

**: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :****: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held February 25, 2020, 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, Moore, Montelongo, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 10. Absent: Oyler – 1.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or reflection and he asked everyone to keep the family of Angela Manias in prayer in light of her recent passing. He then led the pledge of allegiance.

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.**

**80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Peoria Medical Society Alliance  
Year of the Guitar**

**ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING NOTICE TO TOWNSHIP ELECTORS**

Mayor Ardis announced, pursuant to Public Act 095-0761, any citizen who wishes to have an item considered on the Agenda at the Annual Town Meeting to be held Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 6:00 P.M., is required to bring a specific request signed by 15 or more electors to the Clerk no later than March 1, 2020. He continued by saying that any group of registered voters may request an advisory question of public policy for consideration by the electors at the annual meeting by giving written notice of the specific advisory question to the Township Clerk in the same manner as required for an agenda item under subsection (b) of Section 30-10 of the Township Code.

**MINUTES**

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on February 11, 2020, and the Special City Council Meeting held on February 18, 2020, as printed; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA****CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, with Recommendations as Outlined**

- (20-046) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the Following Dates for Scheduled Events Sponsored by PEORIA AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS, INC. (P.A.C.E.), Subject to Their Filing the Necessary Permits and Approval as Required by the City Code:
- Louisville Slugger Attendee Appreciation - 2200 W War Memorial Dr - July 15, 2020
  - Taste of Peoria - 2200 W War Memorial Dr - August 12, 2020
  - Labor Day Picnic - Riverfront Festival Park - September 7, 2020
  - Backyard Barbeque - 2200 W War Memorial Dr - September 12, 2020
  - Brew N Boo - 2200 W War Memorial Dr - October 24, 2020
- (20-047) \* Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE Payment, in the Amount of \$9,900.00, to VRG PROPERTY COMPANIES for Right-of-Way Acquisition of a Portion of Parcel 18-18-281-039, 1037 S. WESTERN AVENUE, for the Proposed WESTERN AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. (Council District 1)
- (20-048) Communication from the City Manager and Chief of Police with a Request for the Following:
- A. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,754 Amending the City of Peoria 2020-2021 BIENNIAL BUDGET Relating to the General Fund, in the Amount of \$38,232.00, to Recognize the Purchase of a 2020 Ford Transit 350 Cargo Van and the Corresponding Funding from FEDERAL ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS; and
  - B. APPROVE the PURCHASE from LANDMARK FORD for a 2020 FORD TRANSIT 350 CARGO VAN, in the Amount of \$38,232.00 Utilizing the STATE OF ILLINOIS JOINT PURCHASING CONTRACT.
- (20-049) \*\* Communication from the City Manager and the Fire Chief with a Request to APPROVE and Authorize the Execution of a Three-Year CONTRACT with DINGES FIRE EQUIPMENT for Fire Turnout Gear to be Ordered as Needed.
- (20-050) 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. 17,755 Rezoning Property from the Present Class R-6 (Multi-Family Residential) District to a Class R-3 (Single Family Residential) District for the Property Located at 6847 N ALLEN ROAD (Part of Parcel Identification No. 14-07-376-003), Peoria, IL (Council District 5)

- (20-051) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class D (Hotel) Liquor License with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol at PMO, INC. D/B/A GRANDSTAY HOTEL & SUITES, 9106 N. LINDBERGH, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 5)**
- (20-052) **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 WFFD VENTURES, LLC, D/B/A WEAVERS FRESH FOOD & DRINK, 7301 N. RADNOR ROAD, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 5)**
- (20-053) **Communication from the City Manager, Director of Public Works and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a REPORT from the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT) Titled DOCUMENTATION REVIEW #72.**  
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Mayor Ardis questioned if the Council wished to have any of the Consent Agenda Items removed for further discussion.

Council Member Kelly requested Item No. 20-047 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Grayeb requested Item No. 20-049 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Cyr requested Item No. 20-053 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 20-046 through 20-053 (excluding Item Nos. 20-047, 20-049 and 20-053) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

- (20-047) **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE Payment, in the Amount of \$9,900.00, to VRG PROPERTY COMPANIES for Right-of-Way Acquisition of a Portion of Parcel 18-18-281-039, 1037 S. WESTERN AVENUE, for the Proposed WESTERN AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. (Council District 1)**  
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At the request of Council Member Kelly, Public Works Director Rick Powers provided an explanation for a temporary easement, noting that it provided the City the use of the property during construction. He said the temporary easement would cease at the end of the construction.

