

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Regular Meeting of the Joint City Council and Town Board of Trustees of Peoria, Illinois, was held December 10, 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, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 11.
Absent: None.

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.

**Mike Faley Recognition
Dental Arts Lab - 85th Anniversary
PND Boys Golf - Class 2A State Championship
Little Change, Big Impact Week
Jean-Guy Trudel - The Winningest Coach in Rivermen History
Weston Walker - Records and Awards in Golf Freshman Year**

MINUTES

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on November 12, 2019, as printed.

Council Member Grayeb requested an amendment to the November 12, 2019, minutes under New Business changing the word from "Divergent" Center to "Convergence" Center.

Seconded by Grayeb, as amended.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on November 12, 2019, was approved, as amended, by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PUBLIC HEARING

(19-365) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding CITY-WIDE SEWER RATE ADJUSTMENTS.

Council Member Jensen moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the City-Wide Sewer Rate Adjustments; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Motion to open the Public Hearing was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Ardis opened the Public Hearing at 6:31 P.M.

Following a third call for comments from the public, Mayor Ardis determined no one wished to speak, and he requested the Public Hearing be closed.

Council Member Cyr moved to close the Public Hearing regarding the City-Wide Sewer Rate Adjustments; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Motion to close the Public Hearing was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Ardis closed the Public Hearing at 6:32 P.M.

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

(19-366) 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, 2019, and Ending March 31, 2020, for the GENERAL FUND and ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND of the Town of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, and State of Illinois, in the Amount of \$602,658.00.

Trustee Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance levying and assessing taxes for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2019, and ending March 31, 2020, for the General Fund and Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund of the Town of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, and State of Illinois, in the amount of \$602,658.00; seconded by Trustee Kelly.

ORDINANCE NO. TO-19-02 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Chairman Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

(19-367) 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, 2019, and Ending March 31, 2020, for the GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND of the Town of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, and State of Illinois, in the Amount of \$1,183,672.00.

Trustee Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance levying and assessing taxes for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2019, and ending March 31, 2020, for the General Assistance Fund of the Town of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, and State of Illinois, in the amount of \$1,183,672.00; seconded by Trustee Ruckriegel.

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ORDINANCE NO. TO-19-03 levying and assessing taxes for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2019, and ending March 31, 2020, for the General Assistance Fund of the Town of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, and State of Illinois, in the amount of \$1,183,672.00 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Chairman Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

(19-368) REQUEST from the Town Officials to APPROVE the NOVEMBER 2019 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES and to APPROVE the DECEMBER 2019 ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES for the Town of the City of Peoria.

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the November 2019 actual expenditures and to approve the December 2019 anticipated expenditures for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Kelly.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Chairman Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, with Recommendations as Outlined

(19-369) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ACCEPT DEDICATION DEEDS from MELISSA K. PHILLIPS, JAMES C. DILLON and ANGELA K. DILLON for Portions of NORTH KICKAPOO TERRACE. (Council District 1)

(19-370) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to APPROVE the Funding Recommendations from the Heart of Illinois Homeless Continuum of Care (HOIHCOC) for the 2019-2020 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG).

(19-371) * Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to APPROVE the Funding Recommendations from the Advisory Commission on Human Resources for the 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDING, in the Amount of \$260,000.00

(19-372) Communication from the City Manager and Fire Chief with a Request to APPROVE a Two-Year CONTRACT with TARGET SOLUTIONS LEARNING, LLC for Training Software that would Allow the Fire Department to Schedule, Track, and Monitor Mandated Training for all Fire Personnel, in the Amount of \$15,035.00 for 2020 and \$15,474.00 for 2021, for a total of \$30,509.00.

