

: 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 May 14, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall, Council Chambers (Room 400), 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Ardis presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Oyler, Ruckriegel, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 10. Absent: Moore – 1.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or reflection and he asked everyone to take extra time to keep Jeremiah Ward and his family in thoughts and prayer in light of his passing, noting that the community was in deep grief due to the tragedy. He then led the pledge of allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

**Trauma Informed Awareness Day
Mike Lawless Retirement
Poppy Days
Bradley University Speech Team
Middle School Skills USA Program
National Public Works Week
Peoria Public Recognition of District 150 Art Students**

Mayor Ardis recognized County Board Member Phil Salazar.

MINUTES

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on April 23, 2019, and the Special City Council Meeting held on May 7, 2019, as printed; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

(19-139) REQUEST from the Town Officials to APPROVE the APRIL 2019 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES and to APPROVE the MAY 2019 ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES for the Town of the City of Peoria.

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the April 2019 actual expenditures and the May 2019 anticipated expenditures for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Kelly.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, with Recommendations as Outlined

- (19-140) Communication from the City Manager and the Fire Chief to APPROVE the SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE of Hydraulic Extrication Tools from MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES in the Amount of \$59,590.00. (Requires a Supermajority Vote)**

CLERK'S NOTE: A Supermajority was not required for this item.

- (19-141) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the ANNUAL PURCHASE of Sign Blanks, Sign Faces, and Sign Poles from the Low Bid (#12-19 Sign Blanks) of US STANDARD SIGN in the Amount of \$16,652.00, (#11-19 Sign Faces) LIGHTLE OF OHIO in the Amount of \$17,428.00 and (#10-19 Sign Poles) MD SOLUTIONS in the Amount of \$26,899.00. [City Wide]**

- (19-142) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request to Authorize a Change Order #1 for a One-Year Extension of the 2018 STORM SEWER LINING CONTRACT with J.C. DILLON, INC. to February 7, 2020, and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Change Order for a Total Budget Amount of \$200,000.00 (Reference 18-078) [All Council Districts]**

- (19-143) * Communication from the City Manager and Director of Human Resources with a Request to APPROVE a One-Year Renewal of the Existing Liability Coverages with ARGONAUT (ALTERIS) through ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES, in the amount of \$167,471.00, Add Cyber Liability Coverage with ACE INSURANCE, in the Amount of \$13,784.00, and Crime Coverage with HANOVER INSURANCE, in the Amount of \$2,597.00.**

- (19-144) ** Communication from the City Manager and Assistant City Manager with a Request to APPROVE the Use of Budgeted funds from SOUTH VILLAGE TIF JOB TRAINING GRANT to Cover On-going Program Funding for Organizations that have used up their 2018-2019 Grant.**

- (19-145) Communication from the City Manager and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the SITE APPLICATION for a Class B (Restaurant, 50% Food) Liquor License with On-Site Consumption and Retail Sale of Alcohol at WW VENTURES, LLC, D/B/A SHELTON'S ON PROSPECT, 3504 N. PROSPECT, Contingent Upon Compliance with all Building Code Requirements and the Issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, with a Recommendation from the Liquor Commission to Approve. (Council District 3)**

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

Council Member Jensen requested Item Nos. 19-143 and 19-144 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. 19-140 through 19-145 (excluding Item Nos. 19-143 and 19-144, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

- (19-143) * Communication from the City Manager and Director of Human Resources with a Request to APPROVE a One-Year Renewal of the Existing Liability Coverages with ARGONAUT (ALTERIS) through ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES, in the amount of \$167,471.00, Add Cyber Liability Coverage with ACE INSURANCE, in the Amount of \$13,784.00, and Crime Coverage with HANOVER INSURANCE, in the Amount of \$2,597.00.**

At the request of Council Member Jensen, the City's Risk Manager Ed Hopkins provided an overview on how the City managed its liability insurance, noting that the City was self-insurance up to the first \$1 million. He said the City carried excess coverage for anything over the initial \$1 million. He said the City carried various different lines of liability coverage, reporting it had an underlying coverage on each one as well as an \$11 million umbrella on top of the existing lines of coverage. He said any type of claim that came to the City was self-insurance up to the first \$1 million.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve a one-year renewal of the existing liability coverages with Argonaut (Alteris) through Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, in the amount of \$167,471.00, add cyber liability coverage with Ace Insurance, in the amount of \$13,784.00, and crime coverage with Hanover Insurance, in the amount of \$2,597.00; seconded by Council Member Ali.

