

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

A Regular Meeting of the Joint City Council and Town Board of Trustees of Peoria, Illinois, was held October 13, 2020, 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 present: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Oylar, Riggenschach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 10. Absent: Moore -1.

ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

In accordance with Governor JB Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-43 which continues to limit any gatherings of more than 50 people, and Executive Orders 2020-07, 33, 44, 52 and 55 requiring the provision of video, audio or telephonic access to meetings – as well as the CDC recommending social distancing of at least 6 feet between persons, City Hall is implementing changes and restrictions for the City Council Meeting on October 13, 2020, while complying with the Open Meetings Act.

The Council Meeting will be conducted in person with members of the Council and some Staff present in Council Chambers with plexiglass barriers, and with Department Heads in Room 404 with the ability to remotely answer questions while maintaining a six-foot distance. Fifteen members of the public will be permitted inside Council Chambers at a time. Temperature screenings are required upon entry to City Hall and face coverings are always required while inside.

Members of the public and media are invited to watch through the live stream, YouTube, Television Channel 22 or through WCBU Radio. Submissions for Public Comment were received through the City Clerk's Office. The agenda, minutes and video podcast of the meeting will be available online through the City website.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PROCLAMATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

Roberta Koscielski, Illinois' Librarian of the Year

MINUTES

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on September 22, 2020, as printed; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Oylar, Riggenschach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

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

- (20-247) REQUEST from the Township Officials to SET the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING and to SET a SPECIAL MEETING of the Township Electors for NOVEMBER 10, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. and 6:05 P.M. at City Hall, Council Chambers.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to set the Annual Town Meeting and to set a Special Meeting of the Township Electors for November 10, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. and 6:05 P.M. at City Hall, Council Chambers; seconded by Trustee Kelly.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Chairman Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

- (20-248) REQUEST from the Town Officials to APPROVE the SEPTEMBER 2020 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES and to APPROVE the OCTOBER 2020 ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES for the Town of the City of Peoria.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the September 2020 Actual Expenditures and to approve the October 2020 Anticipated Expenditures for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Ali.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Chairman Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

- (20-249) Communication from the Township Attorney with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Setting COMPENSATION for ELECTED TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS for the Town of the City of Peoria, Illinois.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance setting compensation for Elected Township Officials for the Town of the City of Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Trustee Kelly.

ORDINANCE NO. TO-20-02 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Chairman Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration to go 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 Grayeb moved to go 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; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

The City Council went into Executive Session at 6:16 P.M.

RECONVENING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council reconvened at 6:50 P.M. in Council Chambers.

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 10. Absent: Moore - 1.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, with Recommendations as Outlined

- (20-250) * **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Human Resources with a Request to APPROVE and Authorize the Execution of a CONTRACT to Place GOVHR USA on Retainer to Provide Executive Level Recruitment Services.**
- (20-251) **Communication from City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE and for the City Manager to Execute an AGREEMENT with the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, in the Amount of \$52,291.00, Plus Contingency, for the City's Participation in Costs Associated with Replacing Video Detection Systems at Intersections on US ROUTE 150 (War Memorial Dr.), IL ROUTE 40 (Knoxville Ave.) and IL ROUTE 91. (Council Districts 3, 4 & 5)**
- (20-252) **Communication from the City Manager and Chief of Police with a Request for the Following:**
- A. ACCEPT the FY2020 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) of the Department of Justice (DOJ), in the Amount of \$58,636.00; and**

B. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,799 Amending the City of Peoria 2020-2021 BIENNIAL BUDGET Relating to the Capital Fund to Recognize the Receipt of Grant Funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance Providing the FY2020 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG), in the Amount of \$58,636.00; and

C. APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the City Manager to Execute an INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT between the City of Peoria and the COUNTY OF PEORIA Under the FY2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), in the Amount of \$58,636.00.

(20-253) Communication from the City Manager and Public Works Director with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,800 to RESCIND ORDINANCE NO. 10,888 which Amended Schedule “N” of Chapter 28 of the CODE of the City of Peoria, by Designating the Block of NEVADA STREET between Oregon Street and SW Adams Street a ONE-WAY STREET in TRAFFIC SCHEDULE “N”. (DISTRICT 1)

(20-254) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class C-1 (Packaged Goods) Liquor License with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol for J.K. WILLIAMS DISTILLING, LLC, D/B/A J.K. WILLIAMS DISTILLING, 8635 N. INDUSTRIAL ROAD, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 5)

(20-255) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the SISTER CITY COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:

Julie Enzenberger (Voting) - 6/30/2021

(20-256) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS with a Request to Concur:

Dr. Kiran K. Velpula PhD (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023

(20-257) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS with a Request to Concur:

Sharon L. Kramer (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2022

(20-258) Communication from the City Manager, Treasurer and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the Month Ended AUGUST 31, 2020, UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.

