

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

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held April 11, 2017, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall, Council Chambers (Room 400), 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Jim Ardis presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Newlin, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 9.
Absent: Jensen, Moore – 2.

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.

Crittenton Centers
Parental Alienation Day – April 25, 2017
Peoria Holocaust Memorial
National Library Week – April 9 – 15, 2017
Child Abuse Awareness Month – April
Nancy Rakoff – Recognition

CITY HALL OPEN HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT

Communications Specialist Stacy Peterson announced that Peoria City Hall won the national title for most beautiful city hall. She expressed her appreciation to everyone who participated in the contest. So that more citizens could view the most beautiful city hall in the nation, she said there would be an open house at City Hall on April 20, 2017, from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. with a host on every floor to greet the public.

PETE PASQUEL HONORARY STREET NAMING

Mayor Ardis announced there would be a street naming ceremony for Pete Pasquel on April 6, 2017, at 2:00 P.M. at the George Pasquel Company located at 1416 SW Adams Street.

MINUTES

Council Member Newlin moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on March 28, 2017, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Newlin, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner,
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

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

- (17-101)
* **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ACCEPT the LOW BID of ILLINOIS CIVIL CONTRACTORS, INC. and Award the Construction CONTRACT, in the Amount of \$184,323.97, plus 10% Contingency for a Total Contract of \$202,756.37 for the Residential Street Reconstruction Project of Both DRIES LANE (GILBERT AVENUE to WILCOX AVENUE) and DENNIS COURT (GOLF DRIVE to VILLAGE DRIVE). (Council District 2)**
- (17-102) **Communication from the City Manager and Chief of Police with a Request to APPROVE the SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE of 18 Digital In-Car Cameras and Necessary Peripherals, Including 10 Transmitters from L3 MOBILE VISION, INC., in the Amount of \$67,143.50.**
- (17-103)
** **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for One of the Following:**
- A. **APPROVE the PURCHASE of Real Estate Located at 1428 WEST NORTHMOOR ROAD, for the Amount Not-to-Exceed \$180,000.00, as an Opportunity Acquisition for the NORTHMOOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS from ALLEN ROAD to UNIVERSITY STREET; or,**
- B. **APPROVE the Payment of \$20,000.00 to the Owner of 1428 WEST NORTHMOOR ROAD, for a Temporary Construction Easement for the NORTHMOOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS from ALLEN ROAD to UNIVERSITY STREET. (Council District 4)**
- (17-104) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 17-104 Releasing the MINUTES of CLOSED MEETINGS Listed on Schedule A and Finding the Need for Confidentiality Remains as to the Minutes of Schedule B.**
- (17-105)
*** **Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request for the Following:**
- A. **APPROVE an INCUMBENCY CERTIFICATE and RESOLUTION Accepting a Grant from the ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (IHDA) for the ABANDONED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY MUNICIPALITY RELIEF FUND (APP), in the Amount of \$150,000.00, and**
- B. **ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the CITY OF PEORIA 2017 AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Capital Fund to Recognize the Receipt of a Grant from the ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (IHDA) for the ABANDONED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY MUNICIPAL RELIEF FUND (APP) and Corresponding Expenditures, in the Amount of \$150,000.00.**

- (17-098) **Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,455 Amending CHAPTER 5 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to the REGISTRATION OF LOTS.**
- (17-099) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Human Resource with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Section 2-350 of the CODE of the City of Peoria to Amend DIVISION 7 (PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS) to Facilitate the Administration of PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT ACT (PSEBA).**

- (17-106) **Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,456 Amending the City of Peoria 2017 AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Use of the EAST VILLAGE GROWTH CELL TIF Fund Balance Relating to the EAST VILLAGE HOUSING PROGRAM, in the Amount of \$87,753.00.**

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

Council Member Ruckriegel requested Item No. 17-105 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Grayeb requested Item Nos. 17-101 and 17-099 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Montelongo requested Item No. 17-103 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 17-098, 17-099, and 17-101 through 17-106 (excluding Item Nos. 17-099, 17-101, 17-103 and 17-105) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Newlin, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

- (17-101) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ACCEPT the LOW BID of ILLINOIS CIVIL CONTRACTORS, INC. and Award the Construction CONTRACT, in the Amount of \$184,323.97, plus 10% Contingency for a Total Contract of \$202,756.37 for the Residential Street Reconstruction Project of Both DRIES LANE (GILBERT AVE. to WILCOX AVE.) and DENNIS COURT (GOLF DR. to VILLAGE DR.). (Council District 2)**
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Council Member Grayeb commended the Public Works Department in their efforts to rebuild the City's infrastructure, noting that it was a painstaking process addressing each street.