In response to Council Member Jensen regarding if the property was appraised, Director Powers said the property was appraised by a consulting firm as part of the contract.

At the conclusion of the comments, Council Member Kelly moved to approve payment, in the amount of \$9,900.00, to VRG Property Companies for right-of-way acquisition of a portion of parcel 18-18-281-039, 1037 S. Western Avenue, for the proposed Western Avenue Improvement Project; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(20-049) Communication from the City Manager and the Fire Chief with a Request to APPROVE and Authorize the Execution of a Three-Year CONTRACT with DINGES FIRE EQUIPMENT for Fire Turnout Gear to be Ordered as Needed.**  
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An email was distributed to all Council Members providing the cost for fire turnout gear.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve and authorize the execution of a three-year contract with Dinges Fire Equipment for fire turnout gear to be ordered as needed; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(20-053) Communication from the City Manager, Director of Public Works and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a REPORT from the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT) Titled DOCUMENTATION REVIEW #72.**  
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Council Member Cyr requested an explanation of the document provided by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins explained it was a report of the Motor Fuel Tax funds received and dispersed by the City for the period of January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2017. He said it was a reconciliation between IDOT's records and the City's records and that IDOT's auditor provided this for the City Council to receive and file. He said he anticipated another report for the period of 2017 through 2019. Director Scroggins said the review was to ensure all the MFT Resolutions were followed correctly and he anticipated receiving these reports on a more regular basis.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file a report from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) titled Documentation Review #72; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**FIRST READINGS**

- (20-054) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development and the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to SETBACKS ALONG THOROUGHFARES. (All Council Districts)**

Community Development Director Ross Black provided an overview of the proposed Ordinance, stating it was an amendment to a long-standing and frequently waived requirement in the current Ordinance. He said the original Ordinance was established in the 1950s, and he provided an explanation of the set-back requirements for a development pursuant to the original Ordinance. He said several waivers seeking relief of the current Ordinance had been granted. He said because of the number of waivers sought, it was determined to amend the set-back requirements. He said there would be a change to the administrative process as well stating it would go to the Development Review Board rather than to the City Council for approval.

Council Member Riggenbach moved to receive and file a First Reading review of an Ordinance amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, relating to setbacks along thoroughfares; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,  
Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

*CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 20-054 will be placed on the March 10, 2020, Regular City Council Meeting agenda.*

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

- (20-055) Communication from Mayor Jim Ardis and the Legal Department with a Recommendation to APPROVE a RESOLUTION to Increase the COMPENSATION of the CITY MANAGER by \$4,828.50 to be Allocated as a Bonus, Salary Increase, Deferred Compensation, or Any Combination as Deemed Appropriate by the City Manager.**

Council Member Riggenbach moved to approve a Resolution to increase the compensation of the City Manager by \$4,828.50 to be allocated as a bonus, salary increase, deferred compensation, or any combination as deemed appropriate by the City Manager; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-055 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,  
Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

**(20-056) Communication from Councilman Montelongo with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2020 - 2021 BIENNIAL BUDGET Relating to the Use of the General Fund Balance to Provide Funding to Subsidize the Discount on the Purchase of HOME CAMERA SECURITY EQUIPMENT, in the Amount of \$29,400.00.**

Council Member Montelongo stated that these funds were left over from last year's RING event. He said last year the City set aside \$50,000.00 to be used in conjunction with RING to provide a matching subsidy for the purchase of these cameras. He said he asked for the remaining balance to be brought forward into 2020 to be used for the purchase of security cameras.

Council Member Montelongo moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2020 – 2021 Biennial Budget relating to the use of the General Fund balance to provide funding to subsidize the discount on the purchase of home camera security equipment, in the amount of \$29,400.00; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Council Member Kelly inquired whether RING would continue their 50/50 cost split with the City, and City Manager Urich said RING had discontinued its program and was no longer providing a \$50.00 discount. He said Staff was working on a policy that would include a \$50.00 incentive paid to residents who purchased and installed a camera system and registered the installation with the Peoria Police Department. He said a policy would be brought back to the City Council at the next City Council meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,756 amending the City of Peoria 2020 – 2021 Biennial Budget relating to the use of the General Fund balance to provide funding to subsidize the discount on the purchase of home camera security equipment, in the amount of \$29,400.00, was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(19-278) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to Consider Two Draft ORDINANCES Pertaining to CHAPTER 3 of the CODE of the City of Peoria to Allow MOVIE THEATERS to SELL ALCOHOL.**

A revised Council Communication and draft Ordinances changing the class for a movie theatre license from a Class "O" to a Class "MT" were distributed to all Council Members.

