

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :

: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held February 28, 2017, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall, Council Chambers (Room 400), 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Jim Ardis presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Akeson, Grayeb, Jensen (Arrived at 6:05 P.M.), Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Newlin, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel (Electronic Attendance), Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11. Absent: None.

GRANICUS – SLOW RESPONSE TIMES CAUSED BY AMAZON AWS RELATED ISSUES

Mayor Ardis announced that there was a massive internet outage on the east coast that was affecting a number of companies, one of which was Granicus. He said the City used Granicus to provide the agenda on iPads for the City Council along with web streaming all City Council meetings. He said if the problem was not fixed before tonight's meeting, then Council may experience problems with the agenda on their iPads and the City may receive complaints about the online broadcast.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Council Member Jensen arrived at 6:05 P.M.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

Kick Butts Day – May 16, 2017

National Engineer's Week – February 17th – February 25th, 2017

World Day of Prayer

Recognition of Richwoods High School Art Students

Presentation: Recognition of Representative Spain for Service on Council

PRESENTATION TO REPRESENTATIVE RYAN M. SPAIN WEAVER FOR HIS SERVICE ON THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Ardis presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION
RYAN M. SPAIN

WHEREAS, Ryan M. Spain has served as Council Member for the City of Peoria, Illinois, from May 2007 until November 2016, and this year brings to an end nine years of dedicated

service by Ryan M. Spain to the City of Peoria, during which he has given freely of his time in an unselfish effort and has demonstrated the highest ideals of public service by his dedication; and

WHEREAS, Ryan M. Spain, by his many years of efficient service as Council Member representing the residents of Peoria, has served as a member of the Solid Waste Disposal Committee, a member of the Peoria Civic Center Authority, and the Downtown Development Corporation, among others, and has well-earned the endless gratitude of the citizens of Peoria;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this City Council, on behalf of its members, the officials and employees of the City of Peoria, and the citizens of the community, do hereby express to Ryan M. Spain, sincere and profound appreciation and thanks for his years of dedicated service as a Peoria City Council Member.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Honorable Ryan M. Spain be presented this resolution, and this resolution be spread upon the permanent records of the City of Peoria, Illinois, attested to by the City Clerk.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, 28th day of February, 2017 A.D.

/s/ Mayor Jim E. Ardis

/s/ Council Member Jim Montelongo

/s/ Council Member Beth Akeson

/s/ Council Member Denise Moore

/s/ Council Member Tim Riggerbach

/s/ Council Member Charles V. Grayeb

/s/ Council Member Beth Jensen

/s/ Council Member Sid P. Ruckriegel

/s/ Council Member W. Eric Turner

/s/ Council Member Casey Johnson

ATTEST:

/s/ Beth Ball
City Clerk

EXAMINED AND APPROVED:

/s/ Donald Leist
Corporation Counsel

Mayor Ardis stated that he and the rest of the City Council appreciated Representative Spain's service to the community that he gave for a number of years. He said he set a good example for the younger generation to get involved in government to make a difference and to be a leader. He said it was his hope that Representative Spain would take everything he learned on the City Council and would assist the General Assembly with understanding the importance of passing a budget.

Representative Spain said it was an honor to be a recipient of the above-stated resolution. He expressed his gratitude to his colleagues on the Council, stating that the City was very lucky to

have such an incredible City Council of which he was proud to have served. He expressed his appreciation towards his family for their full support in his endeavors. He stated that his parents had inspired in him the love for public service, which was then nurtured by Mayor Ardis, Assistant City Manager Chris Setti, and the citizens of Peoria. He expressed his appreciation for the recognition and to everyone who influenced and supported his path in public service.

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 25, 2017, 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, 2017. 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.

REQUEST BY COUNCIL MEMBER RUCKRIEGEL FOR ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

After having established a quorum, Mayor Ardis said a notice was received from Council Member Ruckriegel in accordance with the rules established by Ordinance No. 16,142. He said Council Member Ruckriegel would be authorized to attend the meeting electronically unless a motion objecting to his electronic attendance was made, seconded, and approved by two-thirds of the members of the City Council physically present at the meeting. He said if no such motion was made and seconded, then the request by Council Member Ruckriegel to attend electronically shall be deemed approved by the City Council and Council Member Ruckriegel would be declared as present.