- (19-373)** ****** Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE Change Order No. 1 to the 2019 STORM SEWER REPAIR CONTRACT with J.C. DILLON, INC., and to AUTHORIZE the City Manager to Execute the Change Order to Add to the Budget, in the Amount of \$550,000.00. (Reference Item No. 19-059) (All Council Districts)
- (19-374)** Communication from the City Manager and Director of Human Resources with a Request to APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Execution of a Three-Year CONTRACT with HUMANA to Administer the EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP).
- (19-375)** Communication from the City Manager and Director of Human Resources with a Request to APPROVE and AUTHORIZE The City Manager to Enter into a One-Year CONTRACT with HCC LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY for STOP LOSS INSURANCE SERVICES for the City's Health Care Plan to be Effective January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020.
- (19-376)** Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request for the Following:
- A. APPROVE a CONTRACT with STANTEC CONSULTING, INC. for the Implementation of the US Environmental Protection Agency Brownfield Assessment Grant; and**
 - B. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,730 Amending the City of Peoria 2019 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Capital Fund to Recognize the Receipt of Grant Funding Provided By the US Environmental Protection Agency Brownfield Assessment Grant and Corresponding Expenditures, in the Amount of \$300,000.00.**
- (19-377)** Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following:
- A. Exercise a Lease Purchase Option with ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT and to APPROVE the PURCHASE of Four Vehicles Previously Leased from Enterprise Fleet Management, in the Amount of \$95,000.00.**
 - B. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,731 Amending the City of Peoria 2019 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Transfer of Funds from the General Fund to the Capital Fund to Purchase Four (4) Vehicles Previously Leased from Enterprise Fleet Management, in the Amount of \$95,000.00.**
- (19-378)** Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 19-378 Amending Resolution No. 88-240 Pertaining to INDEMNIFICATION.

- (19-379) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the Following for All Council Districts:**
- A. RESOLUTION NO. 19-379-A Amending Resolution No. 18-073-A Setting Fees for the Peoria Combined and Sanitary Sewer District Increasing the CITY'S SANITARY SEWER LATERAL FEE from 1.1123/CCF to 1.1902/CCF Effective May 1, 2020, and from 1.1902/CCF to 1.2735/CCF Effective May 1, 2021, for Property Owners who are Directly Served by City Sewers; and**
 - B. RESOLUTION NO. 19-379-B Amending Resolution No. 18-073-B Setting Fees for the Peoria Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation District Increasing the CITY SEWER REHABILITATION RATE from 1.1931/CCF to 1.2766/CCF Effective May 1, 2020, and from 1.2766/CCF to 1.3660/CCF Effective May 1, 2021, for All City Property Owners who are Directly Served by Greater Peoria Sanitary District (GPSD) or City Sewers.**
- (19-380) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE STATE MOTOR FUEL TAX RESOLUTION NO. 19-380, in the Amount of \$2,150,000.00, for Construction Services for the 2020 SHERIDAN ROAD PROJECT (Eleanor Place to Richmond Avenue). (Council District 2)**
- (19-381) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE STATE MOTOR FUEL TAX RESOLUTION NO. 19-381, in the Amount of \$557,500.00, for Construction and Construction Engineering Services for the ALLEN ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT (Walton Way to 800 feet south of Altorfer Drive). (Council District 5)**
- (19-382) 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. 17,732 Amending an Existing SPECIAL USE Ordinance No. 14,289, as Amended, in a Class R4 (Single Family Residential) District and a Class R2 (Single Family Residential) District to Add a Wall Sign and Light Standard Signs for the Property Located at 114 WEST FORREST HILL AVENUE (Parcel Identification No. 14-33-132-018), Peoria, Illinois. (Council District 2)**
- (19-383) 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. 17,733 Amending an Existing SPECIAL USE Ordinance No. 13,115, as Amended, in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District for Local Sign Regulations for the Properties Located at 4123 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD, 4125 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD, and 900 WEST LAKE AVENUE (Parcel Identification Nos. 14-29-227-013, 14-29-227-012, and 14-29-226-017), Peoria, Illinois. (Council District 3)**

(19-384)

Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District for ADULT USE CANNABIS DISPENSARY for the Property Located at 2301 WEST GLEN AVENUE (Parcel Identification No. 14-19-255-012), Peoria, Illinois (Council District 4).

(19-385)

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 APPROVE a ORDINANCE Amending the COMPREHENSIVE PLAN to Include the SOUTH VILLAGE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN Featuring the MACARTHUR CORRIDOR PLAN, MACARTHUR PLAN, SOUTHERN GATEWAY PLAN and WESTERN AVENUE PLAN.

(19-386)

Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District for Adult Use Cannabis Dispensary for the property located at 3125 NORTH UNIVERSITY STREET (Parcel Identification No. 14-29-376-021), Peoria, Illinois. (Council District 2).

