

**: 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 October 23, 2018, 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: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen (Electronic Attendance), Montelongo (Left the meeting at 7:30 P.M.), Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11. Absent: None.

**Electronic Attendance**

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

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

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Jim Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or silent reflection. He asked everyone to keep the family of Ms. Carol Holford, a well-known neighborhood activist in the City of Peoria, in prayer in light of her recent passing. He then led the pledge of allegiance

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.****Malini's Arthur Ashe Award****MINUTES**

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on October 9, 2018, and the Special City Council Meeting held on October 16, 2018, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

**(18-303)      TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA FINANCIAL REPORT for PERIOD ENDING 12/31/2017, 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 9/30/2018; seconded by Trustee Turner.

Trustee Cyr congratulated Township Supervisor Abdnour on being fiscally responsible and he commended him on his work since being in office.

Motion to receive and file the Town of the City of Peoria Financial Report for period ending 9/30/2018 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggensch, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

**(18-304)      Communication from the Town Officials Budget Committee with a Request to APPROVE the PROPOSED ESTIMATED TAX LEVY OF \$1,831,893 (Estimated Tax Rate of \$.12) (Pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/18-60) for the TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the proposed estimated tax levy of \$1,831.893.00 (estimated tax rate of .12) (pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/18-60) for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggensch, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

**(18-305)      Communication from the Town Officials with a Request to APPROVE MONTHLY ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES for NOVEMBER 2018 for the Town of the City of Peoria.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the monthly anticipated expenditures for November 2018 for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggensch, Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

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

**(18-306)      Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE a SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT with MIDCO INC. for the ACCESS CONTROL SOFTWARE REPLACEMENT, in the Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$36,846.83**



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- (18-307) **Communication from City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for the City Manager to Execute an AGREEMENT with the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$88,200.00, for the City's Participation in Resurfacing of the Parking Lanes and Signal Upgrades of N.E. ADAMS STREET (IL ROUTE 29) from Eureka Street to South of Woodlawn Avenue and on N.E. JEFFERSON STREET (IL ROUTE 29) From Abington Street to North of Woodlawn Avenue. (Council District 1)**
- (18-308) **Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to APPROVE the ESTIMATE OF TAXES TO BE LEVIED, in the Amount of \$27,766,500.00 at a Rate of \$1.34738 Pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/18-60 for the City of Peoria.**
- (18-309) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,621 Amending an Existing Special Exception Ordinance No. 11,615, with a Special Use, in a Class R-1 (Single Family Residential) District for a BUILDING ADDITION AND FREESTANDING SIGN for the Property Located at 1700 WEST WAR MEMORIAL DRIVE (Parcel Identification No. 14-29-152-020) Peoria, Illinois.**
- (18-310) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,622 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 Add a VETERINARY CLINIC for the Property Located at 6820 NORTH PEARTREE LANE, 6828 NORTH PEARTREE 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, IL.**
- (18-311) **APPOINTMENT and REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA HOUSING AUTHORITY with a Request to Concur:**
- Helen King (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2020**
- (18-312) **APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the METROPOLITAN AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD with a Request to Concur:**
- Mr. Karl Weiss (Voting) - Term Expiration June 30, 2019**
- (18-313) **REPORT from the CITY TREASURER PATRICK A NICHTING for the MONTH of SEPTEMBER 2018, with Request to Receive and File.**

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



Hearing no request to remove an item from the Consent Agenda, Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as outlined in the Council Communications; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Item Nos. 18-306 through 18-313 were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

### **FIRST READINGS**

**(18-314) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff for a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to COMMUNITY GARDENS and URBAN FARMS.**

Community Development Director Ross Black provided an overview noting that this item was an Ordinance amendment that would allow for slightly larger community gardens and reduces the size of the current allowance for urban farms. He reviewed the current Ordinance and he said the amendment would allow for an urban farm between one acres up to ten acres. He said an urban farm was a Special Use in all Council Districts. He said community gardens, which were one acre or smaller, would be allowed with a permitted use. He said once the acreage reached ten acres, then it would need to be agriculturally zoned. He said the Ordinance amendment would allow for the natural expansion and use of vacant land in the City and would allow the surrounding property owners to provide input; however, he said the City Council would make the final decision on the particular use.