In response to Council Member Kelly, Risk Manager Hopkins said the City contracted a third party administrator who managed the City's claims, noting they report all claims to the insurance company on behalf of the City.

Motion to approve a one-year renewal of the existing liability coverages with Argonaut (Alteris) through Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, in the amount of \$167,471.00, add cyber liability coverage with Ace Insurance, in the amount of \$13,784.00, and crime coverage with Hanover Insurance, in the amount of \$2,597.00 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(19-144) Communication from the City Manager and Assistant City Manager with a Request to APPROVE the Use of Budgeted funds from SOUTH VILLAGE TIF JOB TRAINING GRANT to Cover On-going Program Funding for Organizations that have used up their 2018-2019 Grant.

Council Member Jensen said she was a proponent of the City's job training programs and she said she was glad to see TIF Funds utilized for these programs.

Assistant City Manager Deborah Roethler explained how the additional funds for the TIF Job Training Grant would be distributed, noting that five organizations had received funding from the City for these types of programs.

Council Member Jensen moved to approve the use of budgeted funds from South Village TIF Job Training Grant to cover on-going program funding for organizations that have used up their 2018-2019 Grant; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

In response to Council Member Oyler, Assistant City Manager Roethler explained the need for the additional funds and why some organizations were in greater need than others. She said the City was in the process of issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for another year of the South Village TIF Job Training Grant. She said the additional funds currently sought would get the organizations through the RFP process until the Council approved the next cycle of funding.

Motion to approve the use of budgeted funds from South Village TIF Job Training Grant to cover on-going program funding for organizations that have used up their 2018-2019 Grant was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

PRESENTATIONS

(19-146) PRESENTATION by JAKE HAMANN Regarding the "INNOVATION DISTRICT" and the PEORIA INNOVATION ALLIANCE.

Mr. Jake Hamann, founder and Executive Director of Peoria Innovation Alliance, provided a presentation regarding the "Innovation District." He said it was their goal to change the narrative of the region and to highlight and promote the positives in Peoria. He remarked on the need to reestablish the region in research and development and innovation, and to share the City's history and to promote progress and vision for the future. He said there were five pillars for success: events and education, the Peoria Fund, a Keystart accelerator, Smart City Peoria and national storytelling. He reviewed the industry clusters such as autonomous mobility, ecommerce, healthcare, sustainable materials and agriculture. He discussed the meaning of "Smart City" stating that the objective was to being an Innovation District in the Central Business

District by leveraging Dallas Innov8te Smart City Incubator Model, partnering with the Open Data Initiative and NexMobi Autonomous. He remarked on the importance of collaborating with various partnerships and he identified the organizations with whom Peoria Innovation Alliance partnered.

Council Member Ruckriegel inquired how Peoria Innovation Alliance would work with OSF in the downtown area, and Mr. Hamann said OSF announced an innovation hub within the old ICC building. He said his organization was currently in active discussions with OSF on how the two organizations would work together. He said it was their plan to promote OSF's plan as much as possible and to assist with programming and the operation of the space where needed. He said there was a partnership, and he said OSF was very much aware of Peoria Innovation Alliance's efforts.

