the Joint City Council & Town Board Meeting;
seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

The Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.



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

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