

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held July 23, 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 (arrived at 6:27 P.M.), Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 11.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or reflection and he asked everyone to keep the family of Bishop Harold Dawson, Jr. in prayer in light of his recent passing. He then led the pledge of allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

**Dr. Laverne Joseph
Twenty First Annual Gospel Fest
Ed Hammond Retirement
Andrew Conton**

MINUTES

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on July 9, 2019, as printed; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

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

(19-237) **Communication from the City Manager and the Fire Chief with a Request to APPROVE the PURCHASE of One (1) FIRE ENGINE from BANNER FIRE EQUIPMENT (E-One) in the Amount of \$589,835.00.**

(19-238) **Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request to ACCEPT the LOW BID of C & G CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION CO., in the Amount of \$81,734.00, and Award a CONTRACT for the HARRISON IMPACT ZONE 2019 PROJECT, with an Additional Authorization of \$8,266.00, for a Total Contract Award of \$90,000.00. (Council District 1)**

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- (19-239) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request to ACCEPT the LOW BID of R.A. CULLINAN & SON, A DIVISION OF UNITED CONTRACTORS MIDWEST, and Award a Construction CONTRACT from the Base Bid of \$956,764.53 with a Reduction of \$186,764.53 (19.52%), for a Total Award Amount of \$770,000.00, for the SHERIDAN ROAD MILL AND OVERLAY PROJECT (North of Florence Avenue to North of Hanssler Place). (Council District 2)
- (19-240) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request to ACCEPT the LOW BID of ILLINOIS CIVIL CONTRACTORS, INC. and Award a Construction CONTRACT from the Base Bid of \$658,282.95 with an Additional Authorization in Contingency of \$65,828.30 (10%), for a Total Award Amount of \$724,111.25, for the GENEVA ROAD (ALTA LANE TO 200 FEET NORTH OF FORESTGLEN DRIVE) and DANIEL COURT (MURPHY DRIVE THRU CUL-DE-SAC) RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. (Council District 5)
- (19-241) Communication from the City Manager Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer with a Request to APPROVE the SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACT for MINORITY COMPLIANCE SERVICES to Compliment the Minority Outreach, Project Tracking and Job Seekers Tool with HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT for a One (1) Year Contract Beginning August 1, 2019, and Ending July 31, 2020, in an Amount not to Exceed \$20,000.00.
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- (19-242) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works to APPROVE an INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT between the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION and the City of Peoria for Funding of the Construction and Phase 3 Construction Engineering of the Federally Funded ROCK ISLAND GREENWAY PROJECT. (Council Districts 1 & 3)

- (19-243) 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. 17,697 Amending Existing SPECIAL USE Ordinance No. 15,337 as Amended, in a Class C-2 (Large Scale Commercial) District, for a Shopping Center, to INCREASE THE SIZE OF A MENU BOARD from 30 sq. ft. to 46.29 sq. ft. and the Height from 5 ft. to 6 ft. 3 inches, for the Property Located at 5019 W. HOLIDAY DR., (Parcel Identification No. 13-11-327-012), Peoria IL. This includes the Properties Located at 5000, 5026, 5101, 5114, 5115, and 5117 W. HOLIDAY DR. (Parcel Identification Nos. 13-11-326-005, 13-11-326-008, 13-11-326-009, 13-11-326-010, 13-11-326-011, 13-11-326-012, 13-11-327-003, 13-11-327-007, 13-11-327-008, and 13-11-327-009, Peoria, IL (Council District 5)
- (19-244) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from Staff to Waive the Requirement for a SETBACK ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT for the Property Located at 2004 N. KNOXVILLE AVE. (Parcel Identification No. 14-33-452-012), Peoria, IL (Council District 3)