Discussions were held on who would be held responsible for a community garden once it was abandoned and who would be held responsible for removing the fences at that time. Council Member Moore expressed a concern that the property owner would be held responsible for the actions of those who leased the property for a community garden. She said the property owners should be advised as to their rights and notified of their responsibility to conduct due diligence when leasing property for a community garden.

Director Black said he would work with Corporation Counsel to develop a list of best practices for those who were interested in leasing their property for an urban farm or community garden. He said the list would be brought back to the City Council for review.

Council Member Grayeb moved to receive and file a First Reading of an Ordinance amending Appendix A of the Unified Development Code relating to community gardens and urban farms; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

*CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 18-314 will be placed on the November 13, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting agenda.*



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**(18-315) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 26, Section 26-250 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Designating Standards of Construction for Sidewalks.**

Public Works Director Scott Reise said this Ordinance was similar to the Ordinance the City had for brick streets; however, he said the City Code was currently silent on sidewalks regarding types of materials that could be used. He said there were a number of neighborhoods in the City that were outside the historic districts that had brick sidewalks. He commented that the historic districts that had brick sidewalks were replaced with brick sidewalks. He said the City had been approached by a number of advocates for various treatment of sidewalks as new homes were built. He said the sidewalks could be replaced with brick or concrete, but that Staff was seeking Council direction.

Discussions were held regarding various locations within the City that utilized brick, concrete, or stamped concrete to look like brick material for sidewalks. It was noted that the stamped concrete required more maintenance.

Council Member Grayeb moved to receive and file the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 26, Section 26-250 of the Code of the City of Peoria designating standards of construction for sidewalks; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

*CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 18-315 will be placed on the November 13, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting agenda.*

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

**(18-316) Communication from the City Manager and the Interim Chief of Police with a Request for the Following:**

**A. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the CITY OF PEORIA 2018 - 2019 BIENNIAL BUDGET Relating to the GENERAL FUND to Recognize the Receipt of FEDERAL and STATE ASSET SEIZURE FUNDS and the Corresponding Expenditures to PURCHASE 8 UNMARKED VEHICLES, in the Amount of \$167,800.00 (Requires a super majority vote);**

**B. APPROVE the PURCHASE of Eight (8) Unmarked Vehicles for the Peoria Police Department's Special Investigation Division, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$167,800.00.**

Assistant Police Chief Michael Mushinsky said the Police Department had not purchased new vehicles since 2011. He said the City's Public Works Department had done a great job keeping the vehicles maintained; however, the cars were now at a point of needing to be replaced. He said the money to purchase the vehicles would come out of the asset forfeiture funds, which could only be used to purchase equipment related to drug enforcement and not toward employee salaries. He provided information on the vehicles that needed to be traded-in and he stated that the purchase of new vehicles would be within the City of Peoria.



Council Member Ruckriegel moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2018-2019 Biennial Budget relating to the General Fund to recognize the receipt of Federal and State Asset Seizure Funds and the corresponding expenditures to purchase 8 unmarked vehicles, in the amount of \$167,800.00; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,623 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Moore moved to approve the purchase of eight (8) unmarked vehicles for the Peoria Police Department's Special Investigation Division, in an amount not to exceed \$167,800.00; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(18-301) Communication from Council Member Sid Ruckriegel with a Request for the Following:**

- A. APPROVE a RESOLUTION Excluding CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS from Participation in IMRF;**
- B. APPROVE a RESOLUTION Excluding CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS from Participation in a CITY OF PEORIA HEALTH PLAN; and**
- C. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Setting the COMPENSATION for Certain ELECTED OFFICIALS of the City of Peoria.**

