

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Regular City Council Meeting of Peoria, Illinois, was held November 24, 2015, at 6:00 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: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen (Arrived at 6:02 P.M.), Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 9. Absent: Riggerbach – 1.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES

Council Member Spain moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council & Town Board Meeting held on November 10, 2015; Special City Council Meeting held on November 12, 2015; and Special City Council Meeting held on November 17, 2015, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Spain, Turner,
Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

(15-377) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Jim Ardis of Replacement of AT-LARGE COUNCIL MEMBER to Fill the Vacancy in that Position.

Council Member Spain moved to concur with the recommendation that the City Council appoint Sid Paul Ruckriegel of 1230 West Moss Ave, Peoria, Illinois, to serve as an At-Large Council Member until the vacancy is filled by interim election under Section 65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-50; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

At the request of Council Member Akeson, Corporation Counsel Don Leist provided an explanation of the appointment process and procedure and what would happen should the City Council bring forward other names for consideration. He remarked that the selection process was done in Executive Session wherein the pool of names was narrowed. He said that process was not binding and a final decision must occur in open session. He said the vote that occurred in open session was the important vote. He said any Council Member could suggest another candidate in open session prior to voting.

Motion to appointment Sid Paul Ruckriegel to serve as At-Large Council Member until the vacancy is filled by interim election was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 9;

Nays: None.

(15-378) ADMINISTERING OATH OF OFFICE of AT-LARGE COUNCIL MEMBER ELECT.

City Clerk Beth Ball administered the Oath of Office to the Incoming At-Large City Council Member Sid Paul Ruckriegel.

**REMARKS BY THE NEWLY APPOINTED AT-LARGE
COUNCIL MEMBER-ELECT**

Council Member Sid Paul Ruckriegel expressed his appreciation for those who supported his application and appointment to the City Council. He recognized all the City Council applicants, namely Ms. Rita Ali, Mr. Tom Fliege and Mr. Zack Oyler, who were all very qualified applicants who aspired to serve the citizens of Peoria. He expressed his gratitude for the trust that the City Council afforded him, and he said he looked forward to having meaningful relationships within the community and with the Council in order to be good stewards of the public's trust and confidence. As a member of City Council, he said he would listen, learn and respect the nature of public discourse and public responsibility. He said his adventure in Peoria began 25 years ago when he moved to the community to open a new business, begin a new life and make Peoria his home. He said the best days were still to come and he was honored to be part of the journey forward. He remarked that he was pro-schools, pro-safety, pro-jobs, and pro-government. He said his values, principles and priorities would be focused on doing the best to have a thoughtful body for the common good of Peoria. He said the City Council was charged with the duty to make difficult choices and to band together when the challenges before the community required the Council's best.

RECOGNITION OF LOCAL DIGNITARIES

Mayor Ardis welcomed Peoria County Circuit Court Judge Kevin Lyons and Peoria County Board Chair Andrew Rand, who were in attendance at the meeting.

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

- (15-379) Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Community Development with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,292 REZONING Certain Property from a Class R-3 (Single Family Residential) District to a Class O-1 (Arterial Office) District for the Property Identified as Parcel Identification No. 13-02-100-003, Located on the West Side of IL ROUTE 91, Peoria IL.**

- (15-380)
* Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending an Existing SPECIAL USE, Ordinance No. 13,233, in a Class R-3 (Single-Family Residential) District, to Add Property to the Boundary of the Special Use for the Property Located at 3206 and 3210 N. EMERY AVENUE, and Add a Parish Center and Parking Area to the Existing Church Campus for the Property Located at 3300 N. TWELVE OAKS DR. (Parcel Identification Numbers 14-29-476-001, -005, &-007), 3206 N. EMERY AVENUE (Parcel Identification Number 14- 29-476-009) and 3210 N. EMERY AVENUE (Parcel Identification Number 14-29-476-008), Peoria, Illinois (Council District 2). Case Number PZ 15-51
- (15-381)
** Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Approving a SPECIAL USE for a PLACE OF WORSHIP (BUDDHIST TEMPLE) in a Class R-6 (Multi-family Residential) District for the Property Located at 839 W. MOSS AVENUE (Parcel Identification Number 18-05-482-018), Peoria, Illinois. (Council District 2). PZ 15-49.
- (15-382)
*** Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel With a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Levying a Special Service Area Real Estate Tax, in the Amount of \$40,000.00, for the FISCAL YEAR 2015 for the WESTLAKE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA.
- (15-383) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel With a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,293 Levying a Special Service Area Real Estate Tax, in the Total Amount of \$115,011.00, Against Parcel Identification Nos. 14-16-452-038, 14-16-452-039, 14-16-452-040, 14-16-452-042, 14-16-452-043, 14-16-451-014, and 14-16-34-016, for the 2015 TAX YEAR for the KNOXVILLE JUNCTION SPECIAL SERVICE AREA.
- (15-384) APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:
- Mr. Hamzah Firman (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2017
Mr. Christopher Bailey (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2018
- (15-385) APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA HOUSING AUTHORITY with a Request to Concur:
- Ms. Renee Andrews (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2018
Mr. Carl Cannon (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2018
- (15-386) GREATER PEORIA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT'S FY 2015 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE.

