

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

A Regular Meeting of the Joint City Council and Town Board of Trustees of Peoria, Illinois, was held June 23, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall, Council Chambers (Room 400), 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Ardis presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were present: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Moore, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach (Attended by Teleconference), Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis – 11. Absent: None.

**ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**

After having established a quorum, Mayor Ardis said a notice was received from Council Member Riggerbach in accordance with the rules established by Ordinance No. 16,142. He said Council Member Riggerbach 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 Riggerbach to attend electronically shall be deemed approved by the City Council and Council Member Riggerbach would be declared as present.

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

**ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**

In accordance with Governor JB Pritzker's Executive Orders 2020-07 and 2020-39 stating that provisions of the Open Meetings Act are suspended to include allowing members of a public body to be physically present during a meeting; as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendation of social distancing of at least six feet between persons; City Hall is open to the public with capacity and social distancing restrictions Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To fulfill the requirements and recommendations and to comply with the spirit of the Open Meetings Act by conducting the June 23, 2020, in person with the members of the Council and designated City Staff with Department Heads attending remotely from Room 404, and members of the public and media are invited to watch through the live stream, YouTube, Television Broadcast channel 22 or the Radio Broadcast through WCBU Radio. Submissions for Public Comment were received through the City Clerk's Office. The agenda, minutes and video podcast of the meeting will be available online through the City website.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.**

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**MINUTES**

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve the minutes of the Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting held on June 9, 2020, as printed; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

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

Town Clerk Beth Ball said the Annual Meeting of the Town Board of Trustee and the Annual Town Meeting were originally scheduled to be held on April 14, 2020. She said due to the COVID-19 pandemic, both meetings were postponed. She said the Annual Town Meeting would be postponed until there could be public participation; however, she said the Annual Meeting of the Town Board of Trustees would be able to proceed this date.

**(20-142) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the 2020-2021 BUDGET for the TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA.**

After determining no one wished to address the Town Board and upon the recommendation of Town Attorney John Redlingshafer, Trustee Grayeb moved to receive and file the Public Hearing regarding the 2020-2021 Budget for the Town of the City of Peoria; seconded by Trustee Jensen.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Chairman Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

**(20-143) ANNUAL REPORT DRAFT (April 1, 2019, thru March 31, 2020), with Request to RECEIVE and FILE.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to receive and file the Annual Report draft (April 1, 2019, through March 31, 2020); seconded by Trustee Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Chairman Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

**(20-144) RESOLUTION Consenting to the Employment of MESCHER, RINEHART & REDLINGSHAFER as TOWN ATTORNEYS, with Request to APPROVE.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the Resolution consenting to the employment of Mescher, Rinehart & Redlingshafer as Town Attorneys; seconded by Trustee Ruckriegel.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-144 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Chairman Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

**(20-145) RESOLUTION for the Town of the City of Peoria Authorizing Township Officials to Continue a LOSS CONTROL POLICY with TOIRMA and to Enter into a CONTRACT OF INSURANCE, with Request to APPROVE.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve a Resolution for the Town of the City of Peoria authorizing Township Officials to continue a Loss Control Policy with TOIRMA and to enter into a Contract of Insurance; seconded by Trustee Kelly.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-145 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Chairman Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

**(20-146) RESOLUTION Authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to Enter into a PAYROLL SERVICES AGREEMENT with ADP, LLC, with Request to APPROVE.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve a Resolution authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to enter into a payroll services agreement with ADP, LLC; seconded by Trustee Moore.

Trustee Cyr inquired whether there could be some cost savings by consolidating services between the City of Peoria and the Town of the City of Peoria. Township Supervisor Frank Abdnour said he would investigate the possibility and provide a report back to the Town Board in the next week.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-146 authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to enter into a payroll services agreement with ADP, LLC was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Chairman Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

**(20-147) RESOLUTION Authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to Enter into an AGREEMENT with the HEARTLAND CLINIC, with Request to APPROVE, and to RECEIVE AND FILE the 2019 REPORT.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve a Resolution authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to enter into an agreement with the Heartland Clinic, and to receive and file the 2019 Statistical Report; seconded by Trustee Kelly.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-147 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Chairman Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

**(20-148) RESOLUTION Authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to make a DONATION to the CENTER FOR PREVENTION OF ABUSE, with Request to APPROVE, and to RECEIVE AND FILE the 2019 REPORT.**

Trustee Moore asked for more clarification on the item, stating the Board was authorizing the Town to make a donation of \$20,000.00 to the Center for Prevention of Abuse. She expressed a concern regarding the transparency process by which an organization was chosen for a donation. She said there was nothing on file explaining the reason for the Town making a donation to the current organization, noting there were other organizations who would like to receive donations as well. She said should a question arise regarding the donation process, she said the Town should be able to answer those questions. She asked that the item be amended to include the words "approval of \$10,000.00." She remarked on Supervisor Abdnour's efforts in the Township Office stating she had been impressed with what he had done the last couple of years. She said Supervisor Abdnour assured the Township budget was in good shape, noting he had provided some cost-savings. She asked for the remaining \$10,000.00 to be donated to an organization that fit the criteria of the Township, stating Supervisor Abdnour recommended making a donation to Friendship House. She said the proposed changes would not change the budget that was going to be adopted, but was only changing the amount to be donated to the Center for Prevention of Abuse.

Attorney Redlingshafer said, for transparency purposes, a subsequent donation needed to be brought before the Board for approval. He said no budget amendment would be necessary.

Trustee Moore moved to approve the Resolution authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to make a donation to the Center for Prevention of Abuse, in the amount of \$10,000.00; seconded by Trustee Grayeb.

Trustee Kelly stated that the Resolution presented to the Board stated "\$20,000.00," and Attorney Redlingshafer said a motion would be appropriate to amend the Resolution.

Trustee Kelly moved to amend the Resolution to reduce the donation amount from \$20,000.00 to \$10,000.00; seconded by Trustee Moore.

Motion to amend the Resolution to reduce the donation amount from \$20,000.00 to \$10,000.00 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Chairman Ardis - 10;

Nays: Cyr - 1.

RESOLUTION 20-148 authorizing the Town of the City of Peoria to make a donation to the Center for Prevention of Abuse, in the amount of \$10,000.00, was approved, as amended, by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Chairman Ardis - 10;

Nays: Cyr - 1.

**(20-149) ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET & APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE for 2020-2021, with Request to ADOPT.**

Trustee Grayeb inquired whether the Board could proceed to adopt the Town Budget and Appropriation in light of the modification made regarding the donation to the Center for Prevention of Abuse. Attorney Redlingshafer said the Board could proceed to adopt the budget

with no concerns. He said the Board could adopt an additional appropriation to another organization at a later date, if it did not exceed more than 10% of the budget.

