

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

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held July 10, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall, Council Chambers (Room 400), 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Ardis presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

**The Peoria Medical Society 170th Year Celebration
Greater Neighbor Appreciation Week
Recognition of the Peoria Riverfront Museum**

MINUTES

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on June 26, 2018, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Rigggenbach, Ruckriegel,
Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

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

- (18-207)** **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the Submission of an Application for a "BUILD 2018" DISCRETIONARY GRANT, in an Amount up to \$25,000,000.00, from the U.S. Department of Transportation for Improvements to MAIN STREET (From the Illinois River to Farmington Road). (Council Districts 1 and 2)**
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- (18-208)** **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE Change Order #2 for a Second One-Year Extension of the CONCRETE REPAIRS CONTRACT - 2016 with HOROWITZ CONCRETE CO. and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Change Order, for a Total Budget Amount of \$100,000.00. (Amends 16-216) (All Council Districts)**
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(18-209) **Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Public Works with a REQUEST to APPROVE the SECOND AMENDMENT to the LANDFILL AGREEMENT. (Amends Item No. 09-582 and No. 12-201)**

(18-210) **APPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**

Michelle Neilson (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2021

Michael Breitbach (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2021

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

Council Member Moore requested Item Nos. 18-207 and 18-208 be removed in order to distribute additional information.

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

Item Nos. 18-207 through 18-212 (excluding Item Nos. 18-207 and 18-208) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

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At the request of Council Member Moore, City Manager Urich provided an overview of the item stating that this was a request for Council to approve the submission of an application for a grant seeking improvement to Main Street between the Illinois River to Farmington Road. He said this grant was similar to US Department of Transportation's Tiger Grants offered in the past. Should the City be awarded the grant, he said it would cover 80% of the cost of the Main Street improvement with 20% of the cost to be paid by the City.

Council Member Moore voiced her support of the item, noting it would positively affect both Council Districts 1 and 2. She said the request before the City Council was only for the submission of the application and would not commit the City to any funding at this time.

Council Member Moore moved to approve the submission of an application for a "Build 2018" Discretionary Grant, in an amount up to \$25,000,000.00, from the U.S. Department of Transportation for improvements to Main Street from the Illinois River to Farmington Road; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Council Member Grayeb commented that Main Street was in need of repair and he said this was an opportunity to secure 80% of the funds from the Federal Government. He commented that this project would unify and stimulate some of the developments in the City and would provide continuity to the Riverfront. He said being awarded this grant would defray a lot of expense in the out years. He expressed his appreciation to Mayor Ardis and City Manager

Urich for their efforts on this item and he remarked on the importance of contacting representatives in Congress to express the need for the City to be awarded this grant.

Motion to approve the submission of an application for a "Build 2018" Discretionary Grant, in an amount up to \$25,000,000.00, from the U.S. Department of Transportation for improvements to Main Street from the Illinois River to Farmington Road was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

(18-208) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE Change Order #2 for a Second One-Year Extension of the CONCRETE REPAIRS CONTRACT - 2016 with HOROWITZ CONCRETE CO. and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Change Order, for a Total Budget Amount of \$100,000.00. (Amends 16-216) (All Council Districts)
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At the request of Council Member Moore, Public Works Director Scott Reise provided the statistics of minority participation involved with this contract.

Council Member Moore moved to approve Change Order #2 for a second one-year extension of the concrete repairs contract – 2016 with Horowitz Concrete Co. and to authorize the City Manager to execute the Change Order, for a total budget amount of \$100,000.00; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

FIRST READINGS

(18-211) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 26 of the CODE of the City of Peoria (Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places) to Include ARTICLE X (SMALL CELL ANTENNA/TOWER RIGHT-OF-WAY SITING).

Public Works Director Reise said the State of Illinois recently passed a bill regarding the regulation of small cell towers or antennas in the right-of-ways. He said the City would have until August 1, 2018, to either adopt fees through an Ordinance or provide a fee schedule pursuant to the Act. He said the licensee would have to pay anywhere from \$350 to \$1,000 in application fees to the City and the City would be able to charge \$200 per pole. He said this would give the City an opportunity to control aesthetics, especially in the Historic District, and he said his Staff was currently working on an aesthetics plan.

