

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Special Meeting of the Joint City Council and Town Board of Peoria, Illinois, was held May 2, 2017, at 6:00 P.M., at City Hall, Council Chambers, 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Jim Ardis presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Newlin, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 10.  
Absent: Jensen - 1.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA**

**CONVENING OF THE OLD CITY COUNCIL**

**(17-129) Communication from the City Manager and Directors of Public Works with a Request to ACCEPT the LOW BID of C&G CONCRETE COMPANY, INC., in the Amount of \$408,472.10, and Award a CONTRACT for the 2017 SIDEWALK PARTICIPATION PROGRAM, with an Additional Authorization of \$21,527.90 for a Total Contract Award of \$430,000.00. (City-Wide)**

Council Member Newlin moved to approve the low bid of C&G Concrete Company, Inc., in the amount of \$408,472.10, and award a contract for the 2017 Sidewalk Participation Program, with an additional authorization of \$21,527.90 for a total contract award of \$430,000.00; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Approved by viva voce vote.

**(17-121) Official Canvass Results of the Consolidated General Election for the City of Peoria held on April 4, 2017, with a Request to Receive and File.**

Council Member Johnson moved to receive and file the official canvass results of the Consolidated General Election for the City of Peoria held on April 4, 2017; seconded by Council Member Newlin.

Approved by viva voce vote.

**PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA****(17-122) Official Canvass Results of the Consolidated General Election for the Town held on April 4, 2017, with Request to Receive and File.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to receive and file the official canvass results of the Consolidated General Election for the Town held on April 4, 2017; seconded by Trustee Ruckriegel.

Approved by viva voce vote.

**PRESENTATIONS TO RETIRING COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mayor Ardis presented the following Resolutions:

**RESOLUTION**  
**TIMOTHY NEWLIN**

**AT LARGE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER**

WHEREAS, Timothy Newlin has served as a Council Member for the City of Peoria, Illinois, from January 24, 2017, until May 2, 2017, during which he has given freely of his time in an unselfish effort and has demonstrated the highest ideals of public service by his dedication;

WHEREAS, Timothy Newlin, in recognition of his generous contribution of time and talent given on behalf of the City that will impact the future of the City of Peoria for generations to come, it is with profound appreciation and thanks for his service as a Peoria City Council Member. Even though his time on the City Council was short, he has earned the endless gratitude of the citizens of Peoria.

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

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, 2nd day of May, 2017 A.D.

/s/ Mayor Jim Ardis  
Mayor Jim Ardis

/s/ Council Member Jim Montelongo  
Council Member Jim Montelongo

/s/ Council Member Beth Akeson  
Council Member Beth Akeson

/s/ Council Member Denise Moore  
Council Member Denise Moore

/s/ Council Member Tim Riggerbach  
Council Member Tim Riggerbach

/s/ Council Member Charles V. Grayeb  
Council Member Charles V. Grayeb

/s/ Council Member Beth Jensen  
Council Member Beth Jensen

/s/ Council Member Sid P. Ruckriegel  
Council Member Sid P. Ruckriegel

/s/ Council Member W. Eric Turner  
Council Member W. Eric Turner

/s/ Council Member Casey Johnson  
Council Member Casey Johnson

ATTEST:

/s/ Beth Ball  
City Clerk

EXAMINED AND APPROVED:

/s/ Don Leist  
Corporation Counsel

Council Member Newlin remarked on the efforts of Council Member Ruckriegel and Council Member Turner who held monthly meetings to meet with and listen to the public and their concerns. He expressed his appreciation to Council Member Turner for educating him in the role of Council Member. He said a citizen, Kenny Carrington, who has been following City government for nearly 80 years, remarked on the officials currently in office noting it was the best government he has seen in all his years in Peoria. He expressed his appreciation for being chosen to fill the seat of former Council Member and current State Representative Ryan Spain and he said he hoped to return in the future in order to serve the community.