Trustee Grayeb remarked on the efforts of the Township Officials who worked hard at determining where the levy should be set, stating the proposed budget and appropriation for 2021 was appropriate.

Trustee Grayeb moved to adopt the Annual Town Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for 2020-2021; seconded by Trustee Ali.

Chairman Ardis identified the Township Officials who were present: Town Supervisor Frank Abdnour, Town Attorney John Redlingshafer, Town Assessor Max Schlafly, Town Clerk Beth Ball and Town Treasurer Patrick Nichting. He expressed his appreciation for their work on behalf of the Township throughout the year. He recognized Trustee Grayeb for being the Township liaison, remarking on the numerous meetings he attended throughout the year representing the rest of the Trustees.

ORDINANCE NO. TO-20-01 the Annual Town Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for 2020-2021 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Ruckriegel,  
Chairman Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

**(20-150) RESOLUTION Consenting to the Employment of CLIFTONLARSONALLAN LLP as Outside INDEPENDENT AUDITORS, with Request to APPROVE.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve a Resolution consenting to the employment of CLIFTONLARSONALLAN LLP as outside independent auditors; seconded by Trustee Ruckriegel.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-150 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Ruckriegel,  
Chairman Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

**(20-151) RESOLUTION DESIGNATING INDIVIDUALS to Prepare the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, with Request to APPROVE.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the Resolution designating individuals to prepare the budget and appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; seconded by Trustee Moore.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-151 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Ruckriegel,  
Chairman Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

**(20-152) RESOLUTION – Designating the Time, Place, and Date of the 2021 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, with Request to APPROVE.**

Trustee Grayeb moved to approve the Resolution designating the time, place and date of the 2021 Annual Town Meeting; seconded by Trustee Jensen.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-152 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Ruckriegel,  
Chairman Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

*CLERK'S NOTE: Trustee Rigginbacu was not available to vote on Item Nos. 20-149 through 20-152.*

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

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

- (20-153)      **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Human Resource with a Request to APPROVE the Renewal of PROPERTY AND CONTENTS AND AUTO CATASTROPHIC COVERAGE INSURANCE with ALLIANT/MESIROW INSURANCE SERVICES INC., in the Amount of \$208,989.18.**
- (20-154)      **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the First Amendment to MASTER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT #18-369 (G) with FOTH INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT, LLC., Authorizing an Extension, Not to Exceed the Amount of \$500,000.00, to Continue Engineering Services Throughout the City of Peoria. (All Council Districts)**  
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- (20-155)      **Communication from the City Manager and Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer with a Request for the Following:**
- A. **APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the City Manager to Execute a GRANT AGREEMENT with NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, INC. for EDWARDS SETTLEMENT FUND GRANT AWARD Funding to Enhance Stipend of 8 Cohorts of Peoria Corps Members from Summer 2020 through Summer 2024, in the Amount of \$288,000.00;**
- B. **ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,778 Amending the City of Peoria 2020 - 2021 BIENNIAL BUDGET Relating to the Peoria Corp Grant Fund to Recognize the Receipt of a Grant from the Edwards Settlement Fund, in the Amount of \$72,000.00, and the Corresponding Expenditures for Two Cohorts of Ten Members.**
- (20-156)      **Communication from the City Manager with a Request to**  
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- A. **ALLOCATE \$150,000.00 for FULTON STREET PLAZA from the Downtown Conservation TIF and \$500,000.00 for NEW STREET from the Warehouse District TIF.**
- B. **APPROVE a RESOLUTION of Proposed Matching Funding for the REBUILD ILLINOIS GRANT for the FULTON STREET PLAZA, (Council District 1)**

- (20-157) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to TABLE the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission and Staff to Adopt an ORDINANCE Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class R-4 (Single Family Residential) District for a Place of Worship including Multi-Purpose Recreational Space, Educational Programs, Food Center, and Computer/Library/Recording Studio Space for the Properties Located at 2100 - 2212 W. ANN STREET, 2121 - 2201 W. PROCTOR STREET, AND 2302 W. ANN STREET, (Parcel Identification Nos. 18-18-228-001, 18-18-228-002, 18-18-228-003, 18-18-228-004, 18-18-228-005, 18-18-228-006, 18-18-228-007, 18-18-228-008, 18-18-228-009, 18-18-228-010, 18-18-228-011, 18-18-203-019), Peoria IL (Council District 1)
- (20-158) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff for the Following:
- A. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,779 REZONING Property from a Class R-7 (Multi-Family Residential) District and Class R-3 (Single-Family Residential) District all to Class R-7 (Multi-Family Residential), for the Property Located at 3415 N SHERIDAN RD (Part of Parcel Identification No. 14-29-428-005); and
- B. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17,780 Approving Amendment to an Existing SPECIAL USE, Ordinance No. 13,392, as Amended, for an Assisted Living Facility in a Class R-7 (Multi-Family Residential) District, For a Building Addition and Grounds Improvements, with Waiver, for the Property Located 3415 N SHERIDAN RD (Parcel Identification No. 14-29-428-005), Peoria IL (Council District 2).
- (20-159) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to Concur with a Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Approving a SPECIAL USE in a Class WH (Warehouse) Form District for a Waiver of Wall Sign Lettering Size and Placement for the Properties Located at 1000 SW ADAMS STREET (Parcel Index Nos. 18-09-356-012 and 18-09-356-006) Peoria IL (Council District 1)
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- (20-160) APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the CDBG PUBLIC SERVICE ADVISORY COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:
- Patrick Wilmington (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023  
Elizabeth Birkey (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023  
Farrell Davies (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023  
Patrick Kirchhofer (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023  
Brittney Ferrero (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023  
Brett Kolditz (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023  
Jada Hoerr (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2022

- (20-161) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the LIQUOR COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:
- Camille Coates (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2023  
Mike Miller (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2023
- (20-162) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the CONSTITUTION GARDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE with a Request to Concur:
- Jessica Bastian (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023
- (20-163) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:
- Lisa Scott (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2024  
Dennis Shoemaker (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2024
- (20-164) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the DOWNTOWN ADVISORY COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:
- Alma Brown (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023  
Raymond Lees (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023  
Jonathan Jenkins (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023
- (20-165) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:
- William Spears (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2023  
Lynn Pearson (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2023
- (20-166) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE DISABLED with a Request to Concur:
- Sunny Olsen (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023  
Doris Hayes (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023
- (20-167) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the MUNICIPAL BAND COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:
- Denise Cooksey (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2023  
James Hopkins (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2023
- (20-168) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY with a Request to Concur:
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- Robert Manning (Voting) Term Expires 07/1/2025  
Matt Bartolo (Voting) - Term Expires 07/1/2025  
Christell Frausto-Aboytes (Non-Voting) - Term Expires 07/1/2022