Council Member Ali expressed her appreciation for the presentation and for the work Peoria Innovation Alliance was doing and their promotion of innovation. She said innovation was key to the City's growth, noting there was great potential in what was presented. She said she liked the concept of promoting beyond the region and promoting on a national scale. She said she was glad to hear they were in communication with the OSF Innovation Hub, noting that working, collaborating and leveraging those partnerships was key. She inquired whether they were reaching out to partner with any big tech industries. Mr. Hamann said their partnership with Dallas would help with the expertise and relationship with other partners as well as venture capital to fund projects. He said if they saw the potential in the area and they funded the project, they would make their money back on any efficiencies gained. He commented on a current partnership with Verizon and its 5G efforts.

Discussions were held regarding the City's reputation, and Council Member Grayeb said he heard a number of positives from professionals that visited the City, the medical community and the arts, noting they were excited by what was going on in Peoria. He commented on the need to avoid painting the City with too broad of a negative brush. He said since the 1990s, the leaders diversified the economy away from heavy manufacturing.

Council Member Jensen expressed appreciation for the presentation and Mr. Hamann's leadership stating it was great to get so many people involved with the City. She remarked on the importance of talking about what was great about Peoria to make it stronger. She inquired about the boundaries of the Innovation District and whether the Council would have input on those boundaries. Mr. Hamann said there would be more opportunity to review the boundaries.

Council Member Oyler thanked Mr. Hamann for the presentation. He inquired as to where this concept would go, what it meant to the citizens, what his role was and what he expected from the Council. Mr. Hamann remarked on the importance of a movement for ecosystem building to build connections among people and beyond. He said there would be an event to showcase Peoria in Chicago in order to invite investors and developers. He said the second piece involved funding, noting there was a lack of funding for companies to get off the ground. He said the third piece was an accelerator, which was a method by which the funds would be utilized to help companies. He said the fourth piece was for a Smart City and the fifth was the national story telling in order to get the word out regionally and nationally of all the good things happening in Peoria.

In response to Council Member Kelly, Mr. Hamann said the Alliance would identify where to put things such as Wi-Fi or smart lights. He remarked on the efforts of Dallas and a donation agreement that was implemented between their Alliance and the City. He said they would need to agree on a designation of the area and allow the City and the business owners to install what was needed as long as it adhered to the strategy. He said Dallas was the fastest to market the Smart City strategy. He said his organization would identify the different technologies needed in the identified area.

Council Member Montelongo expressed his appreciation for the presentation. He said the City of Peoria currently had a Smart City initiative, noting he was glad to see it as one of the Alliance's pillars. He remarked on the importance of reaching out to other cities in the United States. He said each city had its own spin on its innovation. He said the City of Peoria had some innovation, but there needed to be more focus on technology with a bigger footprint in the entire downtown and Warehouse District. He said he looked forward to meeting with Mr. Hamann for more discussion.

Council Member Riggerbach thanked Mr. Hamann for the presentation. He commented that in the 1980s and the 1990s the City's leaders took the idea of diversifying the industries, which helped buffer changes. He thanked Mr. Hamann for taking the City to the next generation. He remarked on the importance of changing the narrative and he said he looked forward to further discussions with Peoria Innovation Alliance. He commented on the Peoria Next Innovation Center and inquired whether Peoria Innovation Alliance collaborated with that organization. Mr. Hamann said Peoria Innovation Alliance had a great relationship with Peoria Next Innovation Center.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to receive and file the presentation by Jake Hamann regarding the "Innovation District" and the Peoria Innovation Alliance; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Mayor Ardis expressed his appreciation for the presentation. He said Mr. Hamann was one of the pioneers at Peoria Next. He said the purpose of the presentation was to make sure the community was aware of some of the things going on and the moment was being driven by Peoria Innovation Alliance. He said he looked forward to additional information. He said in the State of the City Address he talked about how important it was for the City change the narrative. He remarked on the importance of talking about the positive things that were happening in the City of Peoria. He said he looked forward to working with Mr. Hamann and the Peoria Innovation Alliance in their endeavors.

