

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held November 15, 2016, 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, Grayeb, Jensen (Arrived at 6:03 P.M.), Johnson, Montelongo, Moore (Electronic Attendance), Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 9. Absent: Spain, Turner – 2.

**REQUEST BY COUNCIL MEMBER MOORE
FOR ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**

After having established a quorum, Mayor Ardis said a notice was received from Council Member Moore in accordance with the rules established by Ordinance No. 16,142. He said Council Member Moore would be authorized to attend the meeting electronically unless a motion objecting to her electronic attendance was made, seconded, and approved by two-thirds of the members of the City Council physically present at the meeting. He said if no such motion was made and seconded, then the request by Council Member Moore to attend electronically shall be deemed approved by the City Council and Council Member Moore would be declared as present.

Hearing no objection on the request for an electronic attendance, Council Member Moore was declared present by Mayor Ardis.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or reflection and he asked to keep former Council Member James Polk and his family in prayer due to his recent passing. He then lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Jensen arrived at 6:03 P.M.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

**Peoria Public School and Quest Academy
Community Festival of Nativities
Small Business Saturday
Chamber of Commerce
2016 City - County Leadership Academy Graduation**

RECOGNITION OF LOCAL DIGNITARIES

Mayor Ardis recognized Ms. Mary Haynes, former City Clerk of the City of Peoria, who was in attendance and who supported the Peoria Public School and Quest Academy displays at City Hall.

MINUTES

Council Member Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on November 1, 2016, as printed; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, and Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

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

- (16-357) Communication from the Town Officials Budget Committee with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE LEVYING and ASSESSING TAXES for the Fiscal Year Beginning April 1, 2016, and Ending March 31, 2017, of the Town of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, and State of Illinois for the TOWN GENERAL FUND and ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND, in the Amount of \$778,001.00.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance levying and assessing taxes for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2016, and ending March 31, 2017, of the Town of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, and State of Illinois for the Town General Fund and Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, in the amount of \$778,001.00; seconded by Trustee Riggerbach.

ORDINANCE NO. TO-16-03 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, and Chairman Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

- (16-358) Communication from the Town Officials Budget Committee with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE LEVYING and ASSESSING TAXES for the Fiscal Year Beginning April 1, 2016, and Ending March 31, 2017, for the GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND of the Town of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, and State of Illinois, in the Amount of \$1,565,872.00.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance levying and assessing taxes for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2016, and ending March 31, 2017, for the Federal Assistance Fund of the Town of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, and State of Illinois, in the amount of \$1,565,872.00; seconded by Trustee Riggerbach.

ORDINANCE NO. TO-16-04 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, and Chairman Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

- (16-359) Communication from Town Counsel with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Adopting a Policy Pursuant to the LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRAVEL EXPENSE CONTROL ACT.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance adopting a policy pursuant to the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act; seconded by Trustee Riggerbach.

ORDINANCE NO. TO-16-05 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, and Chairman Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

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

- (16-360) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to AUTHORIZE Staff to Submit an APPLICATION for the FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION'S LOCAL EMPOWERMENT FOR ACCELERATING PROJECTS (LEAP) PILOT PROGRAM. (All Council Districts)**

- (16-361) * Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the Payment of \$32,000.00 to RADICAL LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (JEFFREY J GREEN) for Right-of-Way Acquisition of a Portion of Parcel 14-06-451-019 for the Proposed PIONEER PARKWAY EXTENSION PROJECT. (Council District 5)**

- (16-362) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to RESCIND Item 16-241 and APPROVE a Grant Award of \$278,000.00 from the City's HUD HOME FUNDS to PCCEO for the Rehabilitation of Three (3), Affordable, Single-Family, Homes in the EAST BLUFF as part of the Attorney General/Peoria LISC Initiative in the East Bluff. (Council District 3)**

- (16-363) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE a CONTRACT with OBERLANDER ALARM SYSTEMS, for an Estimated Annual Cost of \$18,000.00, for Monitoring and Preventive Maintenance and Intrusion Detection at City Facilities.**

- (16-364) Communication from the City Manager and the Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,413 Levying a SPECIAL SERVICE AREA Real Estate Tax, in the Amount of \$40,000.00 for the 2016 Tax Year (Payable 2017) for the WESTLAKE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA.**

- (16-365) Communication from the City Manager and the 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 PIONEER SMOKEHOUSE & SALOON, 1112 W. PIONEER PARKWAY, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 5)**

- (16-366) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the DOWNTOWN ADVISORY COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**

(16-367) GREATER PEORIA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT'S FY 2016 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE.