- (20-169) APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES with a Request to Concur:
- Vivian Rutherford (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2023  
Mandar Pattekar (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2023  
Lucy Gulley (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2023
- (20-170) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA HOUSING AUTHORITY with a Request to Concur:
- Helen King (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2023  
Kim Furness (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2023
- (20-171) APPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD with a Request to Concur:
- Douglas McCarty (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2021
- (20-172) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:  
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- Robin Grantham (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023  
Michael Wiesehan (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023  
Edward Barry (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023
- (20-173) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the POLICE PENSION FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES with a Request to Concur:
- City Treasurer Patrick Nichting (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2024
- (20-174) APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the PUBLIC ARTS ADVISORY COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:
- Jennifer Gordon (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023  
Richard Zuckerman (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023  
Kari Burg (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023
- (20-175) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the RIVERFRONT PROGRAM AND POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE with a Request to Concur:
- Leon Edwards (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2022  
Patrick T. (Pat) Sullivan (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2022
- (20-176) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the SISTER CITY COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:
- Lori Birkland (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2023  
Rex Linder (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2023  
Kevin Sullivan (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2023  
Melanie Coulter (Voting) - Term Expiration 6/30/2023

**(20-177) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE with a Request to Concur:**

**City Treasurer Patrick Nichting (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2022  
Council Member Zach Oyler (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2022**

**(20-178) REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the TOURISM RESERVE FUND with a Request to Concur:**

**Council Member Denise Moore (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2021  
Council Member Denis Cyr (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2021  
Marwin Spiller (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2022  
Timothy Spears (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2021  
Daniel Kouri (Voting) - Term Expires 6/30/2022**

**(20-179) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS with a Request to Concur:**

**Dorian LaSaine (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023**

**(20-180) APPOINTMENTS and REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS with a Request to Concur:**  
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**Nikolai Greaves (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023  
Nina Gougis (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023  
Lorene King (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023  
Rita Ali (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023  
Demario Boone (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023  
Terry Burnside (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023  
Tyson Parks (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023  
Shalandra Burch (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023**

**(20-181) REAPPOINTMENT by Mayor Ardis to the HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**

**Geoffrey Smith (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023**

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. 20-154, 20-156 and 20-159 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Ali requested Item Nos. 20-168, 20-172, and 20-180 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

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

Item Nos. 20-153 through 20-181 (excluding Item Nos. 20-154, 20-156, 20-159, 20-168, 20-172, and 20-180) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

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

Nays: None.

**(20-154)**      **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request to APPROVE the First Amendment to MASTER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT #18-369 (G) with FOTH INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT, LLC., Authorizing an Extension, Not to Exceed the Amount of \$500,000.00, to Continue Engineering Services Throughout the City of Peoria. (All Council Districts)**  
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Council Member Moore inquired about the minority participation in the contract, and Public Works Director Rick Powers said the City did solicit for minority participation. It was discussed that the City had a goal of 18% minority participation. Director Powers explained that the Master Service Agreement encompassed approximately 19 separate vendors, which were vetted using the IDOT criteria relative to meeting the same equity goals. He said there was a total of four separate vendors who were part of the minority participation and he said the other vendors were challenged to do the same. In response to Council Member Moore's question regarding whether the City's Diversity Office reviewed the contracts, Director Powers said that office currently had not, but was a process that could be implemented.

City Manager Urich said Staff would work with the Chief Diversity Officer to ensure the conversation was held with those awarded a master services agreement that the City's equity goal was met as well as asking those firms to explain their employment process.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Council Member Moore moved to approve the first amendment to Master Professional Services Agreement #18-369 (G) with Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC., authorizing an extension, not to exceed the amount of \$500,000.00, to continue engineering services throughout the City of Peoria; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Mayor Ardis said the original contract with Foth was for \$1 million over three years and he said the current contract presented to Council was for \$500,000.00 over two years. He asked for additional information as to the contract.

City Manager Urich said the cost of the contract was for the amount of work the City relied on with Foth for the solid waste contract. He said if the City Council wanted to reduce the contract further, Staff would have additional discussions with Foth, noting the Public Works Department was working on reducing the cost of the City's contracts.

Mayor Ardis commented, considering the City's budgetary constraints, it would be more appropriate to reduce the cost to \$250,000.00 over two years.

Council Member Moore moved to amend her motion to reduce the amount, not to exceed the amount of \$250,000.00; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Council Member Jensen inquired whether the City had begun conversations with other City contractors to determine if they were willing to reduce their fees, and City Manager Ulrich said negotiations had begun with vendors and engineering firms. He remarked on the challenges of renegotiating fees stating the City had several capital projects with a certain amount budgeted. He said because of this, there was not an appetite to reduce fees; however, he said he would discuss the possibility with the vendors and firms.

Council Member Jensen said it was important to ask the vendors and engineering firms if they would take a voluntary reduction to get the City of Peoria through its budgetary constraints. She asked the City Manager to provide a Report Back regarding the same and to track the businesses and vendors who volunteered to provide a reduction, stating the City might be able to offer some type of incentive.

In response to Council Member Grayeb's question regarding DCEO funds, the City Manager commented that should those funds be realized, then Staff would come back to the Council with an approval up to the dollar amount that was proposed.

Motion to approve the First Amendment to Master Professional Services Agreement #18-369 (G) with Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC., authorizing an extension, not to exceed the amount of \$250,000.00, to continue engineering services throughout the City of Peoria was approved, as amended, by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(20-156) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to**

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**A. ALLOCATE \$150,000.00 for FULTON STREET PLAZA from the Downtown Conservation TIF and \$500,000.00 for NEW STREET from the Warehouse District TIF.**

**B. APPROVE a RESOLUTION of Proposed Matching Funding for the REBUILD ILLINOIS GRANT for the FULTON STREET PLAZA, (Council District 1)**

A copy of the proposed Resolution and a revised Council Communication was distributed to all Council Members, which amended the title to the item.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve the allocation of \$150,000.00 for Fulton Street Plaza from the Downtown Conservation TIF and \$500,000.00 for New Street from the Warehouse District TIF; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve a Resolution of proposed matching funding for the Rebuild Illinois Grant for the Fulton Street Plaza; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-156 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(20-159)**      **Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community  
\*\*\* Development with a Request to Concur with a Recommendation from the  
Planning and Zoning Commission to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Approving a  
SPECIAL USE in a Class WH (Warehouse) Form District for a Waiver of  
Wall Sign Lettering Size and Placement for the Properties Located at 1000  
SW ADAMS STREET (Parcel Index Nos. 18-09-356-012 and 18-09-356-006)  
Peoria IL (Council District 1)**

In response to Council Member Moore's request for an explanation of a Form District, Community Development Director Ross Black said Form Districts were more concerned about the form of the development and in exchange those developments allowed for a mix of uses that were not typical for regular neighborhoods or commercial areas. He said in a Form District there were more standard regulations. He said the Warehouse, Form District as well as the other Form Districts in the City, were created after an extensive charette process that took several weeks and then months of writing based on the input the City received from the people who attended the charette.

