

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Joint Regular Meeting of the City Council and Town Board of Peoria, Illinois, was held May 23, 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 at 6:05 P.M.), Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo (Electronic Attendance), Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 10. Absent: Turner - 1.

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

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

Hearing no objection on the request for an electronic attendance, Council Member Montelongo 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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CANCELLATION

Mayor Ardis announced that the Public Hearing scheduled for this date regarding the annexation of 5363 and 5401 North Big Hollow Road had been cancelled noting that the Petitioner had withdrawn his Petition.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

**Enjoy Peoria City Cycle
Dunlap High School
National Community Action Month - May 2017
St. Mark's 120th Anniversary
Building Safety Month - May 2017
Peoria Academy Scholastic Bowl Team**

MINUTES

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on May 9, 2017, as printed; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

(17-143) Communication from the Town Board with a Request to APPROVE the MONTHLY ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES for JUNE 2017 for the Town of the City of Peoria.

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

Trustee Jensen questioned the General Fund expenditures noting a discrepancy between the budgeted amount and the anticipated amount.

Township Supervisor Frank Abdour said the anticipated amount erred on the side of caution. He reported that there had been a small reduction in the request for utility assistance. He said his office would continue to review that portion of the budget, and should it continue, he anticipated meeting with Illinois American Water to discuss a Water Relief Program. Regarding additional questions, Supervisor Abdour requested time for due diligence stating he would provide a Report Back to the Board.

Chairman Ardis recommended deferring this matter to the next Town Board meeting.

Trustee Jensen moved for a Substitute Motion to defer this item to the June 13, 2017, Town Board meeting; seconded by Trustee Grayeb.

Substitute Motion to defer this item to the June 13, 2017, Town Board meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(17-144) TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA FINANCIAL REPORT for PERIOD ENDING 3/31/2017, with Request to Receive and File.

Trustee Grayeb moved to receive and file the Town of the City of Peoria Financial Report for period ending 3/31/2017; seconded by Trustee Oyler.

Discussions were held regarding the extra fund balance. Township Supervisor Abdour said he was meeting with Illinois American Water to discuss a Water Relief Program.

Trustee Grayeb said the Town Board approved an increase in the Township levy due to the uncertainty of the underprivileged. He said the Township met and discussed the needs and accordingly brought a proposal that the levy be increased slightly in order to meet the needs of

the community. He said the Town Board also approved a change in Town Counsel, noting that the new counsel was conducting a full review of the Town government and its processes. He said the Town Counsel recommended the Board place anticipated expenditures on the agenda on a monthly basis for approval. He said anyone with questions about Township operations should contact himself or the Chairman in advance in order to prepare precise answers for the meeting.

Motion to receive and file the Town of the City of Peoria Financial Report for period ending 3/31/2017 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

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

- (17-145)** **Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE the Allocation of \$280,000.00 to PEORIA CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (PCCEO) to Build Two New Construction Homes on BEHREND AVENUE as a Part of the Illinois Attorney General’s National Foreclosure Settlement Funds. (Council District 3)**
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- (17-146)** **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to Accept the LOW BID of HOROWITZ CONCRETE COMPANY in the Amount of \$180,237.40 and AWARD a CONTRACT for the SIDEWALKS IN NEED OF REPAIR 2017 & HARRISON IMPACT ZONE SIDEWALKS 2017 (COMBINED PROJECTS), with an Additional Authorization of \$79,762.60, for a Total Contract Award of \$260,000.00. (Council District 1)**
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- (17-147)** **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the Following Items Related to the PIONEER PARKWAY EXTENSION PROJECT (Radnor Road to Allen Road) (Council District 5):**

- A. An AMENDMENT TO EXTEND Funding Obligation AL13412 Associated with a LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for Land Acquisition Efforts for the Project (Ref #12-280, #14-09, and #15-246); and**
- B. An AMENDMENT TO EXTEND Funding Obligation AL13363 Associated with a LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT with IDOT for Preliminary Engineering for the Project (Ref #12-355 and #14-046).**
- (17-148)** **Communication from the City Manager and the Human Resource Director with a Request to APPROVE the Renewal of Existing Liability Coverages with ARGONAUT (Alteris) through ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES at a One-Year Cost of \$174,869.00 and to Add Additional Crime Coverage at a Cost of \$2,597.00.**