**RESOLUTION**  
**CASEY JOHNSON**

**FIFTH DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER**

WHEREAS, Casey Johnson has served as Council Member for the City of Peoria, Illinois, from May 2013 until May 2017, and this year brings to an end four years of dedicated service by Casey Johnson to the City of Peoria, during which he has given freely of his time in an unselfish effort and has demonstrated the highest ideals of public service by his dedication; and

WHEREAS, Casey Johnson, by his many years of efficient service as Council Member representing the residents of Peoria, has served as a member of the Tourism Reserve Fund Committee, among others, and has well-earned the endless gratitude of the citizens of Peoria;

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

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

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, 2nd day of May, 2017 A.D.

/s/ Mayor Jim Ardis  
Mayor Jim Ardis

/s/ Council Member Jim Montelongo  
Council Member Jim Montelongo

/s/ Council Member Beth Akeson  
Council Member Beth Akeson

/s/ Council Member Denise Moore  
Council Member Denise Moore

/s/ Council Member Tim Riggerbach  
Council Member Tim Riggerbach

/s/ Council Member Charles V. Grayeb  
Council Member Charles V. Grayeb

/s/ Council Member Beth Jensen  
Council Member Beth Jensen

/s/ Council Member Sid P. Ruckriegel  
Council Member Sid P. Ruckriegel

/s/ Council Member W. Eric Turner  
Council Member W. Eric Turner

/s/ Council Member Casey Johnson  
Council Member Casey Johnson

ATTEST:

/s/ Beth Ball  
City Clerk

EXAMINED AND APPROVED:

/s/ Don Leist  
Corporation Counsel

Council Member Casey Johnson expressed his appreciation for the recognition, noting that his four year term went by quickly. He congratulated those who were taking the oath of office this evening. He expressed confidence in the new City Council saying they would lead the City in the right direction. He said during his term he realized that even though Council Members did not always see eye to eye, they still had the City's best interest in mind while making decisions. He expressed his appreciation to City Manager Urich and his Staff for moving the City forward. He said it was the resolve and determination of the community, even through the most difficult of times, that made him proud to be a Peorian. He thanked his supporters and expressed his hope to take the oath of office again in the future.

**RESOLUTION**  
**JOSEPH WHALEN**

**TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR**

WHEREAS, the profession of Township Supervisor is an extremely vital position in local government. The Township Supervisor is the Chief Executive Officer of the Township who oversees the General Assistance and is the treasurer of all Township funds with the responsibility of assisting those citizens who find themselves in unfortunate circumstances and in need of government support.

WHEREAS, Joseph Whalen has served as Township Supervisor of the Town of the City of Peoria from May 1993 until May 2017. Prior to his dedicated service to the Township, Joseph

Whalen served as a Police Officer with the City of Peoria from 1961 to 1993. Joseph Whalen's retirement brings to a close over 56 years of faithful and dedicated continuous service to City and Township governments, during which he has given freely of his time in an unselfish effort and has demonstrated the highest ideals of public service; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Joe Whalen, by his many years of service as Township Supervisor representing the residents of Peoria Township, has served his community as a friend to those in need and has earned the endless gratitude of the citizens of Peoria.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Township Officials and employees of the Town of the City of Peoria, and the citizens of the community, do hereby express to Joe Whalen sincere and profound appreciation and thanks for his years of service as TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR.

PRESENTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, 1st day of May, 2017 A.D.

/s/ Mayor Jim Ardis  
Mayor Jim Ardis

/s/ Council Member Jim Montelongo  
Council Member Jim Montelongo

/s/ Council Member Beth Akeson  
Council Member Beth Akeson

/s/ Council Member Denise Moore  
Council Member Denise Moore

/s/ Council Member Tim Riggerbach  
Council Member Tim Riggerbach

/s/ Council Member Charles V. Grayeb  
Council Member Charles V. Grayeb

/s/ Council Member Beth Jensen  
Council Member Beth Jensen

/s/ Council Member Sid P. Ruckriegel  
Council Member Sid P. Ruckriegel

/s/ Council Member W. Eric Turner  
Council Member W. Eric Turner

/s/ Council Member Casey Johnson  
Council Member Casey Johnson

ATTEST:

/s/ Beth Ball  
City Clerk

EXAMINED AND APPROVED:

/s/ Don Leist  
Corporation Counsel

Township Supervisor Joseph Whalen thanked the citizens of Peoria for letting him serve them for many years, noting his public service began nearly 56 years ago. He said the Mayor and City Manager were highly competent individuals working for the City and he expressed his appreciation for the dedication of Council Member Grayeb as Township liaison over the years.

**(17-123) Consideration of a Motion Regarding Resolutions Commending Outgoing Elected Officials.**

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve the Resolutions presented to Council Member Newlin, Council Member Johnson, and Township Supervisor Whalen, and to direct the City Clerk to spread the Resolutions upon the permanent record; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by viva voce vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Council Meeting adjourned sine die at 6:40 P.M.

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

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

Mayor Ardis administered the Oath of Office to Newly Elected City Clerk Beth Ball.

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

- Mayor James E. Ardis III
- City Treasurer Patrick Nichting
- First District Council Member Denise Moore
- Second District Council Member Charles V. Grayeb
- Third District Council Member Timothy Riggerbach
- Fourth District Council Member Jim Montelongo
- Fifth District Council Member Denis C. Cyr
- At-Large Council Member Sid Paul Ruckriegel
- At-Large Council Member Zachary M. Oylar
- Supervisor of General Assistance, Frances (Frank) Abdnour

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

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Montelongo, Moore, Oylar, Riggenschach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 10.  
Absent: Jensen – 1.

**INVOCATION**

Monsignor Stanley Deptula gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Jim Ardis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REMARKS BY THE NEWLY ELECTED DISTRICT  
COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICIALS**

City Clerk Beth Ball recognized the current Township Assessor Max Schlafley, who was elected in the April 4, 2017, Election, but would not be taking his oath, according to State Law, until January 2018.

Mayor Ardis said it was a humbling opportunity to serve as the Mayor of Peoria and he reflected on the comments of former Township Supervisor Joe Whalen. He said he had many good examples as a child of giving back to community, which was something his entire family was exposed to that profoundly impacted their lives. He said each Council Member he served with over the years had the best interest of the community in mind when making decisions. He reflected on the last election cycle, which was a smaller example of what happened on the State and Federal level on the difficulties of campaigns. To the extent that he participated in that type of behavior he apologized and said he hoped to set a good example going forward. He remarked on the importance of setting the bar higher. He thanked all the Council Members he had served with, the City Manager and Staff for their efforts. He thanked his wife and family for their support during the elections and his service. He said these positions took a lot of time and could not be done without the support of family. He also thanked and gave recognition to God for his graces and blessings.

Council Member Moore remarked that four years ago she was honored to be chosen by the First District residents as their Council Member and she said she was honored to serve yet another four years. She commented that the First District was just as much a part of the City as the other Districts. She said a lot of changes had occurred over the last four years, which occurred because so many people stepped up to be the change. She said so many people around the horseshoe stepped up to assist with the change. She said it was her promise as First District Council Member to ensure that the residents of the First District were heard. She expressed her appreciation for giving her the privilege to be the voice of the First District. She thanked her family for their support noting that they understood the sacrifices of time and treasure to hold the position.

Council Member Grayeb thanked City Staff for their efforts in coordinating the swear-in ceremony. He thanked the people of Peoria for imposing confidence and faith in him for his fifth term. He said he took his position seriously. He said some of the issues that came to the attention of the City Council were at times "no-win situations;" however he said the Council tried to ensure enough work was getting done in order to get the City to a better place. He said the

under-served and the underprivileged must be the focal point for all government policy. He remarked on the importance of not losing sight of those in need. He thanked former Council Member Casey Johnson, former Council Member Tim Newlin and former Township Supervisor Joseph Whalen for their service to the community. He thanked his family for their support and he quoted a saying from his mother, "If you're going to do something, do it to the best of your ability." He thanked those who helped him meet the needs of the Second District, noting that the Mayor had worked hard to help all Council Members deliver the services needed to the community. He said he looked forward to serving on the City Council and to be the Township Liaison again for the next four years.