Council Member Grayeb expressed his appreciation to the City Council for their support in not allowing cell towers in the City until there was some form of regulation. He remarked on the importance of making these towers aesthetic and consistent with the neighborhoods.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file the First Reading review of an Ordinance amending Chapter 26 of the Code of the City of Peoria (streets, sidewalks and other public places) to include Article X (Small Cell Antenna/Tower Right-of-Way Siting); seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(18-212) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request for the following:

- A. APPROVE a CONTRACT with SALVATION ARMY PEORIA to Operate a Rehousing Program that Provides Rehousing Services to Tenants Living in Properties Designated as Unfit for Human Habitation by the Community Development Code Enforcement Division;**
- B. ALLOCATE the \$50,000.00 payment from the 1505 on the Avenue Settlement to a Set-Aside Rehousing Program Project;**
- C. ASSIGN All Future Criminal Housing Management Fine Payments to a Set-Aside Rehousing Program Project for Sustained Program Funding;**
- D. A FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 5 Sections 5-294 and 5-264 of the City of Peoria CODE Pertaining to DESIGNATION AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION and CRIMINAL HOUSING MANAGEMENT**

A revised agreement with the Salvation Army was distributed to all Council. Corporation Counsel Leist said this agreement added Section 8, which added a non-discrimination clause for purposes of clarity. He said Chapter 17 of the City's Code stated, for any housing situation, there could be no discrimination; however, in order to clarify there would be no discrimination, he said it was incorporated into the agreement as well.

Council Member Grayeb expressed his appreciation to Staff for their efforts on this item, and he moved to approve a contract with Salvation Army Peoria to operate a Rehousing Program that provides rehousing services to tenants living in properties designated as unfit for human habitation by the Community Development Code Enforcement Division; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the allocation of \$50,000.00 payment from the 1505 on the Avenue Settlement to a set-aside rehousing program project; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Riggerbach commented on how 1505 on the Avenue affected the community. He expressed his appreciation to Community Development Director Ross Black and Staff for

addressing the situation in order to prevent such an incident in the future. He inquired about the \$50,000.00 the City received from 1505 on the Avenue and how that money would be reused.

Community Development Director Black said the rehousing credit would go towards creating a fund to ensure future funds would be available to work through similar future situations. He said multiple organizations helped with the 1505 on the Avenue situation on an *ad hoc* basis. He said this agreement and seed money would allow the Salvation Army to coordinate the process for the City so similar future situations would allow individuals to be moved quickly into a safe and decent housing environment.

During these types of situations, Council Member Riggenbach said people looked to the City for help. He said this was a great way to use this resource and he said he would enthusiastically support the concept.

Motion to approve the allocation of \$50,000.00 payment from the 1505 on the Avenue Settlement to a set-aside rehousing program project was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the assignment of all future criminal housing management fine payments to a set-aside rehousing program project for sustained program funding; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Community Development Director Ross Black provided a summary of the proposed Ordinance amendment to implement the housing program as outlined in the agreement.

Council Member Akeson moved to receive and file a First Reading review of an Ordinance amending Chapter 5 Sections 5-294 and 5-264 of the City of Peoria Code pertaining to designation as unfit for human habitation and criminal housing management; seconded by Council Member Riggenbach.

Director Black said, assuming the City Council adopted this Ordinance at the July 24, 2018, City Council meeting, the Ordinance would go into effect immediately and landlords would be provided 72 hours to correct the situation at their rental units.

Council Member Moore said if the landlord did not make corrections, then the tenants displaced would be able to access the funds to be temporarily housed. She said the landlord would have to replace the funds used along with the payment of a fine.