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

Council Member Akeson requested Item No. 16-361 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 16-360 through 16-367 (excluding Item No. 16-361, which was removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.
Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, and Mayor Ardis - 9;
Nays: None.

(16-361) * Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the Payment of \$32,000.00 to RADICAL LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (JEFFREY J GREEN) for Right-of-Way Acquisition of a Portion of Parcel 14-06-451-019 for the Proposed PIONEER PARKWAY EXTENSION PROJECT. (Council District 5)

Council Member Akeson expressed a concern for funding a project with current unknown benefits in light of budget constraints and the need for the City to address its infrastructure. She reviewed the Pioneer Park plan back to 1972 and she stated it would be fiscally prudent for the Council to defer this project to a later date and she asked the Council Members to vote "no" on this item.

Council Member Johnson moved to approve the payment of \$32,000.00 to Radical Limited Partnership (Jeffrey J. Green) for right-of-way acquisition of a portion of parcel 14-06-451-019 for the proposed Pioneer Parkway Extension Project; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Council Member Montelongo inquired if delaying the project would create future complications.

Public Works Director Reese stated that this project had been and continued to be funded by State and Federal Grants with an approximate 20% local match of funds. He said the City continued to move forward on this project because there was \$800,000.00 of Federal Funds on hold for the City to utilize should it provide its portion of the funds. He said if that money was not used, then the City would lose it. He provided an itemization of funding, the sources of funding, and the money that was spent by the City to date. He said delaying the project could increase the cost of the project.

Council Member Jensen left the Council Chambers.

Mayor Ardis said the City had been working on this project for quite some time, noting that Federal and State Funds take time for appropriation. He remarked on the importance of the continued growth of the infrastructure on the North side of the City and he said he would support the item.

Council Member Akeson continued to voice her concern on the project noting the roadways within the City of Peoria were in need of repair and she commented that the City had more pertinent issues to address and she said the City had difficulties maintaining its current infrastructure without adding more to it. She said the City Council needed to re-evaluate this item, remove it from the priority list, and address the issues that would appropriately benefit the City.

Motion to approve the payment of \$32,000.00 to Radical Limited Partnership (Jeffrey J. Green) for right-of-way acquisition of a portion of parcel 14-06-451-019 for the proposed Pioneer Parkway Extension Project was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Johnson, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel and Mayor Ardis - 6;

Nays: Akeson, Montelongo - 2;

Absent: Jensen - 1.

Council Member Jensen returned to Council Chambers.

FIRST READINGS

(16-368) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Department Director with a Request for a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Adding the Definitions of Cultivated, Native Plants, and Noxious Weeds, and Amending the Definition of Weeds in CHAPTER 13 of the CODE of the City of Peoria.

Community Development Director Ross Black reviewed the proposed changes in Chapter 13 of the Code of the City of Peoria, stating it was before the City Council at the request of Council Member Jensen. He said the proposed language clarified the definition of weeds and he said it would address the issue of citizens growing native plants in their garden, noting there would still be a requirement to cultivate and maintain the garden.

Council Member Jensen expressed her appreciation to Director Black and Corporation Counsel Don Leist for bringing this item to the City Council. She said it was important to allow native plantings within the City, especially in light of the CSO project.

Council Member Jensen moved to receive and file the First Reading of an Ordinance adding the definitions of cultivated, native plants, and noxious weeds, and amending the definition of weeds in Chapter 13 of the Code of the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel and Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 16-368 will be placed on the December 13, 2016, Regular City Council agenda.

(16-369) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Department Director with a Request for a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 5 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Related to the License Review and Registration Process for Electrical and HVAC Contractors.