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

Council Member Grayeb requested Item Nos. 15-380 and 15-381 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Montelongo requested Item No. 15-382 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 Johnson.

Item Nos. 15-379 through 15-386 (excluding Item Nos. 15-380 through 15-382, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

- (15-380)**
* **Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending an Existing SPECIAL USE, Ordinance No. 13,233, in a Class R-3 (Single-Family Residential) District, to Add Property to the Boundary of the Special Use for the Property Located at 3206 and 3210 N. EMERY AVENUE, and Add a Parish Center and Parking Area to the Existing Church Campus for the Property Located at 3300 N. TWELVE OAKS DR. (Parcel Identification Numbers 14-29-476-001, -005, &-007), 3206 N. EMERY AVENUE (Parcel Identification Number 14- 29-476-009) and 3210 N. EMERY AVENUE (Parcel Identification Number 14-29-476-008), Peoria, Illinois (Council District 2). Case Number PZ 15-51**

Council Member Grayeb expressed his enthusiasm for the addition to the church. He said he was enthusiastic about this new development in District 2, and he moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Father David Richardson, Pastor of St. Philomena's Catholic Church.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to Father David Richardson.

Father David Richardson remarked that in 2007 the parish set out, through its strategic plan, to build and grow the school and community. He said the proposed parish center was planned to meet community needs, and he remarked on the importance of growing the neighborhood. He said it was a privilege to come before the City Council with the parish's request. He remarked that the parish was founded in 1945, and he said the parish center would be a great addition to the faith community. He expressed his appreciation for support from the community and Council Member Grayeb.

Council Member Grayeb remarked that St. Philomena's was successful in having the addition look similar to the architecture of the church and school, which would be architecturally consistent.

Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance amending an existing Special Use, Ordinance No. 13,233, in a Class R-3 (Single-Family Residential) District, to add property to the boundary of the Special Use for the property located at 3206 and 3210 N. Emery Avenue, and add a parish center and parking area to the existing church campus for the property located at 3300 N. Twelve Oaks Dr. (Parcel Identification Numbers 14-29-476-001, -005, &-007), 3206 N. Emery Avenue (Parcel Identification Number 14- 29-476-009) and 3210 N. Emery Avenue (Parcel

Council Member Montelongo moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Attorney Bob Hall.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to Attorney Bob Hall.

Attorney Bob Hall, remarked on what Special Service Areas (SSA) provided and how Westlake utilized the technique. He said it would not cost the City nor the shopping center anything extra. He provided an example how the technique improved the aesthetics of the shopping center and its redevelopment. He said the SSA was implemented at the request of the tenants, who requested an extra special sales tax that was on top of the regular tax already collected. He said that money was utilized to borrow for the improvements that were currently seen in the parking and landscaping. He said it was his hope that the City would continue to use the SSA for further developments.

Council Member Montelongo remarked that constituents of the Fourth District were proud of the Westlake Redevelopment, and that it provided stabilization within that area. He said the SSA had done exactly what it was designed to do, and he noted the stores did not mind paying extra.

Council Montelongo moved to adopt an Ordinance levying a Special Service Area Real Estate Tax, in the amount of \$40,000.00, for the Fiscal Year 2015 for the Westlake Special Service Area; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,296 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner,
Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

FIRST READINGS

(15-387) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Recommendation to Approve the FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX B, the Zoning Ordinance Relating to PRIVATE SIGNS in the PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.

