

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held May 28, 2019, 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: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel (Electronic Attendance), Mayor Ardis – 10. Absent: Montelongo - 1.

**ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**

After having established a quorum, Mayor Ardis said a notice was received from Council Member Ruckriegel in accordance with the rules established by Ordinance No. 16,142. He said Council Member Ruckriegel would be authorized to attend the meeting electronically unless a motion objecting to his 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 Ruckriegel to attend electronically shall be deemed approved by the City Council and Council Member Ruckriegel would be declared as present.

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

**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.**

**National Gun Violence Awareness  
Lupus Awareness Month  
Golden Apple Award Winner  
Her Excellency Helga Barth**

**MINUTES**

Council Member Cyr moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on May 14, 2019, as printed; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

- (19-149) \* Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE a Location Only AMENDMENT for a HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOME Funded Construction Site. (Council District 1)
- (19-150) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE the RENEWAL of the POWELL PRESS BUILDING LEASE CONTRACT with EMACK AND BOLIO'S. (Council District 1)
- (19-151) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE CONTRACTS to Multiple Vendors for 2019 STREET MAINTENANCE MATERIALS. [All Council Districts]
- (19-152) \*\* Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE a JOINT AGREEMENT with the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION for a Project to MODERNIZE THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM Throughout the City of Peoria.
- (19-153) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE STATE MOTOR FUEL TAX RESOLUTION NO. 19-153, in the Amount of \$175,000.00, for Engineering Services with HANSON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES Under Master Services Agreement #16-119C for the PHASE 2 SHERIDAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (from RICHMOND AVENUE to ELEANOR PLACE). [Council District 2]
- (19-154) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the Following RESOLUTIONS to Reconcile Completed City Projects as Part of the Illinois Department of Transportation's Motor Fuel Tax Recurring Review:
- A. MFT SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION NO. 19-154-A, in the Amount of \$350,000.00, for Improvements to WILHELM ROAD, from ALLEN ROAD to NORTHTRAIL DRIVE;
  - B. MFT SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION NO. 19-154-B, in the Amount of \$657,278.75, for Improvements to UNIVERSITY STREET from WINDOM to MACARTHUR;
  - C. OBLIGATION RETIREMENT RESOLUTION NO. 19-154-C, in the Amount of \$2,363,155.30, for CAMPUSTOWN BONDS UNIVERSITY STREET from WINDOM to MACARTHUR;
  - D. MFT SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION NO. 19-154-D, in the Amount of \$200,000.00, for Improvements to UNIVERSITY STREET from W. FORREST HILL AVENUE to WAR MEMORIAL DRIVE;

E. MFT SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION NO. 19-154-E, in the Amount of \$1,050,000.00, for Improvements to UNIVERSITY STREET from NEBRASKA AVENUE to FORREST HILL AVENUE;

F. MFT SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION NO. 19-154-F, in the Amount of \$30,000.00, for Improvements to PIONEER PARKWAY from ALLEN ROAD to ILLINOIS ROUTE 91;

- (19-155) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE STATE MOTOR FUEL TAX RESOLUTION NO. 19-155, in the Amount of \$300,000.00, for Preliminary Engineering Services with MIDWEST ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC. Under Master Services Agreement #16-119-B for the GLEN AVENUE PROJECT (WAR MEMORIAL DRIVE to UNIVERSITY STREET). [Council District 4]
- (19-132) 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. 17,683 Amending APPENDIX A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to SOLAR UTILITY FACILITIES.
- (19-133) 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 ORDINANCE NO. 17,684 Amending APPENDIX A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to ADMINISTRATIVE DEVIATIONS FOR WALL SIGNS.
- (19-156) 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. 17,685 Amending an Existing SPECIAL USE Ordinance No. 17,595, in a Class R-4 (Single Family Residential) District for an ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY, to Add Two Residents, for the Property Located at 1328 W. CIRCLE ROAD, (Parcel Identification No. 14-32-132-005), Peoria, IL. (Council District 2)
- (19-157) 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. 17,686 Rezoning Property from a Class R-4 (Single Family Residential) District to a Class C-N (Neighborhood Commercial) District and to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,687 Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class CN (Neighborhood Commercial) District, for AUTO SALES AND SERVICE, for the Properties Located at 314 S. WESTERN AVENUE (Parcel Identification No. 18-08-305-017) and 1835 W. KETTELLE STREET (Parcel Identification No. 18-08-305-018), Peoria, IL. (Council District 1)