(19-387)

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Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending an Existing SPECIAL USE Ordinance No. 15,862, as Amended, in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District for a SHOPPING CENTER to Increase the Size of the Freestanding and Menu Board Signs, for the Properties Located at 6820 NORTH PEAR TREE LANE, 6828 NORTH PEAR TREE LANE, 4115 WEST PARTRIDGE WAY, 4123 WEST PARTRIDGE WAY, and WEST PARTRIDGE WAY, (Parcel Identification nos. 13-12-352-003, 13-12-352-004, 13-12-352-007, 13-12-352-008, and 13-12-352-009), Peoria, Illinois. (Council District 4)

(19-388)
APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the DOWNTOWN ADVISORY COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:

Angie Walker (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2022

(19-389)
APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY with a Request to Concur:

Richard "Rick" Semonis (Non-Voting) - Term Expiration 7/1/2020

(19-390) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA AREA CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU BOARD OF DIRECTORS with a Request to Concur:

**Susan Grebner (Voting) - Term Expiration 12/31/2022
Stephen Morris (Voting) - Term Expiration 12/31/2022
Rex Linder (Voting) - Term Expiration 12/31/2022**

(19-391) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY with a Request to Concur:

Mike Eddlemon (Voting) - Term Expiration 7/1/2024

(19-392) Communication from the City Manager, Treasurer and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the Month Ended October 31, 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 Ruckriegel requested Item No. 19-373 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Moore requested Item Nos. 19-371 and 19-385 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Montelongo requested Item No. 19-384 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Cyr requested Item Nos. 19-386 and 19-387 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 19-369 through 19-392, (excluding Item Nos. 19-371, 19-373, 19-384 through 19-387, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

(19-371) * Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to APPROVE the Funding Recommendations from the Advisory Commission on Human Resources for the 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDING, in the Amount of \$260,000.00

Council Member Moore commented that this item came before the City Council on an annual basis for approval. She remarked on the efforts and expressed her appreciation for the Advisory Commission on Human Resources and the City's Senior Grants Coordinator Kathryn Murphy. She remarked on the need for more organizations to apply for employment training dollars, stating that the City received very few employment training requests.

At the conclusion of her comments, Council Member Moore moved to approve the funding recommendations from the Advisory Commission on Human Resources for the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Public Service Funding, in the amount of \$260,000.00; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Council Member Jensen expressed her appreciation for adding domestic violence services to the grant.

Discussions were held regarding the merger of Common Place with Neighborhood House and how the grant money would be handled and Community Development Director Ross Black said the grants provided to Common Place would be managed by Neighborhood House.

Motion to approve the funding recommendations from the Advisory Commission on Human Resources for the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Public Service Funding, in the amount of \$260,000.00, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(19-373) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a
** Request to APPROVE Change Order No. 1 to the 2019 STORM SEWER
REPAIR CONTRACT with J.C. DILLON, INC., and to AUTHORIZE the City
Manager to Execute the Change Order to Add to the Budget, in the Amount
of \$550,000.00. (Reference Item No. 19-059) (All Council Districts)**

After a brief comment regarding the title of the contract, Council Member Ruckriegel moved to defer this item to the January 14, 2020, Regular City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Motion to defer to January 14, 2020, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(19-384) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community
*** Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the
Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT an ORDINANCE
Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District for
ADULT USE CANNABIS DISPENSARY for the Property Located at 2301
WEST GLEN AVENUE (Parcel Identification No. 14-19-255-012), Peoria,
Illinois (Council District 4).**

A revised Council Communication, Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes from December 5, 2019, and two letters were distributed to all Council Members.

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Council Member Jensen said she would need to abstain from voting on this item due to a conflict of interest. She said her husband's client owned the business and had provided consulting.

Council Member Montelongo asked the City Council to deny the request for a Special Use stating that 2301 West Glen Avenue was not an appropriate location.

Council Member Montelongo moved to deny an Ordinance approving a Special Use in a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District for adult use cannabis dispensary for the property located at 2301 West Glen Avenue (Parcel Identification No. 14-19-255-012), Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Mayor Ardis reminded the City Council that the vote was not on whether to allow adult use cannabis sales in Peoria, but rather it was a vote to allow for a Special Use at the location identified. He said the Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a Public Hearing wherein a unanimous recommendation from the Commission was forwarded to the City Council to approve the Special Use. He said he spoke with the President of the Rolling Acres Neighborhood Association and one of the owners of the Lariat Club who both said they were in support of approving a Special Use. In light of those comments as stated, he said he encouraged the Council to vote against the motion to deny and to vote in favor of a motion to approve.