Community Development Director Ross Black said this Ordinance would clarify a duplication that existed within the City Code. He said currently the Zoning Ordinance had a prohibition of private signs in the public right-of-way; however, also within the City Code, there was an opportunity to get a usage permit in order to put a sign in the public right-of-way. He said this amendment would remove zoning from the jurisdiction of the public right-of-way by removing the prohibition. He remarked that a right-of-way usage permit would still be required if someone wanted to put a sign in the right-of-way. He said, upon adoption of the amendment, the applicant would mainly work with the Public Works Department.

Council Member Spain moved to receive and file the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Appendix B, the Zoning Ordinance relating to private signs in the public right-of-way; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to receive and file was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner,
Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 15-389 will be placed on the December 8, 2015, Regular City Council agenda.

(15-388) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request For a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE 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.

Corporation Counsel Don Leist said, with the assistance of Council Member Moore, the City wanted to allow certain locations to have a cash bar for various events. He said this item would amend the Code, which exempted cash bars events throughout the City.

Mayor Ardis remarked that this would be for catered, off-site events with a Class M license (BYOB).

Council Member Moore remarked that the City only issued one Class M license, which was to the Contemporary Arts Center. She said this would allow the Center to have a cash bar at events such as weddings.

Council Member Moore moved to receive and file the first reading of an Ordinance 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; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to receive and file was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Ruckriegel, Spain, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: This Item will be placed on the December 8, 2015, Regular City Council agenda.

(15-389) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to Receive and File a FIRST READING of ORDINANCES Amending Chapter 5 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to BUILDING PERMIT and REGISTRATION of NON-OWNER OCCUPIED PROPERTY FEES.

Community Development Director Ross Black said this proposed Ordinance was part of the budget discussions and that it proposed increases in building permit fees and registration fees for non-owner occupied properties, and an increased penalty for failure to register properties.

In response to Council Member Spain's question regarding the expected revenue from this proposed Ordinance, Director Black said the anticipated revenue expected to be generated was approximately \$800,000.00.

Council Member Spain expressed reservations about raising permit fees noting that Peoria already had a higher rental climate. He encouraged Director Black to review the increases with LISC to see where it would put the City with some of the new work done in the neighborhoods. He expressed his appreciation for Staff's efforts to differentiate between problematic and non-problematic landlords; however, he remarked that the increases still looked high without giving back to the non-problematic

landlords. He said he would like the reward for non-problematic landlords reviewed prior to passing the Ordinance.

Council Member Moore said she echoed Council Member Spain's comments. She remarked on the increase for one year, and she said she would like something that made problematic landlords pay the full rate for the services the City provided to their properties. She said she would not want to penalize the non-problematic landlords.

In response to Council Member Jensen, Director Black provided background regarding the fees and how those fees would be allocated noting that implementation of the fees would generate an additional \$800,000.00 in revenue.

Council Member Akeson expressed a concern that the City would not accomplish its goal to stabilize the neighborhoods.

Director Black remarked that the community would see a visible change in the neighborhoods, and he provided examples of those changes. He said the program would not offer as much as the neighborhoods needed, but he said there would be a positive visual impact.

Council Member Akeson requested a spreadsheet of problematic landlord properties and to change the fee structure to a sliding scale in order to not burden property owners who took care of their properties. She asked that the problematic properties be reviewed on a regular basis.

Council Member Ruckriegel asked for additional information on landlords who attended landlord training yet continued to have property violations.

In response to Council Member Ruckriegel, Director Black said approximately 20% of the landlords in the City had not registered their properties. He said the City wanted to change the registration process and register per unit versus per building.

Council Member Moore moved to receive and file the First Reading of Ordinances amending Chapter 5 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to building permit and registration of non-owner occupied property fees; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to receive and file was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: This Item will be placed on the December 8, 2015, Regular City Council agenda.

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

City Manager Urich said this was a proposed Ordinance change for the hotel tax that was part of the budget package that would come before the City Council on December 8, 2015, for approval. He said this Ordinance would apply towards all hotels within the City.

