
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2012 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA, MAYOR PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, SCHMIDGALL, HENDRICKS, BLANCHARD, MCCABE, AND BARRA

ABSENT: MASSAGLIA

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Barra.

Roll was called and all Council Members were physically present except Council Member Massaglia. A quorum was present.

AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Hendricks that **the agenda be approved as presented**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 9, 2012, be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Alan Johnson 1113 South 4th Street stated he represented citizens to speak to the proposed changes to Capitol Street and 4th Street. Mr. Johnson presented a petition requesting the Council vote to deny the recommendation of the Traffic Safety Committee and the ordinance to change these streets back to two way traffic. The opposition was based on limiting parking to one side and creating more safety issues. Ronnie Woodnancy, 353 South Capitol Street; Tim Wynn, 1116 South Capitol; Don Westemeyer, 1108 South Capitol also requested the streets not be changed.

Sue Crowel, 332 Park Avenue, addressed the Council in support of two way traffic. She indicated that there were safety issues for the Library patrons when vehicles circumvent the one way directional streets and take short cuts through businesses, alleys, and parking lots.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Hendricks, that the **CONSENT AGENDA be approved as presented**. Mayor Barra presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote. The Mayor read and presented to Marg Melchers the proclamation recognizing professional teachers by the sorority for women in education.

7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes: Traffic Safety Committee Minutes October 5, 2012 and September Building Department Reports.
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7.2 Receive and File Recommendation of the Joint Review Board Regarding the TIF Redevelopment Plan and Project for the South Industrial Park Conservation Area

7.3 Proclamation: "INTERNATIONAL ALPHA DELTA KAPPA MONTH"
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On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A319-12/13 (number failed)

AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 8 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995 REGARDING DRIVING ON RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROADWAY TWO WAY TRAFFIC ON 4TH STREET AND ON CAPITOL STREET

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Abel that **Ordinance No. 1462-A319-12/13 be adopted.** Police Chief Greg Nelson presented the recommendation of the Traffic Safety Committee to resume two-way traffic flow. Chief Nelson indicated the history of the 4th Street and Capitol Street one-way couple in their entirety was researched, prior studies reviewed, residents surveyed, a public meeting held, and crash history reviewed. Documentation was distributed. Council Member Schmidgall spoke in support of the change based on the crash data compiled. He felt two-way traffic would slow motorist and be safer. Council Member Abel stated the input he received from the public was to keep the streets one-way. Council Member Hendricks stated initially he was not supportive of the change. He received an explanation for steps that would be taken to address traffic around Jefferson School. In considering the entire City, he was in favor of the change. Council Member Blanchard spoke in opposition of the change. Council Member McCabe expressed concern for emergency vehicles. Mayor Barra felt the unknown impact of traffic to and from the opening of the park's new sports complex on Koch Street prohibited her from voting for a change at this time. On roll call vote, Ayes, Schmidgall and Hendricks. Nays, Blanchard, Abel, McCabe, Barra; Massaglia absent. Motion Failed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2666-12/13

PROVIDING FOR THE DISCONNECTION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY FROM THE CITY OF PEKIN PIN # 10-10-14-402-001

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member McCabe that Ordinance No. 2666-12/13 be adopted. City Manager Joseph Wuellner informed the Council the City determined that the parcel was not needed for use for governmental purposes or for VFW Road extension project. Authorization was given for the sale of the parcel by Ordinance No. 2661 for \$3,800.00 at the meeting of June 6, 2012. Owners Marion and Carol Dever then petitioned the City to de-annex or disconnect from the corporate boundaries, the unbuildable parcel adjacent to their residence at 15809 VFW Road. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A318-12/13

AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 9 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995 REGARDING AUTHORIZED STOP SIGNS AVON STREET AT STRATFORD AVENUE

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Hendricks that **Ordinance No. 1462-A318-12/13 be adopted.** Police Chief Greg Nelson resented the recommendation of the Traffic Safety Committee to add stop sign to a presently uncontrolled intersection because of visibility and commercial delivery traffic to the Derby Street area. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2667-12/13

PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Abel that Ordinance No. 2667-12/13 be adopted. Providing for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,100,000.00. Assistant City Manager Darin Girdler advised the Council that the ordinance effectuated the previous approval in August by Council for the purchase of various capital equipment items using the most appropriate debt structure. Steve Adams, Bernardi Securities, Inc. was presented and addressed Council's questions. Council Member Schmidgall stated he was originally opposed to bonds to pay for equipment but appreciated the life of the bond was reduced to 7 years. The fact the City would maintain neutrality in payments by paying off existing bonds also convinced him to vote in support. Council Member Blanchard stated he was not in favor of bonding or that purchases had been already made. On roll call vote, Ayes, Abel, Schmidgall, McCabe, Hendricks, Barra; Nay, Blanchard; Massaglia absent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTING AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANTS** be approved. Allows the Pekin Municipal Airport to receive grant money for continued maintenance and upgrades through the Federal Aviation Administration. On roll call vote, Ayes, Abel, Schmidgall, McCabe, Hendricks, Barra; Nay, Blanchard; Massaglia absent. Motion Carried.

Assistant City Manager Darin Girdler addressed the following three ordinances representing the recommendation of the Tax Increment Financing Joint Review Board. The Board asked that Council approve the Redevelopment Plan and Project for the South Industrial Park Conservation Area subject to certain conditions related to the use of funds in the development of livestock processing and approve pass-through of the incremental revenues to affected taxing bodies. Mr. Girdler recommended the adoption for the importance of the connectivity of the area to Derby Street. The Mayor supported the action based on the importance of a proposed Aventure port as it related to employment impact for the City.

ORDINANCE NO. 2668-12/13
**APPROVING THE TAX INCREMENT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT
FOR THE SOUTH INDUSTRIAL PARK CONSERVATION AREA**

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall that Ordinance No. 2668-12/13 be adopted. The ordinance approved the TIF Redevelopment Plan and Project as modified by Addendum "A" dated October 2, 2012 and recommended for approval by the Joint Review Board. On roll call vote, Ayes, Abel, Schmidgall, Blanchard, Hendricks, Barra; Nay, McCabe; Massaglia absent. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2669-12/13
DESIGNATING THE SOUTH INDUSTRIAL PARK CONSERVATION AREA

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall that Ordinance No. 2669-12/13 be adopted. Approved designated area as described in the TIF Redevelopment Plan and Project. On roll call vote, Ayes, Abel, Schmidgall, Blanchard, Hendricks, Barra; Nay, McCabe; Massaglia absent. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2670-12/13
**ADOPTING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING
FOR THE SOUTH INDUSTRIAL PARK CONSERVATION AREA**

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Hendricks that Ordinance No. 2670-12/13 be adopted. Adopted Tax Increment Finance pursuant to Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act with respect to total equalized assessed valuation of taxable real property in the designated area of the TIF Plan. On roll call vote, Ayes, Abel, Schmidgall, Blanchard, Hendricks, Barra; Nay, McCabe; Massaglia absent. Motion Carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member Abel asked that the Airport Commission come to a Council Meeting to present an overall review of the facility and the work of the Board.

Council Member Blanchard stated he was disappointed that the Derby Street TIF Project was never completed.

Council Member Hendricks advised that contrary to a newspaper report he had not taken out a petition packet to run for office. He encouraged attendance at the Salvation Army annual meeting though the City was not represented at this year's event. He urged everyone to vote.

Council Member Schmidgall appreciated the fact that 2 of the school bus stops that had been in questions had been modified by the school district. He requested the remainder of the 11 cul-de-sac stops be reviewed.

Mayor Barra announced that the Council would meet on the regularly scheduled Monday of November 12, 2012 though City Hall would be closed for the Monday holiday commemorating Veterans Day.

Police Chief Nelson advised the Council that the department established a new method of feedback to measure citizen satisfaction about the police officers performance. University of Illinois at Chicago researchers were asked to conduct an independent, confidential survey of persons with recent police encounters to help improve the services.

Ronnie Woodnancy advised that she does remodeling project and felt the code requirements for removal of storage containers (PODs) from residences in 5 days was not enough time.

Alan Johnson expressed appreciation for the Council's efficiency and professionalism in the decision process of one-way streets.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the Council move to Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. to discuss 65 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) Personnel. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Council returned to open session. No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Blanchard to adjourn. Unanimously approved by voice vote.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:25 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk