

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

A Joint Regular Meeting of the City Council and Town Board of Trustees of Peoria, Illinois, was held September 26, 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 (Arrived immediately after Roll Call), Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 10. Absent: Moore - 1.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or reflection and he asked everyone to keep the family of Captain Gary Stauthammer of the Peoria Fire Department in prayer in light of his recent passing. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SMALL BUSINESS RECOGNITION**

Mayor Jim Ardis recognized Ms. Chelsie Tamms of Lettering Works and her contributions as a small business owner to the City of Peoria. He remarked on her accomplishments over the years beginning with Bradley University, through her residency at Prairie Center of the Arts, leading to the creation and opening of Lettering Works. He announced the coming of her new book called 100 Days of Peoria, which was a coffee table book featuring over 100 hand-lettered and illustrated designs of businesses and attractions in the City of Peoria. He said she had worked on several City and County campaigns, as well as for non-profits. He recognized her efforts of promoting Peoria in the Most Beautiful City Hall Competition. Mayor Ardis expressed his appreciation to Ms. Tamms and her continued investment in the community.

**FRIENDSHIP HOUSE NEW CEO AND FUNDRAISER**

Mayor Ardis announced the Friendship House had a new CEO, Robert Montgomery. He said Mr. Montgomery began his tenure on the roof of the Friendship House until \$500,000.00 was raised for awareness of the organization and its contribution to the community.

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.****Citywide Celebration of Women in the Arts**

**MINUTES**

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on September 12, 2017, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 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 Turner moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to 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 Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The City Council went into Executive Session at 6:15 P.M.

**RECONVENING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

The City Council reconvened at 7:08 P.M. in Council Chambers.

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

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.



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

- (17-279)      Communication from the Town Board with a Request to APPROVE MONTHLY ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES for OCTOBER 2017 for the Town of the City of Peoria.**

Council Member Cyr requested that future reports include a year-to-date column.

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the monthly anticipated expenditures for October 2017 for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, with Recommendations as Outlined:

- (17-280)      Communication from the Human Resource Director and the City Manager with a Request to Enter into an AGREEMENT between the City of Peoria and ALL EMPLOYEE BARGAINING UNITS to Extend the Joint Labor/Management Health Care Committee (LMHCC) for Three (3) Years, Effective January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2020 (Ninth Extension).**
- (17-281)      Communication from the Human Resource Director and the City Manager with a Request to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT Negotiated between the City of Peoria and the PEORIA POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION Covering the Period from January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2019.**  
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- (17-282)      Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Community Development with a Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff for the Following:**
- A.      APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 17-282 Approving an ANNEXATION AGREEMENT for the Property Located at 6029 WEST EAGLECREEK DRIVE, (Parcel Identification No. 13-10-452-001);**
  - B.      ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,499 Annexing Territory Located at 6029 WEST EAGLECREEK DRIVE, (Parcel Identification No. 13-10-452-001); and**
  - C.      ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,500 REZONING Property from a Class R-3 (Peoria County Single Family Residential) to R-2 (Single Family Residential) Located at 6029 WEST EAGLECREEK DRIVE, (Parcel Identification No. 13-10-452-001). (Council District 5)**



- (17-283) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,501 to VACATE 1,367.7 Square Feet (0.03 Acre) Portions on WEST FORREST HILL AVENUE and on NORTH GALE AVENUE of Lots 4 & 5 of the Woodrow Wilson Subdivision in the Northeast Quarter of Section 31 - Township 9 North - Range 8 East, Generally at Address 1930 WEST FORREST HILL AVENUE.**
- (17-284) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,502 Rezoning Property from a Class R-4 (Single Family Residential) District to a Class CN (Neighborhood Commercial) District, for the Property Located at 908 WEST HOWETT STREET (Parcel Identification No. 18-08-477-011), 912 WEST HOWETT STREET (Parcel Identification No. 18-08-477-010), 313 NEW STREET (Parcel Identification No. 18-08-477-023), and 319 NEW STREET (Parcel Identification No. 18-08-477-022), Peoria, IL. (Council District 1)**
- (17-285) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,503 Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class CN (Neighborhood Commercial) District for a Convent for the Property Located at 600 NE MONROE STREET (Parcel Identification No 18-04-481-001) Peoria, IL. (Council District 1)**
- (17-286) **APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the DOWNTOWN ADVISORY COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**
- Alma Brown (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2020**
- (17-287) **Communication from the City Manager with a Request to Receive and File the FY2017 BUDGET of the PEORIA CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY.**
- (17-288) **Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the MONTH ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.**
- (17-289) **REPORT from the CITY TREASURER PATRICK A. NICHTING for the MONTH of AUGUST 2017, with Request to Received and File.**

