### : 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 December 12, 2017, 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: Akeson (Left at 9:20 P.M.), Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Moore, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11. Absent: None.

### **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or reflection and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

Dunlap High School State Champion 100 Meter Butterfly – Emma Theobald Dunlap High School Girls Cross Country Team State Champions Water Sense Month – January 2018 Public Works Snow Fighters

Commendation: 2017 Neighborhood Leadership Awards

### **MINUTES**

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve the minutes of the Special Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on December 5, 2017, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach,

Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11:

Nays: None.

## PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS - TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA

(17-367) Communication from the Town Board with a Request to APPROVE MONTHLY ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES for JANUARY 2018 for the Town of the City of Peoria.

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

Motion to approve the monthly anticipated expenditures for January 2018 for the Town of the City of Peoria was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Moore, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggenbach,

Ruckriegel, Turner, Chairman Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

## PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OF PEORIA

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

- (17-368) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to CANCEL the Regular CITY COUNCIL MEETING Scheduled for DECEMBER 26, 2017.
- (17-369) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development

  \* Director with a Request to APPROVE the Funding Recommendations from the Advisory Commission on Human Resources for the 2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDING, in the Amount of \$227,400.00.
- (17-370) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the PURCHASE of ASPHALT RECYCLER EQUIPMENT, in the Amount of \$75,810.00, from K M INTERNATIONAL of North Branch Michigan, Utilizing the State of Illinois Tollway Purchasing Contract. (City-Wide)
- (17-371) Communication from the City Manager and the Fire Chief with a Request to APPROVE the PURCHASE of Twenty (20) Complete Sets of Firefighter Turnout Gear (Personal Protective Equipment) for Wear Test Purposes from LION GROUP INCORPORATE, in the Amount of \$20,000.00 and Ten (10) Sets of Firefighter Turnout Gear from MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES (MES), in the Amount of \$20,000.00, for a Total Amount of \$40,000.00.
- (17-372) Communication from the City Manager and the Chief of Police for the Following:
  - A. APPROVE the SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE of 836 TECHNOLOGIES for Hostage Negotiator Equipment, in the Amount of \$27,074.00, and
  - B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2017 AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the General Fund to Recognize the Use of Restricted Asset Forfeiture Funds for the Purchase of Hostage Negotiator Equipment, in the Amount of \$4,211.00.
- (17-373) Communication from the City Manager and the Chief Information Officer with a Request to APPROVE an AGREEMENT with ENVISIO SOLUTIONS INC. to Provide a Performance Management and Analytics Software Solution, in the Amount of \$33,887.00.

- (17-374) Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following:
  - A. APPROVE a CONTRACT with WM. AUPPERLE & SONS for the Replacement of the Stairs at One Technology Plaza, in the Amount of \$79,021.00
  - B. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,529 Amending the City of Peoria 2017 AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Capital Fund to Recognize the Receipt of \$79,021.00 from the Technology Deck Escrow Account and the Corresponding Expenditure to Replace the Main Stair Tower.
- (17-375) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE a One (1) Year CONTRACT with THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR COMPANY for Elevator Maintenance, for an Estimated Annual Cost of \$38,920.00.
- (17-376) Communication from the City Manager and the Human Resource Director with a Request to APPROVE a CONTRACT with RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES (RMA), in the Amount of \$104,375.00, to Administer the Police Sergeant and Police Lieutenant Promotional Examinations.
- (17-377) Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Human Resources with a Request to Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a One-Year CONTRACT with GARDEN STATE FOR STOP LOSS INSURANCE SERVICES for the City's Health Care Plan to be Effective 1/1/18 through 12/31/18.
- (17-378) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the First Amendment to a MASTER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT #16-119 (K) with AMEC FOSTER WHEELER ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE, INC., in a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$785,000.00, for Combined Sewer Overflow Planning and Engineering Services in 2018. (Council Districts 1, 2 and 3)
- (17-379) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 17-379 in Support of an Application to the Illinois Department of Transportation for Funding Under the 2018 ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (ITEP) for a War Memorial Drive Pedestrian Route Improvement (Allen Road to Cannes Drive). (Council District 4)
- (17-380)

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  Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works to APPROVE a RESOLUTION Between the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION and the City to Locally Let the Federally Funded MACARTHUR HIGHWAY BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. (Council District 1)

