

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Joint Regular Meeting of the City Council and Town Board of Trustees of Peoria, Illinois, was held July 24, 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 (Arrived at 6:07 P.M.), Cyr, Grayeb (Arrived at 6:04 P.M.), Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11. Absent: None.

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 Cyr moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on July 10, 2018, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner,
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

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

(18-217) Communication from the Town Officials with a Request to APPROVE the MONTHLY ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES for AUGUST 2018 for the Town of the City of Peoria.

Trustee Turner moved to approve the monthly anticipated expenditures for August 2018 for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner,
Chairman Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

(18-218) TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA FINANCIAL REPORT for PERIOD ENDING 6/30/2018, with Request to Receive and File.

Trustee Turner moved to receive and file the Town of the City of Peoria Financial Report for period ending 6/30/2018; seconded by Trustee Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

(18-219) Communication from the Town Officials of the Town of the City of Peoria with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the Town of the City of Peoria FINANCIAL REPORT Dated MARCH 31, 2018.

Trustee Turner moved to receive and file the Town of the City of Peoria Financial Report dated March 31, 2018; seconded by Trustee Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

Trustee Grayeb arrived at 6:04 P.M.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, with Recommendations as Outlined

(18-220) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE a SETTLEMENT with STARK EXCAVATING, in the Amount of \$197,500.00

(18-221) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE a SETTLEMENT with DANIEL JACKSON, in the Amount of \$225,000.00.

(18-222) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following:

A. APPROVE a CONTRACT with REHRIG PACIFIC COMPANY for a Garbage Cart Audit and Cart Management Software, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$240,675.00; and,

B. APPROVE a CONTRACT with REHRIG PACIFIC COMPANY, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$36,715.90, to Purchase New 95 Gallon Garbage Carts for Replacement and Inventory.

- (18-223)
* Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ACCEPT the LOW BID of CORRECTIVE ASPHALT MATERIALS, LLC and Award a Construction CONTRACT, in the Amount of \$39,835.40, for the Base Bid Plus 10% Contingency for the CRF CONTRACT - 2018. (All Council Districts)
- (18-224)
** Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ACCEPT the LOW BID of R.A. CULLINAN & SON, INC., a Division of UNITED CONTRACTORS MIDWEST, and Award a Construction CONTRACT, in the Amount of \$242,393.16, for the Base Bid Plus 10% Contingency for the SEAL-COATING CONTRACT - 2018. (All Council Districts)
- (18-211) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,598 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). REVISED ORDINANCE ATTACHED.
- (18-212)
*** Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 5 Sections 5-296 and 5-264 of the City of Peoria CODE Pertaining to DESIGNATION AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION and CRIMINAL HOUSING MANAGEMENT.
- (18-225) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,599 Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class C-N (Neighborhood Commercial) District for VEHICLE REPAIR AND SERVICE, for the Property Located at 705 N WESTERN AVE (Parcel Identification No. 18-06-479-067), Peoria IL
- (18-226) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,600 Amending ARTICLE III of CHAPTER 26 of the CODE of the City of Peoria (Relating to Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places) to Include ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS on POLES in the Jurisdiction of the Public Works Department.
- (18-227)
**** Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class B (Restaurant, 50% Food) Liquor License with the Retail Sale of Alcohol at UNTAMED CHEF, 7338 N. UNIVERSITY, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 5)
- (18-228) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to Approve the SITE APPLICATION Request to Add a Subclass 1A (2:00 AM Closing Hours) at L.A. CONNECTION, 1219 S. WESTERN, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 1)

(18-235) REPORT from the CITY TREASURER PATRICK A. NICHTING for the MONTH of JUNE 2018, with Request to Receive and File.

Council Member Akeson arrived at 6:07 P.M.

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. 18-223 and 18-224 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Cyr requested Item No. 18-212 and 18-227 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 18-211, 18-212, 18-220 through 18-228, and 18-235 (excluding Item Nos. 18-212, 18-223, 18-224, and 18-227) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggensbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

(18-223) * Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ACCEPT the LOW BID of CORRECTIVE ASPHALT MATERIALS, LLC and Award a Construction CONTRACT, in the Amount of \$39,835.40, for the Base Bid Plus 10% Contingency for the CRF CONTRACT - 2018. (All Council Districts)

At the request of Council Member Moore, Public Works Director Scott Reeise provided an overview on how the City tracked minority participation and he reported for 2017, Corrective Asphalt Materials had 24.93% minority hours.