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

Council Member Oyler requested Item No. 17-281 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

Item Nos. 17-280 through 17-289 (excluding Item No. 17-281) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.



**(17-281) \* Communication from the Human Resource Director and the City Manager with a Request to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT Negotiated between the City of Peoria and the PEORIA POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION Covering the Period from January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2019.**

Council Member Oyler expressed his appreciation to City Manager Urich and the Police Benevolent Association on this matter, but he expressed a concern with approving a new contract with cost of living increases in light of the City's \$8 million budget deficit. He said he attended a joint meeting of the Police and Fire Pension Boards and he commented on the need to fund the pensions, which would add another \$7 million to the City's deficit. He remarked on the City's need for accountability to citizens when something such as this had the ability to affect property taxes. He expressed the need to discuss the matter further and to formulate solutions before the Council agreed to increase employees' salaries.

City Manager Urich provided an overview of the negotiation process. He said the City's public safety employees relinquished the right to strike in order to pursue arbitration when an impasse in negotiations occurred. He said the City was working to move down the cost curve of the contract while trying to address salaries and pay scales. He said the challenge was in the hands of the arbitrator, and he provided an explanation of the arbitration process noting that it was a "give-and-take" process. He said the City could not control the comparables nor set the standards utilized by the arbitrators.

Mayor Ardis commented on the need to inform the public of the negotiation and arbitration process for Police and Fire. He stated that even during difficult economic times, the process was in the hands of the arbitrator. As far as pensions were concerned, he said the City did not have the ability to negotiate pensions, which were outlined by the State Statute. He said pensions were an unfunded mandate.

Discussions were held regarding comparables used and the City's need to change the salary schedule. An overview of the negotiations with the Police Benevolent was provided along with the cost of living increases that were established through 2019.

Mayor Ardis said all the internal and external comparables were provided to the City Council and were previously discussed in Executive Session.

Council Member Grayeb remarked that the City's budget was approximately 80% personnel, the people who provided for the citizens, and he remarked on the importance of City services and the impact they had on the community.

At the conclusion of the discussions, Council Member Grayeb moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between the City of Peoria and the Peoria Police Benevolent Association covering the period from January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2019; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner,  
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: Oyler - 1.



**FIRST READINGS**

- (17-290)    Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 28 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES to provide language consistent with the City of Peoria Bicycle Master Plan. (Refer to Item #16-049)**

Public Works Director Scott Reese provided an overview of the proposed Ordinance noting that it would tie into the Illinois Vehicle Code and it took the best practices from the City of Chicago. He said the purpose of the Ordinance was to bring awareness to the cyclists in the City. He provided some examples the Illinois Vehicle Code outlined that the City included in its Ordinance, noting the three foot buffer for cyclists.

Council Member Riggerbach said he had been approached by Bike Peoria about some of the issues that were addressed by this proposed Ordinance. He remarked on the importance of public awareness stating it was an important safety issue, noting there had been an increase in cyclists within the City. He said he anticipated more dialogue on this item over the next couple of weeks and the City would need to ensure awareness and provide public education as this item moved forward.

Mayor Ardis remarked on the need for Staff to review the safety concerns of right turn arrows at intersections.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file the first reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 28 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to traffic and motor vehicles to provide language consistent with the City of Peoria Bicycle Master Plan; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

*CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 17-290 will be placed on the October 10, 2017, Regular City Council Agenda.*

- (17-291)    Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development Director with a Request for a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 13 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to LITTER and VEGETATION.**

Community Development Director Ross Black said this item was in response to discussions that occurred at the City Council's Strategic Planning Sessions. He said it provided clarification for property owners regarding what needed to be addressed on private and commercial properties.

