

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

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held September 11, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall, Council Chambers (Room 400), 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Ardis presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Akeson (Electronic Attendance), Cyr, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 10. Absent: Grayeb - 1.

Electronic Attendance

After having established a quorum, Mayor Ardis said a notice was received from Council Member Akeson in accordance with the rules established by Ordinance No. 16,142. He said Council Member Akeson would be authorized to attend the meeting electronically unless a motion objecting to her electronic attendance was made, seconded, and approved by two-thirds of the members of the City Council physically present at the meeting. He said if no such motion was made and seconded, then the request by Council Member Akeson to attend electronically shall be deemed approved by the City Council and Council Member Akeson would be declared as present.

Hearing no objection to the request for an electronic attendance, Council Member Akeson was declared present by Mayor Ardis.

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.

**Pints for Prostates
Ten on the Wall
National Assisted Living Week
Peoria Walk to End Alzheimer's
Keep Peoria Beautiful - Iris Award Winners Recognition**

MINUTES

Council Member Cyr moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on August 28, 2018, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

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

- (18-264) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE a FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT for SOUS CHEF, LLC at 1311 SW ADAMS ST, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$5,000.00. (Council District 1)
- (18-265)
* Communication from the City Manager and the Interim Police Chief with a Request to APPROVE the SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE of (1) One Police Canine with a Specialty in Explosives Detection and Patrol Function from SOUTHERN POLICE CANINE, INCORPORATED, Located in Spring Hope, North Carolina, in the Total Amount of \$16,000.00.
- (18-266)
** Communication from the City Manager and the Public Works Director with a Request to APPROVE a CONTRACT Extension, in the Amount of \$15,000.00, with STRAIGHT FORWARD for a Stormwater Utility Call Center, for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$30,000.00.
- (18-254)
*** Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ADOPT a RESOLUTION for a TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY for the City of Peoria.
- (18-267)
**** Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE REPEALING an Ordinance Pertaining to PANHANDLING, Section 20-110 of the CODE of the City of Peoria.
- (18-268) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a CLASS H (Temporary Outdoor) Liquor License from the ILLINOIS CANCER CARE FOUNDATION for an Event to be Held at 1800 SW ADAMS STREET, on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018. (Council District 1)
- (18-269) Communication from the City Manager and the Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class C (packaged goods) Liquor License with the Retail Sale of Alcohol at SOUS LLC - SOUS CHEF, 1311 SW ADAMS ST., Contingent Upon the Compliance with all Building Permit Requirements, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 1)
- (18-270) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:

Mr. Brian Meginnes (Voting) - Term Expiration 9/30/2023
- (18-271) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the DOWNTOWN ADVISORY COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:

Vincent Boyle (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2021

(18-272) **Communication from the City Manager and Community Development
***** Director with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a Report on the
DISPOSITION OF LAND.**

(18-273) **Communication from the City Manager with a Request to RECEIVE and
FILE the FY2019 BUDGET of the PEORIA CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY.**

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

Council Member Akeson requested Item Nos. 18-272 and 18-254 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Moore requested Item No. 18-266 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Montelongo requested Item No. 18-265 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Riggerbach requested Item No. 18-267 be removed from the Consent Agenda in order to distribute additional information.

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

Item Nos. 18-254, 18-264 through 18-273 (excluding Item Nos. 18-254, 18-265 through 18-267, and 18-272, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

(18-265) **Communication from the City Manager and the Interim Police Chief with a
* Request to APPROVE the SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE of (1) One Police
Canine with a Specialty in Explosives Detection and Patrol Function from
SOUTHERN POLICE CANINE, INCORPORATED, Located in Spring Hope,
North Carolina, in the Total Amount of \$16,000.00.**

In response to Council Member Montelongo's question regarding the need for a Police canine, Police Chief Marion said this purchase would replace the current Police canine, noting its age and the handler being promoted to Sergeant. He reviewed the cost and training involved with having Police canines.

Council Member Montelongo moved to approve the sole source purchase of (1) one Police canine with a specialty in explosives detection and patrol function from Southern Police Canine, Incorporated, located in Spring Hope, North Carolina, in the total amount of \$16,000.00; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

- (18-266)**
****** **Communication from the City Manager and the Public Works Director with a Request to APPROVE a CONTRACT Extension, in the Amount of \$15,000.00, with STRAIGHT FORWARD for a Stormwater Utility Call Center, for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$30,000.00.**

Council Member Moore inquired as to the timeline for training the rollover call center in order to answer citizen's questions and Public Works Director Reeise provided an overview of the training process along with the hours the call center was open. He provided an update as to the current process and how calls were handled.