Interim Corporation Counsel Chrissie Peterson provided an overview of the item stating that representatives from AMC and Goodrich approached the Liquor Commission with a request to sell alcohol in movie theaters. She said two Ordinance options were provided for the Council to review and she provided an explanation of the two noting the differences. She commented that the Council could also decide to not allow movie theaters to sell alcohol. She stated that Ordinance A was the more feasible option and Ordinance B was more stringent.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file Ordinance A pertaining to Chapter 3 of the Code of the City of Peoria to allow movie theaters to sell alcohol; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Council Member Grayeb expressed his concern for creating a liquor license for movie theaters. He said should a liquor license be created for movie theaters, he would prefer Ordinance B. He expressed a concern regarding the lack of supervision of minors and the potential to abuse alcohol, especially with Ordinance A. He said it was not in the best interest of the theaters or the families going to the theaters to allow the sale of alcohol. He said if Ordinance B was not of interest to the theaters, he said he would lean towards not adopting an "MT" liquor license.

Council Member Ali said she did not support this item when it came for a First Reading review before City Council a few months ago, and she said she still did not support movie theaters obtaining liquor licenses. She explained her concern for children and families being exposed to alcohol, noting that alcohol should not be incorporated within a family atmosphere. She said she was not in favor of creating an "MT" liquor license.

Mayor Ardis said the Council Communication identified that the Riverfront Museum sold alcohol similar to what was outlined in Ordinance A; however, he commented there were remarkable differences between the Riverfront Museum and a multi-screen movie theater. He said it was his opinion that there was no comparison.

Council Member Cyr said initially he was against the idea of movie theaters selling alcohol when the item was originally brought before the City Council. Since then, he said he had conducted research, spoke with several attorneys, spoke with other Council Members and discussed the matter with his constituents in Council District 5. He commented that the theater business was declining all over the country. He said, with having two movie theaters in District 5, he wanted to provide them with an opportunity to increase their business. He said he was not in favor of the business plan, but he said he wanted to give them an opportunity to try to get more adults back to the theater. He said he would like to see theaters increase their sales in a responsible way and he said he would support Ordinance A.

Council Member Kelly inquired whether theaters were looking to utilize Ordinance B, and Interim Corporation Counsel Peterson said the representatives from the movie theaters made it very clear that Ordinance B was a business model that would not work, stating it would require significant renovations.

Council Member Moore clarified that even if an Ordinance was adopted creating an "MT" liquor license, the theater would still need to go through the Site Approval Process and come before the City Council for approval. She said this item provided a new option for a liquor license but could still be denied by the City Council for site approval.

Council Member Jensen said she supported Ordinance A, stating the importance of supporting the City's current theaters. She said based on the comments of the attorney who spoke at a previous meeting regarding the business plan for the sale of alcohol at the theaters, she was comfortable with the procedures in place to ensure alcohol was served in a responsible manner. She said she would support Ordinance A and she encouraged other Council Members to do the same. She remarked on the importance of supporting the businesses within the City of Peoria.

Council Member Ruckriegel said the movie industry was changing, stating he had approximately 20 years of experience in movie operations. He said movie theaters made their money on concessions rather than ticket sales. He said Ordinance A provided a good option, noting the safeguards within the Ordinance. He commented that most customers attending a movie did not leave the theater for another drink once the movie had started. He said the City could grant a liquor license, but the City could also take a liquor license away. He said the owners and representatives of the theaters pledged to take this matter seriously. He said he would support Council Member Cyr and he expressed appreciation for his efforts on the matter.

Rob Anderson, a representative of AMC Theaters, said the theaters were not interested in Ordinance B wherein a restaurant would be required. He said it had been tried in other cities and was found not financially feasible. He said those theaters that incorporated a restaurant theme were now being closed down. With regards to the AMC theaters, he said any upgrades to the facility to incorporate Ordinance B was not supported by the current numbers of movie goers and was not financially feasible.