Discussions were held regarding specific processes provided for in the proposed Ordinance along with the property owner's responsibility for public ways were discussed as well as how this Ordinance compared to other communities.



Council Member Grayeb inquired whether this item addressed snow removal on private and commercial properties, and he requested an item to come back to the City Council addressing that issue.

Mayor Ardis commented that this item was a First Reading review only and, should it be approved by the City Council, a timeframe would be provided to inform the public of the change. He said the City Council would need to ensure to hold themselves to the same standards as outlined in the Ordinance.

Council Member Akeson moved to receive and file the First Reading review of an Ordinance amending Chapter 13 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to litter and vegetation; seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

*CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 17-291 will be placed on the October 10, 2017, Regular City Council Agenda.*

**(17-292) Communication from the City Manager and the Corporation Counsel with a Request for a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 3, Article II, Section 52(6) of the CODE of the City of Peoria Authorizing the Purchase and Use of a 15-day Liquor License.**

Council Member Oyler moved to receive and file the First Reading review of an Ordinance amending Chapter 3, Article II, Section 52(6) of the Code of the City of Peoria authorizing the purchase and use of a 15-day liquor license; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

*CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 17-292 will be placed on the October 10, 2017, Regular City Council Agenda.*

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

**(17-293) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE a VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE (VSI).**

City Manager Ulrich said this item was presented to help reduce or prevent involuntary separation from the City. He said this item was in response the cost of health care insurance being a barrier from employees retiring. He said it would provide a \$30,000.00 incentive to pay down health insurance costs, which would cover the employee's portion of the plan. He reviewed the timeline should this item be approved, noting employees would have between October 2 and November 15 to take advantage of this incentive with a retirement date of December 15, 2017. He said contributions to health plans were not considered income for the employee.



Discussions were held regarding employees currently covered by the City, employees not utilizing the City's health care plan, and how this item would affect each.

City Manager Urich explained the process that went into this incentive. He reviewed what would occur when an employee accepted the incentive and how the City would cover the vacant position left by that employee.

Council Member Jensen expressed a concern stating more time was needed to get more employee input and to obtain better numbers of how this incentive would impact the City.

At the request for Council Member Jensen, Ms. Janet Tomlins of the City's Human Resource Department provided a breakdown of the premiums for retirees, current employees on the single plan or family plan and high deductible or low deductible plan. City Manager Urich commented on the cost of family healthcare coverage and how this incentive would allow an individual on a family plan to have approximately a year and a half of coverage.

Council Member Jensen said she was not prepared to vote on this item without seeing more of a projected cost and the number of people it would impact.

Council Member Oyler said this was the right first step to protect the City's employees. He said it allowed employees who wanted to retire to do so while protecting the employees who wanted or needed to continue employment.

At the conclusion of his comments, Council Member Oyler moved to approve a voluntary separation incentive (VSI); seconded by Council Member Turner.

In response to Council Member Grayeb's question as to whether employees were aware of this option, City Manager Urich said once this item was approved the employees would be notified of this option.

Council Member Grayeb commented on the importance of employee input as the City moved forward in drafting the budget. He said employees had insight on how to do certain jobs more effectively and efficiently.

Council Member Riggerbach remarked on the Request and Approval Process as outlined in the item, noting that there was the potential that not everyone would be approved for this incentive, which would provide assurance during the budget process.

Council Member Montelongo expressed a need for more time on this item in order to gather additional information. He said he would like to see additional options for employees from which to choose, noting he would not be supporting this item.

Council Member Grayeb said he would not support this item noting additional information was needed as well as input from employees.

Council Member Jensen moved for a substitute motion to defer this item to the October 10, 2017, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

As it related to the motion to defer, Mayor Ardis said he would not support the motion noting that pushing the timeline out farther would not help employees make a decision. He said the City's employees know there will be downsizing in light of the budget issues, and he said this would provide more of an incentive to take an early retirement.