Council Member Moore said Form Districts were not districts with rules and regulations that the City Council determined, but was a compilation of information provided by the community so that certain areas would have a certain aesthetic. She said a Special Use came before the Council to determine whether it would be acceptable for something that was not generally accepted. She said there were other businesses near that location who had already conformed to the requirements of that District. She said there were two parts to the request for the City Council to decide: 1) the placement of the sign, and 2) the height of the sign.

Interim Corporation Counsel Chrissie Peterson said if Council wanted to separate the two parts of the request as outlined by Council Member Moore, then there would be a need to be two separate motions.

Council Member Moore moved to deny the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to adopt an Ordinance approving a Special Use in a Class WH (Warehouse) Form District for a waiver of wall sign lettering size located at 1000 SW Adams Street; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Council Member Kelly said he drove through the area and by the business requesting the Special Use, stating it would be appropriate for that location. He said he would oppose the motion to deny the wall sign lettering size.

Council Member Ali said her concern was should Council approve the exception to the standard regulation, a precedence would be set. She said it would be more appropriate to stay in line with the guidelines currently established.

Council Member Ruckriegel said this issue had gone before the Planning and Zoning Commission, which was approved with a vote of 5 to 1. He said the Council seldom received these types of requests in a Form District. He said the request was reasonable and it fell within the intent of the Form District. He said he would support the business owner's request for the wall sign lettering size.

Council Member Oyler said he concurred with Council Members Kelly and Ruckriegel, stating the Council lived in an environment where flexibility was needed with the business community in order to create an environment where they could survive. He said he did not want to be inflexible and send a message that the City was not a place to do business.

Council Member Montelongo said he supported the business owner on what he needed to do to thrive, stating he did not see a problem with the size of the lettering and that he would support the petitioner's request.

Mayor Ardis said approving the petitioner's request would not set a precedent, stating this was not the first time the Council decided to approve a Special Use allowing businesses to go outside the parameters of a Form District.

Director Black said waivers had been approved by the Council in Form Districts, including the Warehouse District.

Council Member Grayeb said he did not see a rational reason to permit the business owner to do what was already outlined and what other applicants had to follow. He said he supported Council Member Moore's assessment of the situation, stating the Council needed to be cautious when making exceptions.

Council Member Moore referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission minutes pointing out the Development Review Board had approved the placement of the sign, but denied the lettering size. She said the business owner wanted to double the lettering size allowed for the Warehouse District. She said a request for 2-4 inches in size would be more reasonable than doubling the allowable size. She said a lot of money, time and effort had gone into the Warehouse District with momentum in redevelopment because of what people witnessed. She said residential units coming online based on what was currently in place. She expressed a concern of changing the lettering from 18 inches to 36 inches stating it would show the City Council waived on its regulations. She remarked on the need to adhere to the established size of 18 inches for lettering size, noting a height of 20-22 inches would be more accommodating. She asked the City Council to approve her motion to deny as it related to the lettering size.

Council Member Riggerbach said Form Districts were complicated situations. He remarked on the need for the Council to be flexible and to consider the size of the building and the overall dynamics. He said an exception was clearly an exception on a case-by-case basis.

Motion to DENY the adoption of an Ordinance approving a Special Use in a Class WH (Warehouse) Form District for a Waiver of wall sign lettering size located at 1000 SW Adams Street was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Moore, Mayor Ardis - 6;

Nays: Kelly, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel – 5.

Council Member Moore moved to adopt an Ordinance approving a Special Use in a Class WH (Warehouse) Form District for a waiver of wall sign placement for the properties located at 1000 SW Adams Street; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,781 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Ruckriegel - 1.

**(20-168)**

**REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the PEORIA CIVIC CENTER  
AUTHORITY with a Request to Concur:**

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**Robert Manning (Voting) Term Expires 07/1/2025**

**Matt Bartolo (Voting) - Term Expires 07/1/2025**

**Christell Frausto-Aboytes (Non-Voting) - Term Expires 07/1/2022**

Council Member Ali inquired about the voting status of Christell Frausto-Aboytes, and Mayor Ardis explained there were a couple of non-voting members appointed to the Authority. He said this was in an effort to educate potential new voting members prior to their appointment. He said when an opening became available, they would then become voting members.

Council Member Ali moved to concur with the reappointments by Mayor Ardis to the Peoria Civic Center Authority of Robert Manning, Matt Bartolo and Christell Frausto-Aboytes; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

*CLERK'S NOTE: Council Member Riggerbach was not available to vote.*

**(20-172)**

**REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the PLANNING AND ZONING  
COMMISSION with a Request to Concur:**

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**Robin Grantham (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023**

**Michael Wiesehan (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023**

**Edward Barry (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023**

Council Member Ali said she would abstain from voting on this item stating Robin Grantham was a family member.

Council Member Jensen moved to concur with the reappointments by Mayor Ardis to the Planning and Zoning Commission of Robin Grantham, Michael Wiesehan and Edward Barry; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Ruckriegel,  
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: None;

Abstention: Ali – 1.

CLERK'S NOTE: Council Member Riggerbach was not available to vote.

**(20-180) APPOINTMENTS and REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor Ardis to the ADVISORY  
\*\*\*\*\* COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS with a Request to  
\* Concur:**

**Nikolai Greaves (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023  
Nina Gougis (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023  
Lorene King (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023  
Rita Ali (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023  
Demario Boone (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023  
Terry Burnside (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023  
Tyson Parks (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023  
Shalandra Burch (Voting) - Term Expires 06/30/2023**

Council Member Ali inquired whether she needed to abstain from voting on this item due to her appointment to the Commission, and Interim Corporation Counsel Peterson said if she was appointed as a member on behalf of the Council, then she did not need to abstain. She said if she was appointed on an individual capacity, then she would have to abstain.