- (17-381) Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Public Works with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,530 to VACATE 2,744 Square Feet (0.063 Acre) of an Area on the Southwest Corner of the Intersection of WEST MOSS AVENUE and UNION STREET to Portions of Lots 7 & 8 of the Moss Addition in the Southeast Quarter of Section 5 and the Northeast Quarter of Section 8 Township 8 North Range 8 East. (Council District 2)
- (17-382) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from Staff to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,531 Annexing Territory Located at WEST GRANGE HALL ROAD (Part of Parcel Identification No. 08-35-100-033)
- (17-360) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 21 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to SPECIAL EVENT FEES.
- (17-361) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,532 Amending CHAPTER 11 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to FIRE PREVENTION and PROTECTION FEES.
- (17-383) Communication from City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,533 Amending SCHEDULE "N" of Chapter 28 of the CODE of the City of Peoria by Designating the 1300 Block of DOUGLAS STREET (from Columbia Terrace to Armstrong Avenue), the 1300 Block of BESTOR STREET (from Columbia Terrace to Armstrong Avenue), and the 800 Block of ARMSTRONG AVENUE (from Douglas Street to Bestor Street) as One-Way Streets in Traffic Schedule "N".
- (17-384) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,534 Amending the City of Peoria 2017 AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the PEORIACORP FUND to Recognize the Receipt of Grant Funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) for AmeriCorps Funding, in the Amount of \$15,000.00, and the Department of Commerce and Economic Development (DCEO) for the Apprenticeship Plus Youth Program, in the Amount of \$60,000.00, and the Corresponding Increase in Expenditures Related to the Grants as well as the Transfer of City Matching Funds from the General Fund to the PeoriaCorp Fund, in the Amount of \$79,000.00.
- (17-385)

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  Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2017 AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the General Fund to Recognize the Receipt of a Grant from the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE for the Tobacco Enforcement Grant, in the Amount of \$10,450.00; the Receipt of a Grant from the ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE AUTHORITY Domestic Violence Multi-Disciplinary Team Response Program, in the Amount of \$88,648.00; the Receipt of a Grant from the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SUSTAINED TRAFFIC

ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) Grant, in the Amount of \$23,296.00; the Transfer from the General Fund (Police Operating Budget) to Capital Fund, in the Amount of \$16,000.00 to Purchase a New Server for City-Wide Police Cameras and the Receipt of Grants from ENBRIDGE, in the Amount of \$1,000.00; ILLINOIS AMERICAN WATER, in the Amount \$1,000.00, and VERNON "BUTCH" GUDAT CHARITABLE FUND, in the Amount of \$750.00.

(17-386) REAPPOINTMENT and APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the EAST BLUFF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES BOARD with a Request to Concur:

Nick Mitchell (Voting) - Term Expiration 12/31/2018 Stacy Campbell (Voting) - Term Expiration 12/31/2018

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. 17-369 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Akeson requested Item No. 17-360 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Jensen requested Item No. 17-380 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Turner requested Item Nos. 17-372 and 17-385 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 17-360, 17-361, 17-368 through 17-386 (excluding Item Nos. 17-360, 17-369, 17-372, 17-380 and 17-385) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach,

Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

(17-369) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development

\* Director with a Request to APPROVE the Funding Recommendations from the Advisory Commission on Human Resources for the 2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDING, in the Amount of \$227,400.00.

Council Member Moore recognized the efforts of the Commission on Human Resources, acknowledging Chair Jessica Zobac, Commissioner Wayne Cannon, and Staff Liaison Katherine Murphy who reviewed the numerous grant requests and interviewed several individuals and organizations.

Council Member Moore moved to approve the funding recommendations from the Advisory Commission on Human Resources for the 2018 Community Development Block Grant Public Service Funding, in the amount of \$227,400.00; seconded by Council Member Riggenbach.

Council Member Jensen asked for the record to reflect that she would be abstaining from voting on this item due to her involvement with one of the organizations who applied for funding.

Mayor Ardis echoed the compliments of Council Member Moore regarding the Commission and Staff's efforts in this matter, noting that the requests outweighed the funding available.

Motion to approve the funding recommendations from the Advisory Commission on Human Resources for the 2018 Community Development Block Grant Public Service Funding, in the amount of \$227,400.00 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr. Grayeb, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,

Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None;

Abstention: Jensen – 1.

#### Communication from the City Manager and the Chief of Police for the (17-372)Following:

- APPROVE the SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE of 836 TECHNOLOGIES for A. Hostage Negotiator Equipment, in the Amount of \$27,074.00, and
- ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2017 AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the General Fund to Recognize the Use of Restricted Asset Forfeiture Funds for the Purchase of Hostage Negotiator Equipment, in the Amount of \$4,211.00.

A revised Council Communication and Ordinance was distributed to all Council Members.

Council Member Oyler moved to approve the sole source purchase of 836 Technologies for hostage negotiator equipment, in the amount of \$27,074.00; 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.