Substitute motion to defer this item to the October 9, 2017, Regular City Council Meeting was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo – 3;

Nays: Akeson, Cyr, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 7.

Motion to approve a voluntary separation incentive was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 7;

Nays: Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo – 3.

**(17-294) Communication from the Human Resource Director and the City Manager with a Request to Authorize the City Manager to do the Following:**

- A. ENTER into a 3-Year CONTRACT with UMR, A United Health Care Company, to be Effective 1/1/2018 through 12/31/2020, to Serve as the City’s Administrator of its Medical/Dental Benefits and Administer The United Healthcare Choice Plus Hospital/Physician Network; and**
- B. RENEW for a 3-Year Period the CONTRACT with CVS/CAREMARK, and its Consortium, Employee Health Care Coalition of Ohio, to be Effective 1/1/2018 through 12/31/2020.**

Ms. Janet Tomlins of the Human Resource Department provided a summary on the Request for Proposal process utilized by the Healthcare Committee. She said the goal was to find a carrier that would provide coverage at all three local hospitals and she said UMR was able to provide that kind of coverage.

Council Member Grayeb commended the efforts of Staff and the Healthcare Committee on this matter.

Council Member Jensen moved to enter into a 3-year contract with UMR, a United Health Care Company, to be effective 1/1/2018 through 12/31/2020, to serve as the City’s administrator of its medical/dental benefits and administer the United Healthcare Choice Plus Hospital/Physician Network; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Jensen moved to renew for a 3-year period the contract with CVS/Caremark, and its consortium, Employee Health Care Coalition of Ohio, to be effective 1/1/2018 through 12/31/2020; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.



**(17-295) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following:**

- A. APPROVE the Selection Process and Direct Staff to Enter into an AGREEMENT with HEARTLAND PARKING INC., in the Amount of \$496,512.26, to Install and Implement New Parking Access and Control Equipment for the Four City Parking Decks. (Council District 1)**
  
- B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE AMENDING the City of Peoria 2017 AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the CAPITAL FUND to Recognize the Receipt of \$158,988.00 From the Technology Deck Escrow Account and the Corresponding Expenditure to Replace Control Equipment.**

Public Works Director Scott Reeise reported that the equipment in the downtown City parking garages were over 20 years old and parts were no longer available. He said this item was for new equipment for the entrances and exits of the garages that allowed for various types of payment ranging from cash, to credit cards, to electronic. He said purchasing and installing the equipment would allow for the reduction of personnel at a cost savings of approximately \$150,000.00 per year. He said there was the potential to connect with the Peoria Civic Center and offer parking when people purchased event tickets. He said this item was a substantial cost, but he said if these changes were not made, the equipment would become functionally obsolete.

Council Member Cyr said he would not vote on this item. He requested a Report Back on how the sale of these garages, the tax revenues and sales taxes would impact the City's budget versus spending \$500,000.00 to invest in new equipment. He noted that this was his second request for a report.

At the conclusion of his comments, Council Member Cyr moved to defer this item to the October 10, 2017, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Motion to defer this item to the October 10, 2017, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(17-296) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to:**

- A. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District with Waivers to Allow the Establishment of a Convenience Cash Business, for the Property Located at 5201 NORTH BIG HOLLOW RD (Parcel Identification No. 14-19-177-010); or**

**Recommendation from Staff to:**



**B. DENY an ORDINANCE Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District with Waivers to Allow the Establishment of a Convenience Cash Business, for the Property Located at 5201 NORTH BIG HOLLOW RD (Parcel Identification No. 14-19-177-010).**

Council Member Montelongo said this Ordinance would allow for a relocation of a cash business in the Fourth District to 5201 North Big Hollow Road. He said this move would provide for the current location to be demolished and prepared for new development and would place the cash business closer to its customer base.

Council Member Montelongo moved to adopt an Ordinance approving a Special Use in a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District with waivers to allow the establishment of a convenience cash business, for the property located at 5201 North Big Hollow Road; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,504 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: Ruckriegel - 1.