- (17-149) Communication from the City Manager and the Fire Chief with a Request to APPROVE a SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT with the CENTER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EXCELLENCE (CPSE) for a Community Risk Assessment, a Community Driven Strategic Plan, and a Self-Management Manual as a part of the Accreditation Process, in the Amount of \$68,800.00.
- (17-150) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 17-150 of the City of Peoria Concerning Support of the FY2016 Economic Development Assistance Programs City of Peoria Grant Application for the RECONSTRUCTION OF NORTH UNIVERSITY STREET Between Pioneer Parkway and Townline Road. (Council District 5)
- (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.
- (17-151) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS with a Request to Concur:

Dorian Lasaine (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2017
- (17-152) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:

Christopher Triebold (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2019
- (17-153) REPORT from the CITY TREASURER PATRICK A. NICHTING for the MONTH of APRIL 2017, with Request to Receive and File.
- (17-154) APPROVE the COMMITTEE REPORT (POLICY SESSION) Regarding the SOLID WASTE CONTRACT.
- (17-155) APPROVE the COMMITTEE REPORT (POLICY SESSION) Regarding the WATER BUYOUT.

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. 17-146 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Akeson requested Item Nos. 17-145, 17-147 and 17-117 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 17-117, 17-145 through 17-155 (excluding Item Nos. 17-117, 17-145 through 17-147) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

(17-145) * Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE the Allocation of \$280,000.00 to PEORIA CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (PCCEO) to Build Two New Construction Homes on BEHREND'S AVENUE as a Part of the Illinois Attorney General's National Foreclosure Settlement Funds. (Council District 3)

Council Member Akeson requested the proposed building specifications for the homes to be built on Behrends Avenue so Council could see what they were getting for their investment. She also remarked that she did not want to see citizens take on mortgages for homes that could become overpriced.

Community Development Director Ross Black said he would provide the City Council backup documentation on the new constructions. He said the City Council approved this project in early 2016 as part of the Attorney General's Project. He said there was not a developer for this project until recently. He said the two homes to be built would be similar to the two previously constructed. He reviewed the price of the homes noting the two homes previously built sold for between \$80,000.00 and \$90,000.00. He said these homes were being appraised at a price where buyers would be able to afford and obtain a mortgage. He said it was not the program's goal to become unaffordable for buyers. He said this would be a solid investment for a buyer. He said the City has never been involved in a program where affordable housing became unaffordable.

Council Member Riggerbach expressed his gratitude for the new construction in this area of the City. He said it was a phenomenal program and that the new homes built were in line with the architecture on that part of Behrends Avenue. He said the first two homes that were built sold within 30 days of completion. He remarked on the importance of buyers being aware of the consequences of buying these homes; and he stated that the Attorney General's Project required buyers to receive credit counseling. He said there were safeguards put in place to prevent these homes becoming foreclosed. He expressed his appreciation for the support of the City Council when this item was approved in 2016.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to approve the allocation of \$280,000.00 to Peoria Citizens Committee for Economic Opportunity (PCCEO) to build two new construction homes on Behrends Avenue as a part of the Illinois Attorney General's National Foreclosure Settlement; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(17-146) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to Accept the LOW BID of HOROWITZ CONCRETE COMPANY in the Amount of \$180,237.40 and AWARD a CONTRACT for the SIDEWALKS IN NEED OF REPAIR 2017 & HARRISON IMPACT ZONE SIDEWALKS 2017 (COMBINED PROJECTS), with an Additional Authorization of \$79,762.60, for a Total Contract Award of \$260,000.00. (Council District 1)**
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Council Member Moore said she intended on approving this item but had a question regarding the hiring of employees, specifically minorities, and whether they would be from the 61605 zip code.

City Engineer Bill Lewis said that information was not yet available. He said that information would be verified with the contract. As a part of the contract, he said requirements would have to be met.

Council Member Moore expressed a concern that this project would occur in the 61605 zip code, which was primarily African American and had an unemployment rate higher than 20%, and employees would be brought in from other communities or outside the zip code from where the work was being done. She said, going forward, these would be her questions regarding contracts and projects that occurred within her Council District. She said the City needed to be intentional on providing opportunities for various minority groups, especially within the zip code the project was occurring.

Regarding the contract, City Manager Urich said 25% of the workforce would come from a minority group and that the contractor would be held to that requirement. He said the contractor was required to submit certified payrolls to the City wherein the City would publish those to its website.