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

MINUTES

Council Member Newlin moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on February 14, 2017, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

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

- (17-051) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to Receive for Information and to Refer to the Legal Department the NOTICE OF LAWSUIT Filed on Behalf of CLIFTON ROBINSON Against RICHARD L. BRECKLIN, III, an Employee of the CITY OF PEORIA POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

- (17-052) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to Receive for Information and to Refer to the Legal Department the NOTICE OF LAWSUIT Filed on Behalf of JOHNNIE LEE SAVORY Against CITY OF PEORIA, et al.,
- (17-053) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to Receive for Information and to Refer to the Legal Department the NOTICE OF LAWSUIT Filed on Behalf of CLARA UNDERWOOD-FORMAN Against the CITY OF PEORIA, et al.
- (17-054) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to Receive for Information and to Refer to the Legal Department the NOTICE OF LAWSUIT Filed on Behalf of CELLCO PARTNERSHIP d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS Against CITY OF PEORIA, et al.
- (17-055) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Enter into an INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT with the PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA Related to the Further Development of the TAWNY OAKS & SINGING WOODS Properties.
- (17-056) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Recommendation to Enter into an AGREEMENT with WHISKEY CITY ARCHITECTURAL SALVAGE and PEORIA ARCHITECTURAL SALVAGE for the Salvage of Materials from City-Owned Structures Slated for Demolition. (City-Wide)
- (17-057) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Two-Year Lease ADDENDUM AGREEMENT Effective February 28, 2017, for a Two-Year Term and with the Provision for Three (3), One-Year Extensions to February 28, 2022, between the City of Peoria and SOUTHWIND RAS, LLC for Use of a Portion of the City-Owned Property on DARST STREET for the Operation of an ASPHALT SHINGLE RECYCLING FACILITY (Amends 11-068). (Council District 1)
- (17-058) Communication from the City Manager and the Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,441 Reserving 2017 PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND VOLUME CAP, in the Amount of \$11,507,000.00.
- (17-059) Communication from the City Manager and the Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 17-059 and INCUMBENCY CERTIFICATE Accepting a Grant from the ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (IHDA) for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Home Accessibility Program, in the Amount of \$144,450.00.

- (17-060) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following:
- A. APPROVE the FY2017 LANDFILL BUDGET as Adopted by the Peoria City/County Landfill Committee; and,
 - B. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,442 AMENDING the City of Peoria 2017 AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Solid Waste Fund to Adjust the Solid Waste Fund to the Approved Budget from the Peoria City/County Landfill Committee.
- (17-050) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,443 Amending CHAPTER 3 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Section 3-9 Pertaining to the PRESENCE OF UNDER-AGED PERSONS UPON LICENSED PREMISES.
- (17-061) 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 ORDINANCE NO. 17,444 Approving a REZONING from a Class CN (Neighborhood Commercial) and R-4 (Single-Family Residential) to a Class R-7 (Multi-Family Residential) for the Property Located at 411 S. OLIVE STREET (Parcel Identification No. 18-17-206-016) and Part of 2127 SW JEFFERSON STREET (Parcel Identification No. 18-17-206-023), Peoria, Illinois; and,
 - B. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,445 AMENDING an Existing SPECIAL USE. Ordinance No. 15,638, in a Class R-7 (Multifamily Residential) District for a Group Home for Permanent Housing for Persons with Disabilities, to Add Property and a Building Addition, for the Properties Located at 403 and 411 SOUTH OLIVE STREET and Part of 2127 SW JEFFERSON STREET (Parcel Identification Nos. 18-17-206-016, 18-17-206-022, and part of 18-17-206-023), Peoria, Illinois.
- (17-062) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,446 Partially Abating the TAX Heretofore LEVIED to PAY SPECIAL SERVICE AREA PROPERTY TAXES on the PEORIA SPORTS CENTER PROPERTY TAX SPECIAL SERVICE AREA, in the Amount of \$179,392.00.
- (17-063) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,447 Partially Abating the TAX Heretofore LEVIED to PAY SPECIAL SERVICE AREA PROPERTY TAXES on the HOLIDAY INN PROPERTY SPECIAL SERVICE AREA, in the Amount of \$11,275.00.