Council Member Moore moved to accept the low bid of Corrective Asphalt Materials, LLC and award a construction contract, in the amount of \$39,835.40, for the base bid plus 10% contingency for the CRF Contract – 2018; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggensbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

(18-224) ** Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ACCEPT the LOW BID of R.A. CULLINAN & SON, INC., a Division of UNITED CONTRACTORS MIDWEST, and Award a Construction CONTRACT, in the Amount of \$242,393.16, for the Base Bid Plus 10% Contingency for the SEAL-COATING CONTRACT - 2018. (All Council Districts)

After a brief comment on the importance of contractors including a fair percentage of minority participation, Council Member Moore moved to accept the low bid of R.A. Cullinan & Son, Inc., a division of United Contractors Midwest, and award a construction contract, in the amount \$242,393.16, for the base bid plus 10% contingency for the Seal-Coating Contract – 2018; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggensbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

(18-212) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community
*** Development with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending
CHAPTER 5 Sections 5-296 and 5-264 of the City of Peoria CODE Pertaining
to DESIGNATION AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION and CRIMINAL
HOUSING MANAGEMENT.**

A revised Ordinance was distributed to all Council Members.

Council Member Oyler moved to adopt the revised Ordinance amending Chapter 5 Sections 5-296 and 5-264 of the City of Peoria Code pertaining to designation as unfit for human habitation and criminal housing manager; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,601 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggensbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

(18-227) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a
**** Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class B (Restaurant,
50% Food) Liquor License with the Retail Sale of Alcohol at UNTAMED
CHEF, 7338 N. UNIVERSITY, with a Recommendation from the Liquor
Commission to Approve. (Council District 5)**

Council Member Cyr moved to defer this item to the August 14, 2018, Regular City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

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

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggensbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(18-229) **Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller
with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the 2017 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL
FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR) Audited by CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP.**

A handout entitled "December 31, 2017, Audit Closing Discussion" was distributed to all Council Members.

Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins said the complete CAFR was previously distributed to all Council Members along with a TIF Report and reports from each pension fund. He introduced Mr. Adam Pulley and Ms. Lindsey Samp of CliftonLarsonAllen, who were present to provide a report regarding the City's CAFR.

Mr. Pulley provided some financial statement highlights for 2017 noting that the audit report along with the pension fund audit reports were unmodified, or clean, opinions. He reviewed the government-wide statements reporting that the assets plus deferred outflows were at \$489 million and liabilities plus deferred inflow were at \$676 million with a net deficit position of -\$187 million. He reported that the General Fund had decreased by \$5 million, noting the actual revenues for the General Fund came in \$6 million under budget.

Mr. Pulley reviewed the single audit reports noting they can come back clean and unmodified with only two material weaknesses, which were being addressed with the implementation of new accounting software. He reviewed the management letter wherein a deficiency on the census data testing was noted.

Mr. Pulley reviewed the Governance Letter noting there were no significant accounting policies for the current year and no disagreements with management.

Mr. Pulley expressed his appreciation to City Staff for their assistance with the audit. He said the Finance Department had made it very clear that they needed the report completed by the end of June, two months sooner than the prior year.

Discussions were held regarding the policy establishing 25% of unencumbered reserves (General Fund) and when the last time that policy was met. Finance Director Scroggins said the General Fund had reached 23-24% in 2006/2007 but had begun to decrease over the last few years.

Discussions were held regarding lawsuit liabilities and whether those were noted in the CAFR, and Mr. Pulley stated that outstanding lawsuits would be noted in a footnote of the report.

City Manager Urich said the City was in the process of implementing an enterprise-wide financial system that would address some of the issues noted in the report; however, the issue of wrong hire dates for the Police Pension Board was a matter of record keeping on the Pension Board side versus the City.

Director Scroggins stated that the 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report would be made available to the public on the City's website.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to receive and file the 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) audited by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach,
Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

(18-230) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a PRESENTATION on the Quarter Ended June 30, 2018, UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.

A handout entitled "Quarterly Financial Report, January – June 2018" was distributed to all Council Members.

Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins provided a review of the quarterly financial report. He reported that the General Fund reflected an increase between January 1, 2018, and June 30, 2018; however, he said approximately \$2.5 million would be transferred to the Debt Service. He stated that the revenues were at 97% of budget, 5% higher than the end of 2017 and expenditures were at 91% of budget. He reviewed the different fund balances noting that Special Revenue Funds increased to \$1.6 million. He reported that the Debt Service Funds and the Capital Funds had an overall increase of \$14 million, which was due to the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$10 million in January.