Motion to receive and file a First Reading review of an Ordinance amending Chapter 5 Sections 5-294 and 5-264 of the City of Peoria Code pertaining to designation as unfit for human habitation and criminal housing management was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 18-212-D will be placed on the July 24, 2018, Regular City Council Agenda.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(18-213) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Reinstate the TIF FUNDED HOUSING PROGRAMS in the SOUTH AND EAST VILLAGE (SVGC and EVGC) GROWTH CELL TIF DISTRICTS for 2018. (Council Districts 1 & 3)

Council Member Moore said should this item be approved, an item would come back to the City Council on August 28, 2018, for the approval of an organization or firm to administer the program. She provided background information of recent discussions the City Council had regarding the need for a facilitator of the program. She said the TIF programs were put on hold due to a lack of a facilitator. She said, according to the Council Communication, a request for proposal (RFP) for a facilitator would be issued. She said, upon approval, the application would be made available immediately. She requested that the \$150,000.00 in each of the funds not be used to pay for the facilitator, but rather an additional amount on top of the \$150,000.00 be utilized. She also requested that the cost-sharing for the fence replacement be reconsidered.

At the conclusion of her comments, Council Member Moore moved to defer this item to the July 24, 2018, Regular City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Riggerbach commented that deferring this matter to the next Council meeting would delay the availability of the funds until September and he suggested rather than deferring the matter, amending the proposal to include Council Member Moore's request.

Community Development Director Black said, in order to get the RFP issued in a timely manner, he recommended approving the reinstatement of the TIF Funds for 2018 with the proposed changes. He said the final guidelines would be brought back to the City Council in August with the recommendation to enter into a contract with the facilitator.

Council Member Riggerbach expressed the importance of voting on the item to show that the City Council believed these programs were important to the neighborhoods. He said the TIFs were used for economic development, which was a tremendous asset to the neighborhoods that benefited the homeowners. He said he would enthusiastically support this item.

Council Member Moore moved to withdrawn her motion to defer and moved to approve the reinstatement of the TIF Funded Housing Programs in the South and East Village (SVGC and EVGC) Growth Cell TIF Districts for 2018, with the amendment that the facilitator be paid with funds other than the \$150,000.00 currently allocated in each TIF and to reconsider the cost-sharing for the fence replacement; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved, as amended, by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(18-214) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ADOPT the DOWNTOWN STREETScape MASTER PLAN (Refer to Item No. 17-242). (Council District 1)

Council Member Moore moved to adopt the Downtown Streetscape Master Plan; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(18-215) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Rezoning Property from a Class R-3 (Single-Family Residential) District to a Class C-N (Neighborhood Commercial) District, for a Portion of the Property Located at 400 EAST WAR MEMORIAL DRIVE (Parcel Identification Number 14-28-276-001), and Commonly Known as PEORIA STADIUM, Peoria, Illinois (Council District 3). PZ 18-16

Council Member Riggenbach moved to adopt an Ordinance rezoning property from a Class R-3 (single-family residential) District to a Class C-N (neighborhood commercial) District, for a portion of the property located at 400 East War Memorial Drive (Parcel Identification Number 14-28-276-001), and commonly known as Peoria Stadium, Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Riggenbach said this item was the result of a series of public input dating back to 2016 when the first forum was held. He said the Peoria Public Schools administration and Board were committed to doing what they could to restore the stadium.

Council Member Ruckriegel said he would be abstaining from voting on this item as he currently sat as Chair on the APPSCo Board, which was involved in this development.

Council Member Riggenbach provided an overview of the work and planning involved on this item along with public engagement. He said in 2017 Alexis Kazam and APPSCo coordinated to raise funds to put into an electronic message board. He said since War Memorial was a State highway, the Illinois Department of Transportation weighed in on the project as well. He commented that Illinois State Representative Ryan Spain assisted with the facilitation with IDOT. He provided a timeline of events and how this item came before the City Council. He said he was confident that this was something that would fulfill the desires of a number of people to get the stadium back into a useful recreation facility.

In response to Council Member Akeson, Community Director Black said this item related to zoning only and not to the development request.

Council Member Akeson expressed a concern that proposed plans were not tendered with the request to rezone. She said the Council deserved to see an idea of what it would look like and to know why the Council was asked to approve this item.

Council Member Riggenbach commented that the Intergovernmental Agreement the City Council approved in September of 2017 contained the renderings of the sign.

Council Member Akeson expressed a concern about the process. She said there were a number of questions that needed to be answered. She said zoning was complicated and not easy to understand, and she applauded the efforts to restore the stadium; however, she said more work needed to be done, more time allotted before this item was approved along with additional information. She said she currently would not support this item.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,597 rezoning property from a Class R-3 (single-family residential) District to a Class C-N (neighborhood commercial) District, for a portion of the property located at 400 East War Memorial Drive (Parcel Identification Number 14-28-276-001), and commonly known as Peoria Stadium, Peoria, Illinois, was adopted by roll call vote. Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 8; Nays: Akeson - 1; Abstention: Ruckriegel - 1.

(18-216) Communication from Council Member Tim Riggerbach with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a PRESENTATION from PEORIA OPPORTUNITIES FOUNDATION Regarding a Proposed Project Entitled EAST BLUFF HOUSING.

A handout of the PowerPoint presentation entitled "East Bluff Housing" was distributed to all Council Members.

Council Member Riggerbach introduced Ms. Jane Genzel of the Peoria Opportunities Foundation who provided a presentation on the proposed new development in the East Bluff.

Ms. Genzel provided a presentation on East Bluff Housing stating it would be a development of 20 single-family homes and five duplexes. She said the project cost and stated that the Foundation's purpose was to develop affordable housing through the use of tax credits and Illinois Housing Development Authority funds. She said the proposed homes to be built were designed to fit in with the styles and sizes of the homes currently in the East Bluff.

Council Member Akeson expressed a concern that the entrance of the homes would be at-grade and she requested Ms. Genzel forward the construction requirements to her for review.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to receive and file a presentation from Peoria Opportunities Foundation regarding a proposed project entitled East Bluff Housing; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

(18-173) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following:

- A. ACCEPT the Lowest Responsive Bid and APPROVE a CONTRACT with M.R. MASON INC. for Tuck-Pointing and Exterior Maintenance of FIRE STATION NO. 4, 2711 SW JEFFERSON, in the Amount of \$99,985.00. (Council District 1)**
- B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2018-2019 BIENNIAL BUDGET Relating to Use of SOUTH VILLAGE TIF Fund Balance and the Reduction in Expenditures in the Capital Fund, in the Amount of \$150,000.00, for Capital Improvements to Fire Station No. 4 Originally Budgeted in the Capital Fund.**

Council Member Moore moved to defer this item to the October 9, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Council Member Moore requested City Staff to come back to Council with an option to do tuck-pointing at a cost less than \$99,000.00. She said she wanted Staff to review the temporary tuck-pointing option and possible replacement of the building in the future.

Motion to defer to the October 9, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

(18-185) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a Status of an AGREEMENT with the CEO COUNCIL.

City Manager Urich said there was no agreement to disseminate to the Council and that the status had not changed.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file a status of an agreement with the CEO Council; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Council Member Ruckriegel commented that the status of the agreement had been on the City Council's agenda approximately several times since January. He said time was of the essence and he inquired as to the delay, noting that nearly half the year had passed and the Council had no agreement.

City Manager Urich said he did not have a copy of any agreement in any draft form; however, he said he had a copy of the letter. He said the attorneys of both parties were going to negotiate the matter. He said the City was still waiting to receive something back from the CEO Council. He said as soon as he received something, he would forward that information to the Council.

Council Member Ruckriegel requested to reach out to the CEO Council to inquire as to the status of the proposed agreement, noting that the public was beginning to inquire of the delay.

Motion to receive and file a status of an agreement with the CEO Council was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(18-168) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel With a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 15 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Relating to NOISE.

A revised Ordinance was distributed to all Council Members. Council Member Riggerbach expressed his appreciation to Corporation Council Leist and Community Development Director Black for their efforts in this matter.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to defer this matter to the August 14, 2018, Regular City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Motion to defer to the August 14, 2018, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(18-205) Communication from the City Manager with a Request for a DISCUSSION of the 2018 MID-YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS with a Request to RECEIVE AND FILE.

City Manager Urich provided an update of the discussions held with the various unions involved and he said there was currently nothing new to report; however, he would have information for the July 24, 2018, City Council meeting.

City Manager Urich also advised that copies of the audit had been distributed to all Council Members and that a presentation from the auditors would occur at the next meeting.

Council Member Oyler moved to receive and file the discussion of the 2018 mid-year budget adjustments; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Intersection of Teton and University Street

Council Member Montelongo expressed a concern regarding the Teton and University Street intersection and he asked when the Public Works Department would be able to review that intersection.