Council Member Oyler moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2017 Amended Annual Budget relating to the General Fund to recognize the use of Restricted Asset Forfeiture Funds for the purchase of hostage negotiator equipment, in the amount of \$4,211.00; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,535 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach,

Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

(17-380)

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Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works to APPROVE a RESOLUTION Between the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION and the City to Locally Let the Federally Funded MACARTHUR HIGHWAY BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

(Council District 1)

A revised Resolution was distributed to all Council Members.

In response to Council Member Jensen's question regarding the amended Resolution and the difference in the dollar amount, Public Works Director Reeise said the difference was a clarification in the amount of money received from the Illinois Department of Transportation. He said the total cost of the project would be approximately \$6 million with \$4.8 million being federally funded and the remaining \$1.2 million would be paid by the City.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve a Resolution between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City to locally let the federally funded MacArthur Highway Bridge Reconstruction Project; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-380 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach,

Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

(17-360) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 21 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to SPECIAL EVENT FEES.

Discussions were held on how the implementation of this fee would impact the St. Patrick's Day Parade with the event occurring so early in 2018. Council Member Akeson recommended giving the St. Patrick's Society a waiver from the fee until 2019 before a special event fee was assessed for this event.

City Manager Urich said 95% of the special events that took place were non-profit organizations who would have to adjust their fees to cover the costs. He reviewed the cost for the St. Patrick's Day Parade and how that cost was determined. He said the City Council could defer this matter and that it was a policy decision for them to make. He commented that once the policy took into effect, its effective date would be January 1, 2017.

Council Member Akeson said she was in favor of the fee; however, the St. Patrick's Day Parade occurred so early in the year that it made it difficult for the St. Patrick's Society to plan for the additional fee. She said it would seem reasonable to provide them extra time to prepare for the extra charge.

Discussions were held regarding the rates for Police Officers utilized for special events. City Manager Urich explained the cost noting that some of the cost came from paying for overtime for additional Police Officers. He said there was also a cost for every intersection that was barricaded. He said the extra cost incurred by organizations was when extra Police Officers were needed. He said there would be no cost to organizations who used volunteers to man intersections.

Council Member Moore recommended that the St. Patrick's Society use volunteers to man intersections instead of Police Officers in order to save money; however, she said some intersections needed Police Officers.

Discussions were held on the economic impact the St. Patrick's Parade had on the City, noting it was a big event for local taverns, bars and restaurants. It was mentioned that bar and restaurant owners could assist with the fees by donating to the parade since they benefited from the event.

Council Member Grayeb expressed a concern of having volunteers work the intersections instead of Police Officers, noting the potential liability.

Council Member Akeson said the Special Event Fee was appropriate; however, she expressed a concern that the St. Patrick's Society did not have enough time to prepare for the extra cost. She recommended beginning the fee in June in order to provide enough time for organizations to plan for the additional cost.

Mayor Ardis said he spoke with the St. Patrick's Society regarding this matter. He said all the special events that took place in the City contributed to the quality of life in the City. He commented that no other parade generated the sales tax revenue like the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Council Member Akeson moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 21 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to Special Event Fees and to amend the effective date of the Ordinance from January 1, 2018, to April 1, 2018; seconded by Council Member Moore.

City Manager Urich said he would provide information on how the change in the effective date would impact the anticipated budgeted revenue of \$120,000.00 for 2018. He said the total projected revenue of the fee effective January 1, 2018, would be \$120,000.00. He said the change in the effective date may not have too much of an impact on the projected revenue noting that most events occurred during the warmer months.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,536 amending Chapter 21 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to Special Event Fees was adopted, as amended, to change the effective date to April 1, 2018, was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach,

Ruckriegel, Turner - 10;

Nays: Mayor Ardis - 1.

(17-385) \*\*\*\*\* Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2017 AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the General Fund to Recognize the Receipt of a Grant from the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE for the Tobacco Enforcement Grant, in the Amount of \$10,450.00; the Receipt of a Grant from the ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE AUTHORITY Domestic Violence Multi-Disciplinary Team Response Program, in the Amount of \$88,648.00; the Receipt of a Grant from the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SUSTAINED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) Grant, in the Amount of \$23,296.00; the Transfer from the General Fund (Police Operating Budget) to Capital Fund, in the Amount of \$16,000.00 to Purchase a New Server for City-Wide Police Cameras and the Receipt of Grants from ENBRIDGE, in the Amount of \$1,000.00; ILLINOIS AMERICAN WATER, in the Amount \$1,000.00, and VERNON "BUTCH" GUDAT CHARITABLE FUND, in the Amount of \$750.00.

A revised communication was distributed to all Council Members.