Director Scroggins reviewed the revenues noting that as of the end of June, the General Fund revenues were at 97% of budget. He said the 2018 General Fund revenues was projected at \$92.6 million, approximately \$2.1 million short of the budgeted amount. He reviewed the State Sales Tax noting that 2018 budget was based on 2017 plus inflation reporting that the sales tax was coming in at 100% of budget. He reviewed the Home Rule Sales Tax noting it was flat in comparison to the same time last year, reporting it was coming in at 98% of budget. He reviewed the State Income Tax allocation reporting it was coming in at 99% of budget. He said the State had approved a budget wherein they decreased the amount that was going to be withheld from municipalities from 10% down to 5%, which raised the projected revenue. He reviewed the General Fund expenditures noting it was at 91% of budget, which did not record all transfers. He reported that the expenditures for 2018 would be over the budgeted amount by \$50,000.00, noting that the cause of the excess expense was due to two lawsuits settled by the City and the increase in legal fees. He said the other City Departments were able to keep to their budgets.

Director Scroggins provided a summary of the General Fund noting there was a \$664,234.00 shortfall for the first quarter and a \$605,443.00 shortfall for the second quarter. He said the overtime in the Fire Department had been contained; however, he said the City was still looking at a \$600,000.00 shortfall in the General Fund.

Discussions were held on what would happen should the City use its reserves and how it would impact the City's ratings and the ability to secure a loan should there be a need to settle another lawsuit.

Council Member Ruckriegel commented on the importance of educating the community on the financial state of the City.

Director Scroggins advised on the need to building the General Fund, noting that the policy indicated it had to be built up in five years; however, he said it would not be possible to build it back up in that amount of time.

Discussions were held regarding online shopping and how that impacted that City's revenues. It was determined that when an individual who shopped online and picked the item up in the store, the City would receive the sales tax for that item.

Discussions were held regarding the sales tax and it was noted that the City's sales tax had been flat for the last 10 years. It was noted that the loan provided to the Pere Marquette would need to be removed from the budget, depending on the outcome of the foreclosure and whether the City would receive the money provided as a loan.

Discussions were held regarding post-employment benefits and it was reported that more money was spent on worker's compensation benefits than what was anticipated.

City Manager Urich said the City was still in the process of discussing the furloughs with the Unions. He said in order to get the City back on the fiscal plan they still needed to find \$600,000.00 in expense reductions in the General Fund. He said the City was working with the bargaining units and would bring a final plan back to the City Council at the next meeting in August.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file a presentation on the quarter ended June 30, 2018, unaudited financial report; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

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

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

Council Member Moore moved to defer this item to the September 11, 2018, Regular City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to defer to the September 11, 2018, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

(18-232) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class R-8 (Multi-Family Residential) District for a ROOMING HOUSE (Ronald McDonald House), for the Property Located at 401-405 NE MONROE AVENUE (Parcel Identification Nos. 18-04-476-006 and 18-04-476-007), Peoria, IL

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance approving a Special Use in a Class R-8 (multi-family residential) District for a rooming house (Ronald McDonald House), for the property located at 401-405 NE Monroe Avenue, Peoria, Illinois (Parcel Identification Nos. 18-04-476-006 and 18-04-476-007); seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Moore provided an overview of the project noting that a Ronald McDonald House would be built on vacant property. She commented that it would bring vitality to that area of town. She expressed her enthusiasm about the project and encouraged the Council Members to approve the item.

Mayor Ardis complemented Council Member Moore for her efforts on this project noting that a number of people in the community had done a lot of work getting this project funded. He said a Ronald McDonald House would mean a lot to various communities and families who needed the services.

Council Member Grayeb expressed his appreciation for the project stating that it would move the City in the right direction for the medical community. He said projects such as this would help to bring diversity to the City's economy.

Mayor Ardis recognized Mr. Terry Clark for his efforts on the project and dedication to the community.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,602 approving a Special Use in a Class R-8 (multi-family residential) District for a rooming house (Ronald McDonald House), for the property located at 401-405 NE Monroe Avenue, Peoria, Illinois (Parcel Identification Nos. 18-04-476-006 and 18-04-476-007) was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

(18-233) 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 WM (West Main Form) District for a MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT, with Waivers, for the Property Located at 839 W MAIN STREET, more Specifically Including Addresses of 839 W. MAIN STREET; 1013 and 1029 ORANGE STREET; 834, 838, and 842 RUSSELL STREET; and 1010, 1012, 1016, 1018 and 1022 GARFIELD AVENUE, and Identified as Parcel Identification Nos. 18-05-429-001 through 18-05-429-011, and 18-05-429-013. (Council District 2)

Council Member Grayeb recognized Mr. Tim Roth of the Vecino Group for his efforts on this project, which would provide student housing for college and medical students. He said it would blend well with the OSF headquarters, the Ronald McDonald House, and other structures in the area and provide vibrancy to the corridor. He recognized City Planner Kim Smith for her efforts as well.

Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance approving a Special Use in a Class WM (West Main Form) District for a mixed use development, waivers, for the property located at 839 W. Main Street, more specifically including addresses of 839 W. Main Street; 1013 and 1029 Orange Street; 834, 838, and 842 Russell Street; and 1010, 1012, 1016, 1018 and 1022 Garfield Avenue, and Identified as Parcel Identification Nos. 18-05-429-001 through 18-05-429-011, and 18-05-429-013; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Council Member Ruckriegel recognized Council Member Grayeb for his time and leadership and holding meetings with the neighbors to keep them informed.

Discussions were held regarding the building materials that would be used on the project. Mr. Roth explained why Core 10 would be used versus Core 10 AZP, and he said he was confident in the application and that the design would blend with the neighborhood.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,603 approving a Special Use in a Class WM (West Main Form) District for a mixed use development, waivers, for the property located at 839 W. Main Street, more specifically including addresses of 839 W. Main Street; 1013 and 1029 Orange Street; 834, 838, and 842 Russell Street; and 1010, 1012, 1016, 1018 and 1022 Garfield Avenue, and Identified as Parcel Identification Nos. 18-05-429-001 through 18-05-429-011, and 18-05-429-013 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

(18-234) Communication from the City Manager and the Chief of Police with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a Presentation Regarding the City of Peoria DON'T SHOOT INITIATIVE.

Chief of Police Loren Marion provided a presentation on the Don't Shoot Initiative, explaining the focused detailed strategy which addressed gun violence. He reviewed the slide presentation noting that the same presentation would be made available to the public on the City's website. He compared shootings through June of each year from 2006 to 2018 by type, ShotSpotter statistics, guns seized compared to the number of gunshot violence, Don't Shoot call-ins, call-in services, the overall focused deterrence initiative rearrests percentage breakdown, and the overall call-in breakdown by count – rearrests types.

Mr. Angel Cruz, Compliance Officer at Elite Youth Intervention, provided an overview of his position and the services he offered. He remarked that consistency and taking action were key in order to help individuals to make a change in the life.

Officer Daniel Duncan provided an update on the community work that the Police Department had done in order to help individuals make a change in their life and not be involved in gun violence. He said the two best components were the Explorer Program and the Jobs Partnership with Peoria County wherein a Police Officer would visit the County jail and meet with inmates who were fathers,

Mayor Ardis said the discussion on the Peoria Community Against Violence (PCAV) was an important component of the Don't Shoot Initiative.

Council Member Riggerbach announced that the PCAV would be holding a P-Town Soup this Thursday, July 26, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. at the First Baptist Church of Peoria wherein various organizations that helped the community would be present.

Council Member Moore announced that this Saturday at Martin Luther King Jr. Park from 12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M. there would be a Stop the Violence Peace Rally.

Mayor Ardis said the street level group taking this type of initiative may or may not be a part of PCAV, but he said they were very much a part of Peoria Against Violence.

Council Member Jensen requested a supplemental report that reflected annual (12 month) statistics for each year that included the number of people who were charged with a crime as a result of a ShotSpotter alert and the number of people invited to a call-in versus the 278 that actually joined the call-ins.

Council Member Grayeb said there needed to be a lot of work done with the youth of the City. He remarked on the efforts of Peoria Public Schools noting the City was on track. He remarked on the Resident Officer Program that engaged the youth to interrupt the violence. He said he had confidence the numbers could decrease, noting that families and the schools were the first line of defense.

Mayor Ardis announced that August 7, 2018, was "National Night Out Against Crime" at the East Bluff Community Center parking lot for a Night Out of food and fun from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. He said at 5:00 P.M. PCAV would host a Peace Walk from the East Bluff Community Center parking lot. He also announced that Moonlight Basketball was happening at the Riverplex. He expressed his appreciation to Chief Marion, Mr. Cruz and Officer Duncan for the presentation and their efforts.

Council Member Oyler moved to receive and file a presentation regarding the City of Peoria Don't Shoot initiative; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenschach,
Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

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

(18-076) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to AMEND a Decision of the Historic Preservation Commission Regarding a Requested Height Waiver for a Wall in the Rear Yard, for the Property Located at 1808 WEST MOSS AVENUE (Parcel Identification Number 18-08-156-002), Peoria, Illinois. HPC 18-01.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the request to amend a decision of the Historic Preservation Commission regarding a requested height waiver for a wall in the rear yard, for the property located at 1808 West Moss Avenue; seconded by Council Member Riggenschach.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenschach,
Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

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

City Manager Urich said no agreement had been reached as of yet; however, he said he hoped to have something for the City Council at the August 14, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting.

Council Member Oyler moved to receive and file the status of an agreement with the CEO Council; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Meeting to Educate Potential Buyers of Properties Sold at the Peoria County Trustee Auction

Council Member Moore announced that Wednesday, July 25, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. at the Carver Center, there would be an informational meeting involving herself and the City's Community Development Department to inform potential buyers and concerned neighborhood residents of the condition of auctioned properties and what it would take to bring those properties to code.

Peoria GreenSplash Volunteer Day

Council Member Moore announced that Friday, July 27, 2018, from 8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. the public was invited to participate in a volunteer day for Peoria GreenSplash located at the northwest corner of the intersection of South Griswold Street and South Friedan Street in Peoria to help plant native plants in order to enhance the park.

Grocery and Healthy Food Strategy Resource Page

Council Member Moore said there were two or three working groups trying to address the issue of a food desert in the 61605 and 61603 zip codes of the City. She said there was currently a survey being conducted that could be done online by going to <http://www.peoriagov.org/economic-development/>. She said there were other groups of concerned citizens involved in helping to address the issue.

August Breakfast Chat

Council Member Ruckriegel invited the public to the August Breakfast Chat hosted by himself and Council Member Turner on Thursday, August 2, 2018, at 7:30 A.M. at City Hall in Room 112. He said Senator Chuck Weaver would be attending to address the group.

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.

Ms. Molly Crusen Bishop, organizer of the Whiskey Baron Run, announced the Third Annual Whiskey Baron Run on Saturday August 11, 2018, at 8:00 AM. She said the 5K Run/1K Walk would start at the GAR Hall, 416 Hamilton Blvd, in downtown Peoria. She said packet pickup would be on Friday, August 10, 2018, from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at GAR Hall. She said all proceeds would benefit the Central Illinois Landmarks Foundation. For additional information, she said you could contact her at 309-857-6844 or email mollycrusenbishop@gmail.com.

Ms. Joyce Harant, a member of Friends of Riverfront Park, expressed her appreciation to the City Council for terminating the River Trail Development Agreement and for turning in the application for the conversion of the Riverfront Park. She expressed her appreciation to those who spoke out to save the park. She said it was her hope that this decision would be a turning point for the City to embrace being an authentic and collaborative partner with citizens and groups.

Ms. Elaine Hopkins, a citizen of Peoria, expressed her appreciation for saving the Riverfront Park. She recommended not purchasing the Simantel Property to satisfy the Rocky Glen purchase, but rather to purchase vacant residential lots and turn those into pocket parks throughout the City, in order for Peoria to be a better place to live.

Ms. Mary Hayes, a concerned citizen, expressed appreciation to those Council Members who met with her to discuss the issues. She announced that Sunday, July 29, 2018, at 2637 North Sheridan Road there would be an open house from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. wherein they would be holding a food pantry. On the same date, she said a free meal would be served at 612 West Main Street from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. She stated that she was a member of the Regional Fresh Food Council.

Ms. Mary Clark, a citizen of Peoria, expressed a concern for the City's budget and the transfer of funds from one allocation to another as well as the money lost on the Pere Marquette. She commented on the need to keep everything along the riverfront green.

Ms. Rachel O'Reilly, a citizen of Peoria, asked the City Council to keep missing person Alexis Camry Scott in their prayers. She said a search for Alexis would be conducted on July 29, 2018, at 10:30 A.M. beginning at 2321 North Wisconsin. She asked everyone to visit the Facebook Page for the Alexis Camry Scott Campaign and to sign a petition in order to get the FBI involved in the investigation. She commented on the need for the City of Peoria to become a sanctuary City, and perhaps the entire County. She said the community needed to become a welcoming community, and she provided random statistics about immigration and incidents with ICE. She asked that, before the next Council election, the running Council Members state their position on the Welcoming City Ordinance.

Mr. Joe Martinelli, a citizen of Peoria, expressed a concern for the City's declining population and the inaction to address the issue. He expressed the need to increase minimum wage to \$15.00 per hour noting that 42.4% of all Americans made less than that amount.

Mr. Kevin Jones, a property owner in the City, distributed documents to all Council Members and expressed a concern for the Community Development Department. He reviewed a timeline of events and corresponding documentation of situations that had occurred. He expressed a concern for the email and text notifications that he signed up for but was not working efficiently.

Ms. Lily Fulton, a citizen of Peoria, asked the City Council to support a Welcoming City Ordinance, which would prevent the Police from collaborating with ICE.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

The Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.



Beth Ball, MMC, City Clerk
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