Council Member Tim Riggerbach thanked his family for their support stating that he could not have done it alone. He said he took the oath of office for City Council for the first time eight years ago and he paused and reflected on the things that brought him to this point. He quoted Albert Einstein by saying, "Setting an example is not the main way, it's the only way." He said this quote extended to everyone and he asked everyone to keep in mind what kind of examples they wanted to set. He said together they would get the work done. He said as Council Member for the Third District, he would continue to serve and stand with his constituents in order to get the job done.

Council Member Jim Montelongo expressed his appreciation towards his family who sacrificed their time with him to be able to fulfill the needs of his constituents. He said he was honored to serve the people of Peoria and that it was his intent to continue building upon the work already done in the Fourth District. He remarked on the importance of soliciting input from his constituents of the Fourth District. He said he intended to hold annual neighborhood association meetings and to continue to grow the new business round table. He said here were big challenges moving forward and he looked forward to working with Council, Staff and constituents.

Council Member Denis Cyr expressed his appreciation to the outgoing Council Members, congratulated the new Council Members, and recognized the existing Council Members. He said he looked forward to serving and working with the Council and community over the next four years. He expressed his appreciation to Tom McBride and the Peoria Election Commission for their efforts during the election and maintaining due diligence and integrity throughout the process. He remarked on his opponent's efforts in the campaign process and remarked on the professionalism and class Ms. Rita Ali demonstrated. He thanked everyone for the time they dedicated to the campaign, their financial support, wisdom and advice. He recognized his wife Jeannie and two children for their support during this time. He also thanked all the voters who took their duties seriously. He said he looked forward to serving the community for the next four years.

Council Member Ruckriegel said it was a special evening noting his journey began 24 years ago when he became a resident of Peoria. He remarked on the rewards of making Peoria his home and working side by side with the best teammates in the City. He said he had the pleasure of working with so many people, organizations, colleagues, and City Staff. He said this evening brought on another chapter for the City of Peoria. He said he looked forward to doing his best to accomplish what was best for the City. He remarked on the influence his family had on his life that brought him to where we was today. He said his father instilled in him the need to leave



the world a better place. He said this opportunity was not about being a Council Member, but how we live on a daily basis.

Council Member Zach Oyler expressed his appreciation to the citizens who put faith in his ability to represent them as a City Council Member. He said he would put focus and energy into the time and talents of the community. He said he was humbled by the fact that the community chose him to represent their needs. He thanked his family for their support and the encouragement he received on a daily basis. He said tonight would begin a new chapter in the history of Peoria. He said there were a number of issues that needed to be addressed and he said he was excited to be a part of the City moving forward and beginning a new chapter in Peoria's life. He said he would fill the seat with dedication to the people and the community and he thanked Former Council Member Tim Newlin for his support noting he had given a lot to the community.

City Clerk Beth Ball thanked God for his many blessings He bestowed upon her and the influence he had on guiding her life to the position where she was today. She said she had a wonderful husband, noting 45 years of marriage as of this year. She recognized her family for their support and she thanked the citizens of Peoria for allowing her to serve another term. She said it was a privilege to work along side of Mayor Ardis, City Manager Patrick Urich, Corporation Counsel Don Leist and City Treasurer Patrick Nichting. She recognized the employees in her office who made an impact on the work that was done and she introduced Chief Deputy City Clerk Stefanie Tarr, Deputy Clerk Trina Bonds who handled all liquor matters for the City, Deputy Clerk Dan Sullivan who researched and indexed documents, and Township Bookkeeper Connie Duffy who processed township business. She thanked the citizens for their confidence in her and she said she would continue to do her best to serve the citizens of Peoria.

