

**: 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 June 26, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall, Council Chambers (Room 400), 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Ardis presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Akeson (Arrived at 6:09 P.M.), Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 11. Absent: None.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.**

**Five Senses Spa**

**MINUTES**

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on June 12, 2018, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

**(18-192) Communication from the Township Supervisor with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Ascertaining the PREVAILING RATE OF WAGE for Laborers, Workmen and Mechanics and Other Workers in the Locality of the County of Peoria Employed in Performing Construction of Public Works for the Town of the City of Peoria.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance ascertaining the prevailing rate of wage for laborers, workmen and mechanics and other workers in the locality of the County of Peoria employed in performing construction of public works for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Cyr.

ORDINANCE NO. TO-18-03 was adopted roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (18-193)      Communication from the Town Officials with a Request to APPROVE MONTHLY ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES for JULY 2018 for the Town of the City of Peoria.**

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

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

- (18-194)**      **Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Department Director with a Request from the Advisory Commission on Human Resources to APPROVE Updated Funding Recommendations for the 2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) Public Service Funding, in the Total Amount of \$256,000.00.**  
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- (18-195)**      **Communication from the City Manager and Fire Chief with a Request to APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Execution of a One-Year CONTRACT with MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES (MES) for Firefighter Turnout Gear and Helmets (Personal Protective Equipment), in an Amount NOT to Exceed \$80,000.00, and with DINGES FIRE for Fire Gloves, in an Amount NOT to exceed \$6,000.00, which this Personal Protective Equipment will be Purchased on an as-needed Basis.**  
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- (18-186)**      **Communication from the City Manager and Chief of Police with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 28 (Traffic and Motor Vehicles), ARTICLE IV (Operation of Vehicle) of the CODE of the City of Peoria, Specifically Section 28-149-*Reckless Driving*; subsection (b) TOWING AND IMPOUNDMENT.**  
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- (18-196)**      **Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,590 REZONING Property from a Class C-N (Neighborhood Commercial) District to a Class R-4 (Single Family Residential) District for the Property identified as Parcel Identification No. 18-18-152-002, with an Address of 3030 WEST MARQUETTE STREET, Peoria, Illinois.**
- (18-197)**      **Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,591 Granting a SPECIAL USE for a Neighborhood Youth Center in a Class R-4 (Single-Family Residential) District, for the Property Located at 1825 NORTH NEW YORK AVENUE (Parcel Identification No. 18-04-226-015), Peoria, Illinois (Council District 3). PZ 18-24**

- (18-198) **Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,592 Ascertaining the PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES for Laborers, Workers and Mechanics Employed at Public Works in the City of Peoria, Illinois.**
- (18-199) **APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS with a Request to Concur:**
- Melodi D. Green (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2021**
- (18-200) **APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE DISABLED with a Request to Concur:**
- Ms. Terri Roark (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2019**
- (18-201) **REPORT from the CITY TREASURER PATRICK A NICHTING for the MONTH of MAY 2018, with Request to Receive and File.**

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

Council Member Moore requested Item Nos. 18-194 and 18-186 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Turner requested Item No. 18-195 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 18-186, 18-194 through 18-201 (excluding Item Nos. 18-186, 18-194 and 18-195) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

- (18-194) **Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Department Director with a Request from the Advisory Commission on Human Resources to APPROVE Updated Funding Recommendations for the 2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) Public Service Funding, in the Total Amount of \$256,000.00.**
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Council Member Moore commented that the CDBG funds were allocated from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and that the City would receive more funds than what was anticipated. She said these funds were previously approved by the City Council to be allocated according to the Advisory Commission on Human Resources' recommendations.

Council Member Moore moved to approve the updated funding recommendations for the 2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Service Funding, in the total amount of \$256,000.00; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Jensen said she would be abstaining from voting on this item due to her representation of an organization that was approved to receive funding.

Motion to approve the updated funding recommendations for the 2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Service Funding, in the total amount of \$256,000.000 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None;

Abstention: Jensen – 1.