- (17-064) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a CLASS H (Temporary Outdoor) Liquor License from the ST. JUDE RIDERS ASSOCIATION for an Event to be Held on ½ of NIAGARA ALLEY between the 100 Block of SW JEFFERSON AVENUE and the 100 Block of SW ADAMS STREET, on Friday, March 17, 2017. (Council District 1)**
- (17-065) **Communication from the City Manager with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE the PEORIA PARK DISTRICT RIVERFRONT PROGRAMMING WORK PROGRAM and BUDGET REPORT for 2017.**
- (17-066) **REPORT from the CITY TREASURER PATRICK A. NICHTING for the MONTH of JANUARY 2017, with Request to Receive and File.**

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

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

Item Nos. 17-050 through 17-066 were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

FIRST READINGS

- (17-067) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request for a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 20 of the CODE of the City of Peoria to Add Sec. 20-112 Regarding the POSSESSION OF CANNABIS UNDER 10 GRAMS AND DRUG PARAPHERNALIA and Amending CHAPTER 32 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Amending Sec. 32-3 to ALLOW ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION OF ALL THE VIOLATIONS OF THE CITY CODE.**

Corporation Counsel Don Leist provided an overview of the proposed amendment to Chapter 20 of the Code. He commented that the Illinois General Assembly enacted the decriminalization of 10 grams of pot or less and made it a civil law violation punishable by a civil penalty only. He stated that, within the Act, the General Assembly conveyed and allowed home rule municipalities to pass an Ordinance that would regulate such an offense, determine the amount of fine and establish the manner of which to enforce the violation. He reviewed the options the City had to process these type of violations and stated that it was determined the City would handle these matters through the administrative adjudicative process.

Mayor Ardis stated that this Ordinance would align the City with State legislation.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to receive and file the first reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 20 of the Code of the City of Peoria to Add Section 20-112 regarding the possession of cannabis under 10 grams and drug paraphernalia and amending Chapter 32 of the Code of the City of Peoria amending Sec. 32-3 to allow administrative adjudication of all the violations of the City Code; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Council Member Jensen inquired whether other Ordinance violations would be heard before the Administrative Hearing Officer.

Discussions were held regarding the intent of the Ordinance and whether other Ordinance violations would be heard before the Administrative Hearing Officer. Corporation Counsel Leist said he would clarify the discrepancy at the next City Council meeting. He said he would tender a list of Ordinance violations processed through the Hearing Officer and Ordinance violations processed through the Circuit Court.

Motion to receive and file the first reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 20 of the Code of the City of Peoria to Add Section 20-112 regarding the possession of cannabis under 10 grams and drug paraphernalia and amending Chapter 32 of the Code of the City of Peoria amending Sec. 32-3 to allow administrative adjudication of all the violations of the City Code was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 17-067 will be placed on the March 14, 2017, Regular City Council Agenda.

(17-068) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for a FIRST READING of an ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 29 of the CODE of the CITY OF PEORIA Pertaining to TREES AND SHRUBS.

Public Works Director Scott Reese provided an overview of the proposed amendment to Chapter 29 of the Code. He stated that the proposed changes would update current standards in order to meet the needs of the community and to clean the trees in right-of-ways.

Council Member Grayeb inquired how this would affect the trimming of trees by Ameren, and Director Scott commented that language was added to suggest they would confer with the City prior to trimming; however, he stated that their franchise agreement would not require them to do so.

Discussions were held regarding Ameren's tree-trimming process and the Illinois Commerce Commission exerting pressure on Ameren to conduct more extreme cutting of trees that would affect the City. Director Reese said this would encourage additional conversations between the City and Ameren regarding the tree cutting process.