Council Member Moore requested that should there be a need to hire additional help to answer phone calls that those hired should be trained prior to receiving the calls. She said the call center was not properly trained and reflected poorly on the City.

Council Member Jensen expressed concerns about calls rolling over to Wisconsin at the wrong times. She commented that there were too many issues at this time for her to approve this item and she recommended deferring until the issues were addressed.

Council Member Oyler moved to approve a contract extension, in the amount of \$15,000.00 with Straight Forward for a Stormwater Utility Call Center, for a total amount not to exceed \$30,000.00; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner,
Mayor Ardis - 8;

Nays: Akesson, Moore - 2.

- (18-254)**
******* **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ADOPT a RESOLUTION for a TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY for the City of Peoria.**

Council Member Akesson expressed some concerns with the language of the Resolution and she requested clarification. She recommended deferring this item in order for more of a review. She said she had a list of recommendations that she would have liked considered, and she pointed out some typographical errors within the document.

Public Works Director Scott Reeise said the Transportation Commission had been working on this policy since November of 2017. He said the item currently before the City Council was for adoption and that there was not a policy currently on file.

Council Member Akesson said she was in support of a Traffic Calming Policy; however, she commented that the language seemed to be too complicated. She recommended deferring this item for two weeks in order to review the Resolution and to provide language that would make the policy more neighborhood friendly.

Mayor Ardis commented that this matter came before the City Council on August 28, 2018, for a First Reading wherein the Council weighed in with their recommendations; however, he said the matter could be deferred in order to have ample opportunity to work with Staff on tweaking the language of the item.

Council Member Akeson moved to defer this item to the October 23, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Motion to defer to the October 23, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

(18-267) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE to REPEAL an ORDINANCE Pertaining to PANHANDLING, Section 20-110 of the CODE of the City of Peoria.**

A revised Ordinance was distributed to all Council Members.

Council Member Riggenbach moved to adopt an Ordinance to repeal an Ordinance pertaining to panhandling, Section 20-110 of the Code of the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,610 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

(18-272) **Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a REPORT on the DISPOSITION OF LAND.**

A report on the disposition of land was distributed to all Council Members.

At the request of Council Member Akeson, Community Development Director Ross Black provided a presentation on the disposition of land. He provided an update on previous policy discussions held by the City Council and the practice adopted in 2012 and 2013. He reviewed the methods by which the City obtained land and how the City disposed of land, noting the side lot program, development partnerships, RFP for the development of vacant land and an RFP for the redevelopment of structures. He reviewed the previous policy direction from the City Council since 2012 as it related to vacant land and he reviewed the types of dispositions of land and how they related to development potential and density of public ownership. He said the City relied on this type of analysis. He reviewed the reason why the City would hold on to land and why the City would be willing to sell land. He provided an example of a land bank, reviewed the side lot program and reviewed the RFP development process. He explained that the disposition of land focused on the land's potential for future growth and he explained why the City followed this practice and policy.

Council Member Akeson requested a list of current City-owned lots and their purchase price. She commented that citizens were confused about how side lots were sold, transferred and disposed. She inquired as to whether the application for a purchase of a City-owned lot was available to the public online.

Director Black said he would make sure the application was made available online. He commented that the majority of the people interested in the side lots generally called the City or sent an email making the request.

Council Member Akeson recommended moving towards a more official process and to eliminate some of the language to make the process more concise.

Discussions were held regarding the side lot program and the process of that program. Director Black said it was the Policy discussion of the City Council in 2012 and 2013 that the primary goal was to pursue the development of City-owned property.

Council Member Akeson requested the information from the discussions held in 2012 and 2013 as it related to land banking. She said she was in favor of a policy and procedure that was clearly articulated with statistics and measurements with a review on how it was working.

Mayor Ardis reminded the City Council of the Council Rules that allowed for each Council Member five minutes of speaking time on a subject. He remarked on the importance of keeping comments concise and to the point and he stated that since citizens had to abide by the time limit, Council Members should abide by the limit as well. He said should Council Members have particular questions on an item, then those questions should be given to Staff in advance or provided with a courtesy call prior to the meeting. He said efficient meetings did not need long details, but needed more concise comments with questions prepared in advance that were relevant to the issue. He said the City Clerk would distribute the Council Rules that outlined the speaking limit that would be enforced going forward.