Council Member Oyler moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2017 Amended Annual Budget relating to the General Fund to recognize the receipt of a grant from the Illinois Department of Revenue for the Tobacco Enforcement Grant, in the amount of \$10,450.00; the receipt of a grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Authority Domestic Violence Multi-Disciplinary Team Response Program, in the amount of \$88,648.00; the receipt of a grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant, in the amount of \$23,296.00; the transfer from the General Fund (Police Operating Budget) to the Capital Fund, in the amount of \$16,000.00 to purchase a new server for City-wide police cameras and the receipt of grants from Enbridge, in the amount of \$1,000.00; Illinois American Water, in the amount \$1,000.00, and Vernon "Butch" Gudat Charitable Fund, in the Amount of \$750.00; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,537 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach,

Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11:

Nays: None.

## REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

(17-387) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a PRESENTATION from the PEORIA AREA CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU Regarding their 2018 Marketing Plan.

Mr. Don Welch, President and CEO of the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (PACVB), and Ms. Joni Staley, Director of Sales at the PACVB, provided a presentation on their efforts to attract new businesses, events and people to the community. The destination management cycle was reviewed and Mr. Welch said it was important visitors had a great first visit to the City. He reviewed their marketing efforts, both print and digital, noting that print was still necessary, though not as common. He reviewed the PACVB's efforts with the CEO Council to help employers recruit employees. He said the new City Cycle Ride Share Program was

implemented this year and was successful with over 1200 rides and nearing 800 members. He said the Mardis Gras in May had grown over the last few years. He said it was purposefully scheduled as the same weekend as Bradley University's graduation in order to showcase the Riverfront.

Ms. Staley reviewed the efforts of the sales team all over the United States conveying about the great amenities Peoria had to offer. She commented on the various tradeshows the PACVB attended reviewing the 2017 highlights and noting that 82 new leads went to the Peoria Civic Center. She reviewed the new events and conferences coming to Peoria in 2018, noting the Illinois Junior Academy of Science 2018 Science Fair, United Methodist Church 2018-2022 Illinois Great Rivers Conference, Markiewicz International 2019 Spring Leadership Conference, Basketball Tournament, Equipo Vision 2017 Midwest Summer Convention, and the World Taxidermy & Fish Carving Championship.

Mayor Ardis expressed his appreciation to Mr. Don Welch for his and his team's efforts in drawing people to the Peoria community. He remarked on the efforts of the sales team and noted that the City and the PACVB were working to facilitate better communication between the two organizations, which showed positive effects.

Council Member Riggenbach moved to receive and file the presentation from the Peoria Area Convention and visitors Bureau regarding their 2018 Marketing Plan; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach,

Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

(17-388) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE the SIXTH AMENDMENT to the REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT with RIVER TRAIL DRIVE L.P. (Council District 1)

Council Member Moore moved to grant Privilege of the Floor to those citizens who would like to speak on this item.

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

Ms. Mary Hayes, a concerned citizen, voiced her opposition to the extension of the River Trail Drive Agreement stating she had been opposed to the development from the onset. She said this was the sixth extension to the agreement and each time she and other citizens had expressed a concern and voiced opposition to the same. She said the City Council continued to approve the extensions even though citizens were against it and she asked the Council to vote against the item.

Ms. Elaine Hopkins, a representative of Friends of Riverfront Park, asked the City Council to vote against the Sixth Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement. She said the Friends of Riverfront Park disagreed with Staff's assessment on the conversion issues, noting there were complex issues. She said during this time of financial constraint for the City, she asked the

Council to vote against this item. She said the Friends of Riverfront Park were committed to stopping the conversion, but were willing to work with the Council to find a non-park location for the proposed development.

Mr. Michael Bushue, a concerned citizen, encouraged the City Council to evaluate the decision based upon the City's current economic environment and facts. He said the demand had shifted with Caterpillar's headquarters moving out of the City. He said the current demand was the need for festival space, which was competing against the Riverplex and the playground area. He said the City's budget had changed since the beginning of the project and he commented on the budgetary constraints of the City.

Mr. Doug Johnson, a concerned citizen, said this issue was indicative of a national issue of selling public lands to private entities and interests. He said the people of Peoria did not support this project, noting that it would not create jobs. He said the continuation of this project was a betrayal of the citizens and he asked the City Council not to sell this land to private profiteers.

Mr. Tony Pagan, President of the Detweiller Marina Association, said his association was the only active neighborhood association that was neighboring the site. He said the association took a vote on the project wherein it was unanimous by the membership to stand against the extension and any continued pursuit of this project. He asked the City Council to vote against this item.

Mr. Michael Rucker, a concerned citizen, commented on how the City wanted to demolish the concrete platform on the Riverfront in order to provide green space along the river, but wanted to take green space away with this proposed development. He said the proposed access road would create a lot of traffic where savannah grass now grew. He said the purpose of the savannah grass was to absorb water runoff, noting that would impact the combined sewer overflow issue. He voiced his dissent to the project and he asked the City Council to vote against this item.