Council Member Ruckriegel expressed a concern that, in light of a difficult budget and employees being laid off and taking furloughs, the City Council's compensation should also be reviewed. He remarked on the importance of providing City services and how the budget had caused employees to be directly impacted. Regarding IMRF, he said in light of the pension situation the City faced, whether the City Council should participate in this retirement plan was a valid question. He further questioned whether Council Members worked 1000 hours during the year in order to qualify for the retirement. Regarding healthcare, he said City employees were required to average 30 hours per week in order to receive healthcare benefits. He said City Council Members were only considered part-time and should not qualify for healthcare benefits. Regarding compensation, he recommended the City Council Members' compensation should be set at \$16,500.00 per year and reduce the auto allowance to \$100.00 per month versus the \$400.00 per month, at which it was currently set. He said the City Council should only receive a monetary compensation and he said healthcare and pension benefits should be forfeited in light of the budget situation. He said there could be a lot of savings by changing the City Council's benefits.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve a Resolution excluding City Council Members from participation in IMRF; seconded by Council Member Cyr.



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Council Member Akeson stated she was the only Council Member who elected not to receive any benefits and she said this item would not impact her. However, she said it was not reasonable for the Council to assume those who wanted to run for Council could afford to fill the seat without the extra benefits. She said if other Council Members thought it was reasonable to forfeit benefits, then they could do so on their own. She remarked on the importance of attracting people from all economic backgrounds to become City Council Members.

Council Member Jensen said she agreed with Council Member Akeson stating that none of the City Council Members served for the salary or benefits. However, she said for some Council Members the salary and benefits made it possible to serve, noting the position should not be limited to the wealthy or elite. She said she would not be supporting this item.

Council member Ruckriegel commented on the budget situation the City faced and he commented on the potential savings on repealing the City Council's healthcare. He commented that the City Council position was not a full-time salary and he remarked on the importance of protecting the public safety employees from further budgetary cuts.

Motion to approve a Resolution excluding City Council Members from participation in IMRF was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Rigggenbach, Ruckriegel - 3;

Nays: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 8.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve a Resolution excluding City Council Members from participation in a City of Peoria Health Plan; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Council Member Ruckriegel commented that the City required a 30-hour minimum week for employees to qualify for healthcare. He remarked on the importance of setting the same standard for Council Members.

Motion to approve a Resolution excluding City Council Members from participation in a City of Peoria Health Plan was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Oyler, Rigggenbach, Ruckriegel - 4;

Nays: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 7

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to adopt an Ordinance setting the compensation for certain elected officials of the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Discussions were held regarding the car allowance and whether to include that amount with the City Council's compensation amount. Council Member Akeson recommended keeping the compensation and the car allowance separate, noting that combining the two would increase the compensation amount and, in turn, would increase the retirement benefit. City Manager Urich said raising the compensation for five Council Members would increase the employer contributions into the pension system.

Discussions were held regarding pension benefits and it was noted that Tier 1 members in IMRF became vested after eight years of service and Tier 2 members became vested in the pension fund after ten years of service. It was noted that a new Council Member would have to serve 2.5 terms in order to receive a pension benefit.

Discussions were held regarding the car allowance and Council Member Cyr requested a friendly amendment to the car allowance to allow a \$200.00 per month, and round the annual amount to \$19,000.00 with no mileage amount.



Council Member Ruckriegel said he was amenable to the friendly amendment to allow a car allowance in the amount of \$200.00 per month. He remarked on the importance of scrutinizing the City's expenses especially in light of Staff layoffs and furloughs.

Motion to adopt an Ordinance setting the compensation for certain elected officials of the City of Peoria, as amended, by setting the car allowance in the amount of \$200.00 per month and round the annual amount to \$19,000.00 with no mileage amount was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel - 3;

Nays: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 8.

Discussions were held regarding establishing the City Council's compensation and the deadline by which it must be established.

Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance setting the compensation at \$16,500.00 per year for "At-Large" Council Members and to provide a monthly car allowance in the amount of \$400.00 to begin May 7, 2019 to May 2, 2023; seconded by Council Member Akesson.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,624 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: Cyr, Ruckriegel – 2.

**(18-317) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE a VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE (VSI) for Full-Time Commissioned Employees who are Covered by a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the IAFF or PBPA.**

Council Member Moore moved to approve a Voluntary Separation Incentive (VSI) for full-time commissioned employees who are covered by a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the IAFF or PBPA; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Council Member Grayeb said this item seemed to be well-received by the City employees. He said this item would alleviate layoffs and keep employees who wanted to stay in the organization.

City Manager Urich said there were approximately 50 people eligible to take the incentive but were hoping at least 15 people would take the incentive. He said early retirements would alleviate some constraint on the budget. He said the City was not putting a limit on the number of retirements; however, he said if there was a surge of retirements they would negotiate the retirement date with the individual.

Council Member Grayeb said he was not going to support any more reduction in Staff and the City needed to be fully funded and had to meet the needs of the City. He expressed a concern of vacant positions not being filled, which would put a constraint on City services.

Discussions were held regarding the deadline to finish the budget for 2019. City Manager Urich reviewed the budget deadline and commented that it needed to be finished by early December. He said meetings were scheduled each week through November 20, 2018, and he commented that the City Council could not go into 2019 without a budget in place.



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City Manager Urich reviewed the timeline for the incentive noting it would begin October 24, should the City Council approve it. He said employees would have until December 10, 2018, to apply for the incentive. He said he would know by that time what impact the incentive would have on the budget.

Council Member Oyler said the City had no choice but to reduce City Staff and he said offering the incentive was a responsible way to accomplish that. He said it would help the City keep new hires and allow those who served for many years to take an early retirement.

In response to Council Member Jensen's question regarding the potential savings the item would have for the City, City Manager Urich said it would save the City approximately \$1.5 million.

Motion to approve a Voluntary Separation Incentive (VSI) for full-time commissioned employees who are covered by a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the IAFF or PBPA was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggensbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

**(18-318) Communication from City Councilwoman Beth Akeson with a Request for a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Amending Ordinance No. 16,142 Providing for Council Rules Pertaining to CONFLICT OF INTEREST.**

Council Member Akeson said the City Council heard from the public regarding a conflict of interest rule. She said the Council had an Ordinance that set out the rules of conduct for Council Members; however, she said the Ordinance did not provide a definition for "conflict of interest." She requested a simpler definition in place of what was proposed noting that the City Council was already bound by the Compiled Statutes. She asked for the proposed amendment to be made shorter and simpler.

Corporation Counsel Leist expressed a concern regarding limiting the definition of "conflict of interest" noting that there were several sources that contributed to its definition which included the Illinois Compiled Statutes, the Illinois Municipal Code, and case law. He said this item was for a First Reading only and Council Members could consider other language; however, he said the City Council needed to be careful when exercising its home rule authority when it tried to restrict how Council Members could vote noting that Illinois law had established that law.

Council Member Akeson asked Corporation Counsel Leist to review what other municipalities had done and to draft a similar Ordinance for review.

Council Member Akeson moved to receive and file the first reading of an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 16,142 providing for Council Rules pertaining to conflict of interest; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Discussions were held regarding the Economic Interest Statement each Council Member was required to file on an annual basis. Corporation Counsel Leist said it was incumbent on each Council Member to assess whether they had a conflict. He said there were situations where he would advise a Council Member to seek the advice of private counsel to review the situation. He said he previously distributed a memo to all Council Members that provided an overview of the law relating to conflict of interest.



Motion to receive and file the first reading of an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 16,142 providing for Council Rules pertaining to conflict of interest was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

*CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 18-318 will be placed on the November 13, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting agenda.*

**(18-254) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ADOPT a RESOLUTION for a NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY for the City of Peoria.**

Public Works Director Reeise said this item was previously presented to the City Council after it had been presented to the Transportation Commission. He said this was a neighborhood traffic calming policy specifically limited to neighborhoods.