**(18-195)      Communication from the City Manager and Fire Chief with a Request to  
\*\*      APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Execution of a One-Year CONTRACT with  
MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES (MES) for Firefighter Turnout Gear  
and Helmets (Personal Protective Equipment), in an Amount NOT to  
Exceed \$80,000.00, and with DINGES FIRE for Fire Gloves, in an Amount  
NOT to exceed \$6,000.00, which this Personal Protective Equipment will be  
Purchased on an as-needed Basis.**

A revised Council Communication was distributed to all Council Members that reflected the EEO Certification Number for Dinges.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to approve and authorize the execution of a one-year contract with Municipal Emergency Services (MES) for Firefighter turnout gear and helmets (personal protective equipment), in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00, and with Dinges Fire for fire gloves, in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00, which this personal protective equipment will be purchased on an as-needed basis; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(18-186)      Communication from the City Manager and Chief of Police with a Request  
\*\*\*      to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 28 (Traffic and Motor  
Vehicles), ARTICLE IV (Operation of Vehicle) of the CODE of the City of  
Peoria, Specifically Section 28-149-Reckless Driving; subsection (b)  
TOWING AND IMPOUNDMENT.**

Council Member Moore expressed a concern that adopting this Ordinance would disproportionately hit the minority community.

Police Chief Loren Marion provided an overview of the proposed Ordinance stating that it would allow for the Police Department to tow vehicles off private property based upon the actions that occurred. He said this was primarily to address opioid overdoses that occurred in the car itself. He said there had been a significant increase in opioid overdoses occurring in parked vehicles on private property and he said this Ordinance would provide the Police Department the necessary tool to address the situation.

Discussions were held on the process of impounding and towing vehicles and how the impoundment of a vehicle would possibly impact a family.

Council Member Jensen expressed a concern that the Ordinance was not tailored to address the actual purpose for opioid overdoses and she said she would not support this item.

Mayor Ardis commented that the proposed Ordinance would close the loophole as it related to incidents that occurred on private property. He said it appeared that the Police Department was focusing on the need due to the opioid epidemic and he said he would support the motion.

Council Member Akeson moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 28 (Traffic and Motor Vehicles), Article IV (Operation of Vehicle) of the Code of the City of Peoria, specifically Section 28-149 – Reckless Driving; subsection (b) Towing and Impoundment; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

In response to Council Member Montelongo, Police Chief Marion said the purpose of the Ordinance was to remove the vehicle from private property after an incident of a drug overdose in order to prevent the individual from having the ability to go back directly to that vehicle and to deter drug use in the vehicle.

Council Member Montelongo said he would not support this item noting it would negatively impact the entire family and their means of transportation. He said there were a number of questions that had not been answered and he said he would vote no on this item.

Council Member Grayeb said the Police Department was responding to a real need in the community to ensure individuals breaking the law would have their vehicle impounded. He said if the vehicle was not impounded, then the individual could be going back to driving while impaired. He said his sympathy rests with the people in the community hurt by people who were driving impaired. He said this item was motivated to ensure the safety of the person who was driving impaired. He said it was a serious offense whether the individual was driving or in a parking lot, and he said he would support this item.

Council Member Moore said she had an issue with government overreach onto private property and she said she would not support this item.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,593 amending Chapter 28 (Traffic and Motor Vehicles), Article IV (Operation of Vehicle) of the Code of the City of Peoria, specifically Section 28-149 – Reckless Driving; subsection (b) Towing and Impoundment was adopted by roll call vote.  
Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Grayeb, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 8;  
Nays: Jensen, Montelongo, Moore - 3.

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

**(18-206) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a Presentation by the PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY Regarding their 2017 ANNUAL REPORT.**

Council Member Ruckriegel introduced the Board of Trustees Edward Barry, Jr., President, Margaret Cousin, Vice President, and Leann Johnson, Director. He announced that Ms. Johnson would be retiring at the end of this week and that this would be her last and final Council Meeting.

Mr. Barry expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to present the Library's 2017 Annual Report, of which a copy was distributed to all Council Members, and he thanked the Council for their support.

Director Johnson thanked the City Council and City Departments for the fabulous working relationships over the years.

Mayor Ardis thanked the Library Board of Directors for their service to the community. He said the Library Board attended and participated in every budget meeting held by the City. He said the numbers validated what the Library had done over the years. He asked Mr. Barry and Ms. Cousins to express the Council's appreciation to the rest of the Library Board and he thanked Director Johnson for her service to the City and community.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to receive and file the presentation by the Peoria Public Library regarding their 2017 Annual Report; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(18-202)      Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request from the Advisory Commission on Human Resources to APPROVE the 2019 CDBG PUBLIC SERVICE APPLICATION.**

Council Member Moore commented on how this item related to Item No. 18-194; however, she said this item was for 2019 funding. She said this was the approval of funding from the CDBG to address various needs in the community. She provided an overview of the process and how the priorities were ranked. She expressed her appreciation and recognized the efforts of Ms. Kathryn Murphy in the Community Development Department who worked with the CDBG Funding and was the Staff Liaison to the Human Relations Commission.

At the conclusion of her comments, Council Member Moore moved to approve the 2019 CDBG Public Service Application; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Discussions were held regarding the list of priorities for 2019 and how they compared to the list for 2018, and how certain organizations received funding as it related to the priorities.

Council Member Jensen said she would like the Center for Prevention of Abuse listed as a higher priority and for it to be considered in the future.

Motion to approve the 2019 CDBG Public Service Application was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(18-187)      Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Appendix A of the UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE of the City of Peoria Relating to WAIVERS as a Special Use in a Multi-Family Residential District for Additional Units in Accessory Structures Only.**

Community Development Director Ross Black provided an overview of the item stating that there had been additional discussions with the community. He said the original Ordinance presented to Council at the last Council meeting had been divided into three parts. He said this

part was the waiver as a special use for additional units in accessory structures in multi-family residential districts. He said the other two parts would be brought to the City Council at a later date.

Council Member Ruckriegel expressed his appreciation to Director Black and City Staff for their effort on this item, and he moved to adopt an Ordinance amending Appendix A of the Unified Development Code of the City of Peoria relating to waivers as a Special Use in a Multi-Family Residential District for additional units in accessory structures only; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,594 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(18-203) 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 to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class R-4 (Single-Family Residential) District for an ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY, with a Waiver, Located at 1328 WEST CIRCLE ROAD, Peoria, Illinois (Parcel Identification No. 14-32-132-005). (Council District 2)**

Council Member Grayeb said this project was a sober treatment house for women. He provided some background information noting the initial dissent of the community that turned in favor of the project after the outreach efforts of the Executive Director of Invictus Woods Camilla Rabjohns.

Discussions were held regarding the assisted living facility noting that there would only be a maximum of five occupants on the property with a supervisory component. It was noted that there would be onsite staff required anytime a resident was present. If there were any issues with the project, it was mentioned that the Special Use could be revoked and the facility would have to close.

After a brief comment, Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance approving a Special Use in a Class R-4 (single-family residential) District for an assisted living facility, with a waiver, located at 1328 West Circle Road, Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Riggerbach said there was a similar facility in the Third District wherein Director Rabjohns met with the neighbors and explained the operation. He said he would support the work of Evictus House and said he was excited to see them expand to include women.

Mayor Ardis complimented Council Member Grayeb for his time and effort on the project as well as the efforts of Director Rabjohns to address the concerns of the community

ORDINANCE NO. 17,595 approving a Special Use in a Class R-4 (single-family residential) District for an assisted living facility, with a waiver, located at 1328 West Circle Road, Peoria, Illinois, was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (18-204) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request for One of the Following:**
- A. Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Approving a SPECIAL USE for a Convenience Cash Store (with Waivers) in a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District for the Property Located at 3204-3208 NORTH UNIVERSITY STREET (Parcel Identification Nos. 14-29-451-011 and 14-29-451-012), Peoria, Illinois (Council District 2);**
- OR**
- B. Concur with the Recommendation from Staff to DENY a SPECIAL USE for a Convenience Cash Store (with Waivers) in a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District for the Property Located at 3204-3208 NORTH UNIVERSITY STREET (Parcel Identification Nos. 14-29-451-011 and 14-29-451-012), Peoria, Illinois (Council District 2)**

After a few comments speaking in favor of the business, Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance approving a Special Use for a convenience cash store (with waivers) in a Class C-1 (General Commercial) District for the property located at 3204-3208 North University Street (Parcel Identification Nos. 14-29-451-011 and 14-29-451-012), Peoria, Illinois; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,596 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Akeson, Ruckriegel - 2.