- (19-158)**  
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**Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending an Existing SPECIAL USE Ordinance No. 14,063, as Amended, in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District for a SHOPPING CENTER, to Add Two Commercial Buildings, for the Property Commonly Known as JUNCTION CITY SHOPPING CENTER and Located at 5901 N. PROSPECT ROAD (including 5726 & 5728 N. KNOXVILLE AVENUE, and 5713-5805 N. HUMBOLDT AVENUE, with Parcel Identification Nos. 14-16-452-008, 14-16-452-009, 14-16-452-034, 14-16-452-038, 14-16-452-039, 14-16-452-040, 14-16-452-042, and 14-16-452-043), Peoria, IL (Council District 3)**
- (19-159)**  
**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. 17,688 Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class C-N (Neighborhood Commercial) District for a Building Greater than 15,000 Sq. Ft. in Size for the Property Located at 911 W. SMITH STREET (Including 905-909 W. SMITH STREET, 915-923 W. SMITH STREET, and 126 S. SARATOGA STREET, with Parcel Identification Nos. 18-08-417-016, 18-08-417-017, 18-08-417-018, 18-08-417-019, 18-08-417-020, 18-08-417-021, 18-08-417-023, 18-08-417-024, 18-08-417-025, and 18-08-417-032), Peoria, IL (Council District 1)**
- (19-160)**  
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**Communication from the City Manager, City Treasurer and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the Month Ended April 30, 2019, UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.**

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

Council Member Moore requested Item No. 19-149 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Riggerbach requested Item No. 19-158 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Grayeb requested Item No. 19-152 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Cyr requested Item No. 19-160 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 19-132, 19-133, 19-149 through 19-160 (excluding Item Nos. 19-149, 19-152, 19-158 and 19-160, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

**(19-149) \* Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE a Location Only AMENDMENT for a HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOME Funded Construction Site. (Council District 1)**

Council Member Moore moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to Andre Diaz and Lea Anne Schmidgall.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to Andre Diaz and Lea Anne Schmidgall.

Andre Diaz, a citizen of Peoria, expressed concerns regarding contractual obligations of the contractor and requested the City Council to reject this request and to hold the developer accountable to the original agreement.

Lea Anne Schmidgall, Executive Director at Habitat for Humanity for the Peoria area, spoke regarding the importance of this amendment. She spoke of the need for affordable homes and the history of Habitat for Humanity providing homes in the North Valley area. She spoke of the conduit problem and the extensive work and cost of \$30,000 it would take to place plumbing for the new home that was to be located at 1026 N.E. Madison and she reviewed the request to move the site to 1017 N.E. Madison and asked the Council to approve the request.

Council Member Moore expressed the importance of the developer and the service they provided to individuals in need of affordable housing.

Council Member Moore moved to approve a location only amendment for a Habitat for Humanity home funded construction site; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Council Member Kelly inquired if the conduit ran along the whole street and whether it would cause problems with future construction along this particular street.

In response, Community Development Director Black stated it could be an issue for other development, but this particular parcel contained a broken sewer line with the electric conduit on top of the sewer line making it difficult to reach, which was not something that would occur on a frequent basis.

Council Member Ali spoke of her appreciation for Habitat for Humanity and inquired whether the unused land would be returned to the City and what the City could do with it.

In response to Council Member Ali, Community Development Director Black stated the City would entertain taking the property back if Habitat for Humanity wanted to transfer it back to the City at no cost.

Council Member Ali suggested that upon the approval of this motion, the land should be returned to the City.

Council Member Moore responded that the Habitat for Humanity Board would have to make the decision to transfer the land and she inquired when that would occur.