Council Member Moore said she appreciated the efforts and the information, and she inquired whether the individual would come from the 61605 zip code.

Discussions were held on how to verify whether that 25% requirement would come from the 61605 zip code. It was mentioned that, according to the City's Ordinance, all requirements would have to be met. It was noted that it was not the requirement of the City nor was it stated in the City's Ordinances that an employee had to reside in the area code from where the work was being done.

City Manager Urich said if the Council wanted to raise the standard for requirements for hiring within in contract, then that would be a policy question the City Council would need to review.

Council Member Moore said the Council and the City should insist that the employees hired per Council-approved contracts come from the community. She requested additional information about the individuals hired and she said a Policy Session should be held regarding the hiring requirements held for contractors when entering into a contract with the City in order to ensure the work was being done by the citizens of Peoria.

Council Member Moore moved to accept the Low Bid of Horowitz Concrete Company, in the amount of \$180,327.40 and award a contract for the Sidewalks in Need of Repair 2017 and the Harrison Impact Zone Sidewalks 2017 (combined projects), with an additional authorization of \$79,762.60, for a total contract award of \$260,000.00; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(17-147) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a**
******* **Request to APPROVE the Following Items Related to the PIONEER**
PARKWAY EXTENSION PROJECT (Radnor Road to Allen Road) (Council
District 5):

- A. An AMENDMENT TO EXTEND Funding Obligation AL13412 Associated with a LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for Land Acquisition Efforts for the Project (Ref #12-280, #14-09, and #15-246); and**
- B. An AMENDMENT TO EXTEND Funding Obligation AL13363 Associated with a LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT with IDOT for Preliminary Engineering for the Project (Ref #12-355 and #14-046).**

Council Member Akeson said this item should be pulled from consideration because it was a legacy project that dated back to 2001. She said the City Council needed to table this item due to various other infrastructure needs of the City that needed to be funded first. She said this agreement dated back to 2001 wherein a decision was made to commit future Councils to extend a road where the cost would exceed \$75 million. She said there were no businesses on that end of Pioneer Parkway, and she said the idea of extending a road that was not going to serve any businesses did not seem cost effective and could not be justified. She recommended tabling this item and redirecting the Federal money to serve the community for citizens who needed sidewalks.

City Engineer Bill Lewis said this project was getting the City prepared for future development. He said there was a lot of land in that part of the City that was ready to be developed.

Council Member Akeson expressed a concern for the project due to there being other needs in the City, specifically road maintenance of existing roads. She said the City Council should put a hold on this project at this time.

Mayor Ardis said this project needed to continue, which was understood by previous Councils. He said redirecting Federal money was difficult, noting that the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) could not be used for sidewalks. He said continuing this project was a smart investment in the City's future and he said he hoped the Council would see fit to approve this item.

City Manager Urich said the reason for the extension was to continue the work the City was contracted to do with these particular grant funds. He said, within Growth Cell 2, the City had already paid for the sewer capacity for that area in anticipation that this road was going to be built and with industrial development.

Discussions were held about the financing of the project and how much money came from the Federal Government and how much the City would have to contribute. It was noted that the project funds was an 80/20 ratio with 80% Federal funding and 20% City funding.

In response to Council Member Oyler regarding when the City would have to pay its portion on the project, City Manager Ulrich said the City was using MFT funds distributed at the local level in order to pay its portion of the project, which the City had reserved in the Capital budget.

Council Member Grayeb said growing the City outward had not diminished District 2 or other Council Districts, but he said it had expanded the tax base. He remarked on the importance of not allowing the City to lose focus on the need to grow and serve businesses. He said economic downturn should not drive the City's long-term policy. He said these Federal funds may not be available in the future. He said if the Federal government cuts trillions of dollars over the next 10 years, it would greatly impact the City. He said what benefited the north side of the City would not diminish the south side of the City. He stated that the City should not release these Federal funds. He said he would support this item, which was the continuation of the Growth Cell 2 development.

Council Member Moore inquired why this item was just now coming before the City Council with a deadline of May 2017, and she expressed a concern for the timeliness. She inquired as to the actual amount of funding that would come from the City and how much this extension would commit the City.

City Manager Ulrich said Illinois Department of Transportation was asking the City to execute these contract extensions. He said the funds set aside in the project that remained from the State MFT was 20% of \$820,000.00, which would equal approximately \$173,000.00. He said about \$26,000.00 would apply towards the design and \$147,000.00 would go towards the right-of-way acquisition.