Public Works Director Scott Reeise said when the Northmoor project was completed, the Public Works Department would do a study of that intersection.

Discussions were held on how the construction of Northmoor Road impacted the congestion at that intersection. Public Works Director Reeise said a temporary signal could be placed at that intersection; however, it would cost the City \$15,000.00 per month to have one installed and would take approximately 30 days before it was set-up.

Council Member Montelongo requested Director Reeise to review the matter and to bring an item back to the City Council for approval, along with any other type of sign that would help citizens exit the neighborhood.

Director Reeise said there was a "No Left Turn" sign on Daytona on University. He said a similar sign could also be installed at Teton and University.

Speed Humps in the Third District.

Council Member Riggerbach said citizens had contacted him concerned about speeding traffic in some of the neighborhoods in the Third District. He said he had received a number of requests for speed humps. He asked that a Report Back be provided that outlined the cost of speed humps, the maintenance, the impact they would have on snow plows and the effectiveness of speed humps in neighborhoods and whether there were other tools that would be efficient.

Water Main Breaks on Sheridan Road

Council Member Grayeb expressed a concern for a number of water main breaks that occurred on Sheridan Road. He said Illinois American Water Company needed to be held accountable for these issues that was creating problems in that part of the City. He said there needed to be a resolution because the residents were becoming concerned and he commented that Mr. Roger Goodson of Illinois Water was working on a solution.

Speed Humps on the South Side

Council Member Moore said, regarding the speed humps, that the parameters for the necessity of speed humps be provided, noting the possible need for these humps to be placed in certain locations on the South Side.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to those citizens wishing to address the City Council/Town Board.

Rhonda Sexton, President of AFSCME Local 3464 who represented the employees of the City of Peoria, spoke on the proposed mid-year budget adjustments. She commented that over the past several years AFSCME members suffered on budget issues. She said they continued to lose Staff and not all were being replaced, which caused pressure on the remaining workers. She expressed her concern on the recommendation of each employee being furloughed for 11 days in order to contribute to the City's surplus fund. She said immediately following her meeting with the City, she said she was informed that the City would be hiring three new people, noting that two were new titles. She also commented on the City contracting with a security company to provide security for City Hall. She expressed a concern that AFSCME members and employees, who were not the source of the budget problems, were being asked to give up 11 days of pay in order to build a surplus of revenue.

Joe Martinelli, a concerned citizen, said the Council needed to take action on making Peoria a welcoming city. He expressed his concern for the immigration laws and how it impacted immigrant families. He asked the City Council to make Peoria a welcoming city and to bar Immigration and Custom Enforcement from working with local authorities.

Mary Hayes, a citizen of Peoria, emphasized a concern for the lack of grocery stores in the City of Peoria, noting that another store, The Fresh Market, was closing. She said she was attempting to address the issue and that a free meal was being offered the first Friday of each month to which she invited all Council Members. She said free produce was also available at the Community Center on Sheridan Road.

Rachel O'Reilly, a concerned citizen, asked the City Council to make the City of Peoria a welcoming city. She expressed a concern of the immigrants who were in the States and the separation of families. She said the Council had an obligation to create a solution for the good of all.

Kevin Jones, a businessman in Peoria, commented on the difficulties he had with the City's Community Development Department. He said he would be back to present his findings of recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests he filed in the City Clerk's Office. He reported that over \$300,000.00 was being paid to a combination of two employees in that Department. He commented on the late notice he received regarding a Fireworks Ordinance that would be enforced and how it would impact property owners. He said when he had gone to the City to request a copy of the Ordinance, no one was able to produce it.

Savino Sierra, a citizen of Peoria, commented that each person under Citizens' Opportunity to Address the City Council should get more than at 5-minute time limit to speak. He expressed his appreciation to the Police Department for their efforts during the Fourth of July and keeping the fireworks under control. He stated that the \$250.00 fine was not a big enough fine for the offense.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 2(c)(5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body; 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 Ruckriegel moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 2(c)(5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body; 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 Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

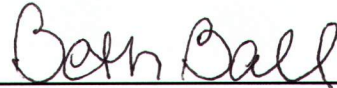
Council Member Oyler moved to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.



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

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