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

**(17-117) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, of the City of Peoria Relating to VARIOUS TEXT AMENDMENTS.**

Community Development Director Black said the first set of amendments for the Unified Development Code was adopted by the City Council nearly a year ago. He said this item was brought before the City Council in early 2017 for various text amendments wherein it was deferred until completion of the Strategic Planning Session. He said the planning sessions resulted in a request for additional design standards to the Code. He asked the City Council to adopt this item as it merely provided for a clean-up of text amendments. He said he anticipated, in the next three months, bringing back a series of materials and design standards for the City Council to review. In response to Council Member Grayeb, he said there were no significant changes to any of the Form Districts.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, of the City of Peoria relating to various text amendments; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,505 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.



**Township Consolidation**

Council Member Jensen requested when a report would be received regarding additional time scheduled for an in-depth discussion on the potential consolidation of the Township of the City of Peoria with the City of Peoria. She said she also requested a thorough analysis of the various job duties and how those could be absorbed into the City.

**Ameren Utility Poles on University Street**

Council Member Grayeb requested an update on the cost of the Ameren project on University Street. He requested a projected timeline of when the project would be completed, noting that the completion date continued to get pushed back.

City Manager Urich said the Public Works Director was meeting with Ameren this week and a Report Back would be provided.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**October Breakfast Chat**

Council Member Turner invited everyone to join him and Council Member Riggerbach for the October Breakfast Chat where a guest speaker would be present to discuss the expense side of the City's budget. He said October's Breakfast Chat would be held on Thursday, October 5, 2017, at 7:30 A.M. at City Hall in Room 112.

**Peoria Honor Flight**

Council Member Ruckriegel invited everyone to welcome back the attendees on the Peoria Honor Flight this evening at 9:30 P.M. He said attendance and support were greatly appreciated.

**Online Budget Challenge**

Council Member Cyr requested an update of the individuals who participated in the online budget challenge.

City Manager Urich said five public budget meetings were held and over 1250 people participated in the online budget challenge. He said Staff was compiling the information and a presentation would be provided to the City Council. He said approximately 65% of those who participated in the online challenge balanced the budget and 35% did not. He said there had been great feedback and that the Budget Challenge was still available online. He remarked on the low participation in the public meetings and how they proposed to address that issue in the future.

**East Bluff Community Get Together**

Council Member Riggerbach announced that he and Council Member Ruckriegel would be hosting a community get together on Thursday, September 28, 2017, at the First English Lutheran Church, 725 East Forrest Hill Avenue at 6:00 P.M. He commented on the successful turnout at the July gathering and said they anticipated continued dialogue and feedback from the neighborhood.

**Fourth District Coffee and Conversation**

Council Member Montelongo announced there would be a Fourth District Coffee and Conversation on Thursday, October 5, 2017, at 7:30 A.M. at Panera located at Westlake Shopping Center.



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.

Mr. Ron Valle, Director of Programs at Helping Hands Resource Center (HHRC), provided an update on the success of the organization. He said HHRC recently entered into a long-term employment agreement with RMH in Morton for the residents of 61605, 61604 and 61603. He announced that another organization in Bloomington would be providing additional jobs. He said HHRC would provide transportation noting that sometimes money had to be spent in order for money to be made.

Mr. Savino Sierra, a concerned citizen, commented on the international festivals being held within the City and the importance of celebrating the different cultures. He commented on the needs of the First District noting a street needed to be striped near the school.

Mr. Jeremy Coleman, a volunteer at Bike Peoria, expressed his appreciation to the City Council for passing the Ordinance that would improve cycling in the City. He remarked on the importance of educating the community and becoming more aware of cyclists.

Ms. Rose Collins, a concerned citizen, remarked on the importance of the community standing together with law enforcement for peace. She said should there be another stand for peace she invited the City officials to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

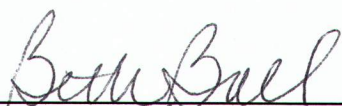
Council Member Turner moved to adjourn the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oylar, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner,  
Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

The Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

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

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