- (18-205) Communication from the City Manager with a Request for a DISCUSSION of the 2017 MID-YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS with a Request to RECEIVE AND FILE.**

City Manager Urich distributed a memorandum to Mayor Ardis and City Council Members dated June 25, 2018, and a Financial Update Presentation dated June 26, 2018. He reviewed the presentation, noting it was available on the City's website under "Council Meeting Information." He commented that Peoria's population had declined over the last seven years with its peak being in 2013 at 116,479 to current at 112,883. He reviewed the budget's overall sources and uses noting that the two biggest taxation revenue sources were sales tax and property tax. He reviewed the other taxation sources and how they contributed to the City's revenue. He then reviewed the City's expenses noting that 75% of the budget was allocated into three departments: Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works. He reviewed the 10-year sales tax trends from 2008 to 2017 and he commented that the Local Use Tax was the amount of money the City received from internet transactions or cars purchased outside the City of Peoria. He reported that for internet sales, the City received \$0.01 for \$100.00 spent. He remarked that internet sales were increasing, but not bringing in as much as needed. He said most of the revenue came from the State Sales Tax and the Home Rule Sales Tax. He reported for every \$100 spent locally, the City received \$2.75. He said the more people who shopped online the less the City received in revenues. He said the overall sales tax base over the last 10 years has decreased by 4.0%. He reviewed taxable sales by category for 2008-2017, reporting general merchandise declined by nearly 40.0%. He stated food and restaurants were increasing, but apparel, furniture, hardware, automotive, drugs, agriculture and



manufacturers were down. He reported manufacturers had dropped significantly over the last few years, noting the impact of Caterpillar on the community. He reviewed the City's assessed value and growth rate stating the City was not going to see much growth in its tax base over the next year.

City Manager Urich reviewed how the property tax was distributed by government type as follows: schools received 58%, parks received 9%, Peoria County received 9%, other allocations received 8%, Library received 5%, and the City overall received 12%. He reviewed the property tax levy for the last 10 years, noting the money for roads was levied in 2015. He commented in 2017 approximately \$20 million of the property taxes was applied toward pensions with barely \$400,000.00 going towards the operations of the City. He stated pensions were crowding out any available tax dollars for operations. He reviewed the Police and Fire actuarial and actual contributions 2008-2017 noting the pension growth was crowding out all of property tax. He said 85% of those monies was going towards pension costs. He said the City was mandated to fund pension based on the statutory requirement, which would to continue increase.

City Manager Urich reviewed legacy costs for unfunded liability and debt from 2008-2017 noting a decline in IMRF; however, he reported Police Pensions had grown to nearly \$163 million and Fire approximately \$153 million. He said other post-employment benefits had grown from \$12.3 million to \$76.5 million and the City's total outstanding debt decreased from \$181.2 million down to \$177.4 million. He reviewed the 10-year operating expense history from 2009 to 2018 noting expenses for the Emergency Communication Center and Community Development were down. He reported Public Works' expenses had increased due to the stormwater utility and that there had been growth for Police and Fire due to legacy costs. Overall, he said the City's operating budget had been growing at approximately 1.0% per year. He said the main challenge occurred with the City's revenue. He said the City reduced its personnel by 117 positions since 2008. He noted the only increase in personnel was in the Public Works Department, due to the implementation of the stormwater utility; however, all other departments were down.

City Manager Urich commented the General Fund liquidity was a concern, noting its decline over the last two years. He said the City was working on building up the fund balance. He reviewed the rating agency comments for Peoria from 2016, wherein the City was downgraded from Aa3 to A1, and from 2018, wherein the City was again downgraded from an A1 to an A2. He said the downgrades were concerning as the City moved into a signed consent decree with the US EPA. He reviewed the 2018 First Quarter Financial Report noting the State Sales Tax, Home Rule Sales Tax and State Income Tax were all lower than budgeted. He said the Fire Department implemented rolling brownouts in order to not exceed budget. He said the City's General Fund had a deficit of \$1.5 million. He commented that the Fire Department was able to live within its budget authority, but he said it had a real affect on the community where fewer machines were in the streets. He said vacant personnel positions would remain vacant, which was saving the City approximately \$180,000.00. He said demolitions were not being done for the rest of 2018 unless court-ordered.