Community Development Director Black provided a summary of the proposed changes related to the license review and registration process for electrical and HVAC contractors, which would benefit contractors in obtaining their license more easily and would alleviate City Staff time.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to receive and file the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the Code of the City of Peoria related to the license review and registration process for electrical and HVAC Contractors; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel and Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 16-369 will be placed on the December 13, 2016, Regular City Council agenda.

(16-370) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Department Director with a Request for a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 5 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Relating to the Issuance and Contents of CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY.

Community Development Director Black said this item provided for a small text amendment and clean-up language that related to the issuance and contents of Certificates of Occupancies.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to receive and file the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the Code of the City of Peoria relating to the issuance and contents of Certificates of Occupancy; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel and Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 16-370 will be placed on the December 13, 2016, Regular City Council agenda.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(16-371) Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Community Development with a Recommendation to Enter into an AGREEMENT, which Supersedes all Previous Agreements, with the EAST BLUFF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES (EBNHS), Regarding the Use of Special Service Area (SSA) Funds for FY2017.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to approve an agreement, which supersedes all previous agreements, with East Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services (EBNHS) regarding the use of Special Service Area (SSA) Funds for FY2017; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Council Member Riggerbach recognized the Executive Director of EBNHS Kristina Gamez and Lueshand Dunn for their efforts in the organization. He recapped the issues EBNHS faced mid-year of 2016 and he identified outstanding accomplishments worthy of recognition. He

reviewed the organization's endeavor of developing a Health and Safety Loan Program, which was functioning with 12 new loans issued in 2016. He reviewed notable accomplishments in 2016 noting that 65 residents in the area were affected by EBNHS's outreach. He reviewed the positive impact that the Residential Officer Program had on the community, and he expressed his appreciation to Officer Hightower and EBNHS for their efforts.

In response to Council Member Ruckriegel regarding an update on the status of EBNHS's Board, Council Member Riggerbach remarked that the Board was currently down two members since August with an additional two members whose terms were due to expire in the near future. He said a retreat would be held with the Board once those seats were filled.

Council Member Akeson commended Council Member Riggerbach on his efforts and the efforts of the EBNHS. She said EBNHS communicated its efforts through its website, and she asked for the agendas and minutes to be posted on the website in a timely manner in order for the citizens to be informed.

In response to Council Member Akeson, Council Member Riggerbach said EBNHS would be tackling the issue of social media and ensuring items were available in a timely manner for citizen review.

Motion to approve the agreement, which supersedes all previous agreements, with East Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services (EBNHS), regarding the use of Special Service Area (SSA) funds for FY2017 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel and Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

(16-372) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE the FOURTH AMENDMENT to the REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT with RIVER TRAIL DRIVE L.P. (Council District 1)

Council Member Moore moved to approve the Fourth Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement with River Trail Drive L.P.; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Council Member Moore moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to those individuals who wished to speak on this matter.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to those individuals who wished to speak on this item.

Ms. Karrie Alms, a citizen of Peoria and a representative of Friends of Riverfront Park, expressed her concern for the fourth amendment to the redevelopment agreement. She stated her concerns for the Peoria Boat Club and the volleyball courts and remarked that the City was breaking the promises it previously made to both, stating the City Council would be placing itself in a difficult situation with the Boat Club. She also expressed a concern that the developer would one day come to the City for financial assistance with the project, citing the issues the City had with the Louisville Slugger and the developer's need for additional financing. She asked the City Council to vote "no" on the amendment and to defer this matter to a later date, noting that the due diligence window would not expire until December 31, 2016, or the Council should defeat this item in its entirety.

Council Member Moore said the City was moving as quickly as possible on this project, but was delayed while waiting for a decision from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)

and the National Park Service (NPS) for the conversion of property. At the conclusion of her statement, Council Member Moore asked the Council Members to support this item.

In response to Council Member Akeson, Assistant City Manager Chris Setti provided an update on the River Trail Drive Project, Peoria Boat Club and the volleyball courts. He said he asked the Attorney General for an advisory opinion regarding the leasing of the land to the Boat Club and he said he was still awaiting a response. He said the City was trying to keep the Boat Club informed, but he said there was no new information at this time. Regarding the volleyball courts, he said those courts would be moved as part of the plan and noted that the new courts needed to be designed. He stated that any progress was on hold until the City heard back from the NPS and the IDNR. He said the City held the right to terminate the agreement should financing be unsuccessful and he said the City would not be providing additional financing.