In response to Council Member Moore, Lea Anne Schmidgall stated she would know the Board's position on this matter before the next City Council meeting.

Council Member Jensen spoke in support of Habitat of Humanity's work. She questioned whether the plan for the house could remain the same due to the current plan having a side driveway.

In response to Council Member Jensen, Lea Anne Schmidgall stated the house structure would remain the same; however, she said the garage would have to be placed in the back alley, unlike the original plan of a side driveway.

Motion to approve a location only amendment for a Habitat for Humanity home funded construction site was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,  
Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

**(19-152)      Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public  
\*\*              Works with a Request to APPROVE a JOINT AGREEMENT with the  
                  ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION for a Project to  
                  MODERNIZE THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM Throughout  
                  the City of Peoria.**

Council Member Grayeb requested Interim Public Works Director Lewis to explain the agreement.

Interim Public Works Director Lewis stated this agreement pertained to upgrading traffic signal software. He said a fiber optic line would be laid and no changes would be made to the visible traffic signals.

In response to Council Member Grayeb, Interim Public Works Director Lewis stated the results would be to update software that was over twenty years old. He stated the City was currently responsible for the maintenance of the traffic signals, so this would be a future cost savings for the City due to the maintenance cost of the current system.

In response to Council Member Cyr, Interim Public Works Director Lewis stated the new software would be compatible with the emergency vehicle preemption system.

Discussion was held on traffic signal preemption and Council Member Grayeb requested a grid showing what signals would be changed for emergency vehicles.

In response to Council Member Grayeb, Fire Chief Olehy stated that the software update would just be an add on to the current system. He stated the intersections that were affected by the preemption were based on fire trucks' need to go through busy intersections and traffic congestion. He stated he would send an electronic copy of the list of intersections using the emergency vehicle preemption to the Council.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve a joint agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for a project to modernize the traffic signal management system; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,  
Mayor Ardis - 10;

- Nays: None.
- (19-158)**  
\*\*\* **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending an Existing SPECIAL USE Ordinance No. 14,063, as Amended, in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District for a SHOPPING CENTER, to Add Two Commercial Buildings, for the Property Commonly Known as JUNCTION CITY SHOPPING CENTER and Located at 5901 N. PROSPECT ROAD (including 5726 & 5728 N. KNOXVILLE AVENUE, and 5713-5805 N. HUMBOLDT AVENUE, with Parcel Identification Nos. 14-16-452-008, 14-16-452-009, 14-16-452-034, 14-16-452-038, 14-16-452-039, 14-16-452-040, 14-16-452-042, and 14-16-452-043), Peoria, IL (Council District 3)**

A replacement Ordinance for Item No. 19-158 was distributed to all Council Members.

Council Member Riggenbach detailed the changes to the Ordinance, and then he moved to adopt the replacement Ordinance amending an existing Special Use Ordinance No. 14,063, as Amended, in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District for a shopping center, to add two commercial buildings, for the property commonly known as Junction City Shopping Center and located at 5901 N. Prospect Road (including 5726 & 5728 N. Knoxville Avenue, and 5713-5805 N. Humboldt Avenue, with parcel identification nos. 14-16-452-008, 14-16-452-009, 14-16-452-034, 14-16-452-038, 14-16-452-039, 14-16-452-040, 14-16-452-042, and 14-16-452-043), Peoria, IL, as amended, to include a condition that the design & material of the buildings be reviewed and approved administratively; seconded by Council Member Moore.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,689 was adopted, as amended, by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Moore, Oylar, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None;

- (19-160)**  
\*\*\*\* **Communication from the City Manager, City Treasurer and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the Month Ended April 30, 2019, UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.**

Council Member Cyr requested the status of the 2018 Audited Financial Report.

Finance Director/Comptroller Scroggins explained that the auditors were currently in the process and they should provide a completed report by the first week of August.

In response to Council Member Cyr, Finance Director/Comptroller Scroggins stated the emergency fund was included with the general fund account. He stated the target for this fund was 25%, or \$24 million, and as of the end of April, the City was at \$16, almost \$17 million. He stated last year the City was closer to having \$13.8 million in that fund.