Council Member Montelongo said there had been numerous discussions about adult use cannabis in the City and how it would change Peoria. He said the Council previously adopted an Ordinance stating it would be allowable in the Warehouse District and Industrial Districts. He said it was also allowed under a Special Use. He said he received a number of comments from the Westwood Neighborhood Association, and he moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to those citizens who wished to address the Council on this matter.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to those citizens who wished to address the City Council regarding the proposed Special Use.

Angela Bertucci, President of the Westwood Neighborhood Association, expressed her concerns about allowing a Special Use at the location identified, noting the potential negative impact it could have on the neighborhood. She commented on the proximity of Concordia Grade School, Northwoods Mall and the neighborhoods. She asked the City Council to refrain from approving this location but to allow the location on University Street.

Pam Doloszck, a concerned citizen, stated that the traffic at the proposed location was already an issue, and she said opening an adult use cannabis facility would contribute to the traffic congestion. She commented on the potential for increased foot traffic that would gravitate to the nearby neighborhood with increased crime.

Mark Walton, a Peoria-based attorney for Trinity Compassionate Care, remarked on the facility's security requirements, noting the existing Trinity on University already had 30 cameras and would be adding 20 additional cameras. He said it was the intent of the business owner to install in excess of 40 cameras at the Glen Avenue location. He said concerns about crime or the issue of it being a gateway drug were addressed by the State Legislators, noting the strict regulations.

Motion to DENY an Ordinance approving a Special Use in a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District for adult use cannabis dispensary for the property located at 2301 West Glen Avenue (Parcel Identification No. 14-19-255-012), Peoria, Illinois, was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Kelly, Montelongo, Oylar - 3;

Nays: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Moore, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 7;

Abstentions: Jensen – 1.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to adopt an Ordinance approving a Special Use in a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District for adult use cannabis dispensary for the property located at 2301 West Glen Avenue (Parcel Identification No. 14-19-255-012), Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Riggenbach.

Council Member Montelongo encouraged the Council to visit the location prior to casting a vote on this item, noting the closest resident was within 75 feet. He stated it was the intent of the Council to keep such facilities away from neighborhoods.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,734 approving a Special Use in a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District for adult use cannabis dispensary for the property located at 2301 West Glen Avenue (Parcel Identification No. 14-19-255-012), Peoria, Illinois, was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Moore, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 7;

Nays: Kelly, Montelongo, Oylar - 3;

Abstentions: Jensen – 1.

(19-385)

Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the COMPREHENSIVE PLAN to Include the SOUTH VILLAGE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN Featuring the MACARTHUR CORRIDOR PLAN, MACARTHUR PLAN, SOUTHERN GATEWAY PLAN and WESTERN AVENUE PLAN.

A revised Council Communication changing the proposed Ordinance to a proposed Resolution, accompanied with a Resolution, and Planning and Zoning Commission minutes from December 15, 2019, were distributed to all Council Members.

Council Member Moore provided an overview of the proposed Resolution commenting on the efforts of City Planner Kimberly Smith, IDG+ Architects and the PCCEO along with a number of other stakeholders involved in developing a plan for the MacArthur Corridor, Southern Gateway and Western Avenue. She reviewed the South Village Revitalization Plan highlighting the proposed Community Air Market and the Workforce Training Center. She said the purpose of the Plan was to show the City was behind the development of the Southside and the MacArthur Highway Corridor. She said the Plan set forth an implementation schedule that would incentivize private investors and would provide more leverage in obtaining grants from the Federal and State levels. She said the Comprehensive Plan was available on the City's website, and she expressed her appreciation to City Planner Smith for her efforts on amending the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Council Member Moore moved to approve a Resolution amending the Comprehensive Plan to include the South Village Implementation Plan featuring the MacArthur Corridor Plan, MacArthur

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Plan, Southern Gateway Plan and Western Avenue Plan; seconded by Council Member Ali. Council Member Ali said she enthusiastically supported the proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. She remarked on the public meetings held and the tremendous interest generated from the community. She said this item provided a lot of hope to community leaders, and she commended City Staff and the citizens who played a part in developing the proposed plan. She said it provided potential to attract private investment and put the City in an area of growth for the Southside. She said this was an opportunity to grow population, businesses, organizations and increase hope. She said she was honored to second the motion to approve the Resolution and to support the revisions to the City's Comprehensive Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-385 amending the Comprehensive Plan to include the South Village Implementation Plan featuring the MacArthur Corridor Plan, MacArthur Plan, Southern Gateway Plan and Western Avenue Plan was approved by roll call vote.
Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 11;
Nays: None.

**(19-386) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community
***** Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the
Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT an ORDINANCE
Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District
for Adult Use Cannabis Dispensary for the property located at 3125 NORTH
UNIVERSITY STREET (Parcel Identification No. 14-29-376-021), Peoria,
Illinois. (Council District 2).**

A copy of the Planning & Zoning Commission notes and minutes from the December 5, 2019, Planning & Zoning meeting was distributed to all Council Members.

Council Member Cyr moved to adopt an Ordinance approving a Special Use in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District for adult use cannabis dispensary for the property located at 3125 North University Street (parcel identification no. 14-29-376-021), Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,735 was adopted by roll call vote.
Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 11;
Nays: None.

It was later determined that Council Member Jensen had a conflict of interest on this item, and she moved to reconsider Item No. 19-386 that was previously approved; seconded by Council Member Ali.

Motion to reconsider was approved by roll call vote.
Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 11;
Nays: None.

Council Member Jensen said she would need to abstain from voting on this item due to a conflict of interest. She said her husband's client owned the business and had provided consulting.

Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance approving a Special Use in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District for Adult Use Cannabis Dispensary for the property located at 3125 North University Street (Parcel Identification No. 14-29-376-021), Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Riggenschach.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,736 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenschach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None;

Abstentions: Jensen – 1.

- (19-387)** **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending an Existing SPECIAL USE Ordinance No. 15,862, as Amended, in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District for a SHOPPING CENTER to Increase the Size of the Freestanding and Menu Board Signs, for the Properties Located at 6820 NORTH PEAR TREE LANE, 6828 NORTH PEAR TREE LANE, 4115 WEST PARTRIDGE WAY, 4123 WEST PARTRIDGE WAY, and WEST PARTRIDGE WAY, (Parcel Identification Nos. 13-12-352-003, 13-12-352-004, 13-12-352-007, 13-12-352-008, and 13-12-352-009), Peoria, Illinois. (Council District 4)**
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A revised Council Communication was distributed to all Council Members.

Council Member Cyr moved to adopt an Ordinance amending an existing Special Use Ordinance No. 15,862, as amended, in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District for a shopping center to increase the size of the freestanding and menu board signs, for the properties located at 6820 North Pear Tree Lane, 6828 North Pear Tree Lane, 4115 West Partridge Way, 4123 West Partridge Way, and West Partridge Way, (Parcel Identification Nos. 13-12-352-003, 13-12-352-004, 13-12-352-007, 13-12-352-008, and 13-12-352-009), Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,737 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PRESENTATION

- (19-393)** **Communication from the Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, Human Resource Director and City Manager with a PRESENTATION on the CITY'S WORKFORCE COMPOSITION AND DIVERSITY GOALS.**

City Manager Urich provided a presentation on the City's Workforce Composition and Diversity Goals. He reviewed the City's population statistics as of 2010, and the male and female minority data from the 2009 EEO Report. He reviewed the City's reduction in staff since 2009 noting a reduction from 812 in 2009 to 631 in 2019, for a total of 22%. He reviewed the male and female minority data from the 2019 EEO Report and reported on the total number of white employees compared to minority employees from 2009 through 2019. He reviewed the workforce and the job categories and compared the diversity from 2009 to 2019. He reviewed the City's long-standing hiring strategies and its plans for 2020.

Council Member Jensen expressed a concern about the recruitment efforts and the decline of female recruits. She said part of the plan needed to obtain more women and minorities in leadership positions. She said she applauded the efforts of staff and Council who had diversity as a priority. She remarked on the need for more regular reports and discussions and on the importance of having a diverse workforce.

Council Member Ali said the Affirmative Action Plan should not only focus on women and minorities, but should include veterans and individuals with disabilities as well. She said the City needed to continue to track these numbers and the number of applications received and the number of jobs offered.

Council Member Ali moved to receive and file a presentation on the City's Workforce Composition and Diversity Goals; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

FIRST READINGS

(19-394) Communication from the City Manager and the Chief of Police with a Request for a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending Article V, Section 30 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Relating to TOWING OF PRIVATE VEHICLES - DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS OF TOW OPERATORS ON LIST.

Police Chief Loren Marion provided an overview of the proposed revisions to the City's current Tow Ordinance, noting the last revision was made in 2011. He said Detective Brian Terry obtained a list of comparables and he said the proposed Ordinance was consistent with Illinois law. He said the proposed annual fee for tow companies would compensate the City for inspections.

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

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

Don Stanton, owner and operator of a towing company in the City for the last 31 years, spoke on the proposed amendments to the Ordinance. He said the City granted two raises to the tow companies during his tenure. He said he had reached out to the Police Department and to various Council Members to provide his input on the proposed fees. He expressed concern about the \$250.00 fee imposed on towing companies, stating that those fees would make the raises moot. He said there were no other municipalities within 150 miles that implemented such fees, stating that Peoria would be setting a precedence with surrounding communities. He remarked on the verbiage used in the proposed Ordinance noting the issues as proposed. He said Peoria had the lowest towing fees compared to other communities. He remarked on the issues of owning a towing company and the number of cars that were not claimed by their owners. He said he continued to pay his employees regardless of whether the towed vehicles were claimed. He said all the abandoned vehicles, boats and campers were costly for him to dispose.

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Bruce Pedigo, owner and operator of a towing company in the City, said he belonged to various State and national towing organizations. He said the initial efforts in providing increases to the towing companies were positive, noting that the City had been lagging behind other communities on the rates. He reviewed the proposed Ordinance noting there were several clerical issues that needed to be addressed. He commented that the language in the State Statute should be adopted in the Ordinance. He said he had reached out to the City Manager's Office to offer his input on the process; however, he said the City Manager's Office had declined. He asked to be involved in the drafting of the Ordinance prior to its adoption by the City Council.

Mayor Ardis recommended contacting the various tow companies to obtain input prior to the Ordinance coming back to the City Council for a second reading.

Discussions were held regarding the proposed fee, and Corporation Counsel Don Leist said the fee would cover the cost of City inspections, which would compensate for the City's time and expense.

Council Member Ali moved to receive and file the First Reading review of an Ordinance amending Article V, Section 30 of the Code of the City of Peoria relating to towing of private vehicles – duties and requirements of tow operators on list; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 19-394 will be placed on the January 14, 2020, Regular City Council Meeting agenda.

(19-395) 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 RECEIVE and FILE a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to COMMERCIAL LIGHT INDUSTRIAL USES as SPECIAL USES in the Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District.

Community Development Director Ross Black provided an overview of the proposed Ordinance, stating it was designed to expand the potential uses that could occur within the large scale C-2 Districts such as shopping centers and big box stores. He said currently those uses were for commercial only. He said when those buildings became vacant, it became difficult to fill them. He said retail users were not moving into large spaces. He said the proposed amendment would allow some light industrial uses in the C-2 Districts as a Special Use. He said the City Council would still have the final words on the use. He said this change would expand the potential uses so the owners of the buildings would have options beyond retail and office uses.

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At the conclusion of the comments, Council Member Riggerbach moved to receive and file a First Reading of an Ordinance amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, relating to commercial light industrial uses as Special Uses in the Class C-2 (large scale commercial) District; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 19-394 will be placed on the January 14, 2020, Regular City Council Meeting agenda.

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

(19-364) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a REPORT BACK by Peoria Public Works Department on the JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019 (First Year) ANNUAL REPORT of the SOLID WASTE CONTRACT.

Public Works Director Rick Powers reviewed the Report Back and addressed the City Council's question. He said the Report Back spoke to the deliverables of the contract.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to receive and file a Report Back by Peoria Public Works Department on the July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 (First Year) Annual Report of the Solid Waste Contract; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Snow and Ice Plan Update

Council Member Grayeb inquired whether there was additional information relating to the City's Snow and Ice Plan. Public Works Director Rick Powers said there had been an added route on the north side of the City, which was previously discussed in a presentation provided by Assistant Public Works Director Sie Maroon. He said the City also added another piece of equipment that would allow for brining the streets more often, which would be more cost effective. He said it was their intent to brine in neighborhoods pre-storm where rain was not anticipated. He said the brine would melt the snow reducing the number of times the Public Works Department would have to clear snow in neighborhoods.