At the conclusion of his comments regarding assurance to citizens that additional streets would be rebuilt, Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the low bid of Illinois Civil Contractors, Inc. and award the construction contract, in the amount of \$184,323.97, plus 10% contingency for a total contract of \$202,756.37 for the Residential Street Reconstruction Project of both Dries Lane (Gilbert Ave. to Wilcox Ave.) and Dennis Court (Golf Dr. to Village Dr.); seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Newlin, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

(17-103) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for One of the Following:**
**

- A. **APPROVE the PURCHASE of Real Estate Located at 1428 WEST NORTHMOOR ROAD, for the Amount Not-to-Exceed \$180,000.00, as an Opportunity Acquisition for the NORTHMOOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS from ALLEN ROAD to UNIVERSITY STREET; or,**
- B. **APPROVE the Payment of \$20,000.00 to the Owner of 1428 WEST NORTHMOOR ROAD, for a Temporary Construction Easement for the NORTHMOOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS from ALLEN ROAD to UNIVERSITY STREET. (Council District 4)**

At the request of Council Member Montelongo, Public Works Director Scott Reise provided an overview of how this property would be impacted by the Northmoor Road Improvement Project and the reason why it would be feasible to purchase the property versus paying the owner for a temporary construction easement. Upon purchase of the property, he commented it could be utilized as a construction field office while the Northmoor Road Improvement Project was ongoing. He said once the project was completed, then the property would be sold. He said the cost of the property would be offset by the money allotted for erecting or renting a field office. He said a similar situation occurred at the Allen-Alta Roundabout wherein the City purchased a property at that location, which was used as a field office until that project was completed.

Council Montelongo moved to approve the purchase of real estate located at 1428 West Northmoor Road for the amount not-to-exceed \$180,000.00 as an opportunity acquisition for the Northmoor Road improvements from Allen Road to University Street; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Newlin, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

(17-105) **Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request for the Following:**

- A. **APPROVE an INCUMBENCY CERTIFICATE and RESOLUTION Accepting a Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) for the ABANDONED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY MUNICIPALITY RELIEF FUND (APP), in the Amount of \$150,000.00, and**

- B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the CITY OF PEORIA 2017 AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Capital Fund to Recognize the Receipt of a Grant from the ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (IHDA) for the ABANDONED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY MUNICIPAL RELIEF FUND (APP) and Corresponding Expenditures, in the Amount of \$150,000.00.**

At the request of Council Member Ruckriegel, Community Development Director Ross Black provided an overview of the demolition process noting that the amount allotted by the IHDA would provide for the demolition of 15 houses, which had not be identified yet. Regarding the issue of illegal dumping and lawn maintenance after a demolition, Director Black said when a house was demolished and everything was removed, a split-rail fence would be installed to avert those issues. In addition, he said the City anticipated experimenting with alternative ground cover with other grant funds in an attempt to reduce maintenance costs on a vacant property.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve an incumbency certificate and Resolution accepting a grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund (APP), in the amount of \$150,000.00; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Newlin, Riggensch, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2017 Amended Annual Budget relating to the Capital Fund to recognize the receipt of a grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipal Relief Fund (APP) and corresponding expenditures, in the amount of \$150,000.00; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,457 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Newlin, Riggensch, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

- (17-099) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Human Resource with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Section 2-350 of the CODE of the City of Peoria to Amend DIVISION 7 (PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS) to Facilitate the Administration of PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT ACT (PSEBA).**

Council Member Grayeb moved to defer this item to the April 25, 2017, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Newlin.

Council Member Grayeb said the deferral was at the request of the Local 50. He commented that the biggest expense to the City was personnel, and he remarked on the importance of taking care of the City's employees who care for the community.