Motion to receive and file the presentation by Jake Hamann regarding the "Innovation District" and the Peoria Innovation Alliance was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:

- (19-147) Communication from the City Manager and Community Development Director with a Request to APPROVE a CONTRACT with JIMAX for Demolition of Residential Properties as the Primary Contractor and RIVER CITY DEMOLITION as a Backup Contractor.**

Council Member Riggenbach moved to approve a contract with Jimax for demolition of residential properties as the primary contractor and River City Demolition as a backup contractor; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(19-148) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE a Loan from the City's REVOLVING LOAN FUND to POP-A-SHOT LLC & FOLDAN VENTURES LLC, in the Amount of \$250,000.00, and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Necessary Documents.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve a loan from the City's Revolving Loan Fund to Pop-A-Shot LLC & Foldan Ventures LLC, in the amount of \$250,000.00, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Council Member Ruckriegel said Pop-A-Shots (PAS) was a \$1.6 million investment. He remarked on the need to have a company relocate into the City of Peoria and to utilize a piece of property to its full advantage. He said Staff worked hard in order to offer a loan with a ten-year repayment plan along with a collateral piece that would protect the City from default. He said the City's Revolving Loan Fund was intended for these types of opportunities.

Senior Development Specialist Cesar Suarez provided an overview, history and the intent of the Revolving Loan Fund. He said it was a form of gap financing for businesses who were not able to get full financing from the bank. He said the Fund was intended to complement and facilitate a financing mechanism. He said the Fund was first established in 1988 with \$500,000.00 coming from an EDA grant and \$200,000.00 from the City. He said, as of December 2018, the Fund had grown to \$1.26 million.

Council Member Jensen said she was a supporter of the Revolving Loan Fund for situations such as what was before the City Council. She remarked on the importance that the citizens knew the loan sought was not coming from the City's own budget, but rather was coming from the Fund that was established some time ago and with EDA funds. She remarked on the importance of the Loan Review Committee, comprised of individuals separate and apart from City Staff, who reviewed the loans prior to coming to Council for approval.

Council Member Oyler requested a Report Back, before the next City Council meeting, of all the loans still active through this program, status of each, a brief description, how the money was utilized by each business, and the state of the repayment period.

Council Member Ali requested information on the number of minority and women-owned businesses that utilized the Revolving Loan Fund.

Council Member Kelly requested information on the number of loans that defaulted since inception of the program and how much money the City lost due to these defaults.

Discussions were held regarding primary and secondary lenders. City Manager Urich said this type of funding was intended for the City to be in second or third position for repayment, depending upon the nature of the loan. He said the intent of the loan was to fill a gap, which was the intent behind the Federal Government getting involved with this type of programming.

Council Member Kelly said he was uncomfortable with the City using taxpayers' monies where a risk analysis was not conducted and with the City being a secondary lender.

Council Member Grayeb asked how this project differed from the Pere Marquette, and City Manager Ulrich said there was a Loan Review Committee in place now that was not there for the Pere. He also commented that the project was on a considerably smaller scale.

City Manager Ulrich said the purpose of the Fund and for the Federal Government to contribute money to this Fund was to allow the City to utilize the monies to stimulate the economy on a local level.

Council Member Riggerbach remarked that it was important to remember that the source of these funds came from the EDA in 1988 in the amount of \$500,000.00 with the City contributing approximately \$270,000.00. Since that time, he said the Fund had grown to \$1.2 million. He said this project was the exact intent of the Revolving Loan Fund. He said it was money that had been lent and repaid and grew to where it is at today. He said he would support this item.

Council Member Montelongo said this project fit with the City's desires and he said he hoped for great success from the company. He said the Revolving Loan Fund was doing what it was supposed to do. He said approving this item would create jobs and he said he would vote in favor of this item.

Mayor Ardis expressed his appreciation to Senior Development Specialist Suarez, Assistant City Manager Roethler and City Manager Ulrich, who had done a lot of work this project. He said there was a lot of scrutiny when it came to utilizing the Revolving Loan Fund. He said the City Council had asked good questions. He recognized Mr. Golden, a co-owner of PAS, and he expressed his appreciation for him being present to represent the business.