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

Council Member Montelongo requested Item No. 20-250 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 20-250 through 20-258 (excluding Item No. 20-250, which was removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

(20-250) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Human Resources with a Request to APPROVE and Authorize the Execution of a CONTRACT to Place GOVHR USA on Retainer to Provide Executive Level Recruitment Services.**
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Council Member Montelongo inquired whether the use of this search firm was to fill specific jobs within the organization. He said vacant positions should be filled by or offered to Peoria residents first prior to going outside the City to look for recruits.

City Manager Urich explained GOVHR USA would be used to help fill executive level/Department Head positions. He said with the Early Retirement Incentive that was offered, there were a number of Department Heads eligible to retire early. He said GOVHR USA had been used previously to search for Department Head level positions; however, he said every effort would be made to fill those vacancies with individuals from within the organization. Should the City have to look outside the organization to fill a position, he said the search would not only include looking within the City, but the search would have to include candidates outside the City as well.

Council Member Grayeb said a requirement for working for the City of Peoria should be residency within the City. He remarked on looking for individuals within the organization to fill the vacant position first prior to looking outside the organization. He expressed concern for looking outside the organization to fill vacant positions and the amount of money it would cost to hire a firm to help search for candidates. Considering these concerns, he said he would not support this item, and he encouraged the rest of the Council to vote against this item.

Mayor Ardis said every effort would be made to fill vacant positions with qualified individuals from within the organization first. He said approving this item would allow the City to retain the search firm should there be a need to search outside the organization. He said he agreed with providing the City with the ability to use a search firm, if necessary, to ensure the best candidate for a position was hired.

Council Member Ali said she would support this item, stating the City needed to build talent from within the organization first, yet hire the best qualified person. She said there needed to be a competitive hiring process and to search for qualified employees beyond the City limits, which would also attract new residents to the City. She noted it was common practice for organizations to hire search firms to help fill vacant positions. She remarked on the importance of offering an opportunity to qualified individuals within the organization first; however, she said it was also important to reach beyond the City's limits to look for talent as well.

Council Member Kelly moved to approve and authorize the execution of a contract to place GOVHR USA on retainer to provide executive level recruitment services; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Council Member Grayeb and Council Member Montelongo remarked on the importance of searching within the organization or locally to fill vacancies. However, each remarked they were not opposed to searching outside the City limits once all resources were exhausted.

Mayor Ardis said the intent was to have the search firm on standby should the City need to look beyond its organization to fill a vacant position.

It was discussed that the search firm would only be used should there be no candidates within the organization and the firm would only be paid when used, noting there was no required retainer fee that needed to be paid in advance.

Mayor Ardis commented on the potential impact the Early Retirement Incentive could have on City Staff and the need to have a search firm on standby should it become necessary.

Motion to approve and authorize the execution of a contract to place GOVHR USA on retainer to provide executive level recruitment services was approved by roll call vote.
Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 7;
Nays: Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo - 3.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(20-259) Communication from the Mayor and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to approve the Declaration of Local State of Emergency; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Council Member Montelongo questioned the need to continue to approve a Declaration of Local State of Emergency, and City Manager Ulrich said it was to ensure the City received the necessary reimbursements from the State and Federal Governments. He explained some of the expenditures the City incurred were due to the pandemic.

Discussions we held regarding a Report Back of COVID-related expenses to date, and City Manager Ulrich said a list would be provided to the City Council.

Motion to approve the Declaration of Local State of Emergency was approved by roll call vote.
Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 9;
Nays: Montelongo - 1.

(20-260) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE of a SETTLEMENT with the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS, LOCAL 50.