Council Member Moore expressed her appreciation to the citizens who spoke on this matter. She commented that very few residential properties had been built in the North Valley, homes were declining, and there was a lack of employment opportunities. She said this sixth extension was due to the State and Federal Governments not moving on the City's timeline. She commented that change was hard, but that voting for the betterment of Peoria should be easy. She said this was a \$30 million development paid for by the developer. She said this would give the community in the First District an opportunity. She said she appreciated all the comments and asked Council Members to vote in favor of this item. She said voting on this item would be voting for the future of the First District. She said voting against this item would be telling the citizens in the First District that the City was not looking for innovative ways to help the First District.

Council Member Moore moved to approve the sixth amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement with River Trail Drive L.P.; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Council Member Grayeb expressed a concern regarding the order of the items on the agenda and said Item No. 17-389 Part 2 should be voted on prior to this item. He said without the approval of the budget amendment there would be no point in approving 17-388 and 17-389 Part 1. He stated that a budget amendment had to be passed by a 2/3 vote of those Council Members present.

City Manager Urich said the River Front extension still required the action of the City Council under the redevelopment agreement. He said Item No. 17-389 was to purchase from the Detweiller Trust a portion of the marina as part of the River Trail Development. He said Staff anticipated the funds for this purchase would come out of Northside Business TIF funds. He provided an explanation for the order of the items on the agenda noting that having the extension first was the most important issue at the moment.

Assistant City Manager Chris Setti said the purchase of the Detweiller property was not a requirement. He said the City Council could vote to approve the Redevelopment Agreement and chose not to buy the Detweiller property or choose not to extend the agreement yet vote to purchase the playground property.

Mayor Ardis said he agreed with the current order of the items stating that if the redevelopment agreement was not extended, then there would be no need to continue with the purchase option.

Council Member Grayeb said he previously discussed the matter with Staff on the impact of 17-389 Part 2 forward on the Agenda and vote on it

being denied stating that the City would need to commit to purchasing the property first. He said the correct order of business should be based upon whether Council approved the funds from the Northside Business TIF.

Discussions continued regarding the order of business and whether the City Council should approve the budget amendment prior to approving the remainder of Item No. 17-389 and Item No. 17-388. Assistant City Manager Setti stated that neither item was dependent on the other. He said the City was asking for the due diligence window to be extended in order to have clarity from the National Park Service.

Council Member Grayeb moved for a substitute motion to suspend the rules and move Item No. 17-389 Part 2 before Item No. 17-388; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Mayor Ardis said he would be voting against the substitute motion stating that he believed in the logic of the order of the agenda as presented.

Discussions were held on the substitute motion, and Council Member Moore said if the extension was not approved, then the budget amendment would not be necessary. She said she would not support the substitute motion.

Substitute motion to move Item No. 17-389 Part 2 before Item No. 17-388 was DEFEATED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo - 4;

Nays: Cyr, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 7.

Mayor Ardis said the current motion on the floor was made by Council Member Moore to approve the sixth amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement with River Trail Drive L.P., which was seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Council Member Jensen said she was supportive of development; however, she said she had not supported this development from the beginning for a number or reasons. She said she would be voting against the extension. She commented that the economic climate had changed with Caterpillar no longer building its world headquarters downtown. She said there had been more development than anticipated in the Warehouse District and that the City had a different

budget situation than in the past. She said money should not be spent to build a road to the development. She said for the reasons she outlined, she would be voting against the item and she asked other Council Members to do the same.

Council Member Akeson said she had never supported the proposed development from the onset and she said she would be voting against the extension. She expressed a concern regarding the project stating it was non-specific. She noted that there were a number of citizens against the project and she said she needed clarification as to what to expect if the extension was approved and what ramifications the City could face.

Assistant City Manager Setti provided an overview of the conditions the City needed to meet in accordance to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources stating that the conversion land needed to have the same recreational amenities and had to be equal in monetary value. He said the City was asking for an extension to receive clarification of certain issues from the IDNR, stating that the IDNR and the NPS disagreed on certain issues.

Discussions were held regarding the proposed replacement land, what guidelines the replacement land needed to fall under, and the appraisal and cost of the replacement land.

Council Member Grayeb said the developer was aware of the inherent risk from the beginning of the project, noting this was the sixth extension. He said the City was under no obligation to extend the agreement any longer than December 31, 2017. He said the developer was under no obligation to continue to go forward with this project as well. He commented on inherent risks on the expense side of an already difficult budget.

Motion to approve the sixth amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement with River Trail Drive L.P. was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 7;

Nays: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo – 4.