Council Member Ali moved to concur with the appointments and reappointments by Mayor Ardis to the Advisory Committee on Police and Community Relations with of Nikolai Greaves, Nina Gougis, Lorene King, Rita Ali, Demario Boone, Terry Burnside, Tyson Parks, and Shalandra Burch; seconded by Council Member Cyr.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

CLERK'S NOTE: Council Member Riggerbach was not available to vote.

### **FIRST READINGS**

**(20-135) Communication from the City Manager and Assistant City Manager with a  
Request to RECEIVE and FILE a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE  
Amending Chapter 18 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Relating to the  
Creation of a VOLUNTARY BUSINESS REGISTRATION.**

A copy of the Ordinance was distributed to all Council Members.

Council Member Montelongo said, due to the state of the City's budget, he would ask for the item to be tabled. He said when the item was removed from the table, it was his hope to have discussions about creating an internet registry and to seek grant funding.

Council Member Montelongo moved to TABLE the first reading review of an Ordinance amending Chapter 18 of the Code of the City of Peoria relating to the creation of a Voluntary Business Registration; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Motion to TABLE was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(20-182) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Community Development with a Request to RECEIVE and FILE a FIRST READING Review of a Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff to ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, Relating to SHORT-TERM RENTALS.**

Community Development Director Ross Black provided a summary of the item and defined the term "short-term rental" as a rental where the term of the lease was less than 30 days. He said the most common short-term rental was an Airbnb, but he said there were dozens of other short-term rental platforms. He said short-term rentals were currently not permitted in the City of Peoria, and the proposed Ordinance would create a way for property owners to rent their properties for less than 30 days. He said the recommendation was to allow short-term rentals as a permitted use in most districts, which would be treated similar to hotels. He said the owner of the property would have to obtain a hotel license and pay hotel taxes like traditional hotels in the City. He reviewed other requirements that were recommended such as self-certification and information required to be made available to tenants. He said neighborhoods could have a restrictive covenant that would not permit a short-term rental, stating that nothing the Council adopted would supersede a covenant in such neighborhoods.

In response to Council Member Grayeb's concern regarding adherence to fire codes, Director Ross said the self-certification form included a section on egress from the property, smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and other life-saving items.

Council Member Kelly inquired whether the City would contact the various short-term rental platforms to inform them of the City's tax rates and where to send the taxes collected. Director Black said the Ordinance the Council adopts would have to indicate the taxes would be levied or charged to the properties. He said how those taxes were collected was more of a process question and less of an Ordinance question; however, he said the Ordinance read that the property owner was responsible. He said the initial conversation held with Airbnb indicated they were not interested in entering into that type of agreement with Peoria. He said the Council would have to adopt an Ordinance stating a tax had to be paid.

In response to Council Member Kelly regarding the conversion of a short-term rental to a long-term rental, Director Black said if a property owner paid a \$75 non-owner occupied property fee, then they would need to inform the City if they were converting to a short-term rental and the previous amount paid would be credited towards the hotel fee. He said the same would hold true converting from a short-term rental to a long-term rental. He further addressed the question regarding violations of Homeowner Associations' regulations stating it was a policy question for the Council whether they wanted to put the City in a position where it was taking into consideration private agreements in the development of Ordinances.

City Manager Urich said if a letter was provided to the City from the Homeowner's Association stating they objected to a short-term rental in its neighborhood, then the City would not grant such a license. Regarding the enforcement of covenants, he said he would strongly recommend against it. He said prior to granting a short-term rental, the City could require a letter from the Homeowner's Association approving the short-term rental.

Director Black said he would work with Corporation Counsel to see if they could insert “upon approval of the Homeowner’s Association” as a check point for the approval for performance standards.

In response to Council Member Jensen, Director Black reviewed the process for drafting the proposed Ordinance and the public input that was received. Council Member Jensen expressed her appreciation for listening to the public and modifying the Ordinance, stating that short-term properties would have to comply with City Codes.

Council Member Ruckriegel said a lot of work went into this Ordinance, especially in a new industry such as short-term rentals. He asked Director Black to review the City’s Code and process to restrict use as short-term rental and whether tickets would be issued for certain behavior. Director Black said a short-term rentals did not remove either the tenant or the owner from any other Code requirements of the City. He recommended modifying the Ordinance to add language that included if there were two, three or more violations within a certain timeframe, then the license would be revoked.

In response to Council Member Montelongo regarding the Special Use process, Director Black said it was not recommended to use such a process, which would require contacting nearby property owners. He said as long as a hotel license was obtained and the property owner agreed to follow other requirements and continued to remit the hotel tax, the short-term rental could continue as a permitted use without notification of the neighbors.

Council Member Montelongo recommended considering short-term rentals going through the Special Use process, stating that all neighborhoods were different. He asked Director Black to bring back a process for a Special Use for short-term rentals.

Director Black said he would provide the information to the Council regarding a possible Special Use process and could provide two options for the Council to consider with one being a permitted use and the other being a special use.

Council Member Riggerbach asked Director Black to bring back the cost for the owner of a short-term rental as it related to the Special Use process.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file a First Reading review of an Ordinance amending Appendix A, the Unified Development Code, relating to short-term rentals; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(20-183) Communication from the City Manager and the Corporation Counsel with a Request for a FIRST READING Review of an ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 18, Article 14 and CHAPTER 3, Article 20 of the CODE of the City of Peoria Pertaining to the SALE OF TOBACCO.**

Interim Corporation Counsel Chrissie Peterson said, at Council’s request, she researched recent tobacco violations stating there were only five citations issued for businesses selling single cigarettes dating back to 2016. She said those violations were concentrated to three businesses. She said selling tobacco to minors compiled a larger portion of the violations

concentrated over a small portion of businesses, reporting that in 2019 there were 36 violations. She said she reviewed the process for issuing liquor licenses and she said the main question related to a plan of operation for repeated violations. She said it was recommended to amend the Tobacco Code to allow for a plan of operation when a license was issued and the procedure for suspension if the Ordinance was violated.

Discussions were held regarding the oversight of enforcement, and it was noted that the purview fell with the City Manager. It was noted the Mayor designation as Liquor Commissioner was set forth in State Statute.

Discussions were held regarding compliance checks. Police Chief Loren Marion explained the Police Department conducted periodic checks four times per year on businesses selling tobacco. He commented the Department received complaints for businesses selling single cigarettes.

Council Member Ali inquired about the City Manager's powers and duties as outlined in the proposed Ordinance, and Interim Corporation Counsel Peterson said the language used in this Ordinance mirrored the language outlined for the Mayor under the liquor provisions of the Code. She said it also mirrored language used for other licenses such as massage establishments. She provided an explanation why the City Manager would need to inspect the books of a business, and Council Member Ali expressed a concern that the language used for such inspections seemed too invasive.