Motion to approve the fourth amendment to the redevelopment agreement with River Trail Drive L.P. was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Johnson, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel and Mayor Ardis - 5;

Nays: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo - 4.

(16-373) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE an INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT with PEORIA COUNTY Regarding ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES for 2017.

Council Member Johnson moved to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Peoria County regarding animal control services for 2017; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel and Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED AMENDED 2017 BIENNIAL CITY OF PEORIA BUDGET

It was determined there were no citizens who wished to address the City Council regarding the proposed amended 2017 Biennial City of Peoria Budget.

(16-374) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to APPROVE a RESOLUTION Adopting the 2017 AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET for the City of Peoria.

An Amended 2017 Annual Budget was distributed to all Council along with a Report Back regarding road funding.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve a Resolution adopting the 2017 Amended Annual Budget for the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Sterling Business Corridor

Council Member Montelongo said he would be requesting a budget amendment of \$25,000.00 from bond proceeds to be applied to the Sterling Avenue Business Corridor for business corridor planning. He said the budget had \$50,000.00 for 2018 – 2020 for business corridor

planning and he said he would like \$25,000.00 of those funds to be moved up and applied in 2017 for the Sterling Avenue Corridor.

Mayor Ardis remarked that with each addition to the budget there needed to be a corresponding revenue stream.

Discussions were held as to whether the City Council could vote on the Amended Annual Budget should there be additional amendments. It was determined that the budget could still be passed unless there was a need to increase property taxes, which would call for a Truth in Taxation Hearing to be conducted at a later date.

Council Member Montelongo moved to amend the 2017 Amended Annual Budget for the City of Peoria by allotting \$25,000.00 from bond proceeds to the Sterling Avenue Business Corridor for business corridor planning; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

City Manager Urich said the proposed budget amendment had identified a revenue stream and would amend the budget without having to defer it to a later date. However, he said should bond proceeds be used to pay for the project, the amendment would affect the amount of the Property Tax Levy Ordinance.

City Manager Urich said the proposal was a nominal dollar amount. He reported there was currently money budgeted for 2018 through 2020 for business corridor efforts. He expressed a concern that this item would not be an allowable bond expense due to the nature of the work; however, he said the City Council could utilize the City's cash reserves to cover the cost. Currently, he said the budget's fund balance was over \$759,000.00, which would grow slightly in 2017. He said should the City Council approve the use of funds from the fund balance, it would decrease that balance by \$25,000.00.

Discussions were held as to what would qualify for the use of bond proceeds, and it was determined that bond proceeds could not be used for this project; however, it was established that the requested \$25,000.00 could come from the Capital Fund Balance.

Council Member Montelongo restated his amended motion to amend the 2017 Amended Annual Budget for the City of Peoria by allotting \$25,000.00 from the Capital Fund Balance, instead of bond proceeds, to the Sterling Avenue Business Corridor for business corridor planning; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Discussions were held as to whether it was feasible to include this project in the 2017 budget, noting the state of the proposed amended 2017 budget. It was mentioned that a corridor study would be overseen by the Economic Development Department and noted that money was set aside for 2018, 2019 and 2020 for this type of city-wide business corridor planning.

Council Member Montelongo explained the need for the allotment of \$25,000.00 stating that he had been meeting with business owners and neighbors along the corridor. He said they were now in need of professional assistance to package the needs of the corridor in order to bring it to the City Council.

Discussions were held as to the feasibility of allotting \$25,000.00 for a corridor study of the Sterling Avenue Business Corridor in the 2017 budget.

Council Member Riggerbach said he was a supporter of corridor planning, but he said he was reluctant to pull money from the Capital Fund Balance at this time.

Council Member Montelongo said the Sterling Avenue Business Corridor was a big tax revenue generator. He said investing in the Fourth District in this business corridor was important as it was the most important retail corridor within the City.