In response to Council Member Grayeb regarding dead trees on University Street and the replanting of trees, Director Reese said the Ordinance change would require the City to seek advice from a certified arborist prior to planting, work through proper planting areas and locations and picking the species of trees to be planted. As for anything planted in the last year or two that has died, he said there was money in the 2017 budget to replace those with better trees.

At the request of Council Member Grayeb, Director Reise provided an overview of the City's pilot nursery. He said Staff was tracking the cost of having a tree nursery program and he said he anticipated the cost to be less than the current cost of \$400-\$600 per tree.

At the conclusion of comments, Council Member Grayeb moved to receive and file the first reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 29 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to trees and shrubs; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Item No. 17-068 will be placed on the March 14, 2017, Regular City Council Agenda.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined

(17-069) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE Payment, in the Amount of \$25,500.00, to the STEIDINGER FAMILY for Right-of-Way Acquisition of a Portion of Parcel 08-36-200-012 for the Proposed ALTA ROAD/RADNOR ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. (Council District 5)

Council Member Johnson moved to approve payment, in the amount of \$25,500.00, to the Steidinger Family for right-of-way acquisition of a portion of parcel 08-36-200-012 for the proposed Alta Road/Radnor Road Intersection Improvement Project; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Public Works Director Reise said the purchase of this property was to build a roundabout at the intersection of Alta Road and Radnor Road. He said the City was able to secure Federal Funds to update this intersection and he stated that the purchase of this property was one step out of three that needed to be taken to build the roundabout. In response to Council Member Jensen, he said this project was previously approved by the City Council.

Motion to approve payment, in the amount of \$25,500.00, to the Steidinger Family for right-of-way acquisition of a portion of Parcel 08-36-200-012 for the proposed Alta Road/Radnor Road Intersection Improvement Project was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(17-070) Communication from City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the Selection Process and an AGREEMENT with DATA TRANSFER SOLUTIONS, LLC, in the Amount of \$118,850.00, for Collecting, Processing, and Updating the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) for 2017 and Providing the Pavement Condition Index Report.

Public Works Director Reise explained the need for this item stating it would add a second data point for the City's pavement condition index to determine whether the City was making progress in addressing road conditions.

Council Member Riggenbach said it was important for constituents to understand that this would add to the City's efforts to improve the City's infrastructure. He remarked on the importance of recognizing this as a step towards improving the roads as was previously discussed by the Council. He said money was allocated to various projects in a systematic manner according to street conditions. He expressed his appreciation to Director Reeise for his continuation of this project.

At the conclusion of his comments, Council Member Riggenbach moved to approve the selection process and an agreement with Data Transfer Solutions, LLC, in the amount of \$118,850.00, for collecting, processing, and updating the pavement condition index (PCI) for 2017 and providing the Pavement Condition Index Report; seconded by Council Member Johnson.

In response to Council Member Jensen, Director Reeise said Data Transfer Solutions was a different company from when the first data set was collected. He stated that the format of the data could be provided by several companies, which would not lock the City down to utilizing one company. He said Data Transfer Solutions had underbid the company previously used.

Motion to approve the selection process and an agreement with Data Transfer Solutions, LLC, in the amount of \$118,850.00, for collecting, processing, and updating the pavement condition index (PCI) for 2017 and providing the Pavement Condition Index Report was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(17-071) Communication from the City Manager with a Request for the Following:

- A. APPROVE the Creation of the SOUTH VILLAGE HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM with Associated Program Guidelines; 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 moved to approve the creation of the South Village Housing Rehabilitation Program with associated program guidelines; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Moore stated that a similar program was currently ongoing in the East Bluff. She said the Southside Community United for Change requested such a program for the South Village area. She said this item was the result of East Bluff's program, with some modifications. She said some of the TIF Funds in the South Village TIF would be used for a 50/50 matching program. She expressed her appreciation to Council Member Riggenbach for his efforts in the East Bluff for piloting this program.

Council Member Riggenbach said this was a testament of "out-of-the-box" thinking the Council embraced over the years. He said Tax Increment Financing was a great economic tool that was now benefitting the single-family homeowners in neighborhoods. He said it was important for people to understand this showed how, by working together, great things could be accomplished.