- (19-245) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class B (Restaurant, 50% Food) Liquor License with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol at INDIAN TADKA PEORIA, LLC, D/B/A INDIAN TADKA RESTAURANT, 7815 N. KNOXVILLE, SUITE 12, Contingent Upon Issuance of all Appropriate Permits and a Certificate of Occupancy, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 5)**
- (19-246) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class B (Restaurant, 50% Food) Liquor License with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol at KINUWA US, LLC, D/B/A DESI EXOTIC NATION, 816 W. PIONEER PARKWAY, Contingent Upon Issuance of all Appropriate Permits and a Certificate of Occupancy, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 5)**

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

Council Member Moore requested Item No. 19-241 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Jensen requested Item Nos. 19-238 and 19-242 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 19-237 through 19-246 (excluding Item Nos. 19-238, 19-241, and 19-242, 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, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

- (19-238) **Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request to ACCEPT the LOW BID of C & G CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION CO., in the Amount of \$81,734.00, and Award a CONTRACT for the HARRISON IMPACT ZONE 2019 PROJECT, with an Additional Authorization of \$8,266.00, for a Total Contract Award of \$90,000.00. (Council District 1)**

Council Member Jensen said she would be supporting this item, but she questioned how much was left in CDBG funds. Community Development Director Black said the funds had already been budgeted by the Council. He said \$1.6 million or \$1.7 million was received annually for CDBG funds and the Council had already decided what that annual allocation would be used for.

Council Member Jensen asked if the City was using other CDBG funds for sidewalks. Community Development Director Black explained that there were no CDBG funds set up for infrastructure. He said in the general category of focused improvement in neighborhoods, it would be possible for organizations to request infrastructure funds as part of a larger neighborhood improvement project.

Council Member Jensen said CDBG funds would be a great use of funds to install or improve sidewalks in many of the districts.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve the low bid of C & G Concrete Construction Co., in the amount of \$81,734.00, and award a contract for the Harrison Impact Zone 2019 Project, with an additional authorization of \$8,266.00, for a total contract award of \$90,000.00; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

In response to Council Member Kelly, Interim Public Works Director Lewis said the 10% increase in the contract award was a contingency for work not included in the project, such as tying sidewalks into existing sidewalks.

Motion to approve the low bid of C & G Concrete Construction Co., in the amount of \$81,734.00, and award a contract for the Harrison Impact Zone 2019 Project, with an additional authorization of \$8,266.00, for a total contract award of \$90,000.00 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(19-241) Communication from the City Manager Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer
** with a Request to APPROVE the SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACT for MINORITY
 COMPLIANCE SERVICES to Compliment the Minority Outreach, Project
 Tracking and Job Seekers Tool with HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT for
 a One (1) Year Contract Beginning August 1, 2019, and Ending July 31,
 2020, in an Amount not to Exceed \$20,000.00.**

Council Member Moore moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to the CEO of Human Capital Development, Gabe Jaja, to explain what he had done for the City over a number of years.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to Gabe JaJa, President and CEO of Human Capital Development.

Gabe Jaja, spoke regarding the City of Peoria participation goals for projects. He said the current program used for the City of Peoria was ePrismSoft. He said ePrismSoft had six different modules and that the City was currently using the business opportunity module, contract compliance tracking, and certified payroll module as a compliance management tool. He said the software helped to track City contracts, track how the contract was performed and track costs. He said the software assisted in finding better ways to create jobs in the community and ensure minorities had good paying jobs. He said the current proposal was to also assist proactively with City contracts, to ensure contractors were not missing minority participation goals.

Council Member Moore said Human Capital Development would be quantifying data to ensure that minority participation goals were being met and she asked City Manager Urich to provide a quarterly report of the data to see that tracking was taking place and ensuring minorities were a part of the contracts that the City approved.

Council Member Moore moved to approve the sole-source contract for minority compliance services to compliment the minority outreach, project tracking and job seekers tool with Human Capital Development for a one (1) year contract beginning August 1, 2019, and ending July 31, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Council Member Jensen requested a report back within the next month regarding attendees at career events including how many had attended and how many had been hired.

City Manager Urich said the career events discussed were a partnership with construction trades and they were attempting to get more minorities involved in the construction and building trades. He said he could provide a summary report and a full report of what the hiring of the unions had been so far. In response to Council Member Jensen, City Manager Urich said the City had been working with the ePrismSoft software for about five years.