Council Member Akeson moved to adopt a Resolution for a Neighborhood Traffic Calming Policy for the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Riggenbach.

Discussions were held regarding providing proper notice to the neighbors and residents. Director Reeise said neighborhood traffic calming was driven by the neighbors and residents in that area. He said a group of citizens in that neighborhood would contact the City with a request for traffic calming. Because of this, he said it would not be necessary to provide notice from the onset since the neighborhood would already know about the matter.

Council Member Montelongo left the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Council Member Jensen said she would like to see notices provided to the residents earlier in the process and she moved to amend the policy to require notice to the residents in the neighborhood from the onset.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Discussions were held regarding on-street parking and the importance of retaining on-street parking while addressing traffic calming issues. Discussions were held regarding implementing lower cost options before moving to the higher cost options and whether there was a standard that was reviewed prior to implementing the higher cost option.

Council Member Riggenbach said he appreciated that this item would be neighborhood driven. He expressed his appreciation to Director Reeise and all those involved in drafting this policy.

Council Member Grayeb commented that law enforcement was still an important tool when addressing chronic speeders and that there were consequences for those who continuously speed and disregard all signs and regulations.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-318 a Neighborhood Traffic Calming Policy for the City of Peoria was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.



**(18-319) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a PRESENTATION by Peoria Public Works Department on SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS.**

Superintendent of Operations at the Public Works Department Sie Maroon provided a presentation on the 2018-2019 Snow Removal Presentation. He reviewed the current operations for winter staffing, equipment inventory, parking and sidewalk snow removal. He said the goal was to remove all snow on the streets within 24 hours after snow fall had ended and he reviewed the plan on achieving that goal. He reviewed the emergency snow route signs stating that the current sign for violating the snow route was \$50.00, \$75.00 after seven days and \$100.00 after 30 days. He said tickets could be reissued every 24 hours. He said, upon notice by the City Manager, a City-wide no parking ban could be enacted for specific areas of the City. Regarding sidewalk snow removal, he said Section 26-251 of the Code of the City of Peoria provided that all commercial property owners were required to remove snow from public sidewalks adjacent to their property.

Council Member Cyr commended Superintendent Maroon and his team's efforts in this matter. He inquired whether a homeowners association could specifically opt out of salt being used in their neighborhoods, and Superintendent Maroon stated that it was an option to opt out and he said these neighborhoods should contact the Public Works Department in order to do so.

Council Member Ruckriegel expressed his appreciation for the presentation and he asked that it be made available on the City's website. He asked by what means the public would be notified during a snow event when a parking ban on snow routes would be enforced. Superintendent Maroon said the City worked with various television stations and utilized different types of social media to distribute all the information necessary during a snow event.

Discussions were held regarding snow removal for sidewalks and the need to provide proper notification to businesses. Discussions were held regarding the safety in neighborhoods should salt and brine not be used. It was mentioned that salt trucks would pass through neighborhoods depending on the severity of the ice. Discussions were held regarding the use of brine and at what temperature it was proper to use brine.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file a presentation by Peoria Public Works Department on snow removal operations; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Council Member Akeson commended Staff on the proposed post cards that would be used to remind people and businesses of snow removal efforts stating they were great visuals with great sayings that reminded the public how important it was to keep sidewalks clear.

Motion to receive and file a presentation by the Peoria Public Works Department on snow removal operations was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Moore, Oylar, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.