Council Member Moore moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Andres Diaz to address the City Council.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to Andres Diaz who wished to address the City Council.

Andres Diaz, a citizen of Peoria, remarked on the process for a property owner to obtain a side lot and his frustration on the process of trying to purchase a side lot located next to his residence. He encouraged the City Council to develop a fair and equal policy regarding the Side Lot Program.

Discussions were held regarding the timeline for Staff to develop a draft policy and to bring it before the City Council for review. Council Member Moore remarked on the importance of seeking community input and incorporating those comments into the policy before it came back to the City Council. She asked Director Black to let all Council Members know when the City would be seeking community input so they could let their constituents know.

Council Member Cyr inquired about the use of eminent domain, and Director Black said the use of eminent domain would be a policy decision for the City Council. Director Black said, for the types of properties the City accumulated for the land banking purposes, he could not think of examples where eminent domain would be used to acquire a piece of property.

Council Member Cyr asked how negotiations were conducted when two individuals were interested in a property. Director Black said the final decision on the negotiation of the property was generally made by the Community Development Department; however, he said if it was a large parcel, the City Manager's input would be sought. He commented that if the property was being transferred for development purposes, then the matter would go before the City Council.

Council Member Ruckriegel commented that the City had some type of duty to other taxing bodies to get the highest value for the property when a City-owned property was sold. He asked Director Black to make available on the City's website a list of all eligible side lots and lots available for development.

Council Member Jensen commented on the need for public input while developing this policy and she requested an outline of the process. She expressed a concern about the current policy in place noting a need to develop criteria and standards. She remarked on the need for a land banking policy, which needed public input as well.

Council Member Riggerbach said this type of policy would need continuous work and would evolve over time. He said the District Council Members were very aware of this issue. He remarked that there were shortcomings in the current process that needed to be addressed, but he said the City needed guidelines for the disposition of land. He commented on the importance of effective communication to let the community know the purpose of the vacant lots the City owned. He expressed his appreciation for the work put into this item and he said he looked forward to providing more input and hearing the community's voice in the matter.

Council Member Akeson moved to receive and file a report on the disposition of land; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

FIRST READINGS

(18-274) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 28 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES to Provide Language Consistent with the Illinois Vehicle Code.

Public Works Director Scott Reise provided an overview of the proposed Ordinance noting that it would align the City's Ordinances with the Illinois Vehicle Code.

Council Member Riggerbach commented that the Bike Peoria community was appreciative of the efforts of Traffic Engineer Nick Stoffer and of being included in the drafting of the Ordinance. He stated that this document reflected effective communication among all parties involved.

Discussions were held on whether this item would address the increased usage of motorized bicycles. Director Reise commented that the proposed Ordinance only addressed bicycles and making motorists aware of where those bicycles were located on the street. He said it did not address motorized bicycles.

Council Member Jensen expressed a concern that bicycles were not included in the language as it related to traffic and she requested that the language be included to specifically identify bicycles.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to receive and file the first reading review of an Ordinance amending Chapter 28 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to traffic and motor vehicles to provide language consistent with the Illinois Vehicle Code; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 18-274 will be placed on the September 25, 2018, Regular City Council Agenda.

(18-275) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request for a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 13 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to REFUSE CONTAINERS.

Community Development Director Ross Black said this item was a minor text amendment requested by Council Member Montelongo relating to the screening materials for dumpsters.

Council Member Montelongo commented that this issue came up when he saw, in a prime retail area, a dumpster enclosure built at the lowest standard. He commented that the particular issue came in when one retailer put up a nice dumpster screening and one did not. He expressed his concern regarding the lack of maintenance and enclosures that fell short of code standards. He said there needed to be some type of protection against those properties who did not maintain their screenings. He said the City had standards, and he suggested disallowing some retailers from using wood for the screening of refuse containers.

Council Member Moore suggested allowing the use of wood to be used on some properties and that screening should be applicable to its surroundings. She said her concern was the more stringent requirement might be too much of an expense for some small-scale developments.

Discussions were held regarding whether to strike the use of wood entirely for the construction of screening for refuse containers. Council Member Riggerbach recommended, in the C-2 districts, to incorporate higher standards for the bigger retail districts. He requested feedback from Staff regarding that recommendation. He said he agreed that limiting the use of wood could negatively impact a small business and that he would like the language to include four materials.