Mayor Ardis expressed his appreciation to Gabe Jaja for providing this data and he expressed how fortunate the City was to have him locally to assist with the ability to make wise decisions because of the data he provided.

Motion to approve the sole-source contract for minority compliance services to compliment the minority outreach, project tracking and job seekers tool with Human Capital Development for a one (1) year contract beginning August 1, 2019, and ending July 31, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(19-242) **Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works to APPROVE an INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT between the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION and the City of Peoria for Funding of the Construction and Phase 3 Construction Engineering of the Federally Funded ROCK ISLAND GREENWAY PROJECT. (Council Districts 1 & 3)**

In response to Council Member Jensen, Interim Public Works Director Lewis said the City's cost for the project was \$300,000.00 and said it was currently in the budget.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve the intergovernmental agreement between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Peoria for funding of the construction and Phase 3 construction engineering of the federally funded Rock Island Greenway Project; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PRESENTATION**(19-247) PRESENTATION from the Fire and Police Commission with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the ANNUAL PERFORMANCE GOALS REPORT Covering the PERIOD of JUNE 30, 2018 through JULY 1, 2019.**

Presentation handouts were distributed to all Council Members.

Assistant Fire Chief Ardis presented the Diversity Initiative 2019 for the Fire Department. He spoke of the partnership with local schools that provided students with credits for EMT and Fire Service Technology classes. He said the Fire Department had backed off on recruitment due to the budget. He said online and social media, billboards ads with diversity as a theme, radio spots, Greater Peoria Mass Transit Public Transportation ads, informational postcards and open gym sessions for the physical agility test were used for recruitment. He spoke of the current diversity statistics for the Fire Department along with the number of protected class members hired since 2016. He provided a breakdown of the 2018 applicants, detailing how many candidates had completed the process. He said current staff were 12% African American, 1% Hispanic, 1% Asian, 2% Female and 84% Caucasian.

Council Member Moore questioned if there was a succession process, preparing minorities to move into leadership roles. Assistant Fire Chief Ardis explained the process for filling command staff positions and said the employee had to be a Battalion Chief first. He discussed the lack of interest current Fire Department employees had to move into a Battalion Chief role due to the position being largely administrative with significant responsibilities.

Council Member Ali spoke of her previous work with the diversity committee for Police and Fire and the goal of having a working force that mirrored society. She said the City needed to continue to get a diverse pool of applicants and she said the City needed to work on getting the word out to the community. She applauded Human Resources Coordinator Debra Bush, both Chiefs and Assistant Fire Chief Ardis for their efforts to get a diverse pool of applicants and she suggested engaging community partners to help spread the word.

In response to Council Member Jensen, Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer Dr. Muhammad said the subcommittee was a different task force that focused and strategized for recruitment within the surrounding area.

Council Member Cyr requested a report on the seniority of members within the Fire Department.

Council Member Ruckriegel requested a similar report that would forecast ten years of data and a report that projected diversity in the workforce using the current diversity percentages. He requested an explanation on the applicant testing statistics.

Assistant Fire Chief Ardis said the lack of applicants completing the application and testing process was a great concern. He commended Human Resources for doing a great job with following up with candidates and said candidates, even with reminders, struggled to get documents in on time.

Council Member Ali spoke of the dropout rate being similar between minorities and majorities and she suggested more applicants would lead to more success.

Mayor Ardis discussed the difficulties the City faced regarding employees' desire to advance into management roles.