Motion to approve a loan from the City's Revolving Loan Fund to Pop-A-Shot LLC & Foldan Ventures LLC, in the amount of \$250,000.00, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: Kelly - 1.

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

(18-231) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to DEFER the PURCHASE of the SIMANTEL PROPERTY Located at the Foot of SPRING STREET until MAY 28, 2019. (Council District 1)

Council Member Riggerbach moved to defer the purchase of the Simantel Property located at the foot of Spring Street until May 28, 2019; seconded by Council Member Ali.

Motion to defer to the May 28, 2019, Regular City Council Meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (19-104) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE CONTRACTS for the 2019 City of Peoria and Peoria County Trustee VACANT LOT MOWING PROGRAM (Bid #07-19a) (All Council Districts) and Award the Contracts, in the Total Amount not to Exceed \$334,729.00, as follows:**
- A. WALTON SERVICE, INC., in the Amount of \$119,275.00;**
 - B. P-TOWN CAR CLUB, in the Amount of \$93,258.00;**
 - C. HULSE LAWNCARE, in the Amount of \$21,830.00;**
 - D. LAW N' ORDER ACADEMY, in the Amount of \$88,605.00; and**
 - E. HEARN'S LANDSCAPING, in the Amount of \$11,761.00**

Mayor Ardis said this item, along with Item Nos. 19-105 and 19-106, were part of the Motion to Reconsider that took place at the last City Council meeting with the intent for Council Member Moore to abstain from voting due to a conflict of interest in that she had a business relationship between her office and one or two of the companies outlined in the items.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve contracts for the 2019 City of Peoria and Peoria County Trustee Vacant Lot Mowing Program (Bid #07-19a) and award the contracts, in the total amount not to exceed \$334,729.00 as follows: Walton Service, Inc., in the amount of \$119,275.00; P-Town Car Club, in the amount of \$93,258.00; Hulse Lawncare, in the amount of \$21,830.00; Law N' Order Academy, in the amount of \$88,605.00; and Hearn's Landscaping, in the amount of \$11,761.00; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

- (19-105) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE CONTRACTS for the 2019 FACILITIES, BOULEVARDS & RIGHTS-OF-WAY MOWING PROGRAM (Bid #07-19b) (All Council Districts) and Award the Contracts, in the Total Amount not to Exceed \$73,993.00, as follows:**
- A. ALL IN ONE RESTORATION, in the Amount of \$9,365.00;**
 - B. JIMAX, in the Amount of \$23,344.00;**
 - C. WALTON SERVICE, INC., in the Amount of \$38,610.00; and**
 - D. HEARN'S LANDSCAPING, in the Amount of \$2,673.00.**

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve contracts for the 2019 Facilities, Boulevards & Rights-of-Way Mowing Program (Bid #07-19b) and award the contracts, in the total amount not to exceed \$73,993.00 as follows: All in One Restoration, in the amount of \$9,365.00; Jimax, in the amount of \$23,344.00; Walton Service, Inc., in the amount of \$38,610.00; and Hearn's Landscaping, in the amount of \$2,673.00; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

(19-107) Communication from the City Manager and Interim Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following:

A. APPROVE a CONTRACT with JIMAX for Tree/Stump Removal by Size and Tree and Brush Trimming by Hourly Rates, in an Amount not to Exceed \$170,000.00 (Bid #08-19) (All Council Districts), and

B. APPROVE a CONTRACT with JIMAX for Emergency Tree and Brush Trimming by Hourly Rates, in an Amount not to Exceed \$30,000.00. (Bid #08-19) (All Council Districts)

Council Member Cyr moved to approve a contract with Jimax for tree/stump removal by size and tree and brush trimming by hourly rates, in an amount not to exceed \$170,000.00; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Cyr moved to approve a contract with Jimax for emergency tree and brush trimming by hourly rates, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

ADDITIONAL UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update on Registry of Video Doorbells

Council Member Jensen requested an update on a Report Back she requested regarding the registry of video doorbells, and City Manager Urich said the City's Information Systems Department and the Police Department were in the process of working on it and would provide the City Council with a Report Back once they had more information.