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

**(18-275)                      Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to DEFER until December 11, 2018, an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 13 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to REFUSE CONTAINERS.**

**MOTION ON THE FLOOR: To adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 13 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to refuse containers.**

Council Member Cyr moved to defer this matter to the December 11, 2018, Regular City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Motion to defer to the December 11, 2018, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(18-173)                      Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to DEFER until November 5, 2018, the Following:**

**A. ACCEPT the Lowest Responsive Bid and APPROVE a CONTRACT with M.R. MASON INC. for Tuck-Pointing and Exterior Maintenance of FIRE STATION NO. 4, 2711 SW JEFFERSON, in the Amount of \$99,985.00. (Council District 1)**

**B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2018-2019 BIENNIAL BUDGET Relating to Use of SOUTH VILLAGE TIF Fund Balance and the Reduction in Expenditures in the Capital Fund, in the Amount of \$150,000.00, for Capital Improvements to Fire Station No. 4 Originally Budgeted in the Capital Fund. (NOTE: This requires a 2/3 vote of those voting.)**

Council Member Moore moved to defer this item to the November 5, 2018, Regular City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Motion to defer to the November 5, 2018, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.



**(18-278) Request by Council Member Akeson for the Following:**

**A. REQUEST TO RECONSIDER Item No. 18-278.**

**Communication from the City Manager with a Request for the Following:**

**A. APPROVE a REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT with PEORIA OPPORTUNITIES FOUNDATION for an Infill Housing Development Project, in the Amount of \$300,000.00, to be Funded from the EAST VILLAGE GROWTH CELL TIF Fund Balance.**

**B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the CITY OF PEORIA 2018 - 2019 BIENNIAL BUDGET Relating to the Use of the East Village Growth Cell TIF Fund Balance Relating to the Redevelopment Agreement With Peoria Opportunities Foundation for an Infill Housing Development Project, in the Amount of \$300,000.00. (NOTE: This requires a 2/3 vote of those voting.)**

Council Member Akeson said she previously voted in favor of this item; however, she said she requested to reconsider this item in order to discuss in more detail regarding various design standards that were needed for the project. She said it was important to get these projects done right, noting there was a deficiency in decent, low-income housing.

Council Member Akeson moved to reconsider Item No. 18-278; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Motion to reconsider was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen - 3;

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

**(18-302) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a Continued Discussion of the 2019 REVISED BUDGET.**

City Manager Ulrich distributed a revised 2019 City of Peoria Budget. He suggested setting this matter for November 30, 2018, in order to provide Council Members enough time to review the draft budget and to provide comments. He said there would be additional discussions on Monday, November 5, 2018; Tuesday, November 13, 2018; and Tuesday, November 20, 2018. He said the budget presented reflected direction from the City Council that was provided at a previous Policy Session.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file a continued discussion of the 2019 Revised Budget; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.



**NEW BUSINESS****Request for List of Remaining Furloughs and Layoffs of City Staff**

Council Member Ruckriegel requested from the City Manager a list of the remaining furloughs and layoffs of City Staff from now until the end of the year so the City Council could plan accordingly.

**Child Car Seat Installation**

Council Member Riggenbach announced that the second Tuesday of each month from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. AMT assisted with the proper installation of child car seats. He said additional information would be available in the Mayor's Office. He said the Children's Hospital, whose phone number would be made available on the City's website, would assist with the proper installation of children's car seats as well.

**P-Town Soup**

Council Member Riggenbach announced that Thursday, October 25, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. P-Town Soup would be held at the Prince of Peach Church on Arcadia in the East Bluff. He said it was a great organization that worked to keep the neighborhoods safe and he encouraged everyone to attend.

**Affordable Housing Ordinance**

Council Member Akeson asked the City Manager to inform the City Council as to when an Affordable Housing Policy Session would be held that would follow-up from the March Affordable Housing Policy Session. She said Community Development Director Ross Black had informed her that Staff did not know the direction of the City Council from that meeting. She said she would like this housing police give specific information about low income housing tax credits.

**One World Silver Anniversary**

Council Member Grayeb announced that One World on West Main Street would be celebrating its Silver Anniversary on Thursday, October 25, 2018, from 4:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. and he encouraged everyone to attend.