Police Chief Marion presented the Peoria Police Department 2019 Demographics Report. He said the report compared the data from February 2018 to the data of June 2019. He provided the demographics of the Police Department and said 90% were male and 10% female and of those employees, 81% were Caucasian, 13% were African American, 4% were Hispanic and 3% were Asian, with 19% minority overall. He said the Police Department was focused on getting more applicants. He expressed appreciation for Officer Tony Rummans, who had taken the initiative to think outside of the box while recruiting. He said the Police Department had a kiosk at the mall, had a website www.peoriapolicejobs.com, had sent material to the Historically Black Unions, worked with Illinois Central College and Western Illinois University for a Peoria day to set up a table and distribute information, emailed students going through criminal justice programs at Illinois Central College and Western Illinois University, and handed out information at local African American barber shops. He said there had been a 14% increase in male minority applicants and a 17% increase in female minority applicants and, he discussed the diversity statistics of the current pool of applicants and among the recent new hires. He talked about the Cadet Program and said protected classes currently made up 71% of the program. He spoke of the diversity goals set by the subcommittee and said the Police Department was below its goal for 2019.

Council Member Cyr questioned how the Peoria Police Department compared to the rest of the State or Nation on meeting their diversity goals. Police Chief Marion said diversity was a problem across the nation and he spoke of the current programs being done by the Illinois State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigations to increase diverse applicants. He said the Peoria Police Department was doing better than the rest of the nation.

Council Member Cyr discussed the challenges police officers were facing and asked what the Police Department was doing to protect Peoria Police Officers and ensure they were getting treated with respect. Police Chief Marion expressed the importance of police and community relations and the importance of having a positive relationship with the community.

Council Member Cyr requested that the next report detail what was being done in the community to build relations.

Council Member Moore suggested taking advantage of minority events and reaching out to minorities at these events, such as setting up booths or tables. She detailed recent events or reoccurring events that would be great opportunities and suggested monthly communication in The Traveler Weekly.

Council Member Grayeb expressed his appreciation for the reports and reiterated that both jobs were difficult positions. He said the presentations provided clarity on where the departments were going.

Council Member Grayeb moved to receive and file the Annual Performance Goals Report covering the period of June 30, 2018, through July 1, 2019; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer Dr. Muhammad presented Recommendations to Diversify Peoria Police and Fire by the Subcommittee on Police and Fire. He said the Subcommittee was developed in 2015 to ensure that diversity in the Police and Fire departments was reflective of the diverse population in the Peoria area. He provided a background on the development of the Subcommittee. He said the Subcommittee assisted in the adoption of Ordinance 17,380 in 2016, which adopted the goals of the Subcommittee. He described a 10-year vision for improvement that included applying an equity lens to recruitment, developing a focused recruitment team, developing an aggressive recruiting plan, division of labor assessment with stakeholders and annual evaluations of progress.

Council Member Moore requested an update on the recruitment efforts over the past five years. She inquired about the past recruitment event at the NAACP office and asked Human Resources Coordinator Debra Bush to speak about that event. Human Resources Coordinator Bush said the NAACP office was unavailable for the event and that the event was held at the Carver Center this year. She said there was a very good turnout, about 70-80 people, and that the City had hired a few people that had attended that event. Council Member Moore spoke of her appreciation for Human Resources Coordinator Bush for reaching out into the community.

Council Member Jensen requested an annual or biannual report regarding the recruitment efforts, including what new ideas had been implemented and what had worked.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to receive and file the Annual Performance Goals Report covering the period of June 30, 2018, through July 1, 2019, including the report by the Subcommittee on Police and Fire; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(19-248) Request from the City Manager and Director of Community Development to RECEIVE and FILE a REPORT on the 2020 CENSUS.

A presentation handout was distributed to all Council Members.

Council Member Ruckriegel spoke of the importance of the Census for 2020. He suggested everybody mark April 1, 2020, as the official Census day. He expressed the importance of capturing a count of everyone in the City of Peoria and the funding received from that Census information. He said it will be the first time the Census questionnaire would be available online.

Community Development Director Black presented the United States Census 2020 Overview. He discussed why the Census was important, including apportionment of seats in the United States House of Representatives, allocation of federal funding, future planning and development data for private and public organizations, and redistricting of State and local elective districts. He talked about the various steps taken before, during and after the Census and detailed the schedule of the Census process. He said this would be the first Census where there would be an internet-based response available. He said the Census would be short-form questions, including age and date of birth, ethnicity, race, and relationship. He said the Census Bureau would hire many part-time workers over the next 12 months and provided the phone number 1-855-JOB-2020 and the web address www.2020census.gov/jobs. He discussed low response areas and said there would be additional outreach and effort in those areas. He discussed the Complete Count Committee's purpose and duties including the importance of communication between Census offices.