Discussion was held in regard to various fee collections and when those were expected to be collected.

In response to Council Member Cyr regarding the new fire station, City Manager Urich stated the project was in place along with the project team. He stated they were trying to finalize a location and then they would begin the design and construction.

In response to Council Member Cyr, Finance Director/Comptroller Scroggins stated the projection of numbers was too early to predict. He stated sales tax collection had been collected and posted through the end of February and the numbers were currently down 8%, but he said he hoped that by the end of March, it would get back on track.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file the month ended April 30, 2019 Unaudited Financial Report; seconded by Council Member Ali.

Motion was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

### **PRESENTATION**

**(19-161) Communication from the City Manager, Finance Director and Assistant City Manager with a PRESENTATION on the 2020-2021 BIENNIAL BUDGET CALENDAR.**

A presentation handout was distributed to all Council Members.

City Manager Urich presented a strategic plan for the 2020-2021 Biennial Budget Calendar.

Council Member Moore requested an update on the Affordable Housing Policy Session.

City Manager Urich stated he was looking at the third week in June for a Policy Session that would cover affordable housing and Downtown Advisory Commission.

Council Member Jensen stated she was happy to see community involvement as a component and she hoped to see more dates for community involvement. She suggested having paper surveys in addition to an online survey for citizen feedback. She stated she would like to see items prioritized in the budget.

City Manager Urich stated that the intent of this plan was to define outcomes and to have the Council prioritize the items. In response to Council Member Jensen, City Manager Urich confirmed the expense of the consultant was part of the current budget. He stated the City had scheduled interviews with three consultants and he would have that information for the June 11, 2019, City Council meeting.

Council Member Riggerbach encouraged public involvement, communication and a media campaign for public interaction regarding the budget similar to the "Most Beautiful City Hall" award a few years ago. He encouraged department heads to be involved with the consultant to better describe duties and programs and outcomes of those programs.

Council Member Kelly suggested outlining the effects cuts would have on departments and what would be affected by those cuts in addition to what effects additional funding would have to the departments.

Council Member Ali said she appreciated the approach and the strategy. She said she liked the smart goals and suggested a leveraging approach being added to the process.



Council Member Grayeb expressed the need to bring forward the values of the constituents and find the resources for their needs.

Discussion was held on the budget numbers and how changes made in the State might affect the current or future budgets.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Council Member Riggerbach moved to receive and file the Presentation on the 2020-2021 Biennial Budget Calendar; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:**

**(19-122) Communication from the City Manager and the Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Creating a Separate FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION and a FAIR EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION by Amending CHAPTER 17 of the CODE of the City of Peoria.**

Council Member Moore discussed the overall goal to separate the Fair Housing Commission and the Fair Employment Commission and her involvement with the National League of Cities Affordable Housing Task Force, where she learned that other communities had taken proactive approaches to issues similar to the City. She stated the adoption of the proposed Ordinance would separate the Fair Housing and Fair Employment into two commissions to bring more focus to housing and focus on employment in general. She stated there would also be two committees, with the goal to share knowledge together. She stated that the four or five active members of the current commission could select which commission to participate on. She stated the commissions would be working and communicating with the community to allow the community the opportunity to express their needs and suggest how the City Council could best address it.

Council Member Jensen expressed her support to Council Member Moore for separating the Commission. She expressed her concerns on the lack of authority the Ordinance provided the commissions and stated she would not support this Ordinance.

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance creating a separate Fair Housing Commission and a Fair Employment Commission by amending Chapter 17 of the Code of the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Ali.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,690 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Kelly, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: Jensen - 1.

**(19-162) Communication from the City Manager and Assistant City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Dissolving the RIVER TRAIL TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DISTRICT.**

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance dissolving the River Trail Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,691 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(19-163) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Approving the BLACK BAND LLC REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. (Council District 1)**

Senior Development Specialist Cesar Suarez provided an overview of the current development in the Warehouse District and the Black Band LLC distillery project.