Interim Corporation Counsel Chrissie Peterson provided an overview of the settlement with the International Association of Firefighters, Local 50. She provided factual background relating to the City's budgetary issues in 2017 and the negotiations that occurred with the IAFF to reduce expenses. She explained the brown outs that occurred in 2018 due to those budgetary constraints. In light of the brown outs, she said the IAFF filed an Unfair Labor Practice (ULP) against the City. She provided an overview of the ULP to date stating a pandemic had greatly impacted the City's budget, which required layoffs of City employees, which included Firefighters. On September 1, 2020, she said the City Council voted to decommission two fire

engines. In light of such vote, she said the IAFF requested additional bargaining over the impact. She reviewed the provisions of the settlement wherein the IAFF would withdraw its ULP, the City would provide for minimum staffing levels outlined in the settlement and such levels would be guaranteed through March 31, 2021, only, noting the City could close one additional engine per the September 1, 2020, vote of the Council without further bargaining.

At the conclusion of the overview, Council Member Ali moved to approve a settlement with the International Association of Firefighters, Local 50; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Council Member Grayeb said he was in favor of settling the lawsuit and he asked all Council Members to support the motion on the floor.

Mayor Ardis expressed his appreciation for the efforts of both the City and Local 50 for negotiating a settlement in this matter.

Motion to approve a settlement with the International Association of Firefighters, Local 50.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: Oylar - 1.

(20-261) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE SETTING COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIALS of the City of Peoria for the Period of 2021 through 2025.

City Manager Urich explained, by law, the Council was required to fix compensation for Elected Officials for 2021-2025 180 days before start of the term. He said the outlined compensation would not be increased nor decreased during those four years, noting the proposed Ordinance reflected no increase. He explained how the salaries were determined, stating a survey of comparable cities was taken into consideration.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to adopt an Ordinance setting compensation for certain elected officials for the City of Peoria for the period of 2021 through 2025; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,801 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Oylar, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

(20-262) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a PRESENTATION by Peoria Public Works Department on SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS.

Assistant Director of Public Works Sie Maroon provided a presentation regarding the City's snow program for 2020-2021 Snow Removal. He reviewed the City-wide snow routes comparing last year's routes to this year's routes, which reflected a decrease of four routes. He compared staffing levels between this year and last year reporting a reduction of 12 employees, and he compared designated hill routes noting a decrease from four to two routes. He said the snow routes included 158 miles of primary routed streets, 321 miles of residential streets and 80 miles of alley ways. He said snow would be removed within 36 hours after the snowfall ended, unless there was six inches of snow wherein it would be removed within 48 hours after

snowfall had ended. He said snow removal would take longer this year compared to last year due to budget constraints; however, he ensured the Public Works Department would make every effort to remove as much snow as possible as quickly as possible. He explained the City's snow routes stating the routes would be rotated so no neighborhood would always be last or always be first for snow removal. He commented on parking enforcement and the emergency snow routes and when and how those would be enforced. He provided an overview of the methods used to remove snow noting the City's brine application process and the equipment available. He commented on the removal of snow from commercial sidewalks stating those included businesses, schools, churches and hospitals with six inches of snow to be cleared within 24 hours and anything over six inches would have to be removed within 36 hours. For future consideration he said there were discussions regarding recycling brine, purchasing another wing plow and purchasing a larger brine tank. He highlighted the Department's efforts to communicate with the community. He said it was difficult to make guarantees; however, he said he guaranteed the Peoria Public Works Department would treat every snowstorm no differently from any other season. He said they would be challenged and it would take longer to remove the snow, and he asked for the community's patience and understanding during the process.

Mayor Ardis commented on the efforts of Assistant Director Maroon and his Snowfighters, commenting on the improved communications during snow removal efforts. He said the community would need to be understanding about the longer response times.

Council Member Cyr inquired about the impact a snow event would have on First Responders, and Assistant Director Maroon said should there be an incident, the Snowfighters would support the efforts of the First Responders to respond to calls as quickly as possible.

Discussions were held regarding the decreased number of snow routes, and Assistant Director Maroon said the reduction of snow routes did not mean a reduction in the number of streets or primary routes. Rather, he said it would cause an increase to the number of miles added to the remaining routes. He explained it would be an average increase of 9.5 miles of roadways to each route, going one way. He said with roads that were two lanes, it would double the mileage, and with four-lane roads it would quadruple the mileage.

Council Member Cyr commented on the importance of establishing an emergency fund for the Public Works Department for major events such as snow or floods, and he asked for that to be a future consideration.