Council Member Moore said there was a lot of business in downtown that went to East Peoria, and she remarked that East Peoria would be building another hotel. She said she spoke with organizations that have functions in East Peoria, and they commented that this tax would further inhibit the City of gaining additional events.

Council Member Moore moved to receive and file the First Reading of 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 Turner.

In response to Council Member Jensen as to whether the City discussed the tax with the Civic Center, City Manager Urich remarked that he spoke with the Chair of the Civic Center Authority and discussed how this tax would work. He said a meeting was planned for the following week to discuss an agreement.

Council Member Spain said, in response to Mayor Ardis' question whether the Authority would meet prior to the next City Council Meeting, the Peoria Civic Center Authority would be meeting in the first of part of December before the next City Council meeting.

Motion to receive and file the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 27 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to Hotel or Motel Room Rental Use or Privilege Tax was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: This Item will be placed on the December 8, 2015, Regular City Council agenda.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(15-391) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to Approve the 2015-2030 City Council STRATEGIC PLAN.

City Manager Urich reviewed the 2015 - 2030 City Council Strategic Plan noting it was the final version that the City Council had been working on throughout the year. He said it contained the City's vision and core goals previously adopted by the City Council. He said it included all the policy and management items that the City Council prioritized, a list of current projects that Staff was working on and a mission statement for the organization along with the core values. He said Staff was revising the action plans, which would be sent out to the City Council at a later date under a separate cover.

Council Member Akeson requested a copy of the laminated cheat sheet utilized during the planning sessions with Lyle Sumek.

In response to Council Member Montelongo's question regarding the 15-year strategic plan, City Manager Urich said it would be updated on an annual basis. He said it laid out a vision statement for 15 years, which included four 5-year goals along with annual work plans both on a policy side and on a management side.

Council Member Johnson said there were different principles outlined in the Strategic Plan, and he said when it came time to make decisions on infrastructure funding, he asked the Council to keep in mind the Strategic Plan.

Council Member Akeson also requested a list of accomplishments since the Strategic Plan was initially developed in 2011 in order to measure progress. She asked for the goals and aspirations that were articulated in 2011 in order to get a sense of the Council's efforts in obtaining their goals.

Council Member Montelongo recommended hiring an economist to assist the City Council with some of the decisions it had to make.

Council Member Akeson moved to approve the 2015 – 2030 City Council Strategic Plan; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(15-392) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to Review a Revised CITY OF PEORIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES POLICY.

City Manager Ulrich said the City Council previously attended a Policy Session regarding economic development. He said at that Policy Session, Council discussed a number of items outlined in the revised proposed policy. Ultimately, he said Staff was working on defining how the Council wanted to move forward on incentives on development, and more specifically, on those that were job-creating entities.

Assistant City Manager Chris Setti provided some background noting that the City Council held a Policy Session in April of 2015 wherein an Economic Development Incentive Policy was drafted. He said a number of topics were discussed, but Staff wanted to provide a simplified version of the proposed policy. He remarked that the primary goals of the Council was to provide incentives in order to attract and retain priority industry clusters, create jobs at livable wages, and spur capital investment. He said the intent of the policy was to articulate the emphasis, in the Office of Economic Development and the City as a whole, when it came to economic development. He said the main purpose of the policy was to create jobs and increase investment. On the investment part, he said it was an investment related to parts of the City. He said the Council previously identified targeted areas where they would like to see incentives, whether it was the Enterprise Zone, TIF, Community Development Block Grant, or Forgivable Loan Program. He said the Council was interested in job creation not specific to a location or to a part of the City. He said there were specific industry clusters where this new type of incentive could be applied. He said retail was specifically left off the list; however, the Council could provide direction regarding the retail industry. He reviewed the Incentives Policy Guidelines, noting those guidelines could be changed according to Council direction. He reviewed the 2015 Living Wage Calculation for Illinois.

Council Member Grayeb said the City faced corporate welfare and that this was an effort to ensure that there were some objective criteria. He said the City was trying to diversify its economy, and he remarked on the importance of ensuring that organized labor and building trades were able to voice

their opinion on the wages of a full-time employee. He remarked on the importance of economic development not providing handouts as well as keeping pace with other communities. He said he would prefer more input from building trades and the labor community.