**A Day at Fire Training Institute**

Council Member Cyr said he and other Council Members were recently invited by Ryan Brady and Fire Chief Olehy to spend time at the Fire Training Institute. He said it was a tremendous experience and he remarked on the teamwork involved. He said it was a great day and he wanted to express his appreciation to Chief Olehy and Mr. Brady for their efforts.

**Halloween Party at City Hall**

Council Member Ruckriegel announced that City Hall would hold an open house on October 31, 2018, from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. for kids to trick-or-treat and families to visit City Hall.

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

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



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Mary Hayes, a citizen of Peoria, remarked on the difficulties of using public transportation to get to a grocery store and she commented on how the food desert on the south side of the City affected the citizens. She announced that the Peoria Food Bank would be giving away free food at the East Bluff Community Center on Monday, October 29, 2018, at 9:00 A.M. She expressed a concern about the roads and housing in the City and said something needed to be done as soon as possible.

Barbara Gurtler, an active volunteer in the Heart of Illinois Group Sierra Club, said the Club's board voted to support due diligence research to assess the cost and ownership of the water company. She said the City of Peoria continued to pay more for water with ever increasing water rates yet water lines continued to break.

Ryan Cannon, Director of the Peoria Area Association of Realtors, commented that other additional revenue needed to be found other than increasing real estate taxes. He said PAAR believed it was imperative that all viable options of revenue be reviewed such as purchasing the water company. He said PAAR recently sent a letter to the City Council wherein it outlined support of conducting due diligence of the water company.

Merle Widmer, a citizen of Peoria, remarked on the need to conduct due diligence of the water company. He provided a history the City had with the water company AND he reviewed the PAAG lawsuit.

Mary Genzel, president of the Gift Avenue Neighborhood Association in the East Bluff, spoke on conducting due diligence on the water company. She expressed a concern that she was paying more for water than those in East Peoria with the same sized household as herself. She said Peorians were paying more for their water than other neighboring communities.

Helen King, a community organizer active in various campaigns in Peoria, spoke on the water system and stated she was against the purchase of the water company. She said there was too much at risk for the reliable delivery of water. She said the City should consider selling the combined sewer overflow to Illinois American instead.

Eric Larson, Superintendent for the water distribution for Illinois American Water, provided his perspective of running the daily operations of the water company. He said the current situation he had with the company and his team would not be the same should the City of Peoria purchase the company.

Terry Kohlbus, a concerned citizen, distributed a handout on the benefits of purchasing the water company and he reviewed the potential surpluses the City could receive from the water operations.

Paris McConnell, a citizen of Peoria, expressed her concern on how furlough days would affect City employees and unions. She commented on the water buyout stating the need for a strategic plan to do so. She spoke on the City's budget stating she did not want to see services to lag in the community.

Darcie Cady, a citizen of Peoria, spoke on the Alexis Camery Scott case and expressed her concerns and provided suggestions for further investigation.



Shelley Epstein, a citizen of Peoria, spoke on the purchase of the water company and he stated he was in favor of conducting the due diligence. He noted that Illinois American Water spent a lot of money advertising against the City conducting the due diligence and against possible purchase. He said the community should not act out of fear and he noted that tax dollars would not be spent to conduct the due diligence.

Amr Elsamny, a concerned citizen, spoke on the water company issue stating he had been an advocate for the purchase of the water company noting it would be a revenue source for the City. He spoke on the need to promote and nurture startup businesses and he remarked how these businesses positively impacted France. He expressed a concern about the City losing a number of businesses and how that impacted the real estate market in the City. He commented on the need to provide young school children transportation to and from school and he asked the City Council to support the cause in order to provide 20 school children transportation.

Gary Neuhaus, a citizen of Peoria, spoke against the water company buyout. He expressed a concern regarding the CEO Council offering the City money to conduct due diligence in order to influence the City Council. He said it would be a mistake for the City to assume the responsibility of maintaining the aged infrastructure of the water company.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was determined that an Executive Session was not needed at this time.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.



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