City Manager Urich said, since 1957, the City Manager was given the authority to enforce the City's Code. He said the City of Peoria had a City Manager form of government and the City Council vested the power of enforcement to him. He said in many cases he could assign a designee, and, in some cases, an administrative hearing officer was designated. He said that had been the structure used by the City for over 60 years.

Council Member Jensen requested a provision providing for a hearing officer or designee for enforcement of the Ordinance.

Council Member Kelly concurred with Council Member Ali's comments stating the language for inspection of the books seemed too invasive. He also inquired whether the powers provided to the City Manager in this revision of the Ordinance was greater than what was previous. Interim Corporation Counsel Peterson said Staff was asked to bring back revisions to the Code to address the ability to provide for a plan of operation. She said if the Council was going to amend the Code and require a plan of operation, there needed to be included additional language to allow the City Manager to enforce those.

Council Member Grayeb moved to receive and file a First Reading review of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 18, Article 14 and Chapter 3, Article 20 of the Code of the City of Peoria pertaining to the sale of tobacco; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Kelly - 1.

**REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS, with Recommendations as Outlined:****(20-184) Communication from the Mayor and Corporation Counsel with a Request to APPROVE the DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.**

Council Member Cyr inquired whether the City had been keeping track of its expenses as it related to COVID-19, and City Manager Urich said the employees had been tracking Staff time as well as any expenses the City had incurred. He said the City was still waiting to hear from the State on how they were going to provide communities access to the COVID-19 Relief Fund for the City's expenses. He said the State said municipalities had to put forth a request to FEMA; however, FEMA said municipalities had to exhaust State resources first. He said he would provide updated COVID-19-related expenses to the Council by the end of the day tomorrow. He said any expenses directly related to COVID-19, as long as the City was under a State of Emergency, the City would get reimbursed, stating it coincided with the Governor's State of Emergency.

Council Member Cyr moved to approve the Declaration of Local State of Emergency; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Council Member Montelongo inquired about past disasters stating the City had not filed a Declaration of Local State of Emergency for flooding, and City Manager Urich stated the City was not reimbursed for those floods. He said last year the City spent \$200,000.00 on the flood wall, which the State did not designate Peoria County eligible for reimbursement.

Council Member Montelongo said the State of Emergency was declared by the Governor wherein the City should be able to recuperate its money whether a Local State of Emergency was passed or not. He said if there was a major emergency such as an earthquake and the Council could not meet, then a State of Emergency would be given to the Mayor to make quick decisions relating to funding.

Motion to approve the Declaration of Local State of Emergency was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: Montelongo - 1.

**(20-185) Communication from the City Manager and Chief Innovation Officer with a Request for the Following:**

- A. APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the City Manager to Enter into an AGREEMENT with THE EFFICIENCY NETWORK (TEN), in the Amount of \$2,066,963.00, for a STREETLIGHT UPGRADE PROJECT of the City-Owned Streetlight System to Reduce Annual Energy and Maintenance Costs Related to the System;**
- B. APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the City Manager to Enter into a FINANCING AGREEMENT with Either INB, N.A. or MUNICIPAL LEASING CONSULTANTS (MLC), in an Amount not to Exceed \$2,067,000.00, with a rate not to exceed 4.00% and a term not to exceed Fifteen (15) Years;**

**C. ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2020 - 2021 BIENNIAL BUDGET Relating to the Capital Fund to Recognize the Cost to Implement the Streetlight Upgrade Project, in the Amount of \$2,067,000.00, and the Corresponding Financing of the Project.**

Council Member Grayeb remarked on the positive impact this project would have on the City. He inquired about the lighting that would be used and whether it would be too invasive.

Chief Innovation Officer Anthony Corso provided an overview of the project stating discussions were held relating to the 2020-2021 budget to retrofit or upgrade the streetlights in the City to save energy, save on costs, and improve lighting quality. He said Staff was looking at the City-owned lights not recently upgraded. He said there was an evaluation of color, temperature and grade and more appropriately gauge the intensity of the light. He said this was upgrading the light grade and quality and would provide greater visibility. He said Staff was looking to have all the lighting to be the same color and temperature grade, which was anticipated to last for approximately 20 years.

Discussions were held regarding Ameren lights, and Chief Innovation Officer Corso said Staff looked at examples from other communities acquiring Ameren lights; however, he said the City was informed that Ameren was not interested in selling utility-owned streetlights to the City and did not provide a reason.

Council Member Moore inquired about the location of The Efficiency Network (TEN) and why an Illinois-based company was not chosen. Chief Innovation Officer Corso said the City had put forth a Request for Proposal and only one Illinois-based company responded. He said that company assisted with the streetlight audit and would become a subcontractor as part of the contract presented to Council. Regarding minority businesses, City Manager Urich said the Illinois-based company was a minority group business.

Discussions were held regarding streetlights in complete disrepair, and it was noted that those streetlights would need a separate contract. It was stated that there was a small allowance to replace old, deformed and discolored globes.

Council Member Moore said there were several old, deformed globes on the South Side, and she asked for that part of the City to be reviewed.

Council Member Riggerbach commented that a few months ago there were complaints about new lighting in the East Bluff, stating the new lights were more like spotlights opposed to flood lights. He asked if there was any consideration to those early concerns on how to address that issue going forward. Assistant Public Works Director Stoffer said the City had worked with Ameren to address the situation, stating they had changed their design because of the discussions that were held.

In response to Council Member Oyler regarding the project plan and phases of the project, Assistant Director Stoffer said there would be two efforts in implementing ornamental and overhead lighting. Regarding the lights previously installed in the Warehouse District, he said the City was working with the manufacturer to get those lights replaced stating those lights had been defective. He said the current project before the Council did not address the defective lighting in that part of the City. He said once a plan was established, then Staff would distribute releases to the neighborhoods being impacted.

Council Member Cyr inquired about the financing of the project, and City Manager said it was coming from energy savings from the City's current energy line items. He said it would cost approximately \$180,000.00 to \$200,000.00 per year for this lighting system and the City would receive rebates which would go towards financing this project. He said the City was currently negotiating for the best price, which was included in 20-185-B of the item presented to Council. He said it was being set up in the CIP, but the cost would be from energy savings.