Mayor Ardis agreed that the Sterling Avenue Business Corridor was a very important corridor for the City; however, he explained the difficulties of amending the proposed budget at this time. He reviewed actions taken at previous meetings in order for the City Manager to present a balanced budget to the City Council for approval.

Council Member Montelongo stated that there had not been enough time nor preparation put into this amended budget.

Motion to amend the 2017 Amended Annual Budget for the City of Peoria by allotting \$25,000.00 from the Capital Fund Balance to the Sterling Avenue Business Corridor for business corridor planning was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Jensen, Montelongo – 3;

Nays: Grayeb, Johnson, Moore, Rigenbach, Ruckriegel and Mayor Ardis - 6.

Pavement Preservation

Council Member Montelongo said the current amount of \$500,000.00 for pavement preservation was too low to cover the cost throughout the City and he said the 2017 budgeted amount should be similar to the 2016 budgeted amount.

Council Member Montelongo moved to increase the amount for pavement preservation from \$500,000.00 to \$1.2 million to come out of bond proceeds and to be applied towards all five Council Districts; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

City Manager Urich said a budget was previously presented to the City Council that included a little more than \$7.33 million in bond proceeds, which was reduced by the City Council to approximately \$4.03 million. He said there was \$1.03 million in capital funds debt service that was marked for sidewalks, facility improvements and the Sheridan Bridge Project. He said \$2.7 million was allotted toward sewers, \$1.6 million was allotted toward the CSO pilot project on Faulkers Avenue, and \$1.1 million toward drainage and sewer work anticipated in 2017. He said the City Council deferred projects at the Library and Dries Lane in order to save money and to have a balanced budget. He said a Report Back was prepared regarding the options to increase pavement preservation funding.

Public Works Director Scott Reise reviewed residential reconstruction of roads versus pavement preservation and the goals of each.

Council Member Grayeb said it would be fiscally prudent to keep the budget balanced and to focus these dollars at reconstruction. He remarked on the importance of keeping a balanced budget and he encouraged the City Council to stay the course and to approve the amended annual budget that was presented. He said the City Council had been planning for months on how to bring this budget to a close and to service their constituents, and he remarked on the importance of the Council staying its course and being fiscally responsible.

Council Member Akeson remarked on the importance of staying ahead of the City's infrastructural needs, noting it would benefit the City in the long run to fund additional monies into roads.

Council Member Montelongo said he was not unbalancing the budget with his request, noting that he provided a revenue source. He said putting more money into the City's road preservation would save the City money in the future.

When bonding a project, it was noted that those funds would need to be paid back with interest. Discussions were held on the effects of bonding projects and the impact it had on the City's budget.

Council Member Riggerbach said he acknowledged that he voted for an increase towards road improvements; however, he said adding another funding source at the last minute was not enough notice. He said he was unable to support the motion stating it was a lot of money with a lot of repercussions. He said the City Council owed it to the citizens to have a discussion with them first before adding more money to the budget.

Council Member Ruckriegel said the budget process began over a year ago with amounts being reviewed a few weeks ago. He expressed a concern about bonding money to pay for an additional cost. He said it was fiscally responsible to support the means and he said he would be supporting the budget on its face.

Motion to increase the amount for pavement preservation from \$500,000.00 to \$1.2 million to be utilized within all five Council Districts was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Montelongo – 2;

Nays: Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel and Mayor Ardis - 7.

Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 16-374 adopting the 2017 Amended Annual Budget for the City of Peoria was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel and Mayor Ardis - 8;

Nays: Montelongo - 1.

(16-375) Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Community Development with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX for FY2017 for the EAST BLUFF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES (EBNHS) Special Service Area and Direct the City Clerk to File a Certified Copy of the Ordinance with the County Clerk to Allow this Tax to be Extended as Provided by Law.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to adopt an Ordinance Levying a Tax for FY2017 for the East Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services (EBNHS) Special Service Area and direct the City Clerk to file a certified copy of the Ordinance with the County Clerk to allow this tax to be extended as provided by law; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,414 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel and Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

(16-376) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE LEVYING the TAXES for FISCAL YEAR 2017 for MUNICIPAL PURPOSES for the City of Peoria, Illinois.

Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance levying the taxes for Fiscal Year 2017 for municipal purposes for the City of Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

City Manager Urich said this item would increase the levy by approximately \$2 million, which was another \$0.10 added to the City Tax Rate. He said a Debt Service Abatement Ordinance would be coming before the Council in December requesting a similar amount as requested in 2016.

Motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 17,415 levying taxes for Fiscal Year 2017 for municipal purposes for the City of Peoria, Illinois, was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel and Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

(16-377) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a PRESENTATION Regarding the City's Response to the 24/7 WALL STREET Report.

A report was distributed to all City Council, and additional information can be found on the City's website by going to <http://www.peoriagov.org/response-to-wall-street-247/>.

City Manager Urich reviewed an article posted by www.247Wallstreet.com. He provided an explanation of the data source noting that the data not only encompassed the City, but also encompassed Peoria County, Tazewell County, Woodford County, Fulton County, Stark County and Marshall County. He reviewed the incarceration rates statewide, the regional data, Brown University's Index of Dissimilarity, the DCO Data for U.S. Zip Codes, Padeat, Police and Fire Recruitment, Police and Fire Minority Hires, Police and Fire Cadet Programs, Minority Business Development, Workforce Development, Neighborhood Programs, Invest Health Programs, the Mayor's Youth Group, CSO Investments, and the National Resource Network. He said those who wished to get involved were welcome to attend a meeting at the Gateway Building on December 6, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. For additional information, City Manager Patrick Urich can be reached at citymanager@peoriagov.org or call 309-494-8524.

Council Member Moore expressed her appreciation to the City Manager for analyzing the 24/7 Wallstreet study. She said the presentation was not a rebuttal to the online article, but said what was presented was exactly what the City was doing to address the issues. She expressed appreciation to Mayor Ardis who scheduled a meeting shortly after the release of the article in order to determine how the City would convey to the community that there was a lot happening within the community and a lot of which to be proud. She said this article was a call to action and that a lot more work needed to be done. She extended an invitation to the business community to attend the December 6th meeting.

Council Member Moore moved to receive and file the presentation regarding the City's response to the 24/7 Wallstreet Report; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Mayor Ardis commented that the City had a ways to go to address its issues. He expressed appreciation to the City Manager for his PowerPoint presentation noting it was not a rebuttal to the 24/7 Wallstreet Report, but was a response. He noted that the root of the social issues was caused by poverty. He commended the work of Council Member Moore and her Minority Business Development Center located on the South Side.

Motion to receive and file a presentation regarding the City's response to the 24/7 Wallstreet Report was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel and Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

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

- (16-289) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class A (Tavern) Liquor License with a Subclass 1A (2:00 A.M. Hours) for CASA DE ARTE, LLC, 306 PECAN, Contingent Upon the Issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 1)**

Council Member Moore said she spoke with the Petitioner on the matter and she noted it had been deferred twice because the Petitioner did not have ownership of the site. She said they were in the process of purchasing the property, but was not sure when financing would take place, and she recommended tabling the item until further notice.

Council Member Moore moved to TABLE the approval of the Site Application for a Class A (Tavern) Liquor License with a Subclass 1A (2:00 A.M. Hours) for Casa De Arte, LLC, 306 Pecan, contingent upon the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy, with a recommendation from the Liquor Commission to approve; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Motion to TABLE was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel and Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

- (16-338) Communication from the City Manager and the Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class I (stadium) Liquor License with the Retail Sale of Alcohol at the LOUISVILLE SLUGGER SPORTS COMPLEX, 8400 N. ORANGE PRAIRIE ROAD, Contingent Upon the Compliance with all Final Building Inspections, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 5)**

Council Member Johnson moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to those individuals who wished to speak on this matter.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to those individuals who wished to speak on this item.

An interested citizen from Edwards, Illinois, said the City Council previously voted to approve the sale of alcohol at the Louisville Slugger until 10:00 P.M. She asked, as the Council considered extending that time, to consider the children who would be present at the facility during those hours and during the sale of alcohol. She said there was a growing trend of parents becoming agitated during youth sports and she said the sale of alcohol to those parents would aggravate the situation.