Council Member Turner congratulated Council Member Moore for having the vision and insight in seeing how something that was currently being utilized can be utilized in the 61605 area code. He said it gave the citizens in that area of the City some hope that the Council was trying to do things to make a difference in their community.

Council Member Jensen said she strongly supported this item and said she was looking forward to working on this matter and seeing the changes that would be made.

Council Member Grayeb said he was pleased to support this item noting that the majority of the TIFs approved by the City Council were good TIFs. He said the infusion of capital was needed in the 61605 area code.

Motion to approve the creation of the South Village Housing Rehabilitation Program with associated program guidelines was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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.

Council Member Moore said there were a number of residents pushing and advocating for the First District, more specifically in the 61605 area code. She thanked the organizations that were involved such as SCUC, the PCCEO and LISC that have done a lot of work within this community. She said this item was for residents of the 61605 area code to have a benefit from TIF dollars that they paid.

Moved to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 17,448 amending the City of Peoria 2017 Amended Annual Budget relating to the use of the South Village TIF Fund Balance was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(17-072) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to Receive and File a PRESENTATION from the GREATER PEORIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

A packet of the Greater Peoria Economic Develop Council – City of Peoria Update presentation was distributed to all Council Members.

Ms. Jennifer Daly, CEO of the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council, provided a presentation update on their achievements. She said the EDC was a non-profit organization with a goal to drive economic growth in Greater Peoria through targeted business and talent development and attraction within a five-county region. She reviewed the organization's mission statement and provided an update on the organization's efforts stating they were present to support economic teams. She reported there were 79 investors in the organization noting that 60% of the organization's funding came from private sectors. She reviewed the organization's 5-year strategy, which incorporated growing businesses, growing talents and strengthening communities. She said their organization provided business assistance by conducting visits, assisting with business expansions and providing economic gardening. She

reviewed "Elevate GP" noting it focused on inner-state companies. She provided statistics from the visits conducted with various companies and she reviewed the labor projection survey for 2017 and Peoria Pathways.

Mr. Brent Baker of the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council shared some highlights about projects with the Peoria Public Schools. He said the organization had been running for approximately 1.5 years and involved nine unique stakeholders. He said they worked together to improve the outcomes from Peoria Public Schools.

Mayor Ardis said anyone with a student in Peoria Public Schools who was interested in opportunities offered by the organization should contact Brent Baker.

Ms. Daly continued by noting that talent attraction was of importance when getting people to relocate to Peoria. She remarked on the importance of partnerships working together to align strategies with grant money.

Additional information on the organization can be found on their website at www.greaterpeoriaedc.org.

Mayor Ardis expressed appreciation for the presentation noting that the City, prior to Caterpillar's announcement, had been working on startup companies and coordinating efforts. He mentioned Start-up Peoria, which was interested in attracting new companies to the area. He said the City had an incredibly bright future.

Ms. Daly expressed her appreciation for the support of the City Council in the efforts of the EDC.

Council Member Riggenbach moved to receive and file a presentation from the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

- (17-041) Communication from the City Manager and the Director of Public Works with a Request to ACCEPT the Reduced Price LOW BID of TSI COMMERCIAL FLOOR COVERING, in the Amount of \$45,484.00, and Award a CONTRACT for the Carpet Replacement at GATEWAY BUILDING. (Council District 1)**

Council Member Moore moved to accept the reduced price low bid of TSI Commercial Floor Covering, in the amount of \$45,484.00, and award a contract for the carpet replacement at Gateway Building; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Public Works Director Reiese provided an overview on the changes made since the last City Council meeting. He said he discussed the workforce that would be used on this project with the contractor noting that two carpenters would be coming from the Peoria County area. He said Staff determined that removal of the old carpet could be excluded from the contract in order

to hire a local workforce.

Council Member Moore said this was an ongoing attempt to make sure projects that came through the City had contracts with a local component. She directed that any contracts that came before the City, especially in Council District 1, be reviewed about the company's history of minority hiring and whether workers would come from the Greater Peoria Area. She commented that residents paid taxes for these moneys to be used.