Council Member Akeson said there were successful businesses in the City who have not received any assistance. She said the Council was going to be voting on an economic development policy that would represent an economic opportunity, and she said she wanted to explore how that could be a bigger footprint in the City. She said she would support the policy, but she requested a strategy that would serve the City as well as businesses.

Council Member Jensen commended Staff for putting the policy together, and she commented that she had been advocating for guidelines. She remarked on the importance of meaningful public input and the need for guideline comparison.

Assistant City Manager Setti said additional concepts could be incorporated. He said at the last discussion Council was looking for a certain number of jobs within a certain wage limit, and he said the business community wanted simplicity. He said this policy would put forth some guidelines and expectations for simplicity.

Council Member Jensen requested clarification in the policy as to what required Staff approval and what required Council approval.

Discussions were held regarding the minimum wage, and Council Member Moore inquired whether a higher minimum wage could be established.

Mayor Ardis remarked on the importance of small businesses and how they were a driver of the local economy. He said it was important to place a focus on the small businesses, and to not place a high number on the capital investment. He said it was important to think long-term to ensure what the City was doing was proactive and delivering its message to attract businesses that complimented the already existing businesses.

Council Member Spain expressed his appreciation for Staff's efforts. He said he was interested in placing a strong emphasis on small businesses. He asked to spotlight some of the smaller programs available and he requested additional input regarding the minimum wage.

Council Member Montelongo expressed his appreciation for the efforts in the policy, noting the importance of growing jobs in the community, and he expressed the need for ongoing discussions.

After some discussion regarding wages and benefits, Assistant City Manager Setti said the Policy could be drafted accordingly. He remarked that the City also had a Revolving Loan Fund that businesses could utilize. He remarked that the more additions to the policy the more difficult it would become to monitor for compliance. He said there needed to be balance in order to ensure there was an EEO policy.

Council Member Grayeb remarked that there needed to be more thought into this policy, and he recommended including the promotion of minority-owned businesses.

Council Member Ruckriegel said there should be personal guarantees or clawbacks. He asked if there was some type of criteria as to where the City fell for incentives.

Assistant City Manager Setti said if the City was going to lend money, it would want to be in the most secure position to negotiate.

Council Member Montelongo requested the Chamber of Commerce to review the incentives.

Council Member Johnson moved to receive and file the revised City of Peoria Economic Development Incentives Policy; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

(15-362) 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 Licensing of MOBILE FOOD VEHICLES.

Council Member Spain moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 18 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to licensing to mobile food vehicles; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,297 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(15-364) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to ADOPT an ORDINANCE AMENDING an Existing SPECIAL USE, Ordinance Number 13,633, as Amended, for a Shopping Center in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District to add a NEW RETAIL BUILDING and a FUEL CENTER, for the Property Commonly Known as EVERGREEN SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER and Located at 801 W. LAKE AVENUE (Parcel Identification Numbers 14-20-476-006, -016, -017, -018, -019, -020, -023, -024, -025, & 14-20-428-009), Peoria, IL (Council District 3).

Council Member Spain remarked that Council Member Riggerbach and asked him to make the motion to support this development in his absence. He said this project was the beginning of a major rejuvenation for Evergreen Square Shopping Center, and he expressed his appreciation to Kroger for its investment in the community. He said this was a \$20 million improvement and would create an important opportunity. He expressed his appreciation to Council Member Akeson for her support in this matter.

Council Member Spain moved to adopt an Ordinance amending an existing Special Use, Ordinance Number 13,633, as amended, for a shopping center in a Class C-2 (large scale commercial) District to add a new retail building and fuel center, for the property commonly known as Evergreen Square Shopping Center located at 801 W. Lake Avenue, (Parcel Identification Numbers 14-20-476-006, -016, -017, -018, -019, -020, -023, -024, -025, & 14-20-428-009) Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Council Member Akeson extended her appreciation for the efforts of those involved in the project, and she said it was her hope that City Staff would be of assistance to add more to that location.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,298 adopting an Ordinance amending an existing Special Use, Ordinance Number 13,633, as amended, for a shopping center in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District to add a new retail building and a fuel center, for the property commonly known as Evergreen Square Shopping Center located at 801 W. Lake Avenue, (Parcel Identification Numbers 14-20-476-006, -016, -017, -018, -019, -020, -023, -024, -025, & 14-20-428-009) Peoria, Illinois.