Council Member Ruckriegel said the use of wood should not be struck completely from the Ordinance; however, he said the issue should be addressed through maintenance and Code.

Discussions were held regarding allowing wood as a material to be used for screenings. Council Member Akeson remarked on the need for design standards and that the current issues evolved from a lack of standards. She commented that maintenance was an issue and she further stated that chain link fences should not be allowed.

Council Member Oyler said he had seen several enclosures made out of wood and were done well. He expressed a concern that allowing wood would allow for people to use wood pallets to construct an enclosure. He said there needed to be a way to control that condition so the structure would withstand the elements.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file the first reading review of an Ordinance amending Chapter 13 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to refuse containers; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

Council Member Montelongo commented that if wood was to be used in constructing the screening, then the structure should be maintained annually.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 18-275 will be placed on the October 9, 2018, Regular City Council Agenda.

(18-276) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Providing the TRANSFER of a Portion of WEST WILLOW KNOLLS ROAD, from 680 Feet West of North Allen Road's Centerline Intersection to 834.77 Feet East of North Allen Road's Centerline Intersection, from the County Highway System to the Municipal Street System. (Council District 5)

Council Member Ruckriegel said this item was part of the work being done at the intersection of Willow Knolls Road and Allen Road. He said this would allow the City to take jurisdiction from Peoria County.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file the first reading review of an Ordinance providing the transfer of a portion of West Willow Knolls Road, from 680 feet West of North Allen Road's centerline intersection to 834.77 feet East of North Allen Road's Centerline Intersection, from the County Highway System to the Municipal Street System; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 18-276 will be placed on the September 25, 2018, Regular City Council Agenda.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(18-277) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request for the Following:

- A. APPROVE and Enter into a CONTRACT with Farnsworth Group, Inc. for the Administration and Implementation of the SOUTH VILLAGE GROWTH CELL and EAST VILLAGE GROWTH CELL TIF HOUSING PROGRAMS for 2018 and 2019;**

- B. APPROVE the Authorization for Staff to Amend the HOUSING PROGRAM GUIDELINES to Restrict Work to Certain Eligible Exterior Items and Align with the Program Administration Process as Determined by the Farnsworth Group, Inc.; and**
- C. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2018 - 2019 BIENNIAL BUDGET Relating to the Use of the East Village Growth Cell TIF Fund Balance Relating to the East Village Housing Program, in the Amount of \$144,590.00, and the Use of the South Village TIF Fund Balance to Provide Administration of the South Village Rehab Program, in the Amount of \$15,100.00. (Council Districts 1, 2, and 3)**

Council Member Riggerbach moved to approve and enter into a contract with Farnsworth Group, Inc. for the administration and implementation of the South Village Growth Cell and East Village Growth Cell TIF Housing Programs for 2018 and 2019; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Council Member Riggerbach said the TIF-funded Housing Program in both the East Village and the South Village was established in 2016 and was successful both years. He said this item was a great example of everyone working together to benefit both areas of the community.

Council Member Moore said this would allow the use of funds to improve owner-occupied properties. She said she would like included in the contract the highest allowable minority participation goal and that it should at least match the percentage of minorities residing in the City of Peoria, inclusive of women. She requested Corporation Council to review the contract to ensure this request was included.

Council Member Riggerbach said this TIF was a replenishing source for as long as the TIF remained active. He said there was an extensive bidding process in this matter, and he provided a brief overview of the RFP process and those involved.

Motion to approve and enter into a contract with Farnsworth Group, Inc., for the administration and implementation of the South Village Growth Cell and East Village Growth Cell TIF Housing Program for 2018 and 2019 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to approve the authorization for Staff to amend the Housing Program Guidelines to restrict work to certain eligible exterior items and align with the program administration process as determined by the Farnsworth Group, Inc.; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2018-2019 Biennial Budget relating to the use of the East Village Growth Cell TIF Fund Balance relating to the East Village Housing Program, in the amount of \$144,590.00, and the use of the South Village TIF Fund Balance to provide administration of the South Village Rehab Program, in the amount of \$15,100.00; seconded by Council Member Moore.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,611 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

(18-255) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 3 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to LIQUOR LICENSE REGULATION.

Corporation Counsel Leist said he had spoken with a number of Council Members who had wished for this item to go forward, and should other alternatives arise, then those would be addressed accordingly.