Discussion was held regarding increasing the response rate of Bradley University students, including reaching out to administration and holding events on campus. Council Member Grayeb said there was a very good turnout at election events on campus and suggested connecting the two events.

Council Member Moore expressed the importance of communication. She suggested a televised bulletin board for public access. She asked that Strategic Communications Manager Stacy Peterson attend the next meeting and report on the progress of having a televised bulletin board.

Council Member Ali highlighted the employment opportunities with the Census and said the lowest paying job paid \$15.89/hour and paid as high as \$35/hour. She said there was a lot of opportunity for the community. She requested information on how many City residents were hired for the Census. Community Development Director Black said he would ask the Census office if they could provide that information.

Council Member Ruckriegel said the Census office would be providing updated information about the plan for hiring. He thanked Council Member Ali for mentioning the job opportunities and said he would bring back more information.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Council Member Ruckriegel moved to receive and file a Report on the 2020 Census; 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

(19-249) Communication from the City Manager and the Fire Chief with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Fire Prevention Division to RECEIVE and FILE a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 11, Fire Prevention Codes, Relating to FEES FOR PERMITS AND LICENSES.

Division Chief of Prevention Taylor provided an overview of the proposed Ordinance. He said this permit would require solar powered systems to be inspected and would include a \$100 fee. He said they would do a plan review of the solar powered systems and then complete an inspection.

Council Member Kelly expressed his concerns regarding the fee for the inspection. He said health and safety requirements were good things, but he felt fees discouraged citizens from complying and doing the right thing.

Council Member Oyler inquired how many units the Fire Department anticipated inspecting in a year and what type of information indicated that the units were potential fire hazards.

In response to Council Member Jensen, Division Chief of Prevention Taylor said this permit would cover residential and commercial systems. He confirmed that anybody who currently had a system would be grandfathered in and that the permit would apply to future installations.

Council Member Jensen questioned the fee and asked what the inspector would do. Division Chief of Prevention Taylor said the inspector would review the system plan, ensure it was code compliant, run a functional test and do walk-throughs to make sure it was installed to code. In response to Council Member Jensen, he said the cost was very minimal and wouldn't cover the inspector's time.

Council Member Moore moved to receive and file a First Reading review of an Ordinance amending Chapter 11, Fire Prevention Codes, relating to fees for permits and licenses; seconded by Council Member Riggenbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 19-249 will be placed on the August 13, 2019, Regular City Council Meeting agenda.

(19-250) Communication from the City Manager and the Fire Chief with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Fire Prevention Division to RECEIVE and FILE a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 11, Fire Prevention Codes, Relating to ADOPTION OF CODES/RECORDS.

Division Chief of Prevention Taylor said this amendment was for the compliance engine implemented in January of 2018. He said it would require the service providers of the safety systems to send the Fire Department reports on whether the systems were compliant or deficient, so the department was aware what systems needed attention.

In response to Mayor Ardis, Division Chief of Prevention Taylor said there would be a \$250 fine, if the provider failed to provide the reports. He said it was not frequent that providers failed to provide this information, but there were companies that didn't want to provide the information.

Council Member Kelly moved to receive and file a First Reading review of an Ordinance amending Chapter 11, Fire Prevention Codes, relating to adoption of codes/records; seconded by Council Member Grayeb

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 19-250 will be placed on the August 13, 2019, Regular City Council Meeting agenda.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(19-251) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the First Amendment to the Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Services Agreement with PDC SERVICES INC.

City Manager Urich discussed the proposed First Amendment. He said the amendment would resolve the concerns regarding curbside pick-up. He said he worked with PDC over the last month regarding house counts and the number came back with 982 fewer households than the current contract was currently set at. He said the reduction in households would provide a reduction in cost and he said taking that reduction and adding the additional service for curbside pick-up would increase the monthly cost of about \$6,100.00.