In response to Council Member Grayeb regarding examples within the City of these types of lighting, Assistant Director Stoffer said MacArthur Bridge and Northmoor Avenue between Allen Road and University Street provided for such examples.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve and authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with The Efficiency Network (TEN), in the amount of \$2,066,963.00 for a Streetlight Upgrade Project of the City-owned Streetlight System to reduce annual energy and maintenance costs related to the system; seconded by Council Member Ali.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve and authorize the City Manager to enter into a Financing Agreement with either INB, N.A. or Municipal Leasing Consultants (MLC), in an amount not to exceed \$2,067,000.00, with a rate not to exceed 4.00% and a term not to exceed fifteen (15) years; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Grayeb stated a point of order noting that the next motion would require eight votes.

Council Member Grayeb moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2020 – 2021 Biennial Budget relating to the capital fund to recognize the cost to implement the Streetlight Upgrade Project, in the amount of \$2,067,000.00 and the corresponding financing of the project; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

ORDINANCE NO 17,783 was adopted roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(20-186) Communication from the Mayor and Council with a Request to APPROVE a RESOLUTION Endorsing the Affirmation of SHARED PRINCIPLES between the ILLINOIS NAACP STATE CONFERENCE and the ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE.**

Council Member Cyr moved to approve a Resolution endorsing the affirmation of shared principles between the Illinois NAACP State Conference and the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police; seconded by Council Member Moore.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-186 was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(20-187) Communication from the City Manager, Director of Community Development, Human Resource Director, and Police Chief with a Request for the Following:**

**A. APPROVE the COMMUNITY FIRST PILOT PROGRAM;**

**B. ADOPT An ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria 2020 - 2021 BIENNIAL BUDGET Relating to the Transfer of Program Income Generated by CDBG and BRP Programs, in the Amount of \$45,000.00, from the Capital Fund to the General Fund to Fund the Community First Pilot Program.**

City Manager Urich provided an overview of the item stating there were eight Police Recruits scheduled to attend academy in September. He said the Community Development Department had a need for temporary code aides for the summer and it was discussed to see if the incoming recruits in September would serve as temporary code aides during the summer. He explained it would provide those recruits exposure to the City and familiarity to the neighborhoods.

Community Development Director Ross Black said this was a good opportunity to bring in future Police Officers to allow them to meet neighborhood leaders and to work with Code Inspectors on the streets working with good and bad situations on a daily basis.

Police Chief Marion said it would be a strong program helping the recruits become familiar with the area, citizens and community leaders. He said it was a good program that provided exposure to help the new recruits relate to the community and to collaborate. He said the Department strived to teach recruits community policing and respect.

Council Member Moore said this was an opportunity for the recruits to become part of the community and to smooth any negativity that may be heard.

Council Member Kelly said this was a very good and innovative idea stating this kind of contact with the community would improve things generally.

Council Member Kelly moved to approve the Community First Pilot Program; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Council Member Grayeb said he saw this program as an opportunity for young Officers to see what the Peoria Police Department did by providing a tutorial as it related to quality of life issues and code enforcement.

Council Member Riggerbach said this was a great pilot program and he said he was interested to see the results by September. He thanked Staff for thinking outside the box, noting this program had a lot of promise.

Motion to approve the Community First Pilot Program was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

Council Member Kelly moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2020-2021 Biennial Budget relating to the transfer of program income generated by CDBG and BRP Programs, in the amount of \$45,000.00, from the capital fund to the general fund to fund the Community First Pilot Program; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,783 was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(20-188) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director with a Request to APPROVE a RESOLUTION Adopting an EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE to Eligible Members of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.**

City Clerk Beth Ball said there were two Resolutions provided for the City Council to consider, stating the replacement Resolution distributed provided for an effective date of January 1, 2021, and the second Resolution in the agenda packet provided for an effective date of August 1, 2020.

Council Member Oyler said the Council continued to labor over tough choices in closing what still existed to be a significant operational budget deficit. He said an item was presented for the Council to meet a couple of its objectives. He said giving an incentive to tenured employees that were on the verge of making a retirement decision allowed them to make that decision. He said this would allow the City to continue to grow and develop the newer workforce and grow them in the years with the City, which would be a great opportunity to help both of those groups reach their objectives. He said if the City had to do layoffs, it would eliminate the new employees who were a part of the diversity efforts. He said as Council Member Ali presented a few weeks ago, a lot of the City's diversity efforts had occurred in the last few years. He said implementing layoffs would eliminate a lot of those efforts. He said providing incentives to retire some of the City's tenured employees would allow the City to continue to work on reaching its diversity objectives.

Council Member Oyler moved to approve a Resolution adopting an Early Retirement Incentive to eligible members of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund effective August 1, 2020; seconded by Council Member Jensen

Discussions were held on which employees would be eligible to take the Early Retirement Incentive (ERI), noting that only those employees participating in IMRF were eligible. It was mentioned that the Police Officers and Firefighters were only eligible to take the Voluntary Separation Incentive (VSI) since they participated in a different retirement fund.

Council Member Ali commented on the diversity in the City's workforce in the Police and Fire Departments, noting the City struggled with those Departments the most. She said an ERI would not address those Departments in terms of allowing individuals to retire and replace them with a more diverse workforce. It was noted that the ERI option that was on the floor would provide a window of opportunity beginning August 1, 2020, and would continue through July 31, 2021, and Council Member Ali said the City would not realize immediate savings implementing the plan. She inquired about the VSI, and City Manager Ulrich said that option was structured to provide public safety employees with 20 years of service to take their retirement with a benefit of \$25,000.00 to be applied towards healthcare insurance. He said the deadline for the VSI for employees to inform the City they wanted to take it was August 14, 2020, with a retirement date on or before August 30, 2020. He said the City would realize cost savings more quickly, but he said the number of employees taking that incentive would be much smaller than for non-public safety employees. He said he felt more employees would take the ERI option.

City Manager Ulrich said if the City provided an ERI option, not all the positions left vacant would be filled. He said the last time the City provided an ERI, it had to do a combination of layoffs along with the ERI in order to reduce the City's budget. He remarked on the importance of reducing the number of employees the City employed. He said backfilling all positions left vacant would cost the City more money. He said the guidelines provided for the backfill of positions were provided by IMRF, wherein they stated for an ERI to be effective the City should only fill one out of every five positions.

Council Member Ali remarked on the importance of including public safety in the process, noting the VSI option was more attractive because it did include that group and provided an opportunity to address diversity in both the Police and Fire Departments and to avoid layoffs in those areas. She remarked on the importance of not excluding the public safety employees. She encouraged the City Council, whether it was now or at the next meeting, to offer a VSI in order to include that group.

In response to Council Member Moore regarding the percentage of minorities eligible to take part in the ERI, City Manager Ulrich said approximately 28% of employees eligible were minority. He said the City's goal was to hire a workforce that reflected the community.