City Manager Urich said the City would receive \$175,000 from the State this year and the first half of next year, and he reported that the General Assembly made a change that would allow the City to collect on internet sales. He said the City would also receive additional revenue with the agreements made between the Emergency Communication Center and various outlying towns. He reviewed the 2018 mid-year staffing adjustment stating that one way the City could save money was through furloughs. He reviewed how the furloughs would look, how it would save the City money, and how it would impact the employees as well as the community. He said sworn Police and Fire and emergency communications staff would be exempt from the

furloughs. He said implementing furloughs of 88 hours per employee before the end of the year would save the City \$617,000.00. He commented on the need to negotiate with the bargaining units. He said implementing furloughs would affect 218 employees. He said the City received IDOI reports on its statutory contributions for Fire and Police pension funding, noting these contributions would be \$1.4 million higher than what was budgeted. He said there needed to be a conversation about City services and to identify which services were necessary and which were unnecessary. He reported that the City's revenue was decreasing and would continue to decrease going forward.

In response to Council Member Jensen's question on how furloughs would impact the unions, City Manager Urich said meetings were scheduled to discuss the matters with AFSCME and the trades. He stated that the City had the legal right to implement furloughs as stated in the contracts and he said the unions would be encouraged to offer suggestions on how the City should address the situation. He said if the City Council did not want to raise property taxes, other sources of revenues would need to be sought.

Discussions were held regarding the legislative change regarding the sales tax generated via internet sales. It was reported that the State of Illinois would receive an additional \$200 million in sales tax. City Manager Urich provided a breakdown how the sale tax would be distributed, noting that the City of Chicago received 20% of that portion and the City of Peoria would receive approximately \$300,000.00.

Council Member Jensen encouraged the community to reach out to their State Representatives and express the need to change that sales tax distribution formula.

Council Member Ruckriegel expressed his appreciation for the efforts of City Manager Urich and Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins in preparing the information and presenting it to the City Council. He commented that the statistic provided only encompassed the first quarter of 2018, and he inquired as to what to expect for the end of the second quarter for 2018.

Director Scroggins said a second quarter report for 2018 would be provided to the City Council at the end of July. He reported that the City received the first quarter tax from the State, which was lagging 1.0% from 2017, noting that several stores in the community were going out of business. He said the second quarter tax would be consistent with the first quarter, reporting that there was not a significant growth. He reported the Home Rule Sales Tax was \$500,000.00 short of what was anticipated with the State sales tax less than that amount. He reported the State income tax came in at approximately \$460,000.00.

Discussions were held regarding bond payments and it was reported that several sizeable bond payments would be ending soon; however, additional bond payments would be incurred due to the Combined Sewer Overflow and stormwater issues. It was reported that, according to policy, the unencumbered fund balance should be at 25.0%, which would be approximately \$25 million.

Council Member Cyr expressed a concern for the morale of the City employees, noting the impact the furlough would have on their income. He asked that all options be reviewed in order to find another solution other than a two weeks' worth of furloughs.

Council Member Oyler commented that the City, over the last couple of years, significantly missed the mark on the budget that had depleted the budget of the "cash on hand." He commented that there was a structural issue with a government bigger than the economy could sustain. He remarked on the importance to have discussions on how the government looked

and how to pay bills and pay employees and he stated that Departments needed to be held accountable for staying within their budgetary constraints.

Council Member Grayeb discussed the garbage contract with PDC, noting it had been approved but not yet executed. He commented that had the City's Public Works Department provided such service, it would have saved the taxpayers money as well as generated revenue for the City. He asked that input be sought from the bargaining units on how to address the shortfall and he remarked on the importance of their involvement in this process and to provide alternative proposals.

Council Member Riggerbach commented on the impact the pension systems had on the City and the way pensions were structured in Illinois and he remarked on the importance of lobbying in Springfield on the issue. He said these pension payments that continued to increase annually, which burdened the City, and the City had no input on these amounts. He remarked on the importance of soliciting dialogue on these issues with the bargaining units and pension holders. He said City projects would be delayed, which would generate a tangible, obvious differences. He asked whether other solutions aside from closing City Hall on Mondays, were considered and he suggested the possibility of reducing work hours to 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. He said allowing the fund balance to continue to drop would be very irresponsible for the City.