Council Member Jensen expressed her appreciation for the parties working together and coming to a solution. Discussion was held regarding a budget amendment, and it was determined that a budget amendment was not required.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve the First Amendment to the Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Services Agreement with PDC Services Inc.; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Council Member Grayeb expressed his appreciation for the resolution, even though the cost would increase.

In response to Council Member Moore, City Manager Urich said the current garbage fee would not provide enough revenue to cover the costs. He said this concern would be brought back up during budget discussions.

Council Member Riegenbach said that the City of Peoria offered the citizens Cadillac garbage collection. He compared the level of services provided by the City of Peoria to other cities and said the City offered an unbelievable service. He said he supported charging the fee it took to cover the service. He said twice a month recycling pick up was a great service for the citizens.

In response to Council Member Cyr, City Manager Urich said the lion share of the cost of the contract was for waste hauling and he said there was still a good chunk of the budget which was for waste disposal. He said the waste disposal portion of the contract was growing at a faster rate due to a landfill contract signed many years ago. He said the landfill contract provided a 6% increase per year. He said the landfill agreement was in effect until the landfill was full. He said it would take a period of time and the annual increase was a concern.

Motion to approve the First Amendment to the Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Services Agreement with PDC Services, Inc. was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(19-212) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to WITHDRAW an ORDINANCE Amending APPENDIX A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to OUTDOOR STORAGE AND DISPLAY.

Community Development Director Black said this item was before the Council previously and said he felt this item was not ready for discussion. He requested to withdraw the item and take it back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for further discussion.

Council Member Kelly moved to WITHDRAW an Ordinance amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, relating to outdoor storage and display; seconded by Council Member Riegenbach.

Council Member Grayeb said he would abstain from the vote due to a disagreement in procedure.

Motion to WITHDRAW was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Abstention: Grayeb – 1.

(19-213) 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 APPENDIX A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to MURALS.

Community Development Director Black said this amendment would allow for murals that were taller than 30 feet and would allow murals to be painted on historic buildings or districts with the special use approval from the City Council. He said the mural could not have a business name or logo and that a mural located within a local historic district would require a certificate of appropriateness from the Historic Preservation Committee in addition to the Special Use approval from the City Council.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, relating to murals; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,698 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(19-214) 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 APPENDIX A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to PARKING OF VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.

Community Development Director Black said language in the memo was added from the Land Development Code that indicated that the City was open to alternative parking or driving surfaces, if they were sustainable and would take care of onsite stormwater. He suggested the surface be constructed in a way that prevented ruts, potholes, channels, growth of weeds, or other nuisance items like that.

Council Member Jensen moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, relating to parking of vehicles in residential districts; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,699 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(19-252) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Proposing the Creation of an EAST BLUFF SPECIAL SERVICE AREA within the City of Peoria, Illinois and Providing for a Public Hearing and Other Procedures in connection therewith. (Council District 3)

Council Member Riggerbach said this Ordinance began the process of creating an East Bluff Special Service Area (SSA). He said the current SSA for the East Bluff was established 30 years ago and only allowed for two extensions, and no more extensions were allowed at this time. He said the proposed SSA would remain the same geographically and that the tax levy would remain the same. He said the SSA provided \$50,000 a year and the funds had gone to the East Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services in the past. He said he was hoping the new Ordinance wouldn't specify who would receive the funds. He said the first meeting for public input and to discuss this proposal was set for Monday, August 12, 2019, with a location to be determined. He said the SSA process was dictated by State law and that nothing would happen without public input. He said there would also be an official objection period if somebody disagreed with the SSA.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to adopt an Ordinance proposing the creation of an East Bluff Special Service Area within the City of Peoria, Illinois, and providing for a public hearing and other procedures in connection therewith; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

In response to Mayor Ardis, Community Development Director Black said property owners of the East Bluff would receive post cards and that notices would be posted at various locations in the community. Council Member Riggerbach added that social media would also be utilized.