Council Member Cyr moved to approve the amendment to extend funding obligation AL13412 associated with a Local Agency Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for land acquisition efforts for the project; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Discussions were held whether the money used for this project could be applied toward other streets that needed improvement. It was determined that those funds could not apply toward others roads. It was also mentioned that certain roads fell under an Intergovernmental Agreement with Peoria County, which stated that if those roads were to be repaired, the County would have to repair according to the City's standards; however, the County most likely did not have those funds at this time.

Council Member Akeson requested a community discussion regarding this project. She remarked on the importance of engaging the public and including their opinion. She voiced a concern about the project noting other needs the City needed to address.

Council Member Montelongo said he would support this item and he said it was his hope that the Council could have further discussions about this in the next couple of weeks included in the strategic planning.

Council Member Jensen requested that should this matter come before Council again, the City seek public input city-wide, especially given the change in the City's budget and the road conditions.

Council Member Grayeb said the City previously hired other facilitators to help the Council with strategic planning and he asked City Clerk Beth Ball to review the minutes dating back to the late 1990's as to the rationale of this project, the division and the strategy. He said this project had been ongoing for a number of years and that the City had engaged the public from the onset. He said this Growth Cell strategy was implemented to grow the City, noting it was a good strategy when implemented and that it continued to be a strategy. He said it would not diminish the south part of the City and that it would help the heart of the City. He remarked on the importance of working together and moving forward with confidence.

Council Member Montelongo said this needed to be discussed in the next strategic planning session to include the facts reviewed, where the City currently stood, and what progress the City had made along with identifying areas of improvement.

Motion to approve the amendment to extend funding obligation AL13412 associated with a Local Agency Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for land acquisition efforts for the project was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: Akesson - 1.

Council Member Cyr moved to approve the amendment to extend funding obligation AL13363 associated with a Local Agency Agreement with IDOT for preliminary engineering for the project; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: Akesson - 1.

(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.

Council Member Akesson moved to defer this item to the June 27, 2017, Regular City Council Meeting in order to discuss it further during the strategic planning; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach,
Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

FIRST READING

(17-156) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request for a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 5 of the CODE of the City of Peoria, Requiring a 30-DAY DEMOLITION REVIEW PERIOD FOR ALL DEMOLITION PERMITS.

Council Member Riggerbach expressed his appreciation to Community Development Director Ross Black and City Manager Patrick Urich for bringing this item to the City Council for review,

which had been discussed for a number of years. He said he approved a 30-day window prior to demolition along with Council Member Jensen, Council Member Ruckriegel and Council Member Oyler. He said Council appreciated this item and he said he would enthusiastically support it.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to receive and file the First Reading review of an Ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the Code of the City of Peoria requiring a 30-day demolition review period for all demolition permits; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

At the request of Council Member Ruckriegel, Director Black provided an overview of the 30-day process noting it would ultimately take longer than 30 days. He said Staff reviewed processes used by other communities and he said this proposed process would streamline demolitions. He said the 30-day waiting period would begin from the moment the application was filed with the City. He said once a permit was issued there would be no other requirements. However, he said the applicant could change their mind and not demolish the building, but the permit would remain valid for 12 months.

Council Member Jensen thanked Director Black and City Manager Ulrich for bringing this item to the City Council. She said it was an important step to saving historical homes whenever possible.

Motion to receive and file the First Reading review of an Ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the Code of the City of Peoria requiring a 30-day demolition review period for all demolition permits was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 17-156 would be placed on the June 13, 2017, Regular City Council Meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(17-157) Communication from the City Manager and the Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT Between the City of Peoria and the COUNTY OF PEORIA to Delegate the Siting Process of a POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY within the Corporate Limits of the City of Peoria to Peoria County.

A revised agreement was distributed to all Council Members by the Corporation Counsel.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to defer this item to the June 13, 2017, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Motion to defer to the June 27, 2017, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

(17-158) 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 WH (Warehouse Form) District for Waivers to Allow Signage, for the Property Located at 812 SW WASHINGTON (Parcel Identification No. 18-09-376-008); or

Recommendation from Staff to:

B. DENY an ORDINANCE Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class WH (Warehouse Form) District for Waivers to Allow Signage, for the Property Located at 812 SW WASHINGTON (Parcel Identification No. 18-09-376-008).