Council Member Grayeb commented on the tremendous job the Public Works Department did with its snow removal process. He asked his constituents from the 2nd District to be patient during the snow removal process. He remarked on the improved communications by Assistant Director Maroon during those events and he apologized for the lack of resources due to budgetary constraints placed upon the City.

Assistant Director Maroon said the community could receive snow event and removal updates by calling the Public Works Department at 309-494-8800, stating Staff would update recordings prior to a storm.

Council Member Riggenbach expressed his appreciation for the thorough presentation provided by Assistant Director Maroon, commenting on the Department's responsiveness during a snow event. He said this year's snow removal would be a work in progress and he expressed his appreciation for the thoughtfulness of the presentation and the communication in making the public aware of changes. He asked for the information be provided on the City's website.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to receive and file a presentation by the Peoria Public Works Department on Snow Removal Operations; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

(20-263) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the BUDGET CALENDAR for the 2021 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET and the PRESENTATION of the 2021 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET.

City Manager Urich said the proposed 2021 Revised Annual Budget would be distributed to the Council by the end of the week. He said the spending plan would be an extension of the operating budget plan and part of the 2020 process, stating the City would have a balanced budget for 2021. He said the calendar proposed weekly meetings, except for Election Day, through November 17, 2020, anticipating the adoption of the budget on that date.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file the Budget Calendar for the 2021 Revised Annual Budget and the presentation of the 2021 Revised Annual Budget; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

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

(20-182) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 5 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to the REGISTRATION of RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.

A revised Ordinance was distributed to all Council Members.

Council Member Oyler moved to defer this item to the November 10, 2020, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Motion to defer to the November 10, 2020, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: Grayeb – 1.

(20-198) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to Consider ADOPTING an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 18 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to BODYWORK ESTABLISHMENTS.

Council Member Jensen moved to defer this item to the October 27, 2020, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Council Member Grayeb expressed a concern on the length of time it has taken to bring this matter forward to the Council for a vote. He said he would vote against the deferral, stating this matter should have been addressed some time ago.

Motion to defer to the October 27, 2020, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: Grayeb - 1.

(20-226) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request for the Following:

- A. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to VARIOUS TEXT AMENDMENTS without Changes to Parking and Duplex Regulations;**
- B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to PARKING IN FORM DISTRICTS;**
- C. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to DUPLEX REGULATIONS.**

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to defer this item to the October 27, 2020, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Ali.

Motion to defer to the October 27, 2020, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: Grayeb - 1.

(20-244) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class CN (Neighborhood Commercial) District for an ASSISTED LIVING (Sober Living) FACILITY, for the Property Located at 2419 N PROSPECT ROAD (Parcel Identification No. 14-34-327-009), Peoria IL (Council District 3).

Council Member Riggerbach moved to defer this item to the October 27, 2020, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Motion to defer to the October 27, 2020, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS**Salaries of Elected Officials**

Council Member Kelly recommended scheduling a special meeting to conduct a Policy Session to discuss Elected Officials' salaries. He said he preferred to establish metrics, agreed upon by the Council, regarding compensation changes. After the April election and the swearing in of the new City Council, he said he would be asking for a meeting to discuss the matter.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD

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

Karrie Alms, a citizen of Peoria, remarked on the Code of Conduct adopted by a previous City Council and the Oath of Office each Council Member took when sworn into their current seats. She reviewed what should occur when the standard of conduct was breached, stating it was the responsibility of the Mayor to preserve order and decorum. She said no Council Member should engage in verbal abuse, and should that occur, they should be ruled out of order by the Chair. She expressed a concern regarding the September 22, 2020, City Council meeting stating Council Member Moore should publicly apologize to Council Member Kelly, the rest of the Council, and to the public. She asked the Council to uphold the standards that were established and to set an example of conduct the community needed now, more than ever, during the pandemic.

Lavetta Ricca, a concerned citizen, remarked on the closure of Fire Station 4 and how it would impact that safety of her household. She commented on Fire Station's past service, reflecting on an incident that occurred at her home wherein Fire Station 4 responded and was able to prevent further loss.

Michael Rucker, a member of Trail Advocates for Central Illinois (TACI), explained TACI was formerly known as Friends of the Rock Island Trail. He distributed information to all Council Members and explained TACI's mission, vision and reviewed current activities and projects. He expressed a concern regarding a denial for murals in the public right-of-way, and he encouraged Council to support an amendment to the Code to allow for murals in designated areas.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

The Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 P.M.



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

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