Council Member Akeson remarked on the need to address the structural issues, noting it would worsen should nothing be done. She said 90% of the City's revenue was unpredictable. She commented that businesses were closing and there were cuts to services that made the City valuable. She commented that these issues and cuts would make the City less valuable. She said the population was decreasing and soon property owners would be challenging the value of their properties. She requested Director Scroggins distribute a memo to all Council Members on expenditures by Departments. She applauded the Departments that stayed under budget and she asked how the Departments who exceeded their budget would be addressed.

Council Member Montelongo said it was important for the Council to discuss how a new Peoria would look in the future for economic growth. He said the City already relied on the medical industry, but he asked what other industries would benefit the City. He said everyone had an economic responsibility for growth to the City. He remarked on the importance of examining all possible revenue streams without increasing taxes. He said community and Staff input were important.

Council Member Moore commented that those who were least responsible for the budget crisis would be impacted the most by the furloughs. She remarked on the importance of keeping dedicated funding as what was promised to the constituents, specifically noting the road funding. She recommended allowing flexibility with City employees who had part-time jobs to seek additional hours to compensate for the loss.

Mayor Ardis commented that timing was of the essence, noting that the longer the Council waited to address the situation the worse it would get. He said any consideration to use the funds dedicated to roads should not be contemplated. He said the community was suffering from taxpayer fatigue and he said a solution needed to be found within the organization. He said the real elephant in the room was the pension obligations. He applauded Council Members who recommended working with union and non-union employees on recommendations to close the gap.

Council Member Ruckriegel recommended the Council receive monthly updates in order to stay apprised of the situation. He said this issue would affect every decision the Council made. He recommended making the update the first item on the Council Agenda. He commented on the need to reach out to State Legislatures and make them aware of the situation. He said trust was an important factor and he said it should be kept as a goal, noting that certain funding streams should not be redirected. Going forward, he said the City Council needed to keep the trust of the team and the trust of the community at the forefront.

Council Member Grayeb remarked on the need for a capital bill in order to rebuild the City's infrastructure. He said he would not support furloughs nor closing City Hall every other Monday. He remarked on the importance of continuing to rebuild the City.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file the discussion of the 2017 Mid-Year Budget Adjustments; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, 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)**

**(18-168)      Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 15 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Relating to NOISE.**

Council Member Riggerbach moved to defer this item to the July 10, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Akesson.

Motion to defer to the July 10, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(18-185)      Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a Status of an AGREEMENT with the CEO COUNCIL.**

City Manager Urich said the City was not yet in receipt of the agreement from the CEO Council. He said once he received the agreement he would then forward to all Council Members.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to receive and file a status of an agreement with the CEO Council; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

City Manager Urich provided an overview of the process once the City received the agreement along with the deadlines that the City would need to meet.

Motion to receive and file a status of an agreement with the CEO Council was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

#### **East Village Growth Cell TIF Fund**

Council Member Moore expressed a concern that there were TIF funds available for homeowners to do improvements to their homes, but there was no one to facilitate the program.

She remarked that TIF Funds could be used to finance a facilitator. She asked Community Development Director Ross Black for an update on this process stating that she would like to see it in place before the end of July so residents could use those funds.

Director Black said he and his Staff had looked at different structures such as volunteers, contractual staff, and City Staff to be facilitators of the fund. He said there had been discussions with the City's Legal Department on the requirements and he said he would provide a Report Back to the City Council at the next Council meeting.

Discussions were held about staffing the facilitator and should the City hire a facilitator, it would need City Council approval. It was noted that both the South Side and the East Bluff had \$150,000.00 each to be utilized.

Council Member Moore said money could be taken from both TIFs in order to staff a facilitator for both TIF funds. She said she would like a Report Back in 30 days.

#### **Assaults at Peoria Public Schools**

Council Member Akeson said two weeks ago there was an issue regarding assaults at some of the public schools. She said the Administration for the Peoria Public Schools needed to have an opportunity to address the issue with the City Council and to share their plan to address the situation.

#### **Enforcement of Chronic Nuisance Violations**

Council Member Grayeb expressed a concern for the lack of aggressive enforcement of chronic nuisance issues and he inquired when Staff would bring the matter to Council for further discussion.

Corporation Council Leist said July 3, 2018, had been scheduled for additional discussion regarding the enforcement of chronic nuisance issues.

Council Member Akeson inquired whether some of the Ordinance changes in housing and blight addressed some of those concerns. She said Staff had been putting forth significant time and energy into this issue.