Council Member Moore said this item regarded the Builder's Warehouse. She said this business remained committed to the Warehouse District through the good and difficult times. She said they stayed at that location and made it a thriving business. She said they provided an ongoing tax base and were very active with non-profit organizations within the community. She said the fact that the business generated taxes, provided employment, remained in their location with all the changes that had occurred in the Warehouse District, and remained a faithful Peoria business owner, they earned an exception for a change in their signage.

At the conclusion of her comments, Council Member Moore moved to concur with the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to adopt an Ordinance approving a Special Use in a Class WH (Warehouse Form) District for waivers to allow signage, for the property located at 812 SW Washington per the Commission (Parcel ID No. 18-09-376-008); seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Mayor Ardis expressed his appreciation to Builder's Warehouse and their commitment and investment in the Warehouse District. He also thanked Council Member Moore for collaborating with all those involved to bring this to Council. He said it would not be a detriment to the Warehouse District to approve this item. He said it was his hope that Builder's Warehouse would continue to stay in the community stating that the City appreciated their investment.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,464 approving a Special Use in a Class WH (Warehouse Form) District for waivers to allow signage, for the property located at 812 SW Washington (Parcel ID No. 18-09-376-008) was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, 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)

It was determined that there was no unfinished business to come before the City Council at this time.

NEW BUSINESS**Memorial Day Events**

Mayor Ardis announced the Peoria Memorial Association would hold a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Peoria Riverfront – Gateway Building on Monday, May 29, 2017, beginning at 10:30 A.M. He said this was an opportunity to pay respects to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in our community. He encouraged everyone to attend and said that additional information regarding Memorial Day festivities could be found on the City's website at <http://www.peoriagov.org/memorial-day-activities-2017/>.

Appreciation to Former Planning and Zoning Commissioner Mr. Winsley Durand, Jr.

Council Member Moore expressed her appreciation to Mr. Winsley Durand, Jr. who served on the Planning and Zoning Commission. She said it was the service like Mr. Durand's that was vital to the City Council in achieving their goals. She asked citizens to consider serving on a commission to serve and support their community.

Closing of Save-A-Lot

Council Member Moore announced that Save-A-Lot was closing on the South Side with only having been open for less than a year. She said there was a concern for the reason why Save-A-Lot closed. She said the City was scheduled to speak with them more in-depth at a later date if there was more information. She inquired whether there was a requirement for tenants of the building. She said the building owner contacted her to discuss the possibility of another grocery store going into the space. She said she was optimistic that another store would fill the void. She commented that Save-A-Lot had done a number of upgrades to the building without the use of City funds.

City Ordinance Against Racial Discrimination

Council Member Grayeb said there were allegations of racial discrimination from liquor stores within the Peoria area. He requested a Report Back from Corporation Counsel for the provision of the Code that was applicable to discriminatory conduct and the appropriate actions that could be taken against businesses should the allegations be true. He asked for the proper procedures a citizen could utilize and could do immediately.

City Engineer Bill Lewis

Mayor Ardis introduced City Engineer Bill Lewis saying he joined the City in January of 2017, but this was his first time addressing the City Council.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to those citizens wishing to address the City Council/Town Board.

Ms. Kelley Mannen, a concerned citizen, Kelly Mannen said she supported Council Member Akeson regarding Growth Cell 2 and the roads. She said the City needed to focus on the older parts of the City before trying to grow. She remarked on the conditions of the roads and vacant houses and businesses. She said the needs of the City needed to be addressed first.

Mr. Donald Tutt, an interested citizen, mentioned Growth Cell 2 and how Council Member Oyler's and Council Member Akeson's comments were not taken into consideration. He said what was done in 2001 does not necessarily apply to 2017. He said Federal funding did not always help the City. He said Peoria had a lot of potential noting that the medical industry was the biggest employer in the area. He said the needs of the City were changing greatly and that the City needed to keep its vision going forward.

Mr. Savino Sierra, a citizen of Peoria, said some of the City moved forward and forgot about the First District. He expressed a concern for the First District in comparison to what it was in the past. He commented on the proposed Ordinance regarding demolition noting it was good to have a 30-day waiting period. He remarked on the proposed buyout of the water company saying the City Council should not pursue the venture noting the expenses involved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; and 2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 P.M.



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