Update Regarding Public Budget Meetings

Council Member Jensen said she asked for a Report Back on the Public Budget Meeting process and the plan for those meetings. City Manager Urich said Staff was working on putting information together and would have a plan and a timeline at the May 28, 2019, City Council meeting.

Update on the Underprivileged Youth Programs

Council Member Montelongo said there were funds appropriated for the Underprivileged Youth Programs and he said he had requested an update on how those funds were being spent. City Manager Urich said \$30,000.00 was appropriated in the budget for the Peoria Area Diversity and Employment Action Team, which was an effort among the NAACP, the City of Peoria, and the West Central Trades Council in order to put an emphasis on attracting more minorities to the building and construction trades. He remarked on their efforts for 2019, noting that a career forum was held at Peoria High School. He said he was uncertain that money was spent for that forum; however, he said some funds had been spent to help within the Purchasing Department as well as some of the minority monitoring for minority participation.

Council Member Montelongo requested monthly or quarterly updates on the Peoria Area Diversity and Employment Action Team's efforts to the City Council along with the cost of their efforts.

NEW BUSINESS**Flood Update**

Council Member Jensen requested a brief report about the impact of the flood, the City's efforts, and the impact it had on the City's budget.

City Manager Urich said Staff did not have final numbers on what was spent to address the recent flood. He said the City had made efforts to protect the City-owned River Station, and to run barriers down the 300 block of Water Street.

Interim Public Works Director Bill Lewis said not only was there flooding along the riverfront, but the Public Works Department also addressed flooding on Darst Street and on Galena Road. He said the flood efforts appeared to be under control and they anticipated receding projections for the next week. He said the Public Works Department would like to remove the sandbags from Water Street as early as Thursday and have those off the street by close of business on Friday. He said they anticipated removing the perimeter around the River Station on Monday. He said Emack & Bolios planned to reopen May 15, 2019, at 11:00 A.M. and the Spirit of Peoria would start cruises on Thursday, May 16, 2019. He said he did not have an estimate of cost as of yet. He said clean-up still needed to be done, noting there would be considerable cost. He said he anticipated numbers at the next City Council meeting.

Community Plan for Video Cameras

Council Member Montelongo said, with the most recent shooting death of the 4-year-old, he wanted to bring back and push for a community plan for video cameras. He said there were facts that proved video cameras deterred crime. He commented on the City's Memorandum of Understanding with RING and he said the City needed to move forward more aggressively on this item. He said it was something that could change the City significantly with every home having a RING security camera/doorbell. He commented that if some of the multifamily

apartments had a RING camera, it would make a difference deterring crime. As far as funding, he recommended looking at TIF funds as an option for some of the areas that desperately needed additional protection. He asked City Manager Ulrich to appoint someone or to form a team to address the issue and prepare a plan.

City Manager Ulrich said the Memorandum of Understanding with RING was complete. He said the utilization of any City funding to purchase cameras or to develop a program was a policy decision of the City Council. He said Staff could review the matter and offer suggestions, if that was the wish of the City Council. He said the cost for installing such cameras had decreased. He said for multifamily units to install these types of cameras was something the Council and Staff could discuss with the Police Department and the Community Development Department in order to craft an Ordinance.

Memorial Day Ceremonies

Council Member Ruckriegel announced that Monday, May 27, 2019, was Memorial Day. He said a Memorial Day Service would be held at 10:30 A.M. at the Gateway Building preceded by the Peoria Navy Club laying of the wreath on the river at 10:00 A.M. He encouraged everyone to attend in support of Former City Council Member Eric Turner for his many years of work and dedication on this ceremony.

Neighborhood Needs Assessment of the East Bluff

Council Member Riggerbach said the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IDHA) was doing a neighborhood needs assessment in the East Bluff. He said East Bluff residents could get a copy of the survey at Peoria Opportunities, the East Bluff Community Food Pantry or the East Bluff Neighborhood Housing Service. He said Assistant Community Development Director Joe Dulin would ensure the assessment was available on the front page of Appreciate Peoria by Wednesday, May 15, 2019. He expressed his appreciation to the residents of the East Bluff for completing the survey in order to conduct future planning.