## (17-389) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to:

- 1. Take One of the Following Actions:
  - A. Authorize the PURCHASE of Property at 100 SPRING STREET from DETWEILLER PLAYGROUND, INC., in the Amount of \$225,000.00; or,
  - B. Authorize Staff to Execute a Purchase Option CONTRACT Extension with DETWEILLER PLAYGROUND, INC. for \$25,000.00; and.
- 2. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2017 AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Use of the NORTHSIDE BUSINESS TIF Fund Balance. (Council District 1)

CLERK'S NOTE: See additional discussions held in Item No. 17-388

At the conclusion of comments by Council Member Moore, she moved to approve the purchase of property at 100 Spring Street from Detweiller Playground, Inc., in the amount of \$225,000.00; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Motion to approve the purchase of property at 100 Spring Street from Detweiller Playground, Inc., in the amount of \$225,000.00 was approved by roll call vote. Yeas: Cyr, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 7;

Navs: Akeson, Graveb, Jensen, Montelongo – 4.

Council Member Moore moved to defer Item No. 17-389 Part 2 for 30 days; seconded by Council member Turner.

Motion to defer Item No. 17-389 Part 2 for 30 days was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor

Ardis - 9;

Nays: Akeson, Grayeb - 2.

## (17-390) Communication from the City Manager with a Request for the Following:

- A. APPROVE the Awarding of Grants to GIFTS IN THE MOMENT (GITM) FOUNDATION, PEORIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 150, TRI-COUNTY URBAN LEAGUE, ELITE, and METEC, in the Amount of \$25,000.00 Each, to Administer Job Training Programs in the South Village TIF Area (Council District 1), and
- B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2017 AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Use of the SOUTH VILLAGE TIF Fund Balance.

Council Member Moore said \$50,000.00 was budgeted for an employment training program from the South Village TIF. She said a Request for Proposal was issued for service providers and employers who administered job training programs. She said multiple agencies responded to the RFP who demonstrated a capacity to administer the programs. She said this item would dedicate another \$100,000.00 to the programs and provide \$25,000.00 to each job training program.

Dr. Leslie McKnight from the City's Economic Development Department provided an overview of why the program was needed, which would help to break the cycle of poverty within the community. She said moving accessibility to economic opportunities was needed. She remarked that approval of this item would strengthen Peoria's workforce.

Council Member Akeson left the meeting at 9:18 P.M.

At the conclusion of her comments, Council Member Moore moved to approve the awarding of grants to Gifts in the Moment (GITM) Foundation, Peoria Public Schools District 150, Tri-County Urban League, Elite, and METC, in the amount of \$25,000.00 each, to administer job training programs in the South Village TIF Area; seconded by Council Member Riggenbach.

Council Member Jensen said she would abstain from voting in the matter noting that she sat on the Board of GITM.

Motion to approve the awarding of grants to Gifts in the Moment (GITM) Foundation, Peoria Public Schools District 150, Tri-County Urban League, Elite, and METC, in the amount of \$25,000.00 each, to administer job training programs in the South Village TIF Area was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None;

Abstention: Jensen – 1.

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2017 Amended Annual Budget relating to the use of the South Village TIF Fund Balance; seconded by Council Member Turner.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,538 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner,

Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None;

Abstention: Jensen - 1.

(17-391) Communication from the City Manager, Director of Public Works and Chief Information Officer with a Request to AUTHORIZE the Negotiation of the PURCHASE of Enterprise Resource Planning Software from TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC., in an Amount not to Exceed \$2,100,000.00.

City Manager Urich provided an overview of this item noting the software would be implemented in 2018 for billing of the Storm Water Utility in June 1, 2018. He reviewed the timeline for the implementation process noting it would be integrated with the rest of the organization and replace the current software for financials, budget and permitting.

Council Member Riggenbach moved to authorize the negotiation of the purchase of Enterprise Resource Planning Software from Tyler Technologies, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$2,100,000.00; seconded by Council Member Moore.

City Manager Urich said this software would be implemented throughout the organization. He said it would be used for utility billing as well as the core financials for each Department. He commented that it would be implemented for Code Enforcement functions and Human Resources and well as other Departments throughout the organization.

Motion to authorize the negotiation of the purchase of Enterprise Resource Planning Software from Tyler Technologies, Inc., in an amount not to exceed 2,100,000.00, was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(17-392) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE an INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT with the PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA Related to Development in DONOVAN PARK located at 5805 N KNOXVILLE AVENUE.

Council Member Riggenbach moved to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria related to Development in Donovan Park located at 5805 N. Knoxville Avenue; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Riggenbach provided background information on the project stating that the Peoria Park District had issued a Request for Proposal to repurpose the clubhouse at Donovan Park. He said the proposal was an innovative use for the property and he asked for all Council Members to support this item.