In response to Council Member Ruckriegel regarding the procedure for this item, Interim Corporation Counsel Chrissie Peterson clarified this matter was a First Reading and would come back for adoption.

Council Member Montelongo asked whether a sunset clause could be included in the Ordinance, and Interim Corporation Counsel Peterson said such a clause could be included.

Motion to receive and file Ordinance A pertaining to Chapter 3 of the Code of the City of Peoria to allow movie theaters to sell alcohol was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel,  
Mayor Ardis - 8;

Nays: Ali, Grayeb - 2.

*CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 19-278 will be placed on the March 10, 2020, Regular City Council Meeting agenda.*

**(20-026) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT ORDINANCE A, or to ADOPT ORDINANCE B, or to ADOPT ORDINANCE C, all Amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code Relating to TRUCK PARKING.**

Community Development Director Ross Black said when this item came to the City Council for a First Reading, there was a request to provide an Ordinance C that would address truck parking in the Commercial Districts as a Special Use and truck parking in an Industrial District as a Permitted Use. He said the terms and conditions would remain the same. With a Permitted Use he said the initial review would be done by the Development Review Board and each application would require a site plan. He said the number of Class 2 vehicles allowed at any location would be no more than five (5) and the amount of time allowed to park would be no more than 72 hours.

Council Member Jensen moved to adopt Ordinance C, amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code relating to truck parking; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Council Member Jensen said the proposed Ordinance C addressed her concerns as it related to truck parking in Commercial Districts (C-2). She said semi-truck parking in a Commercial District would require City Council approval through the Special Use process.

In response to Council Member Moore as to who to contact regarding general nuisance complaints at these locations, Director Black said any general nuisance complaints should go through the non-emergency dispatch phone number. He reiterated there was a limit of 5 trucks that could park at one location and for no more than 72-hours at a time. He said this applied only to semi-trucks that were not associated with a business at the location. He further stated that if someone had property in the industrial area and wanted to allow semi-trucks to park, the property owner would need to go through the administrative review process and provide a site plan. He said the only difference between Industrial Districts and Commercial Districts was Commercial Districts required City Council approval and Industrial Districts were approved administratively.

In response to Council Member Grayeb regarding the approval process, Director Black said the Industrial Districts would be permitted only after the owner of the property submitted an application with a site plan. He said in Commercial Districts there needed to be a public hearing held by the Planning and Zoning Commission with notices sent to all adjacent property owners, and a final decision made by the City Council.

Council Member Cyr expressed a concern with semi-trucks lost in residential areas and driving through roundabouts, and he inquired as to how that could be alleviated. He inquired about semi-truck parking in industrial districts and the application process for those areas.

Director Black said, for Industrial Districts, the property owner would need to apply to have semi-truck parking at their place of business. As far as semi-trucks traveling through residential neighborhoods and roundabouts, Director Black said as long as those roads were rated for a Class 2 truck, then those trucks were allowed on those streets. He commented that roundabouts were designed to accommodate semi-trucks. Regarding semi-trucks in residential neighborhoods, he said moving trucks needed to travel through these locations. As far as parking in the Industrial Districts, he said he believed overnight parking in those locations would see very little increase.

Council Member Riggerbach commented that Commercial Districts, such as shopping centers, were adjacent to neighborhoods, which was why this matter was brought before the City Council for discussion. He said there would be a public hearing process wherein the community would have the opportunity to comment. He said the adoption of the Ordinance would establish a process that included public input. He said this Ordinance was a great compromise and was long overdue.

Council Member Montelongo inquired about a few commercial locations within Council District 4, and Director Black stated that the area located on Big Hollow Road was a small parcel, on a hillside and undevelopable. He said with regards to removing various locations from the Commercial District list, zoning required the inclusion of all Commercial Districts or none at all. He said with the Special Use process the City Council would have greater control of where semi-trucks could park. He said anyone could submit an application through the Special Use process, but for appropriate circumstances a Special Use request could be denied. He stated the Special Use process could also limit the number of semi-trucks allowed to park at a certain location to a number less than five (5) or increase it to a number greater than five (5).