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

Nays: None.

(15-016) Communication from the City Manager and the Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request for Continued Discussion Regarding the 2016-2017 CITY OF PEORIA BIENNIAL BUDGET.

City Manager Urich said the budget deficit discussed was \$5.9 million for 2016. He said, during the development of the proposed budget, the City had an unprecedented level of public engagement.

He said a balanced operating budget was presented to the City Council, which included an increase in sales tax, license and permit fees, motor fuel taxes, hotel taxes and property taxes. He said Council requested additional information to include more revenue for roads. He said the Council would have the following recommendation to increase revenue at the December 8, 2015, City Council meeting: sales tax increase, liquor license increase, miscellaneous business regulations, building permit increases and rental registration increases. He said should Council decide not to adopt the proposed revenue streams, then there would have to be expenditure cuts. He remarked that if one or all of the proposed revenue streams was not approved, there would be a negative impact on funding for the City's roads. He reviewed the timing constraints for passing the budget, noting it needed to be acted upon on December 8, 2015, with that being that last scheduled City Council meeting.

Mayor Ardis remarked that the Council took votes on the different revenue sources. He said those streams needed to be reaffirmed, or if Council wanted to make a change, reduce a corresponding amount out of operations. He said the City Council needed to approve the budget at the December 8, 2015, City Council meeting.

Council Member Grayeb remarked that a decision needed to be made, and he stated that a well-crafted budget had been presented to the Council for approval.

Council Member Akeson said she was in favor of raising revenue to address the roads, and she remarked that a proposed vehicle sticker for the City could address those needs, noting she preferred not to raise property taxes.

Mayor Ardis commented that the Council did not receive much information on a proposed vehicle sticker since the proposal was voted down at a previous City Council meeting. He said if the City Council wanted to review that revenue source at a later date, then Staff should be provided with direction. He remarked that Staff needed more time to compile the appropriate information. He said there was not enough information to make an informed decision in the next two weeks.

Council Member Jensen said she was supportive of raising revenues for roads, but she said she did not want to raise hotel or property taxes. She said the City would get a lot more money for a \$25 fee for vehicle stickers, and she said she would like to see it implemented now or early in 2016 in order to have additional revenue for roads. She remarked that in doing so, there would be a dedicated fund for roads. She said implementing a vehicle sticker would be more feasible than increasing property and hotel taxes.

Council Member Ruckriegel remarked that the majority of a property owner's tax bill currently went towards the school district. He remarked on vehicle stickers noting he was not totally opposed to it in the future, but there needed to be more information.

Council Member Johnson moved to receive and file the discussions regarding the 2016-2017 City of Peoria Biennial Budget; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Striping and Speed Signs on MacArthur Highway

Council Member Moore remarked on the recent restriping of MacArthur Highway, and she noted there was not enough parking along the highway near MLK Park. She also requested Public Works to install a sign that registered the speed limit of drivers, and she encouraged everyone to slow down to 30 mph in that area.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD

Ms. Rita Ali, a Peoria citizen, expressed concern on the process for filling the vacant seat on the City Council. She congratulated Council Member Ruckriegel on his appointment.

Mr. Savino Sierra, a Peoria citizen, said the City Council had to move forward on the budget, and he commented on the lack of bicycle lanes and the need to slow down traffic.

Mr. Jessie McGown, Jr., a Peoria citizen, remarked on the process for filling the vacant City Council seat, and expressed his concern regarding the process.

Mr. Marcus Fogliano, a Peoria citizen, expressed his appreciation to those Council Members who attended the transgender vigil. He remarked on the discrimination of transgendered individuals in the workforce, and he asked Council Members to include transgender in the City's Ordinance. He mentioned the proposed increase for landlord registration, and he commented that a portion of that fee should go towards educating tenants. He commented on vehicle stickers noting it was not an equitable form of revenue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 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; 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 Jensen moved to enter into an Executive Session pursuant to 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; 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 Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

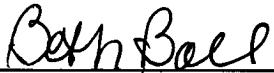
Council Member Turner moved to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Regular City Council Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.



Beth Ball, MMC, City Clerk
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