Discussions were held regarding the difference between carpet tile and rolled carpet. It was noted that carpet tiles were easier to replace should a tile become stained.

Motion to accept the reduced price low bid of TSI Commercial Floor Covering, in the amount of \$45,484.00, and award a contract for the carpet replacement at Gateway Building was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Community Conversation

Council Member Moore asked City Manager Urich to provide an update on the Community Conversation meeting dates and times.

City Manager Urich provided an update on the Community Conversation meeting dates and times. He said Staff had been polling the members of the public who participated in these conversations in order to help develop some action teams on specific areas. He said there were seven different areas to be reviewed ranging from asset development, economic development, workforce development, infrastructure and neighborhoods, built-in environmental needs, justice and health. He said Staff was working to schedule those meetings for the week of March 13, 2017.

City Manager Urich said various social service agencies were asked to take an online survey, which would allow the City to point people in the right direction for the services they needed. He said the passing of the home improvement program for the Southside tied directly into what the City was trying to develop. He said there were public meetings regarding two of the City's Public Works projects with an anticipated expenditure of \$3 million for 2017. He said Public Works Director Reeise was looking to increase the number of minorities to work on those projects.

City Manager Urich announced that this Saturday, March 4, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 P.M. a minority and women construction job fair will be held at the Woodruff Center.

City Manager Urich announced that Wednesday, March 8, 2017, from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Gateway Building a government purchasing diversity event would be held that included the City, the County, the Park District, the Housing Authority, and CityLink. He said this event was to create a networking environment for minority, women-owned and disabled veteran businesses to network.

He said the City recently awarded Six "M" Big Grant Awards, which were the minority business grant awards offered by the City. This coming spring, he said the Mayor's Youth Group Program would be starting up with hiring beginning in the Public Works Department. He said the City just finished landlord training where time was spent discussing property management and working with the landlords on how they could follow the code in order to be a good

neighbor. He said tenant education sessions would also be provided to tenants and residents of rental properties to provide education on their rights as tenants. Later this spring he said the City would be presenting to the Council a Side Lot Purchase Program, noting there were a number of city-owned vacant lots that the City would like to put back on the tax rolls and back in the hands of the public.

City Manager Ulrich said a press release would go out before the end of the week with dates, times and locations of the next Community Connections.

City Hall Challenge

Ms. Stacy Peterson, the City's Communications Specialist, announced that the City of Peoria was involved in a nation-wide challenge sponsored by Engaging Local Government Leaders (ELGL). She provided an overview of the process noting that Peoria City Hall advanced through the bracket series starting at 64 to 32 to 16 and was now in the top 4. She said Peoria was facing Pasadena in the final four, which she stated was a tough competition. She said the voting started last Saturday morning and would close Friday, March 3, 2017, at 10:59 P.M. She said the winner would win bragging rights, the organization would get a membership to the ELGL group, and the City would bring home the Leslie Knope Trophy. She announced that voting can be found by going to <http://elgl.org/2017/02/25/pasadena-ca-vs-peoria-il/> and that additional votes would be given for positive comments being left on the site regarding Peoria City Hall.

Appreciation and Recognition of Mr. Ken Zika, Former Chairman of the PHA Board

Council Member Moore expressed her appreciation to Mr. Ken Zika who recently stepped down as Chairman of the Peoria Housing Authority (PHA) Board. She said he served as Chairman on the Board for six years and recognized his efforts during that time. She said it was her hope moving forward that the City Council Members review their Districts and determine how their Districts could help the PHA. She remarked on the importance of the PHA ensuring that people were provided livable accommodations. She expressed her appreciation for the efforts on Mr. Zika and she wished him well on his future endeavors.

Mayor Ardis said Mr. Zika had asked to serve on the PHA Board. He said Mr. Zika knew what he wanted to do for the City and he had done a great job doing it. He said he and the rest of the City Council appreciated Mr. Zika's service.

Riverfront Park Update

Council Member Akeson said she met with representatives from Friends of Riverfront Park and she said it had come to their attention that the appraisals for the conversion property and the replacement property had been rejected. She asked Assistant City Manager Chris Setti to provide an overview.