NEW BUSINESS

Report Back Regarding Communication Efforts Using the Public Access Channel

Communications Specialist Stacy Peterson provided an overview on efforts to utilize the City's Public Access Channel. She said the City recently purchased a software program called Tighrope, a digital signage program seen in hotel rooms, that provided the opportunity to list meetings, stream urgent information, and post meeting notices. She said there had been some technical difficulties initially, but she said they were able to work past those and were now

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learning how to use the software. She said the City was still on track to launch the program on January 1, 2020. She said she would be meeting with the Program Director from Champaign, Illinois, noting Champaign had a robust Public Access Channel, if not many, and was using the same software. She recommended training Staff in the Information Systems Department as backup in order to have all bases covered.

Council Member Moore expressed her appreciation, remarking on the importance of utilizing the PAC to reach out to the community. She remarked on the City's efforts utilizing social media; however, she said there were many citizens who did not use social media or a computer.

Recognition of Commonplace and Neighborhood House

Council Member Moore expressed her appreciation to Pamela Rumba, Executive Director of Common Place, the staff and Board of Directors for the impact they made on the community. She said Neighborhood House would pick up the programming from Commonplace once they had closed. She said all the services would continue to be offered, but would be offered at Neighborhood House. She said it was her hope that those individuals who donated their time at Commonplace would continue to donate their time at Neighborhood House.

City-Owned Properties on MacArthur and Western

Council Member Moore commented on a number of positive developments that had occurred on the North Side, North Valley, South Side and South End during 2019. She highlighted notable developments such as Greeley School, Ronald McDonald House, Women's Club and the Armory, most of which would not have happened had it not been for private and City support. She said she asked Assistant City Manager Deborah Roethler to review vacant City properties on Western and MacArthur and to issue Requests for Inquiries to see who would be interested in those parcels to develop according to the near revised Comprehensive Plan. She asked that once that information was available it be posted to the City's website.

22VA Exhibit – December 7, 2019 – January 30, 2020

Mayor Ardis invited everyone to attend the 22VA Exhibit on display at the Peoria Public Library – Lower Level 1 from Saturday, December 7, 2019, through Thursday, January 30, 2019 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. He said the art displayed was from veterans who used art to express emotions and feelings that were brought back after serving the Country. He said there was additional information on the City's website at <http://www.peoriagov.org/22va-veteran-art-exhibit-opens-at-the-peoria-public-library-main-library/>.

Recognition of H. Wayne Wilson

Mayor Ardis announced that tonight was the last meeting H. Wayne Wilson from WCBU would be covering the City Council meeting, noting his 50-years of being in the business. He said H. Wayne Wilson was a respected member of the media and would be greatly missed and he congratulated him on his next endeavor.

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.

Lavetta Ricca, a citizen of Peoria, expressed her appreciation to City Staff who built her a wheelchair ramp. She said due to her income status she had qualified to receive assistance from the City to build the ramp and she remarked on the efforts of Staff and the quality of the ramp. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mayor Ardis expressed his appreciation to Ms. Ricca and her lifelong devotion to the community.

Noemi Medina, a citizen of Peoria and member of the Light of the World Church, said it was the Church's mission to reflect its name in the community and to make an impact. She said in the future they would like to establish hope fairs and APS (Association of Professional Studies) programs that would be free to the public. She said APS was a national not-for-profit organization that promoted higher education to disadvantaged students. She invited the Council to a concert on December 14, 2019, at 200 NW Water Street, Peoria, stating it would be a celebration of the Church's apostolic leader with the purpose of familiarizing the community the Light of the World Church.

Michael Chavez, a citizen of Peoria and member of the Light of the World Church, reviewed the mission of the Church stating it was a nationwide goal. He said their message was of spiritual salvation without discrimination. He reviewed their mission and said it was their goal to bring that mission to the City of Peoria.

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; 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; 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 Ruckriegel 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; 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; 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 Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

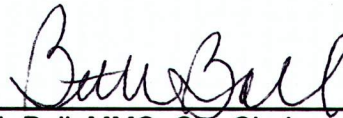
ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

The Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Beth Ball", written over a horizontal line.

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

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