Council Member Cyr acknowledged Council Member Moore and Council Member Jensen for their efforts in the matter.

Council Member Cyr moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to liquor license regulation; seconded by Council Member Moore.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,612 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

(18-278) Communication from the City Manager with a Request for the Following:

- A. APPROVE a REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT with PEORIA OPPORTUNITIES FOUNDATION for an Infill Housing Development Project, in the Amount of \$300,000.00, to be Funded from the East Village Growth Cell TIF Fund Balance; and**
- B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the CITY OF PEORIA 2018 - 2019 BIENNIAL BUDGET Relating to the Use of the East Village Growth Cell TIF Fund Balance Relating to the Redevelopment Agreement with Peoria Opportunities Foundation for an Infill Housing Development Project, in the Amount of \$300,000.00.**

Council Member Riggerbach moved to defer this item to the September 25, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to defer to the September 25, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

- (18-279) **Communication from the Police and Fire Pension Boards with a request to:**
- A. APPROVE and Execute a CONTRACT with LAUTERBACH and AMEN to Develop an OPTIMAL FUNDING POLICY for Public Safety Pensions, with Options; and**
 - B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE AMENDING the CITY OF PEORIA 2018 - 2019 BIENNIAL BUDGET Relating to the USE of the GENERAL FUND BALANCE, in the Amount of \$5,765.00, to Fund the City's Portion of the Optimal Funding Policy for Public Safety Pensions Study.**

City Manager Urich provided an overview of this item, noting that the Police and Fire Pension Funds were not in the control of the City Council. He said the State of Illinois defined the benefit levels and employee contribution. He said the State also determined composition of the Pension Boards and how to invest those pension benefits. He said the City's main responsibility was to meet the employer contribution. He said the City funded the pensions predominantly through property taxes and Personal Property Replacement Tax (PPRT). To date, he said 85% of the City's property tax levy was applied toward pension costs, mainly public safety pension costs. He said the City Council had received the actuarial reports for both the Police Pension and Fire Pension Funds from Foster and Foster. He reviewed the current budget estimates for 2019 and the differences between the City's budgeted contributions and the actuarial contribution amounts. He said he met with both Pension Boards to discuss the challenges the City faced and that the City could not contribute more money to the pension funds without a cut in City services or an increase in property taxes. He said each Board requested a proposal to work with Lauterbach & Amen to conduct a study to come up with an optimal funding strategy. He said the request before the City Council came from each Pension Board.

Council Member Jensen remarked that the purpose of the study would be to keep from back loading the debt. She said the City was just being asked to conduct a study. She said she was in favor of doing the study stating that it was not a large investment in order to see what the analysis would show.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve and execute a contract with Lauterbach and Amen to develop an Optimal Funding Policy for public safety pensions, with options; seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

Council Member Oyler commented that the Pension Boards were asking the City to spend money on an issue of which the City was already aware and he said he would not support this item.

Mayor Ardis said conducting this study would not give the City Council new information and would not address the issue of how to fund the pensions. He said he would be willing to enter into a discussion on the issue of how to fund the pensions. He recommended having the conversation in Springfield with the legislators and he challenged everyone to utilize all lobbying efforts possible in Springfield to address this matter.

Council Member Akesson said she would be in favor of some sort of study of services the City could deploy.

Council Member Moore said the City repeatedly conducted studies and she said she did not see a purpose in conducting this study and would rather apply the money requested toward the pensions.

Motion to approve and execute a contract with Lauterbach and Amen to develop an Optimal Funding Policy for public safety pensions, with options FAILED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Jensen, Montelongo - 2;

Nays: Akeson, Cyr, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 8.

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

- (18-227) 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 the Retail Sale of Alcohol at UNTAMED CHEF, 7338 N. UNIVERSITY, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 5)**

Corporation Counsel Leist stated that this application should be for a Class M-1 Liquor License versus a Class B, and as such, this item should be withdrawn.