City Manager Urich said there had been a number of meetings on how the City could strengthen its approach with landlords. He said this matter would come back to the City Council for a Policy Session.

**NEW BUSINESS****New York Avenue Youth Center**

Council Member Riggerbach commented on the New York Avenue Youth Center noting it was a grassroots driven initiative. He commented on the efforts of Lueshand Nunn and Officer Hightower and all those involved in securing the property and utilizing it for the youth of the community.

**Coffee and Conversation in the 4<sup>th</sup> District**

Council Member Montelongo announced that the Fourth District would be holding a Coffee and Conversation at Panera Bread on West Lake Street on Thursday, July 5, 2018, at 7:30 A.M.

**Smart Cities Conference**

Council Member Montelongo said he had attended a Smart Cities conference in Boston, Massachusetts, entitled "Live Worx." He said the timing was right for the City to begin discussions about implementing Industry 4.0, also known as artificial intelligence. He remarked on the need to form a committee to discuss not only what the City could do, but what the entire community could do to adopt some of these technologies.

**Well Farm Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

Council Member Moore announced that this Saturday, June 30, 2018, from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. there would be a ribbon cutting ceremony for Well Farm at Voris Field.

**Update on the Muse Project**

In response to Council Member Grayeb's inquiry about the status of the meeting regarding the Muse Project, Community Director Black said Staff was working on scheduling the meeting for the evening of July 5. He said he was waiting to confirm the location at the Methodist atrium.

**Fourth of July**

In response to Council Member Grayeb's request, Police Chief Marion provided an update of the Police Department's efforts to ensure peace during the Fourth of July. He said Police Officers were currently issuing tickets for fireworks and that a public service announce had been issued along with door hangers for neighborhood residents. He said there was a plan established and staff was dedicated to addressing the situation.

**Update Regarding the Bomb Squad**

Police Chief Marion provided an update on the recent arrests of Bomb Squad members, noting that it was a long-term investigation that was conducted by the ATF, the DEA and the Peoria Police Department. He announced that 15 alleged members were indicted by the Federal Grand Jury on numerous RICO charges. He expressed his appreciation to all the departments involved, the ATF, the DEA, the United States Marshal Service and the Peoria Police Department.

Mayor Ardis expressed his appreciation for the efforts of all those Federal organizations that were involved in the matter.

**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.

Lawrence Maushard, a concerned citizen, expressed a concern for the missing person Alexis C. Scott, and the need for the City to put extra resources into the matter. He said Alexis Scott had been missing for nearly nine months and he asked the City Council for assistance in locating her. He said it was his hope that attention would come back to this case and there be some resolution.

Rachel O'Reilly, a citizen of Peoria, expressed a need for the City to adopt a Welcoming Ordinance. She announced that Saturday, June 30, 2018, at 11:00 A.M. at the Federal Courthouse in downtown Peoria the ACLU would be holding a rally demonstrating that the need for families to be together.

Mary Hayes, a concerned citizen, remarked on the need for a grocery store on the South Side of Peoria. She reviewed the ten grocery stores that had closed in the City over the last several years, noting that five of those stores were located in Council District 1.

Marcus Fogliano, a citizen of Peoria, provided a brief overview of the conference attended in Kansas City. He provided a definition of "a moderate" and he asked the City Council to go beyond that definition. He said the time had passed for a Welcoming City Ordinance.

Jessie McGowan, Jr., a concerned citizen, remarked on the East Village Growth Cell TIF and the need for a facilitator in order for those funds to be utilized. He expressed a concern that the matter came to a standstill, noting that he had been pushing for a proposal. He remarked on the needs of the East Bluff and on the need to have those funds available.

Zach Gittrich, a citizen of Peoria, remarked on the need for a Welcoming Ordinance in order to protect immigrant neighbors.

Matthew Savage, an employee of the City of Peoria, introduced himself to the City Council stating that he worked for the Public Works Department on streets and sewers. He said the purpose of his attendance was to put a face with the crew at the Public Works Department.

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

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 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

### ADJOURNMENT

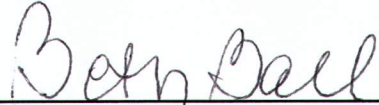
Council Member Cyr moved to adjourn the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:01 P.M.



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