Motion to defer this item to the April 25, 2017, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Newlin, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

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

- (17-081) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to APPROVE the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to:**
- A. ADOPT ORDINANCE A Amending an Existing SPECIAL USE Ordinance No. 17,070, in a Class R-2 (Single Family Residential) District to Remove Property from the Boundary of the Special Use for the Property Commonly Known as EXPOSITION GARDENS and Identified as Parcel Identification No. 14-17-100-001 with an Address of 1601 WEST NORTHMOOR ROAD, Peoria, Illinois (Council District 4)**
- AND**
- B. ADOPT ORDINANCE B REZONING Property from a Class R-2 (Single Family Residential) District to a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District, for the Property Commonly Known as EXPOSITION GARDENS and Identified as Parcel Identification No. 14-17-100-001 with an Address of 1601 WEST NORTHMOOR ROAD, Peoria, Illinois. (Council District 4)**
- OR**
- C. ADOPT ORDINANCE C REZONING Property from a Class R-2 (Single Family Residential) District to a Class CN (Neighborhood Commercial) District, for the Property Commonly Known as EXPOSITION GARDENS and Identified as Parcel Identification No. 14-17-100-001 with an Address of 1601 WEST NORTHMOOR ROAD, Peoria, Illinois. (Council District 4)**

Council Member Montelongo moved to defer this item to the April 25, 2017, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to defer this item to the April 25, 2017, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Newlin, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

- (17-094) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class A (Tavern) Liquor License with the Retail Sale of Alcohol at WISCONSIN TAP, 1918 N. WISCONSIN, Contingent Upon the Issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 3)**

Council Member Riggerbach moved to defer this item to the April 25, 2017, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to defer this item to the April 25, 2017, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Newlin, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

- (17-088) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to AUTHORIZE a Negotiation with EXPOSITION GARDENS, INC., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$118,000.00, for Right-of-Way Acquisition and Easements of a Portion of Parcel 14-17-100-001 for the Proposed NORTHMOOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (ALLEN ROAD to UNIVERSITY STREET). (Also Refer to Item 17-081) (Council District 4)**

Council Member Montelongo moved to defer this item to the April 25, 2017, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Motion to defer this item to the April 25, 2017, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Newlin, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Passing of Billy Dennis

Council Member Grayeb announced the passing of Billy Dennis who attended the City Council meetings and addressed other topics of community interest as a blogger and journalist for so many years. He said he would be greatly missed and he asked for a moment of silence for Mr. Dennis.

Mayor's Litter Commission

Communications Specialist Stacey Peterson announced that a volunteer litter group was being formed called the Mayor's Litter Commission. She said the commission was comprised of new and returning volunteers. She announced the Great American cleanup was scheduled for April 29, 2017. She said the Commission would meet every Monday at City Hall at noon. She said Terence Acquah from the Community Development Department would be working with the different neighborhood organizations to help do their part with litter pick-up.

Pick-Up-A-Piece

Communications Specialist Stacey Peterson said the City was promoting a program entitled Pick-Up-A-Piece wherein they encouraged citizens to pick up one piece of litter a day that would have an impact on the City.

Tireless Program

Communications Specialist Stacey Peterson announced that the Tireless Program occurred on the fourth Saturday of each month for tire collection.

Mayor Ardis encouraged those interested in learning more about the projects to call City Hall at 309-494-2273. He said the City's Community Development Department was going to work with the neighborhood associations to identify people to help with these efforts and to get people to adopt a block in order to move towards a cleaner community.

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.

Ms. Dawn Jeffries, on behalf of Girls Light Our Way, expressed her appreciation to Council Member Moore, Community Foundation of Central Illinois, and Peoria Charter Coach who assisted approximately 150 young ladies to attend a viewing of "Hidden Figures" that was released January 6, 2017. She said the girls who attended were greatly inspired by the movie, and she said three of those girls were present to express their appreciation to the City Council for their support. Ms. Jeffries invited the Council to Financial Literacy for Girls at Manual High School on April 29, 2017, from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Mr. General Parker, a concerned citizen, requested another bus stop to be placed on University Street North of the Post Office. He commented that he had received complaints about the design of MacArthur Highway noting the lanes had been reduced to one lane each way. He said the Black Star Project was sponsoring a Red, Black, Clean and Green Day wherein they would sponsor the clean-up of streets, alleys and lots within the City. He said he would like to work with the City in order to promote the clean-up day.

Mr. Savino Sierra, a concerned citizen, commented on the importance of the proclamations that were given, specifically noting the importance of the City's library system and how it helped individuals apply for jobs. He expressed the importance of Common Place and how it had a positive influence on his family.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and 2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

Council Member Grayeb moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to 2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and 2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; 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 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Newlin, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Johnson moved to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Newlin.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Johnson, Montelongo, Newlin, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 P.M.



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

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