Council Member Johnson moved to approve the Site Application for a Class I (stadium) liquor license with the retail sale of alcohol at the Louisville Slugger Sports Complex, 8400 N. Orange Prairie Road, contingent upon the compliance with all final building inspections, with a recommendation from the Liquor Commission to approve with the amendment of limiting outdoor alcohol sales to 11:00 P.M.; seconded by Council Member Riggenbach.

Discussions were held regarding the change of sales from 10:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. Corporation Counsel Leist commented that the stadium license would allow the service of alcohol until 1:00 A.M.

Attorney Bob Hall, Counsel for the Petitioner 24 Corp LLC, provided an overview of the annexation and the site application. He commented that the Petitioner was amendable to limiting outside sales to 11:00 P.M. and to keep the liquor license rules and application as is with a Class I with a Subclass 7. He provided an explanation for the difference in times for the sales for indoors and outdoors and he commented that there would be indoor functions that would not be disturbing to the residents. He remarked that the Annexation Agreement specifically stated that the City Council would issue a liquor license at this facility. For delayed games and other functions, he said the petitioner requested that 11:00 P.M. be substituted for outside sales. He said the City Council was committed to allowing one or more liquor licenses, which was part of the reliance in which the developer proceeded with the project.

Discussions were held regarding the consequences of denying the request or adding additional restrictions on the liquor license.

Council Member Akeson expressed concern regarding the development and agreements that were made in the Annexation Agreement.

Mayor Ardis commented that this item came before the City Council at a previous meeting wherein the City Council approved the Site Application. He said Council Member Johnson moved to reconsider this item at the last meeting due to the misunderstanding of the stadium license that was sought to serve the dome. He said the recommendation extended the serving outside in the field area.

Discussions were held regarding the specifics of a Motion to Reconsider and how it impacted whether a Site Application was approved.

Motion to approve the Site Application for a Class I (stadium) liquor license with the retail sale of alcohol at the Louisville Slugger Sports Complex, 8400 N. Orange Prairie Road, contingent upon the compliance with all final building inspections, with a recommendation from the Liquor Commission to approve with the amendment of limiting outdoor alcohol sales to 11:00 P.M. was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Johnson, Moore, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel and Mayor Ardis - 6;

Nays: Akeson, Jensen, Montelongo - 3.

NEW BUSINESS

Survey Regarding Striping of the Streets

Council Member Riggenbach expressed his appreciation to the Public Works Department for organizing public meetings as it related to the restriping of streets on Forrest Hill and Wisconsin Avenue and as to the Harvard Avenue Project. He said a survey was available online and he encouraged residents within the area of Harvard Avenue to express their opinion on the project at www.peoriagov.org under the Public Works page and the link "Harvard Avenue Project."

City of Peoria Neighborhood Awards Banquet

Council Member Riggerbach recognized Community Development Director Ross Black and Staff for making the Neighborhood Awards Banquet a success. He said there was a great turnout and it was an opportunity to recognize the neighbors who made the City of Peoria great.

City of Peoria Budget

Council Member Riggerbach expressed his appreciation to City Manager Ulrich and Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins who worked diligently on the City's 2017 amended budget and brought it forward to the City Council.

Follow-up Regarding the Illinois American Water Company

Council Member Jensen requested a status of the Report Back previously requested regarding IAWC and the CEO Council report that would include a schedule of public meetings and an analysis.

City Manager Ulrich said Staff was working on a Report Back and would provide that to the City Council upon completion. He said the Report Back would provide a schedule of public meetings and public input sessions.

Appreciation to the Police Department

Council Member Moore expressed her appreciation to Chief Mitchell for allowing his Staff to assist with crowd control at the Gateway at River City, the assisted living facility, that opened on Garrett Avenue. She said there was a huge turnout where additional parking was needed. She said his Staff assisted with providing direction to those not familiar with area on where to park.

Last Day of Leaf Pick-Up

Council Member Moore announced that December 5, 2016, would be the last week of yard waste pickup.

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.