In response to Council Member Grayeb regarding the revocation of a Special Use, Director Black said the only way a revocation could occur would be if there was a violation of the Special Use. He said adopting this Ordinance would bind future City Council Members to the process, and a revocation could not occur unless there was an extenuating circumstance.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,757, amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code relating to truck parking was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

**Channel 22**

Strategic Communications Specialist Stacy Peterson provided an overview of the public access information aired on Channel 22. She said current events, meetings and other schedules would be listed on Channel 22 Monday through Friday from 4:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. and again from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. She remarked on the importance of not interrupting current programming. She said it would provide all the information that was currently available on the City's social media and website. She said if there were any comments or suggestions to contact her in the City Manager's Office at 309-494-8524.

Council Member Moore expressed her appreciation to Stacy Peterson for diligently working to get information on the television for those citizens who do not use or have access to social media or computers. She remarked on the importance of keeping all citizens informed of City matters.

**Granicus Contract**

City Manager Urich provided an update on the Granicus contract, stating the contract was originally due to increase each year by 7.0%; however, he said he was able to negotiate a 3.0% increase. He said it would save the City \$3,800.00 over the life of the contract.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Dedication of Fire House to Eddie Gains**

Council Member Moore said Black History Month was coming to an end, and she commented on the first African American who was hired by the Peoria Fire Department – Eddie Gains. In recognition of his efforts and achievements, she requested information on how to have the new Fire Department built in Council District 1 named and dedicated to Eddie Gains, stating it would be a fitting end to Black History Month and a tribute to one who blazed a trail.

City Manager said he would provide a Report Back on the process at the next City Council Meeting.

Council Member Moore said it was her hope that the rest of the Council would vote in favor of this matter once brought forward for approval.

**Revenues from Statewide Cannabis Sales**

Council Member Jensen asked what the City's revenues were from the recent legalization of cannabis, and City Manager Urich said the local cannabis tax would not go into effect until July 1, 2020. As far as revenues from the State, he said the State had not yet reported on those revenues. He said he would investigate and provide a Report Back, if necessary.

**Recent Passing of Council Member Oyler's Mother**

Mayor Ardis said he and the other City Council Members expressed their condolences to Council Member Zach Oyler for the recent passing of his mother. He asked that Council Member Oyler and his family be kept to heart and in prayer.

**Coronavirus Information**

Mayor Ardis said the City Council had received information on the Coronavirus that explained how it was being addressed and what was being done locally to prepare. He said the information can be found on the City website at peoriagov.org under "News and Announcements."

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

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

Kristen Meierkord, a citizen of Peoria, expressed her appreciation to Council Member Riggerbach for his efforts and presence in the East Bluff. She remarked on the importance of Council Members making a visible presence in the community as well as the Police Officers walking the neighborhoods. She spoke on missing person Alexa Scott and the project in support of all missing persons in the City of Peoria. She said a display was showcased on the corner of 1311 SW Adams and Pecan Street of those women and children missing or murdered in the City of Peoria and Peoria County. She remarked on the need for Alexa Scotts' family to find closure.

Steven Morris, a citizen of Peoria and Pastor at Providence Church, expressed his gratitude to the Council for their time. He said he was a witness of a significant matter and he asked the City Council to declare the City of Peoria to be a sanctuary City for the unborn. He invited Council Members to discuss the matter with him or to attend a service a Providence Church.

Jody Smith-Brown, a concerned citizen, commented on the civic duties of the City Council to the community's safety. She remarked on the Alexa Scott campaign and said the family needed a public apology for the community not doing the best it could to solve the case.

Robert Johnson, representative from the South Side Community for Change, said he was concerned about the possibility of craft growers establishing a business on SW Adams Street. He said the community was not happy with the possibility. He said no one had informed the neighborhood and Council Member Moore did not have any information on the matter. He said the citizens from the Southside wanted to voice their concern and he asked the City Council to consider the residents in that neighborhood.

Benjamin Hausam, a concerned citizen, asked the City to abolish abortion, commenting on the services provided by Planned Parenthood. He remarked on the need to protect the innocent and to declare a ban on abortion in the City of Peoria.

Darcy Cady, a peer representative of the Alexa Scott campaign, said she had been involved with the campaign for approximately two years. She provided an overview of the campaign and she asked what future action the City Council would like to see from the campaign.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

### ADJOURNMENT

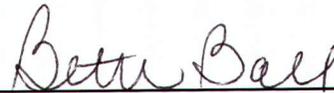
Council Member Cyr moved to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Ali.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Regular City Council was adjourned at 7:52 P.M.



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

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