Council Member Cyr moved to withdraw the Site Application for a Class B (Restaurant, 50% Food) Liquor License with the retail sale of alcohol at Untamed Chef, 7338 North University; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Motion to WITHDRAW was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

- (18-231) Communication from the City Manager with a Request for a Two Week DEFERRAL for the Following:**

- A. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2018-2019 BIENNIAL BUDGET Relating to the Use of the Storm Water Utility Fund Balance to Purchase the Simantel Property Located at the Foot of Spring Street, in the Amount of \$159,000.00; and,**
- B. APPROVE the PURCHASE of the SIMANTEL PROPERTY Located at the Foot of SPRING STREET. (Council District 1)**

Council Member Moore moved to approve the deferral of this item until September 25, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Motion to defer this item to the September 25, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

(18-242) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Chief of Police with a Request for a SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE of a 48 TB SERVER and the Necessary Peripherals, in the Amount of \$36,516.85.

City Manager Urich said this item was deferred from the last City Council meeting at the request of Council Member Montelongo with the request for a report back on the cost of using cloud servers.

Interim Police Chief Loren Marion distributed a handout entitled, "Peoria Police Department Cloud Storage Cost Comparison."

Chief Marion reviewed the cost of a cloud-based server versus an on-site server based storage, which required a review of other vendors. He reviewed in-car cameras cloud server storage offered by Axon, which would cost over five years approximately \$1.05 million. He reviewed another company called Watch Guard noting their cost over the next five years would be approximately \$978,000.00. Both companies, he said, did not offer digital photograph storage nor internet service provider bandwidth cost. He reviewed the cost of data storage for Watch Guard, Axon and L3 as follows: \$351,500; \$774,000 and \$36,516.00, respectively. He reviewed the body worn cameras cloud server storage based on RFP pricing, noting a hardware and TAP cost, in the amount of \$660,900.00 and storage, in the amount of \$349,700.00. He reported that the total cost for a five-year cloud project with Axon would be approximately \$1.01 million versus VieVue onsite server, in the amount of \$694,689.00. He compared the storage costs for a five-year comparison cost noting that Axon cloud server would cost approximately \$350,000.00 and VieVue onsite server would cost \$61,000.00.

Council Member Cyr moved to approve the sole source purchase of a 48 TB Server and the necessary peripherals, in the amount of \$36,516.85; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

Update on the Appraisal of the River Trail Property

Council Member Jensen requested an update on the appraisal of the River Trail property and City Manager Urich replied that the reason the item was deferred was that the City was trying to ascertain whether the Southtown parcel that was part of the conversion was done correctly. He said there would be more time to complete some of that work prior to the next City Council Meeting.

Council Member Jensen requested that the information regarding the Lawcon Conversion be posted to the City's website.

NEW BUSINESS

Tenant Complaints Regarding Property Issues

At the request of Council Member Moore, Assistant Community Director Joe Dulin remarked on the issue that occurred at Lincoln Terrace Apartments. He said those issues were being addressed, noting that they arose from the recent rains. He stated that should tenants have an issue with their property, they needed to contact their landlord first to give them an opportunity to rectify the situation. He said if the landlord did not correct the situation, then the tenants could call the City's Community Development Department wherein an inspector would go out to

investigate the complaint. If the issue is non-life threatening, then the landlord would be given the opportunity to correct the situation before being issued a citation. He said should a tenant be worried about retaliation from the landlord, he said the City partnered with Prairie State Legal Services to ensure tenants' rights were protected. He said coming to the next City Council meeting would be an item addressing self-inspections and the rental registration process.

GreenSplash Pad – Harrison Homes

Council Member Moore announced the grand opening of the new GreenSplash Pad near Harrison Homes on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, at 3:30 P.M. She said the Splash Pad was made possible through a grant from the Illinois American Water.

Policy Session Regarding 2019 City of Peoria Budget

Council Member Cyr inquired whether a meeting date had been scheduled to discuss the City's 2019 budget. City Manager Urich said he was in the process of scheduling a Policy Session to discuss the budget and he anticipated a Policy Session to be held next Tuesday, September 18, 2018, at an off-site location.

Council Member Cyr requested, going forward, that the budget and economic development be discussed at every Council Meeting. He requested that the discussions educate the City Council on how to raise the City's ratings with Standard and Poors and Moody. He said in order for the City to be financially sound, the City Council needed to understand how the ratings worked. He requested information on how other cities were addressing their rising pension costs.

The Hiring Process for a New Chief of Police

Council Member Cyr inquired about the process for the search and hiring of a new Chief of Police. City Manager Urich said he would be working on filling the vacancy in the next month or two.