Assistant City Manager Setti said the appraisals for the conversion of the property and the replacement property had not been rejected. He reviewed the process and he reported that the City was given notice from the National Park Service that some issues were identified with the way the appraisal was compiled. He provided an overview of how the appraisal was conducted in 2015 in accordance with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. He said the IDNR requested the appraisal be conducted by a certain method. However, he said the National Park Service had told the City it needed to do the appraisal another way. He said he was currently trying to get more information as to what was needed. He said the result of any additional work that needed to get done would not necessarily change the value. He said he did not believe the facts of the appraisal were materially different. He said there currently was not a timeline on this particular project. He said the appraiser was looking at the documents the City received in

order to determine how to proceed. He stated that the last appraisal fell within the purchasing authority of the City Manager, and if revisions were needed, there may be no costs involved. He said he would not know if there would be costs until the City received answers from the State of Illinois. He provided an update of the process stating that he would address and answer the comments and questions from the National Park Service over the next week to two weeks. He defined the meaning of displaced utility stating it was displaced recreational utility, which was the section where development would occur. He said it was about a net gain or a neutral position that there would be the same amount of recreational utility to the Riverfront Park as there was before development.

Council Member Akeson said it was very important to the Council Members that voted in favor of the project to be mindful of the quality of the volleyball courts, the placement of them, that they were equal to or better than what was there currently, along with being mindful of the unwritten agreement with the Boat Club. She said there was a lot of concern about the Boat Club. She noted that the June 30, 2017 date for an extension was quickly approaching and it would be beneficial and appropriate to provide the City Council with weekly updates. She asked that these updates be readily accessible on the City's website. She commended Assistant City Manager in his efforts and expressed her appreciation for the information he had provided.

Assistant City Manager Setti said an update would be posted to the City's website by the end of the week. He said information could be accessed for the City's "Quick Links" located on the right-hand side of the City's homepage.

NEW BUSINESS

Breakfast Chat at City Hall

Council Member Turner announced that he and Council Member Ruckriegel would be holding a breakfast chat on Thursday, March 2, 2017, from 7:30 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. He said the speaker would be Ms. Katie Johnson from the City of Peoria as well as PDC would provide an update on their services along with the City's Code Enforcement.

Breakfast Chat in the Fourth District

Council Member Montelongo announced that he would be hosting his monthly breakfast chat on Thursday, March 2, 2017, from 7:30 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. at Panera located in Westlake Shopping Center

ALS Implementation at Fire Station 19

Council Member Montelongo said the implementation of Advance Life Support (ALS) at Fire Station 19 had been an ongoing discussion for the last year. He said there was interest from the citizens of Peoria to expand ALS into that area. He directed City Manager Urich to bring back to the City Council options on how the City of Peoria could activate Station 19, which was located on Frostwood Parkway, with ALS capabilities by July 1, 2017, or sooner. He said he would like it brought before the City Council for a vote at the second meeting in March. He said he would also like to begin discussion to expand ALS into other Fire Houses in the City. He said he spoke with Dr. Jackson, the Medical Director for Emergency Services, and he said that they would be looking at a pilot program for Station 19. He expressed appreciation for Dr. Jackson's time explaining in detail his position, and to all the Firefighters and Advance Medical Technicians in the community.

Mayor Ardis asked Fire Chief Chuck Lauss if he had an understanding as to what option the City had to permit Station 19 or any other Station to become certified for ALS engines. Fire Chief Lauss provided an overview of how the City acquired ALS Stations. He said the City

currently had three ALS Stations – Station 4, Station 12 and Station 20. He said in the past year the Department submitted an application for a special utility vehicle for special events, which was granted. He explained the Fire Department's system noting it was a 2-tier response system developed by stakeholders comprised of the Emergency Communication Center, the AMT, Police, Fire, among others. He provided an overview of how calls were handled through the emergency process. He said the last time the Department applied for ALS the Peoria Area EMS and the Project Medical Director had the authority to grant that application process.