Ron Valle, a citizen of Peoria and advocate for the Helping Hand Resource Center, thanked Council Member Jensen and Council Member Ruckriegel for their participation in and visitation of the Helping Hand Resource Center. He said they had the opportunity to see how the program worked as well as to meet staff members and clients. He encouraged other Council Members to visit and participate as well. He provided an update on the Center's activities noting it had recently started a push initiative, which was a push program that lead toward reentry of low income families and low income individuals. He provided statistics of employment and job training and he expressed appreciation to the Peoria Civic Center who was a major employer of the program and had hired 14 permanent workers since September 2016. He expressed a concern for homelessness within the community commenting that everyone had the inalienable right to have shelter. He said the City was a staunch advocate to eliminate homelessness and had taken great strides to institute programs to address the situation; however, he expressed a concern that there were still a few individuals who could not find shelter.

Karrie Alms, a citizen of Peoria, asked the City Council to standardize the process for filling a vacant City Council seat in light of the recent vacancy left by Council Member Ryan Spain. She expressed a concern that Council Member Spain would be reappointed to fill the latter part of his own term and she commented she felt there would be a conflict of interest with him holding a City Seat and a State Office.

Amr ElSamny, a citizen of Peoria, expressed disappointment and frustration with the City of Peoria. He commented that the City of Peoria needed to think "outside the box" in order to address budgetary issues and to satisfy the needs of the citizens. He commented on the importance for the City to develop new ideas and to begin thinking and doing things differently. He expressed a concern for the difficulties of new businesses coming to the city. He commented that 19% of the City was living under the poverty line and the City was rated low in attracting new businesses.

Tony Pagan, a citizen of Peoria, expressed a concern about some of the ramifications of the changing Federal policy landscape on the citizens of Peoria. He explained the impact of immigration control and the effects it could have on the City of Peoria. He asked the City Council to reach out to City Staff to ensure proper protections were in place.

Marcus Fogliano, a citizen of Peoria, announced that November 14 – 20, 2016, was Transgender Awareness Week. He reported that Peoria Proud and the Peoria Transgender Society had a list of events occurring throughout the week and he provided a breakdown of those events that would be occurring at the Unity Point Methodist Atrium. He announced that there was a display of transgender history at the Main Peoria Library that would be on display for the month of November. On Sunday, November 20, 2016, he said the Third Transgendered Day of Remembrance would be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Richwoods Boulevard with guest speaker, Andre Perez. He also reported on the Human Rights Campaign Municipality Equality Index.

Chama St. Louis, a citizen of Peoria, expressed her concern for the conditions of the Black community with the City noting that the same issues her parents faced she also faced. She said the City failed to invest real funds into low income areas and to offer solutions to put money in the pockets of those who lived in impoverished areas. She said the pathway to a solution would come through education and empowerment of the Black community and to allow the same opportunities as their white counterparts.

Garrie Allen IV, a citizen of Peoria, expressed a concern for the members of the Black community in light of the 24/7 Wallstreet report and he said the report should not go ignored. He asked the City Council to take a stand into building a community that everyone could love. He remarked on the importance of creating an atmosphere where people can come together and shared a sense of community.

D. Doc McClellon, a citizen of Peoria, expressed a concern for the 24/7 Wallstreet report. He reviewed the history he had with the Mayor and the City Manager when it came to job opportunities within the City of Peoria. He said he was concerned that people were not sincerely concerned with the state of the African American men within the City.

Keri Hayes, a citizen of Peoria, said she was interested in receiving additional information regarding grants available through the City for small businesses or not-for profit organizations. She expressed a concern for the housing issues in the City and recommended rehabilitating and refurbishing vacant and abandoned homes to be purchased at a reasonable cost by low income families who were first time homeowners. She recommended school programs on credit repair, credit management and financial literacy be offered in the public schools. She expressed her disappointment in the City's response to the 24/7 Wallstreet report and said the City Council needed to find resources, compassion and heart to make a change within the City.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of a motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity, and 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.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity, and 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; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel and Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

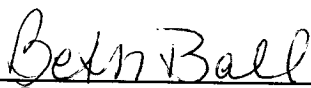
Council Member Jensen moved to adjourn the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel and Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 P.M.


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