Notification of Digging in Neighborhoods (i3 Broadband)

Council Member Riggerbach said i3 Broadband was expanding into neighborhoods; however, the neighborhood associations expressed some concerns about the digging. He said i3 Broadband did a great job reaching out to the neighborhoods beforehand, but he requested that information be provided to all Council Members when digging would take place in order to keep the neighborhoods informed.

Tesla Supercharge Network

Council Member Riggerbach commented on the Tesla Supercharge Network for electric cars. He said there were networks of charging stations that could be set up at shopping centers such as Northwoods Mall or the Shoppes of Grand Prairie. He said these locations would be prime opportunities so people could shop the stores while their cars charged, and he asked the Economic Development Team to review the possibilities.

Cameras in Multifamily Units

Council Member Grayeb said the City needed to be careful, when drafting an Ordinance, that it may not fit every residential development's need. He said an approach on one multifamily unit would not necessarily work on another multifamily unit. He said some of the newer developments voluntarily agreed to install cameras. He said he agreed with cameras, but the City needed to be careful with drafting an Ordinance with how it would fit the proposed development.

Mayor Ardis said this item needed to come back to the City Council as a policy discussion, noting there were a number of issues with the topic.

Appreciation to Peoria Community against Violence (PCAV) and Pastor Chuck Brown

Council Member Ruckriegel expressed his appreciation for the efforts of PCAV in recent events and for partnering with the Peoria Police Department to reach out to the affected neighborhood. He also expressed his appreciation to Pastor Chuck Brown who held a vigil that evening.

Bike to Work Week

Council Member Jensen said May was National Bike Month and May 14 – May 17, 2019, was Bike to Work Week. As a way to celebrate, she said CityLink and Bike Peoria joined together and would offer free rides on any City busses in the City if an individual had a bike with them.

Review of CityLink's Transit System – Request for Public Input

Council Member Jensen said CityLink was in the process of evaluating its entire transit system to identify opportunities for improvement. She said there would be public meetings seeking public input as follows:

- June 11, 2019, 6:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. at the Transit Center, Downtown
- June 11, 2019, 2:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. at the Transit Center, Downtown
- June 12, 2019, 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. at the Main Public Library, Downtown
- June 12, 2019, 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. at the Lakeview Branch Public Library

RING and Multifamily Apartments

For clarification, Council Member Montelongo further commented on RING stating the City should communicate the importance of the message of the Memorandum of Understanding with RING with a plan and to aggressively moving forward. He said the City needed to determine whether TIF Funds could be utilized for cameras in certain parts of the City. He said the City should also look at the possibility of drafting an Ordinance that would address cameras for multifamily housing. He also commented on the need for city-owned or public-owned video cameras in public areas with a possible implementation schedule over the next five years.

2019 Sculpture Walk

Council Member Jensen announced there would be a sculpture walk this weekend, Saturday, May 18, 2019, beginning at 10:00 A.M. at the Peoria Riverfront Museum, and she encouraged everyone to attend.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD

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

Terry Burnside, owner of Burnside Brothers, said he was notified by the Assistant Director of Community Development that along with Item Nos. 19-104, 19-105 and 19-107 previously discussed, Item No. 19-109 involving contracts with Burnside Brothers and Jimax Landscaping for the 2019 Weed and Litter Contract would be reconsidered as well, noting there was a potential conflict of interest. He requested a status of the item.

Mayor Ardis said City Manager Urich would meet with Mr. Burnside immediately after the meeting to discuss the matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

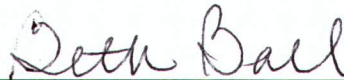
Council Member Cyr moved to adjourn the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting; seconded by Council Member Jensen.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 P.M.



Beth Ball, MMC, City Clerk
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