In response to Mayor Ardis' question regarding what the City Council could do or what the City Manager could do to allow an engine company to become ALS certified, Chief Lauss stated that the authority to certify a Station as ALS belonged to Dr. Jackson. He said it was not the decision of the City Council to determine what Stations became ALS certified. However, he said Mayor Ardis and City Manager Urich had helped facilitate some meetings, which would be helpful moving forward with trying to attain another ALS Station.

Mayor Ardis said there had been ongoing discussions with the Project Medical Director, the Administrative Team, and Firefighter's Local 50 for some time trying to develop a solution that everyone could agree with that would help get closer to this point. He said it was important for citizens to know that discussions with Dr. Jackson had been going on for quite some time to try to facilitate a situation where all of our citizens would get the best care they could possibly get. He suggested Council Member Montelongo that rather than having the City Manager come back with options, to have the City Manager ask the Fire Chief, Dr. Jackson, and Members of the Local 50 to have a conversation so all the citizens in those areas, who had been affected and who had been hearing a lot of information, could understand the process. He remarked on the importance of the medical professionals making the decision for ALS certification.

Council Grayeb expressed a concern regarding the process and where the matter currently stood.

In response to Council Grayeb, City Manager Urich said the Project Medical Director was established under the Illinois Emergency Medical Services Act. He said the General Assembly defined the emergency medical system under which the City operated. He said the State of Illinois defined the process.

Council Member Grayeb asked for Dr. Jackson to provide a presentation and have discussions along with the Fire Chief with the City Council.

Council Member Moore asked if Dr. Jackson was limiting the number of paramedics within the City and what were the parameters he used to determine where to place ALS Stations. She recommended an overall review and she asked City Manager Urich to chronical or prepare a white paper on the process should the question ever arise again.

Council Member Jensen said she agreed and would support reviewing the process of Stations becoming ALS certified.

Council Member Montelongo asked to have another meeting to discuss this issue with some options. He said the citizens paid for this service and should be allowed input on the matter. He asked to open this matter up for discussion to the community over the next month in order to get feedback.

Council Member Grayeb expressed his concerns and frustrations regarding the Riverfront Park project. He said with Caterpillar downsizing, it would greatly impact the project. He expressed his appreciation to Council Member Akeson for discussing this issue previously. He said the Riverfront should be preserved for the public. He said the City Council needed to realize the amount of time and dedication Staff had spent on this project.

Immigration Directives

Council Member Jensen inquired as to what the City was doing to comply with the new directives of President Trump as it related to immigration. She said there were rumors on social media that the Peoria Police Department hired part-time Police Officers who were picking up illegal immigrants and she asked what the City was doing about it.

Police Chief Jerry Mitchel said they currently did not have directives from the Federal Government nor from the State Government with regards to immigration. He said the Department fielded a number of questions this past week and received a number of Freedom of Information Requests asking for that type of information. He said the Police Department had not received any direction from the Federal Government Regarding Immigration.

City Manager Ulrich said the City did not have part-time Police Officers. He said the Police Department was enforcing the laws as they currently existed. He added these were rumors on social media and should be disregarded.

Remembrance of Former Congressman Bob Michel

Council Member Riggerbach announced that it had been 22 years since Congressman Bob Michel left office, and he said he wanted to recognize Mr. Michel's passing on February 17, 2017. He said he was a man of integrity, civility, and for getting things done. He said these were all the qualities everyone aspired. He acknowledged the many years of great service Bob Michel gave to the Peoria area.

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.

Dr. John Carroll, a citizen of Peoria, expressed his concern for a lack of Advanced Life Support (ALS) at Fire Station 19 and how it impacted the City and its citizens.

Mr. Savino Sierra, a citizen of Peoria, expressed a concern for the state of the City of Peoria, noting that the City needed to have more positives expressed than negatives.

Mr. Joseph Keck, a citizen of Peoria, expressed a concern for Peoria's Urban Forestry and he stated he would like to provide a presentation regarding Urban Forestry at the next City Council meeting.

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

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Newlin, Rigganbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Grayeb moved to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Grayeb, Jensen, Johnson, Montelongo, Moore, Newlin, Rigganbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 P.M.



Beth Ball, MMC, City Clerk
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