City Treasurer Patrick Nichting said this election season provided an opportunity for him to reminisce and to ponder the meaning of governance. He said his friendship with the Mayor far exceeded that of the horseshoe. He said sometimes officials agreed and sometimes officials disagreed; however, throughout the whole process he learned how to be agreeable without being disagreeable. He remarked on the importance of knowing how to govern going forward. He thanked the citizens for their confidence in him and electing him for another term. He said his success rested upon the employees in his office. He said he knew of the challenges the new City Council faced and he said now was the time to govern and the time to lead.

Township Supervisor Frank Abdnour reflected on the path that lead him to the position for which he was elected, beginning as a food cart vendor to a brick and mortar business owner to an elected official. He said this was his first attempt at an elected position, and he expressed his appreciation to those who voted for him. He said the citizens had sent an incredible message, which he hoped to carry on and to do his best for his constituents. He said so many citizens had faith and confidence in him just from him owning his own business for so many years. He said throughout the whole process his family was right by his side, no matter how difficult the process. He thanked his children for their social media capability and his wife for her tremendous support and as campaign manager.

**PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS –CITY OF PEORIA**

- (17-124) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to APPROVE PUBLIC OFFICIAL BONDS for the MAYOR, the CITY CLERK, the CITY TREASURER, and the CITY COMPTROLLER from CALLENDER & CO at a Cost of \$9,846.00.**

Council Member Cyr moved to approve Public Official Bonds for the Mayor, the City Clerk, the City Treasurer, and the City Comptroller from Callender & Co. at a cost of \$9,846.00; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 10.

Nay: None.

- (17-125) Communication from the City Manager and the Human Resource Director with a Request to AUTHORIZE City Council to ADOPT a New RESOLUTION Reaffirming that Elected Official Positions Meets the ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND (IMRF) Hourly Standard (1000 Hours Per Year.)**

Council Member Oyler moved to authorize the City Council to adopt a new Resolution reaffirming that elected official positions meets the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) hourly standard (1000 hours per years); seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 10.

Nay: None.

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

- (17-126) Communication from the Township Supervisor Requesting Authorization for the Town Board to ADOPT a New RESOLUTION Reaffirming that Elected Official Positions Meets the ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND (IMRF) Hourly Standard (1000 hours per year).**

Trustee Grayeb moved to adopt a new Resolution reaffirming that elected official positions meets the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) hourly standard (1000 hours per year); seconded by Trustee Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Ardis – 10.

Nay: None.

**(17-127) Communication from the Township Clerk Requesting Approval of Designating TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR FRANK ABDNOUR as the TOWNSHIP IMRF AUTHORIZED AGENT.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the designating of Township Supervisor Frank Abdnour as the Township IMRF authorized agent; seconded by Trustee Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Ardis – 10.

Nay: None.

**(17-128) Communication from the Supervisor of General Assistance and Town Treasurer with a Request to APPROVE a RESOLUTION Authorizing NAMED BANKS to Act as DEPOSITORIES, ETC., of the Town of the City of Peoria and Authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to Accept and Release Securities for Safekeeping Held by a Third Party and Authorizing Named Banks to Honor Checks, Drafts.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve a Resolution authorizing named banks to act as depositories, etc., of the Town of the City of Peoria and authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to accept and release securities for safekeeping held by a third party and authorizing named banks to honor checks, drafts; seconded by Trustee Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Ardis – 10.

Nay: None.

**CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD**

Hearing no objections, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to those citizens wishing to address the City Council.

Lavetta Ricca, a Peoria resident, provided a historical timeline of the stages of the First District and she said it was her hope that she would be able to see the First District to come back substantially to the way it was.

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Martin Johnson gave the Benediction.

**ADJOURNMENT**

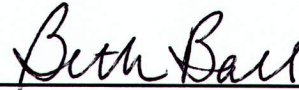
Council Member Cyr moved to adjourn the Special Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 10.

Nay: None.

The Special Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.



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

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