In response to Council Member Grayeb's question regarding implications on service delivery with the reduction in workforce, City Manager Ulrich said the most significant reduction would be in the City's ability to respond to infrastructure needs.

Council Member Grayeb said he would not support the item until he knew more about how this option would impact service delivery for his constituents. He expressed a concern for the Council approving the item and he urged them not to support this item until additional information was received.

Council Member Ali concurred with Council Member Grayeb in terms of lacking information about service delivery impact or information about the type of savings the City would receive with an ERI, noting it was a delayed response because it would be open to employees for the next 12 months. She expressed a concern that the Council was not reviewing the situation in its entirety. She said the Council previously voted to lay off 18 individuals wherein one resigned

voluntarily and the remaining were 30%-40% minority. She remarked on the importance of having diversity in the workforce and she stressed the importance of achieving diversity goals. She said the City was not making any grounds on diversity in the public safety sector, yet that was the sector the City wanted to exclude when offering early retirement options. Because of the reasons outlined, she said she would not support this item and asked that both the ERI and the VSI be deferred until the matter was reviewed in a more comprehensive manner.

Council Member Oyler expressed a concern that the City Council had not made definite decisions for some time. He asked Council Members to present their proposals in order for a decision to be made, whether it was tax increases or an entire comprehensive plan. However, he remarked on the urgency on needing to address the City's budgetary issues.

City Manager Urich said the City could pace the ERI in order to prevent a huge influx of vacancies and the VSI could offer a larger window option. Regarding the ERI, he said if someone wanted to retire prior to July 2021, there had to be an agreement due to the pay schedule of IMRF and a 13<sup>th</sup> payment made in July.

In response to Council Member Cyr, City Manager Urich said the City did not know how many people would take any voluntary retirement option. He said the options would provide for a restructuring of the organization and review of City services without laying off employees. He said the intent of the ERI and VSI was to reduce the workforce, stating the City did not have the revenue to pay for personnel. He said the City was now in a position to where it needed to budget within its current resources. He said City services were going to suffer because the City would not be able to deliver at the same capacity because of a lack of resources. He said should the City receive funding, then it could restructure its workforce and re-add services.

Council Member Ruckriegel said he concurred with Council Member Oyler, stating that at a certain point the Council had to move in a direction to make decisions. He said constituents asked him what the City Council got accomplished, stating they were trying to determine where the City was going in its current situation. He said citizens did not want services cut and they could not afford more taxes. He said no one wanted to make these difficult decisions; however, he said the Council was elected to be able to make decisions given the information provided. He said there was a certain point where the Council had to move in a certain direction. He said he was not in favor of passing an ERI tonight; however, having reviewed the item and knowing a decision needed to be made, he said this option would allow younger employees avoid being laid off. He said he would be reluctantly voting for the ERI option, stating the need to hold the plan accountable that was presented stating that the City had not seen any assistance or extra money to help with the budget situation presented by COVID-19.

Mayor Ardis said he would not vote on this item due to his eligibility in the ERI program.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-188 adopting an Early Retirement Incentive to eligible members of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel - 8;

Nays: Ali, Grayeb - 2;

Abstention: Mayor Ardis - 1.

Council Member Moore left the meeting at 9:43 P.M.

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

**(20-141) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE a VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE (VSI) for Non-Sworn, Full-Time Employees.**

Council Member Oyler moved to defer this item to the July 14, 2020, Regular City Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

Motion to defer this item to the July 14, 2020, Regular City Council meeting was approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

**(20-095) Communication from the City Manager and Director of Human Resources with a Request to APPROVE and Authorize the Execution of a CONTRACT with RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES (RMA), in the Amount of \$38,850.00, to Administer the Fire Captain Promotional Examination.**

Council Member Grayeb moved to approve and authorize the execution of a contract with Resource Management Association (RMA), in the amount of \$38,850.00, to administer the Fire Captain Promotional Examination; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

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

Nays: None.

**(20-125) Communication from the City Manager with a Request to APPROVE the Recommended 2020 - 2021 BUDGET RESTRUCTURING as a Result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.**

Mayor Ardis said, in light of the Early Retirement Incentive that was just passed, there would be a number of Staff taking the opportunity. He said this tied in with the strategic planning discussions held earlier in the year. He said Council Member Grayeb mentioned earlier that the Council had not identified how to pay for the working capital and there were still additional discussions that needed to be held regarding Public Safety. He said there was not much to discuss at the moment. He asked the City Manager to come back in a month to demonstrate how the City would be structured in order to be as efficient as possible.

City Manager Urich said there were ways to restructure and he would have conversations with the Department Heads and provide feedback to the Council.

Council Member Cyr moved to receive and file the recommended 2020-2021 Budget Restructuring as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel

Approved by roll call vote

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

Nays: None.

**NEW BUSINESS****Working Capital**

Council Member Cyr inquired whether the City would still have to look at a \$20 million bond in light of nearly 100 people possibly retiring from the City, and City Manager Urich said such a bond would still be necessary. It was noted that the City would have to raise property taxes in order to pay for such a bond unless a separate revenue stream was identified.

**Handouts Distributed on Meeting Nights**

Council Member Kelly inquired whether there were rules that applied towards important information being distributed on Council Meeting nights and whether there were any policies. He expressed a concern receiving a number of handouts prior to the meeting without the opportunity to review and compare.

Mayor Ardis said when the Council received information on the night of the Council meeting, it was generally a change to the information the Council previously received. He said Staff was attempting to get the Council the most current information, which may not have been available when the agenda packets were distributed.

City Clerk Beth Ball said there was no policy in place relating to the distribution of handouts prior to a meeting. She if there was a change to the Council packets after distribution, the Department tried to send the updated information to the Council as quickly as possible; however, she said some did happen last minute without notice.

Council Member Kelly asked that any changes made to the information that was previously distributed, for Staff to highlight those changes in an easy to identify manner along with the reason why there was a change.

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

It was determined there were no citizens who wished to address the City Council/Town Board.

**Phase 4 of Restore Illinois**

Mayor Ardis announced that the City would begin Phase 4 of the reopening process this Friday, June 26, 2020. He asked City Manager Urich what the intent was for the next City Council Meeting and the accommodations in City Hall.

City Manager Urich said under Phase 4 the City would be able to open the City Council meeting to the community with the restriction of no more than 50 people in Council Chambers, which would include Council and Staff. He said Staff would prepare guidelines and distribute to the public.

Mayor Ardis said everyone was looking forward to opening the meetings to the public and information would be provided in the next couple of weeks, reiterating that the new regulations stated no more than 50 people would be allowed in Council Chambers.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Approved by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None.

The Joint City Council and Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:58 P.M.



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

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