Council Member Moore expressed a concern that there may not have been equal opportunities for everyone, stating that an African-American business owner attempted to do the same thing that was not well received. After discussing the matter with Council Member Riggenbach and Peoria Park District Director Emily Cahill, she said she would support the item but would like more transparency noting that the process issue would need to be addressed.

Mayor Ardis said he would support this item, though he commented on the lack of advance notice. He expressed his appreciation to Cyd's Restaurant for staying within the City and he asked Director Cahill for clarification on certain issues of which citizens were concerned.

Director Emily Cahill indicated that Cyd's would have to abide by all park ordinances.

Motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria related to Development in Donovan Park located at 5805 N. Knoxville Avenue was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr. Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,

Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

- (17-393)Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request for the Following:
  - 1. REQUEST TO DISPENSE WITH FIRST READING, and
  - 2. Communication from Public Works Director with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 16, Article I, Section 16-6(c) of the CODE of the City of Peoria Relating to RECONFIGURATION OF A PUBLIC WAY IN A HISTORIC DISTRICT.

Corporation Counsel Don Leist provided the reasoning to dispense with the First Reading indicating that it was a timing issue in order to avoid the necessity of going before the Historical Commission again. He asked that the First Reading be dispensed and the Council proceed with the request to adopt the Ordinance.

Council Member Jensen moved to dispense with the First Reading; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Motion to Dispense was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,

Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10:

At the request of Council Member Grayeb, Public Works Director Scott Reeise provided an overview on how brick streets within the City would be addressed, noting the City had a separate Ordinance that identified all the brick streets. He said in order to make a change, it would have to come back before Council.

Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Article I, Section 16-6(c) of the Code of the City of Peoria relating to reconfiguration of a public way in a Historic District; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,539 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,

Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

(17-394) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE providing for the ISSUANCE of GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, Series 2018, in an Aggregate amount Not to Exceed \$5,000,000.00, of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, to Provide for Certain Capital Improvements within Said City, and Providing for the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Said Bonds, and Authorizing the Sale of Said Bonds to the Purchaser Thereof.

After a brief explanation of the item by Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins, Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance providing for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00, of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, to provide for certain capital improvements within said City, and providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,540 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,

Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller (17-395)with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied to Pay Principal of and Interest on GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE PURPOSE BONDS, of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois 2009 Series A, 2010 Series D, 2011 Series A & B, 2012 Series A, B, & C, 2013 Series A & C, 2014 Series B & C, 2015 Series C & D, and 2016 Series A, B & C and the PARTIAL ABATEMENT of TAXES LEVIED to Pay Principal and Interest on 2010 Series C General Obligation Bonds in the Amount of \$936,492.00; the PARTIAL ABATEMENT of TAXES LEVIED to Pay Principal and Interest on 2014 Series A General Obligation Bonds in the Amount of \$451,100; the PARTIAL ABATEMENT of TAXES LEVIED to Pay Principal and Interest on 2015 Series A General Obligation Bonds in the Amount of \$1,694,038.00 and the PARTIAL ABATEMENT of TAXES LEVIED to Pay Principal and Interest on 2015 Series B General Obligation Bonds in the Amount of \$1,058,718.00.

City Manager Urich said this item would conclude the budget for 2018. He said the purpose of this item was to provide revenue from the debt service to apply toward roads, which was a policy direction provided by the City Council two years earlier.

Council Member Grayeb moved adopt an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied to pay principal of an interest on General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, of the City of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois 2009 Series A, 2010 Series D, 2011 Series A & B, 2012 Series A, B, & C, 2013 Series A & C, 2014 Series B & C, 2015 Series C & D, and 2016 Series A, B & C and the Partial Abatement of Taxes Levied to pay principal and interest on 2010 Series C General Obligation Bonds, in the amount of \$936,492.00; the partial abatement of taxes levied to pay principal and interest on 2014 Series A General Obligation Bonds, in the Amount of \$451,100.00; the partial abatement of taxes levied to pay principal and interest on 2015 Series A General Obligation Bonds, in the Amount of \$1,694,038.00 and the partial abatement of taxes levied to pay principal and interest on 2015 Series B General Obligation Bonds, in the Amount of \$1,058,718.00; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,541 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,

Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

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

- (17-324) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff for the Following:
  - A. ADOPT an ORDINANCE REZONING Certain Property from a Present Class R-1 (Single Family Residential) District to a Class R-4 (Single Family Residential) District, for the Property Located at 824 WEST MOSS AVENUE (Parcel Identification Nos. 18-08-226-030 and 18-08-226-024), Peoria, Illinois;
  - B. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class R-4 (Single Family Residential) District to Build Townhomes, for the Property Located at 824 WEST MOSS AVENUE (Parcel Identification Nos. 18-08-226-030 and 18-08-226-024), Peoria, Illinois. (Council District 2)

Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance rezoning certain property from a present Class R-1 (Single Family Residential) District to a Class R-4 (Single Family Residential) District, for the property located at 824 West Moss Avenue (Parcel Identification Nos. 18-08-226-030 and 18-08-226-024), Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,542 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,

Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance approving a Special Use in a Class R-4 (Single Family Residential) District to build townhomes, for the property located at 824 West Moss Avenue (Parcel Identification Nos. 18-08-226-030 and 18-08-226-024), Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Council Member Moore inquired whether potential drainage issues had been addressed that could possibly interfere with the retaining and affect neighboring properties.