Council Member Ali inquired about the number of residents or property within the proposed SSA. Community Development Director Black said he didn't have a complete count, but he estimated several thousand.

Council Member Ali asked what the process would be for determining what agency received funds from the SSA. Council Member Riggerbach said he planned on getting public input at the August 12, 2019, meeting. He said he could see it coming out as a RFQ.

In response to Council Member Jensen, Community Development Director Black said the funds from the SSA would be used for operational support for an organization that would deliver programs and services to the area. He said that could change depending on public input from the upcoming meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,700 proposing the creation of an East Bluff Special Service Area within the City of Peoria, Illinois and providing for a public hearing and other procedures in connection therewith was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

(19-236) Communication from Councilman Montelongo with a Request to APPROVE the Following:

- A) ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the CITY OF PEORIA 2019 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Use of the General Fund Balance to Provide Funding to Subsidize the Discount on the Purchase of RING SECURITY EQUIPMENT in the Amount of \$50,000.00;**
- B) A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT with RING to Subsidize the Discount on the Purchase of RING Security Equipment, with a 50/50 Contribution from RING and the City of Peoria in an Amount Up to \$50,000.00 Each.**

Council Member Montelongo said the proposal was for the City of Peoria to participate in a subsidy program with RING for the residents in the City of Peoria. He said RING sold an electronic security doorbell that was equipped with a video camera and he said it operated when somebody rang the doorbell or when there was motion in the front yard. He said the video data could then be retrieved at a later date. He said the resident would be able to converse with the person ringing the doorbell from their smart phone, no matter where they were. He said the doorbell would also be equipped with an app called Neighbors that would allow citizens to share videos or information with their neighbors and he said it gave citizens up-to-date crime updates. He said this subsidy would allow citizens of the City of Peoria to purchase a RING system of \$200, for about \$100 after the City of Peoria and RING contributed \$50 each. He said video storage would cost the resident \$3/month or \$30 for the year. He said RING would come to Peoria for a one-day event and he said residents would have to attend the event with several forms of I.D. to show residency in the City of Peoria. He said the citizens could also register the camera with the City of Peoria at that time, but that it wouldn't be required. He reiterated that if a camera was registered with the City of Peoria, the City would still not have access to the video, unless permission was given. He explained that burglary and residential break-ins were a community worry and from January 1, 2019, to June 30, 2019, there were 732 of these types of burglaries or attempts in the City of Peoria.

Council Member Montelongo moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2019 Revised Annual Budget relating to the use of the general fund balance to provide funding to subsidize the discount on the purchase of RING security equipment in the amount of \$50,000.00; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

In response to Council Member Moore, Council Member Montelongo said that the equipment ranged from \$189-\$200 and that the product was self-installed.

Council Member Moore expressed her concerns on the wording of the agreement regarding citizens permission for the City to have access to the videos. Senior Attorney Chrissie Peterson explained that the Police Department did have a separate agreement with RING for them to access what the citizens shared in the neighborhood app but felt, in this contract, the City could not have immediate access to the video footage unless the citizen was willing to provide that footage.

Discussion was held about various contract concerns.

Council Member Moore expressed her concern on the equality of a one-day event and suggested that the \$50,000 be broken up by district. Mayor Ardis said he would be surprised to see the \$50,000 expended in one day and he suggested making sure the one-day event was well publicized. Council Member Moore said she would like more information regarding the one-day event before she could support the item.

Council Member Ali said she supported the item and supported the idea of having more cameras throughout the neighborhoods. She expressed a concern on the sole-source aspect and suggested there were other products offering similar services. She said she felt there were some pros and cons regarding this product. She said she supported having a multi-day event.

Council Member Cyr said he supported the project and said he agreed that it would be nice to have a five-day event or at least have five locations during the one-day event.