The Efforts of the Peoria Police Department

Council Member Cyr said he had been on a ride along with the Police Department. He said the City took its Police Officers for granted with all the issues they faced on the job daily. He said he met with Sergeant Bryant Sylvester and he appreciated what Sergeant Sylvester had to say. He said he was impressed with the courtesy and professionalism of the Police Officers and he expressed his appreciation for the work that they do.

Announcement of the New Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer and the New Assistant City Manager

Mayor Ardis recognized and welcomed Dr. Farris Muhammad, Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, and Deborah O'Fallon, Assistant City Manager, to the City of Peoria organization.

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.

Mary Hayes, an interested citizen, expressed her appreciation for the support of the meals served on each first Friday of the month on Sheridan Road. She thanked Couri Thomas and the Food Bank for delivering free food to Madison Park. She remarked on the missing person Alexa Scott stating that questions needed to be answered. She said she was in support of a Welcoming Ordinance.

Jennifer Whisenand, a concerned citizen, expressed her concern regarding the Peoria Police Department and she asked that her DVR be returned.

Eugene Rebholz, a citizen of Peoria, said he had attended "Coffee with a Council Member" in District 5 and noted how much information was provided. He commented on the stormwater utility bill and the process by which to reduce that fee. He said the process was quick and easy and the City responded in an efficient manner.

Phil Mammon, a citizen of Peoria, expressed an interest in the missing person Alex Scott and commented on the efforts of various City Council Members and the Peoria Police Department. He said he had received a lot of help from the City in looking for Alexa Scott.

Kelly Mammon, a citizen of Peoria, commented on the positive interaction she had with the Peoria Police Department regarding missing person Alexa Scott.

Ron Valle, a citizen of Peoria, remarked on the impact small businesses had on those in need with providing jobs. He encouraged the City Council to look at small businesses who have used the talents of the community to succeed. He remarked on the need of taking care of the community and those in it. He said there was a lot of talent within the community that should not be wasted.

Kristen Meierkord, a citizen of Peoria, remarked on the missing person case Alexa Scott. She commented that most of the evidence led back to a certain location, which needed to be searched. She said the community wanted proof that efforts were made to find Alexa Scott and she asked the City not to let the case go cold. She requested FBI resources on the case stating that the City needed help.

Lawrence Reaushard, a citizen of Peoria, spoke on the Alexa Scott campaign. He said the current reward money was not enough and he asked that a higher reward be offered. He asked the City Council to review a Welcoming City Ordinance.

William Jones, a citizen of Peoria, expressed a concern about the press conference that was held about the Alexa Scott matter. He also expressed a concern about a hotel near Northwoods Mall indicating that there was drug dealing and prostitution that occurred there.

April Allen Scott, mother of missing person Alexa Scott, said her daughter had been missing for nearly a year. She expressed a concern about the location that her daughter went missing and commented on the residents that lived there. She commented on the legal system and the efforts of the organizations involved.

Savino Sierra, a citizen of Peoria, commented on the state of the City, its hiring practices, and the state of the budget.

Amr Elsamney, a concerned citizen, remarked on missing person Alexa Scott, said the reward money offered needed to be increased and pledged to raise additional money to contribute to the reward. He remarked on the EPA regulations that surround the combined sewer overflow (CSO) issue. He said the CSO impacted a number of businesses within the City of Peoria who were considering relocating to another community. He commented on the number of liquor stores in the City and recommended that these establishments be required to carry a 50% grocery inventory in order to address the food desert in certain locations of the City.

Darcie Cady, a citizen of Peoria, expressed her appreciation to the Peoria Police Department for holding a press conference regarding missing person Alexa Scott. She remarked on the need for FBI involvement and she asked for help to find justice for Alexa.

Natasha Allen, a citizen of Peoria, said it was nearly the one-year anniversary since Alexa Scott went missing. She asked the City Council to utilize all resources in trying to locate Alexa.

Chama St. Louis, a concerned citizen, remarked on the process for the citizen comment portion of the meeting. She commented on the leadership of the City and she asked for change. She encouraged everyone to exercise their right to vote at the next election.

Anthony Walraven, a citizen of Peoria, remarked on the need of a Welcoming Ordinance and he provided the possible benefits of passing one.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was determined that an Executive Session was not needed at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

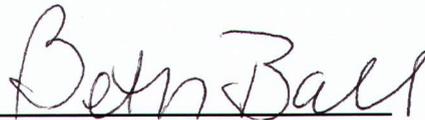
Council Member Ruckriegel moved to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 P.M.



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

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