Public Works Director Scott Reeise said, upon reviewing the site plan for the proposed townhomes, there was significant green space in front of the retaining wall. He said there had been discussions with the developer regarding drainage retention and he said he did not anticipate any problems. Regarding the maintenance of the property, he said the City's right-of-way ended at the back of the retaining wall with the remaining of the property being the owner's responsibility stating it would be a code issue for private property.

Council Member Moore said she would support the project, but wanted to ensure that the citizens in Spring Grove would not be impacted by stormwater issues.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,543 approving a Special Use in a Class R-4 (Single Family Residential) District to build townhomes, for the property located at 824 West Moss Avenue (Parcel Identification Nos. 18-08-226-030 and 18-08-226-024), Peoria, Illinois, was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,

Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

(17-337) Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Community Development with a Recommendation to APPROVE an AGREEMENT, which Supersedes all Previous Agreements, with the EAST BLUFF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES (EBNHS), Regarding the Use of Special Service Area (SSA) Funds for FY2018.

Council Member Riggenbach moved to approve an agreement, which supersedes all previous agreements, with the East Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services (EBNHS), regarding the use of Special Service Area (SSA) Funds for FY2018; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Riggenbach expressed his appreciation for the work that the East Bluff Neighborhood Housing Service had done and continued to do. He introduced the new Executive Director Wayne Cannon and said this item had been deferred in order to review the financials with Director Cannon and to conduct an independent audit.

Mayor Ardis congratulated Director Cannon in his new position at EBNHS.

Motion to approve an agreement, which supersedes all previous agreements, with the East Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services (EBNHS), regarding the use of Special Service Area (SSA) Funds for FY2018 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,

Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

(17-339) Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Community Development with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Levying a Tax for FY2018 for the EAST BLUFF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES (EBNHS) SPECIAL SERVICE AREA and Direct the City Clerk to File a Certified Copy of the Ordinance with the County Clerk to Allow this Tax to be Extended as Provided by Law.

Council Member Riggenbach moved to adopt an Ordinance levying a tax for FY2018 for the East Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services (EBNHS) Special Service Area and direct the City Clerk to file a certified copy of the Ordinance with the County Clerk to allow this tax to be extended as provided by law; seconded by Council Member Moore.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,544 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,

Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

(17-354) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE the 2017-2032 STRATEGIC PLAN.

At the conclusion of the comments made by City Manager Urich, Council Member Cyr moved to approve the 2017-2032 Strategic Plan; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,

Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### Pennsylvania Terrace

Council Member Riggenbach expressed his appreciation to the Community Development Department and the non-profit partners who took an unfortunate situation and provided a warm place for residents. He said it was incredible partnering of everyone involved. He said the property owner would be held responsible for this situation and he recognized Staff who handled the matter efficiently.

#### Headz Up Barber Shop

Council Member Riggenbach recognized Headz Up Barber Shop and its owner, Sean Green, for a business where community gathered. He congratulated Mr. Green on making a positive impact in the City.

### **Groundbreaking of Portillos**

Council Member Montelongo announced that there would be a groundbreaking of the new Portillos tomorrow, December 13, 2017, at 11:00 A.M. and he encouraged everyone to attend.

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

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

Mr. Amr Elsamny, a concerned citizen, discussed the Riverfront property controversy stating that the City needed to be careful in light of economic interest on further development it pursued. He urged the Council to contemplate whether the City should continue to pursue said development. He commented there was not enough communication between law enforcement and the community and the need to bridge that gap. He remarked on the need for more funding to address the needs of the community, specifically the "Do Not Shoot" program along with others. He said in order for Peoria Community Against Violence CAV to advance, they needed funding from the City.

Mr. Kevin Jones, and property owner in Peoria, expressed a concern for the Code Enforcement Department and said there needed to be a change. He requested to meet with each Council Member individually to discuss his concerns. He said the Code Enforcement cases were not handled appropriately and he said the City Council needed to be more involved and watch what the conduct of Staff.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Consideration of a Motion to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent, and 2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent, and 2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06; seconded by Council Member Oyler

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,

Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10:

Nays: None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,

Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

The Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:11 P.M.

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

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