Council Member Moore expressed her excitement for the distillery being located in the First District. She expressed her appreciation for local retail and restaurant sales. She noted the need for more parking for businesses in the Warehouse District, which should be considered in future budgets.

Chris Ober, owner of the Black Band LLC, thanked the counsel for the support. He stated this project had been in the works for 10 years and appreciated Cesar's help in the project.

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance approving the Blank Band LLC Redevelopment Agreement; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Council Member Kelly expressed his support for the proposal. He urged Staff to consider the differences between tax abatement and TIFs for future projects.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,692 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

**(18-231) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to DEFER the PURCHASE of the SIMANTEL PROPERTY Located at the Foot of SPRING STREET until JUNE 11, 2019. (Council District 1)**

Council Member Moore moved to defer this item to the June 11, 2019, Regular City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Motion to defer this item to the June 11, 2019, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.  
(19-067) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from Staff to WITHDRAW a Request to Amend an Existing Special Use Ordinance No. 13,932 as Amended in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District for a Shopping Center to WAIVE THE PARKING IMPACT FEE for the Property Located at 7425 N. GRAND PRAIRIE DRIVE (Parcel Identification No. 13-11-151-027), Commonly Known as THE SHOPPES AT GRAND PRAIRIE Located at 5201 W. WAR MEMORIAL DRIVE, Peoria, IL. (Council District 5)**

Council Member Cyr moved to approve the motion to withdraw a request to amend an existing special use ordinance no. 13,932 as amended in a class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District for a Shopping Center to waive the parking impact fee for the property located at 7425 N. Grand Prairie Drive (Parcel Identification No. 13-11-151-027), commonly known as the Shoppes at Grand Prairie located at 5201 W. War Memorial Drive, Peoria, IL. (Council District 5); seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Motion to withdraw was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

### **ADDITIONAL UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Public Access Channel**

Council Member Moore asked to bring back discussion on utilizing the Public Access Channel to provide the community with information. She stated she wanted the citizens to be well informed of happenings in the City. She suggested running something that informed the citizens about things happening in the City, such as budget hearings or activities happening in the City. She said she would like to see an outline come back before the budget hearing starts, that would include how that could work and whose responsibility it would be.

#### **Fitch Report**

Council Member Oyler requested a status of the Fitch Study. City Manager Ulrich stated the consultants provided a draft report that was circulated to the Fire Department and David Tuttle, who had since sent their comments back. He expected to receive a report back by the end of next week.

#### **Loan Program**

Council Member Oyler requested a Report Back on the loans given out of the loan program.

#### **Flood Update**

Council Member Jensen said she asked for a Report Back on the estimated costs of the City's work during the floods. City Manager Ulrich said he did not have the data yet and as soon as he could compile it, he would provide it. He stated it would be by the end of June before something could be provided due to the current storms and flooding. Council Member Jensen requested an update on the costs to date the City has spent.

**NEW BUSINESS****Local Television Stations**

Council Member Grayeb thanked the local television stations for interrupting normally scheduled television to give the citizens in the viewing area updated information on the storms that had taken place. He stated it was important to keep an eye on the sky. He said he appreciated them for the live coverage they provided.

**St. Louis Blues**

Council Member Cyr recognized the St. Louis Blues for their participation in the Stanley Cup playoff. He requested everyone to be watching and praying for them as they have invested many dollars in the City of Peoria.

**Commissions**

Council Member Oyler expressed his concern on the effectiveness of the commissions. He stated there was a need to come up with a plan on how to benchmark their effectiveness and to hold accountability. He suggested finding out their needs and what they delivered and making commissions a more effective tool for the City.

**Wear Orange Remembrance Walk**

Council Member Moore recognized the Wear Orange Remembrance Walk, to be held on June 8, 2019, from 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., on the Peoria riverfront. She stated it brought awareness of gun violence to the community. She stated it was not lost with anyone in the room or community given the recent death of Jeremiah Ward. She encouraged everyone to attend and wear orange in support of the Wear Orange Remembrance Walk.

**CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD**

It was determined that there were no citizens who wished to speak before the City Council.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 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.**

Council Member Oyler moved 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; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,  
Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.



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

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