Discussion was held regarding what could be done if the full \$50,000.00 wasn't spent and whether other companies could have access to the funds for other programs. Council Member Moore suggested an amendment that would allow any remaining money, from the \$50,000.00 contributed by the City, to be made available to the citizens for other services. Council Member Montelongo suggested, due to this being a pilot program, waiting to see how the program with RING worked and suggested that if the program was successful, other programs could be reviewed at another time.

Council Member Ruckriegel expressed his support for the item and thanked Council Member Montelongo for his efforts. He said the \$50,000.00 the City was contributing was being leveraged to a \$100,000.00 to benefit the citizens.

Council Member Ali spoke of her support of the language requiring citizen permission for the City to view or obtain video footage from the security equipment. She asked if there was a crime and somebody had a video that may help, would there be a way for the City to obtain that video. Senior Attorney Peterson said the City could seek a warrant for the video.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,701 amending the City of Peoria 2019 Revised Annual Budget relating to the use of the general fund balance to provide funding to subsidize the discount on the purchase of RING security equipment in the amount of \$50,000.00 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Montelongo moved to approve a sole source contract with RING to subsidize the discount on the purchase of RING security equipment, with a 50/50 contribution from RING and the City of Peoria in an amount up to \$50,000.00 each; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Mayor Ardis spoke on the concerns expressed on the floor and requested that the date and location for this event be advertised well to increase the opportunity for success. He thanked Council Member Montelongo for his work on the project.

In response to Council Member Ruckriegel, Council Member Montelongo said homeowners and renters could participate and said businesses were excluded at this time.

In response to Council Member Moore, Assistant City Manager Roethler said RING suggested that the event be held in connection with another community event to get strong attendance.

She suggested more discussion between departments to get event ideas and also more discussion with RING on the possibility of multi-day events. She said RING partnered with the City to assist in promotion and she said there were guidelines in the contract for promotion.

Motion to approve a sole source contract with RING to subsidize the discount on the purchase of RING security equipment, with a 50/50 contribution from RING and the City of Peoria in an amount up to \$50,000.00 each was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

ICE Enforcement

Council Member Jensen asked if the Police Department had been contacted by ICE. Police Chief Marion said that the Police Department had not been contacted. Council Member Jensen requested an update be provided if ICE did contact the Police Department to enforce ICE warrants.

NEW BUSINESS

Dream Center Peoria

Council Member Riggerbach wanted to bring awareness to Mission Peoria 2019. He said he was spending the week with 300 students who would be doing projects throughout the City. He recognized the young people for stepping up to the plate and he said he wanted to recognize these young people and the efforts they were doing.

First District Events

Council Member Moore wanted to note events happening in the First District including the Hispanic festival, Fiesta en el Rio, on Saturday, July 27, 2019, at the Riverfront. She said there would also be a Ride for a Safer Tomorrow event held by Shaun Livingston and she said that would start at the Romain Arts and Culture Center, 919 N.E. Jefferson, Peoria, IL. She said Carl Holloway was having an event at Glen Oak Park to engage the youth to show support of things they are involved with. She encouraged everyone to visit Enjoy Peoria www.peoria.org/events and also the Peoria Park District www.peoriaparks.org to find information on events in the community.

Retail Chains

Council Member Jensen spoke of her concern regarding national retail chains closing around the country and she asked what the City's plan was for outreach with the local chains to ensure they would remain in Peoria. She said she would like to see the City put forth whatever efforts they could to keep retail in the City. She asked for a report back on the plan.

Non-Owner Occupied Property

Council Member Jensen said she had attended meetings regarding non-owner occupied property and that an issue existed regarding when the property owners were required to register. She suggested changing the process to require registration of the property at time of closing and requested that this issue be brought back to the Council.

Midstate College

Council Member Ali said she wanted to recognize Midstate College for being in the area for over 130 years and she said she was disheartened to learn they were closing their doors. She requested they be recognized with a proclamation or acknowledgment. She said they have had great leadership over the years and she expressed her appreciation for Midstate College.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 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)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent.

Council Member Jensen moved 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)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Montelongo moved to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting; 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.

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 P.M.



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